

Term 1 Newsletter:

Hello and welcome to of the new academic year 2024-2025!

A special welcome to our junior infants and their parents and to our new staff who have just joined our school community. Let's hope for more of that well deserved sun to ease us into the new term.

We begin our newsletter with a recap of events from last April/May beginning with the annual Book Fair that rolled into our main hall with its wide range of literary delights! Other very special days involved our 2nd & 6th classes who along with their teachers and families enjoyed their respective sacramental days bringing to fruition weeks and months of work from earlier in the school year. The Holy Communion Mass was celebrated by Fr. Declan and held in our local parish church while Confirmation was more of a conjoined affair with local schools coming together for a mass concelebrated with Bishop Francis Duffy and Fr. Declan at The Neale parish church.

Our Active Flag school week was held in the middle of May with our whole staff along with the pupils engaged in various active and sporting challenges throughout the whole week. Over to the side you will see are a few pictures to remind us of the wonderful events. Moving into the month of June, all classes enjoyed amazing school tours to Turoe Pet Farm, Pure Skill in Galway and Westport House and then at the end of the month we said farewell to our 6th class pupils in a special graduation ceremony presided over by the Very Reverend Diane Matchett. At the end of the ceremony, one boy from the class was awarded the *Special Merit National Gold Winner's* award from An Post, for his writing presentation. We wish the pupils of last year's 6th class every success in their various moves into life in secondary school.

Over the summer we said farewell to one of our much loved teachers Mr. Vincent O'Reilly and also to our wonderful SNA Maureen Varley. Both will be missed however we wish them well in their new adventures. This year we welcome to the staff team Ms. Denise Burke (5/6th class) and Ms. Ciara Lenihan (NEAD). There has been a change in some class locations: NEAD has moved across to where 1/2nd class used to be, to facilitate the addition of a new NEAD sensory room that was worked on over the summer months. Infant classes have moved to where 3/4th classes were last year and 3/4th classes have moved to where NEAD used to be.

Take care for now and we look forward to seeing you at the school gate.

Múinteoir Micheál.

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