



Well done to the boys hurling team who have reached the Division 6 final. The boys had a tough first round in Clonlara followed by a semi-final in Inagh on 29 Wednesday. **They will face Bridgetown in the final in Cusack Park. Date/time to be confirmed - possibly Thursday 13 June. Best of luck in the final boys!**

The girls reached the semi-final stages but unfortunately lost out to Mountshannon-Lakyle in a close game. They did extremely well playing 9-a-side this year having won Division 5 last year and being promoted from 7-a-side. **Well done girls!**

Primary Skills Hurling Competition

Eve Moloney, Laoise Donnellan and Laura Noone represented the school at the primary schools hurling competition. This took place in Clareabbey on Wednesday 29 May. We hope you enjoyed the day girls.

Hot Lunches

We are in our second week of the hot lunches and they are being enjoyed by all. Children are given a few extra minutes to eat lunches in their classrooms before heading out to the pitch or playground. Meals are to be ordered/changed 36 hours in advance. **If you know your child will be away from school on any particular day (holidays/appointments etc) please cancel your child's lunch if possible.** This avoids unnecessary cost and food wastage.

Staffing

Ms. Michelle O'Loughlin and Ms. Sinéad Frost who were job-sharing in Special Ed this year will be working together in Scariff NS next year. Once a new teacher is in place to cover our SET role I will inform parents.



Standardised Testing/School Reports

Standardised testing for all classes finished last week. **If any children were absent during testing we will be catching up on missed tests by the end of this week.** Teachers are working on school reports - we will be releasing them to parents on **Wednesday 12 June.** **Reports will be released on Aladdin.**

Booklists

Government have given funding to schools to cover the cost of all books, workbooks and copies for children for the upcoming school year. We will send out a copy of the booklists for each class level in June. **We will be retaining our art, craft and photocopying fee as the government funding doesn't cover this.**

If any family have outstanding bills, I'd urge you to settle this before year end.

Holy Communion



Congratulations to the children who received the sacrament of Holy Communion on 11 May. It was lovely ceremony - the choir was fantastic and really added to the whole occasion. **Thank you to everyone** who was able to come on the day as we know Saturday mornings are very busy! **Thank you to the PA who had the hall set-up and lots of refreshments and goodies available for the family and friends who celebrated Holy Communion.**

School Tours

The Junior Room is looking forward to their tour to Moher Hill on Friday. **We hope the sun shines for them and they have a great day with their friends!**

Butterfly Garden

The Junior Room has been eagerly watching and waiting the arriving of two butterflies in recent weeks. They have seen the whole life cycle of the butterfly unfold: watching the eggs arrive in a container - change to caterpillar - to chrysalis and finally to butterfly. The first butterfly appeared from its chrysalis on Tuesday after break time. **There was great excitement after arriving back from playtime.** We will be releasing the butterflies into our own garden as soon as possible.

Curious Minds - STEM Award

The school has been awarded a **platinum award in STEM**. This award is capped at 30 schools in the country each year so a huge achievement to earn the award. Well done to Ms Ormston who led the school in developing STEM across the school for the past year!

We would like to celebrate achieving this special recognition and hope to celebrate with a trip before the end of the school or early next year.

Dates for your diary

Thurs., 30 May	Last day of hurling coaching
Fri, 31 May	Junior Room tour
Mon., 3 June	Last date for Uniform orders to be sent to Carmel Burke
Tues., 4 June	Girls Camogie Challenge game: Feakle Pitch @ 11 a.m.
Fri., 7 June	School CLOSED – European & Local Elections
Tues., 11 June	Welcome the New Junior Infants @ 9.30 am
Wed., 12 June	Middle Room tour
Thurs., 13 June	**Potential** Dates for Boys Cumann na mBunscol Final
Fri., 14 June	Senior Room tour
Mon., 17 June	School Fitness Coaching sessions: Each room to get 3 sessions
Tues/Wed 18/19 June	School's Hurling League Final
Thurs., 20 June	6 th Class graduation @ 7 pm
Fri., 21 June	School closes @ 12 noon for summer holidays!

Consultation on the Primary School Curriculum

As you may be aware, the primary curriculum is changing. This is the most significant change to primary education in 25 years. **The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA)** is holding a consultation on curriculum in the following areas:

- Arts Education (Art, Drama and Music);
- Modern Foreign Languages, as part of the Primary Language Curriculum;
- Science, Technology and Engineering Education;
- Social and Environmental Education (History and Geography);
- Wellbeing (Physical Education and Social, Personal and Health Education).

You can have your say by completing the online questionnaire for parent/guardians, or by completing a written submission. The draft curriculum documents, and links to the questionnaire and written submissions can be found at the NCCA consultation webpage:

<https://ncca.ie/en/primary/primary-developments/primary-curriculum-review-and-redevelopment/consultation-2024/>

The consultation closes on **Friday 7th June at 5pm.**