

Summer Newsletter



**St. Patrick's NS,
Drumkeen**
June 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your help, support and interest this year. We have had a very busy and successful year in school and you, as partners in the education of your children, deserve much of the credit for that.

Class Arrangements 2016/2017

Junior & Senior Infants- Mrs Mc Geever

Senior Infants & 1st Class- Mrs Henderson

2nd & 3rd Class- Ms Haughey

4th Class- Ms Mc Fadden

5th & 6th Class- Ms Mc Bride

School Uniform Reminder

| Girls | Boys |
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| - Grey pinafore/skirt or trousers. | - Grey trousers |
| - Yellow polo shirt | - Yellow polo shirt |
| - Bottle green jumper with crest. | - Jumper, as for girls. |

P.E. – Pupils may wear tracksuit. Parents are encouraged to buy unbranded tracksuits.

Swimming – Pupils should wear school uniform.

Book Rental

Please ensure all Rental Booklists are returned to the school as soon as possible.

Golf Classic

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Golf Classic committee who have worked tirelessly over the past few months organising this fantastic event. Many thanks to all the parents that have contributed by means of buying tickets for the draw and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the event on **Friday 24th June** at the Stranorlar/Ballybofey Golf Club

New Infants

We will be welcoming 24 junior infants into the school in September. From the 1st of September until the 16th of September the new infants will go home at 12 o'clock. From then onwards their day will end at 2pm.

6th Class

We say a fond farewell to Ryan, Jack, Aditya, Patrick, Lauren, Kerrie-Lee, Kym and Colleen. We wish you the very best in St. Columba's and Finn Valley College.

Some activities at a glance at St. Patrick's N.S

- A selection of children from 4th-6th class took part in a Finn Harps 'Fran Fields' Soccer Competition.
- 3rd Class attended a fun rounders event in St. Brigid's N.S Convoy.
- 5th & 6th Class enjoyed 'Schools Day' hosted by St. Mary's GAA Convoy and many thanks also to St. Mary's and Oisín Cannon for the Gaelic training throughout the year.
- All children from junior infants to 1st class received their Land PAWS 1 certificate and children from 2nd-6th class received Land PAWS 2 & 3 certificates in water safety awarded by Michael from the Irish Water Safety Society.
- Junior infants were invited into the Letterkenny Institute of Technology to the Teddy Bear Hospital where trainee nurses tended to their sick or injured teddy bears.
- Members of Stranorlar & Ballybofey Golf Club spoke to the children about the benefits of Golfing and the facilities available to them in the Drumkeen area.
- The Finn Valley Athletics Competition was attended by a large number of children from the school in the Finn Valley Centre.

Congratulations and well done to all the children who represented the school so well in all of the above events and activities.

National Bike Week

As part of National Bike Week the children had the opportunity to cycle to school. Many thanks to the parents that helped out and to Adrian Aherne for our Garda escort. Mrs Mc Geever and the Green Schools Committee set up cycling obstacle courses each day for the classes and great fun was had by all.

Green Schools

The Green Schools committee were busy planting this term. Our lettuce plants were a great success and the children enjoyed ham salad rolls for lunch. Our peas, carrots and potatoes are busy growing and we hope to sample some of our strawberries before we finish up.

Congratulations also to the children who made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.

A word of thanks to

- All school staff members, teachers, SNA's, secretary, caretaker and cleaner for your hard work and support this year.
- Our new Board of Management for their dedication to the school.
- Our previous Board of Management and the parents who organized fundraising activities at the start of the school term.
- Fr. Gorman & Fr. Mc Gettigan for all their work and commitment to the children in the school especially those making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- To everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas concert in December and those off course that sponsored prizes for the night. We are very grateful.
- To the people who helped make and serve the communion teas in the hall.
- Garda Keith O' Donnell for sharing his cycling enthusiasm and expertise with the children and Garda Adrian Aherne for your kindness in escorting the children during Active Schools Week and Bike Week.
- Rebecca Fleury for her music accompaniment at school events during the year.

School Cleaner Position

A new cleaner will be required to start work on 26th September. Advertisements for this position will be made in late August in the newspaper, the school Facebook page and the Parish newsletter.

School Website

The school website caused a lot of difficulties this year. The school is now creating a new website, which should be up and running by the end of August. Up to date news, school polices and school information will be on the website. **www.drumkeenns.ias@eircom.net**

We have been constantly updating our facebook page ScoilPhádraig throughout the year.

SMARTSTEPS

SMART STEPS will be providing FULL daycare from the school throughout the holidays.

This service is available for children aged 4-12 yrs.

Open Monday- Friday
8am – 6pm

27th June-26th August

For more info/bookings contact:

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SMARTSTEPSAFTERSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM



**The school closes for the
summer holidays on Friday
24th at 12noon.**

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Hopefully there will be many opportunities for you to talk to, play with and enjoy your children.

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Le Deá Mhéin,

Irene Mc Fadden, Principal

Farewells

Laura Mc Gavigan (S.N.A.) has been with us since December. She finished working with us on 17th June as Nicola Mc Namee returned from her maternity leave. The school would like to thank Laura for her professional attitude, her dedication to the children and her pleasant demeanor.

Áine Reilly (School Secretary) has been with us for the full academic year. The school would also like to thank Áine for her professional conduct, her calm disposition and her commitment to the school.



**We will return to
school on Thursday
1st of September.**

**School starts at
9:20a.m.**