

## Scoil Ailbhe

### Caherelly NS Newsletter

An update on all that has been taking place at our school.



Junior and Senior Infants

## Welcome to Caherelly NS

A new school year and some new faces around the school! We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new boys and girls in Junior Infants and we also have a new pupil in 4<sup>th</sup> class as well as a new class teacher, Ms Laura Williams and SNA Ms Kasia Tyller. We hope your time with us will be happy and fulfilling.

In June we said a fond farewell to Geraldine Fitzgerald who retired after working with us as an SNA for 19 years. We gave her a lovely send off on the night of the Graduation. Her family joined us for Mass and we had refreshments afterwards. Thank you to the Fr Walton, staff, pupils and parents for helping to make the celebration a memorable one. We wish Geraldine the very best in her retirement!

### Thank You Message from Geraldine

*Hello boys and girls. I'm sure by now you are well settled in your new classes. I hope you all had a lovely summer. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils and your families for the wonderful send-off I got from Caherelly School. It was my privilege to have worked in your school for nineteen years and I loved being there. Thank you all for the wonderful gifts, cards and banners and the lovely words you wrote to me. I have read them over and over and greatly appreciate your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. I will call to the school in the near future and say hello to you all. Have a great year! Mile Búíochas.*

## Dates of Sacraments

- First Communion May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Confirmation March 8<sup>th</sup> 2023  
(provisional date)

*Green Flag Updates* Ms Conway continues to work on our Green Flag this year. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> classes will attend Dooradoyle Library next Friday for 'Naturally Wild' Biodiversity Show.

Cycle to school initiative: Our 'Gaisce' bicycle rack was installed in September.

## Building & Maintenance

Lots of work took place over the summer;

Full insulation of ceilings and walls were pumped with insulation.

Our sensory room was made by knocking walls and removing what was a redundant toilet block.

Power hosing and painting of the school building.

Anti-glare film was fitted to our windows, this also acts as an insulator.

New playground equipment

## Sports

### Sports News

*Cumman na mBunscol*: Football season is upon us. Trials for 6<sup>th</sup> class boys & girls take place this week for Neville and Larkin teams. Our school is taking part in the 9 a-side league for both boys and girls and games are taking place in the coming weeks for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Mr Keane and Ms Ryan for training teams.

Rugby: Rugby coaching will take place after Halloween for all classes for 6 weeks. Thanks to Bruff Rugby Club and Danny Keogh for this initiative.

Gymnastics with School Fitness Ireland will begin after Halloween. Details to follow

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr Denis Kennedy as he takes on the Principalship of Lough Gur NS. Many thanks to him for his hard work in Caherelly NS over the years.

Congratulations to our past pupils who completed their Leaving Certificate this year. We wish them every success in their future careers and studies and encourage them to come back and visit if the opportunity ever arises.

# Sensory Garden & Playground



During the summer months much work has taken place in the school. Artist and former teacher in our school, Ms Yvonne Edmonds painted murals on our boundary walls. The ideas for the themes came from the children's own drawings which she collected on a visit to the school in May. It's fabulous for the children to see the characters they created come to life and be represented in the murals! Well done to all!

## [Classroom News](#)

### Accelerated Reading

We have invested in this programme this year. Classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> have enrolled in the initiative and we have no doubt that our pupils will benefit from the enthusiasm generated from it. We can see the buzz around reading already. Keep encouraging your child to read at home, lead by example, maybe put the phone down for a while each day and take out a book, we are all guilty of being hooked on our phones! Read to your child when the opportunity arises, visit the library, praise all progress.

## **Seesaw**

All classes are using Seesaw. Please use it as it's a good way to keep in touch with your child's progress and keep up with activities that are going on in class and in the school. It's a costly App and we have paid school subscription for the year so please avail of it.

## **Peace Proms**

Our school has been accepted for Peace Proms this year. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> classes will take part in the programme. Dates will be announced in the coming weeks.

Peace Proms is a musical programme is tailor made to ensure it is fun and engaging for children, fulfils important educational requirements, is very rewarding to teach, and the end performance is an inspirational and thrilling experience for choirs, teachers, parents and audiences alike! Peace Proms engages children and young people in music and enriches their lives through exceptional musical experiences and performances. Peace Proms celebrates culture and diversity and promotes peace, unity and tolerance through music.

## **SESE**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will travel to Lough Gur this coming Monday to explore and learn in their own local area. We are incredibly lucky to live in a locality steeped in history and culture. As a school we plan to make use of this in our learning.

## **Other News**

On October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am we will be celebrating Mass in memory of Mrs. Allen. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of her death on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. An invitation is extended to all parents, grandparents, past-pupils and neighbours to our school hall on the morning. On the day members of Mrs Allen's family will attend to celebrate with us and to officially open our sensory garden.

## **Enrollment for 2023**

We are now taking enrolments for September 2023. Please contact the office for information.

**PA meeting** – The Parents Association will be holding their AGM shortly (date TBC). We would encourage as many as possible to attend. It is a good way to get to know other parents and staff and to become involved in the school community.

## **Dates to remember**

**Thursday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** School closed – Power Outage

**Friday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** GOAL Jersey Day

**Thursday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** Halloween Dress-up day

**Friday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary Mass for Mrs Allen @ 10am. Pupils finish at 12 noon for staff Primary Language Curriculum training.

