

Cross Country Running



Cross Country Running takes place in Lees Road on Thursday September 28th. Trials will take place on Friday 23rd – qualifying children will be informed that day. U.8 (Born 2015/16); U.10 (2103/2014) & O.10 (2012 & older) will run 400m/800m/1200m respectively. More details to follow.

The Dot



Dot Day was celebrated on Friday September 15th. All children listened to the story by Peter H. Reynolds and worked together to create a whole school display.

Hedgerow Workshop



As part of National Hedgerow Week, September 1st-8th, the Heritage Council & Teagasc provided free workshops to schools. Marina Levitina visited the school on September 8th and brought each class out on a nature walk to explore the hedgerows nearby. Children saw a variety of plants and trees growing – oak, elder, holly, ivy to name a few. We saw meadowsweet – haws – blackberries. The senior room got to taste blackberry and haw tea from their pickings along the way.

Book Fair



We hold a book fair every two years – it will take place this year from October 18th-25th. The children will have time to browse and buy during school. We will also hold an evening for parents to attend with children if they wish to visit. Date to be confirmed! The school is given a % of total book sales to spend on books for the school library so we appreciate all support towards the book fair.

Cumann na mBunscol



Each year Cumann na mBunscol organise an equipment sale. Helmets/hurleys/sliotars etc. can be bought through the school. Please see attached document with list of available equipment and prices. If you wish to purchase anything please order through Sinead by October 12th.

3rd & 4th class will play in a Cumann na mBunscol blitz next Tuesday – September 26th here in Feakle pitch. Every boy and girl in 3rd and 4th class gets the opportunity to play small-sided hurling games in a non-competitive and fun environment. Teams will be picked at random so players will not be playing on a school team. It is suited to all levels of interest and ability. This is led by Liam O'Grady – the Games Development Officer for Clare GAA.

Games League



Children in the senior room have requested to start a chess league. Games will be organised daily for those wishing to take part.

Children who don't play chess can participate in other games (draughts/snakes and ladders).

Scoil Mhuire an Fhiacail

Illnesses

Reminder to **please log reasons for absences on Aladdin**. If children are unwell please keep them at home. If children test positive for Covid they must remain at home for 3 full days. Siblings can attend school as long as they are negative/symptom free.

Headlice is common at return to school time – please check children's hair weekly. We encourage all long hair to be tied up to help prevent transfer of headlice between children.

Stop Motion Workshops



Ana Colomer will provide two days workshops to the children in 1st to 6th class using Stop Motion animation. The workshops are taking place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st September. These workshops are part of the **Sparks Youth Film Festival Outreach Programme**.

Staffing

Maria Houlihan has been appointed as part time SNA. Maria will be starting with us next week. She joins Mary McDonnell as part of our SNA team.

Reminder that Sinead O'Mara, our secretary, works every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Saving Stamps



The school runs Cyril Squirrel savings club every Friday. This is supported by An Post. Children purchase a stamp for €1 and stick it into their saving card. When the card is full (€20) they bring it home. We will restart our Cyril Savings Club next Fri. 29th Sept.

Halloween



Each year before midterm break, children are invited to dress up for Halloween. We will be continuing this tradition this year. The date is October Friday 27th.

Updated Contact Details



If you haven't returned the contact details form please return to the office to ensure that we have up to date phone numbers and email addresses.

Dates for your Diary

Sept. 22 nd	Lee Rd Trials in school
Sept. 28 th	Lee Road
Sept. 26 th	3 rd /4 th Class Blitz
Oct. 16 th -20 th	Maths Week
Oct. 18 th -25 th	Book Fair
Oct. 27 th	Halloween Fancy Dress