

School Newsletter

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Dates to remember:

- ❖ **School re-opens
Monday 31st August**

Farewell and a huge thank you to **Miss Emma Ní Bheacháin** for her dedication to our school and working so hard with Rang 2 . We wish her every success in her future.

Rang 2/3 Teacher to be appointed for 2020/21.

Another farewell to a valued colleague with us since we opened Preschool Lachtaín in 2013 as **Connie Fogarty**, our bus escort, is retiring today. All of us, including the pupils of Preschool Lachtaín past and present ,will miss her caring, calm and warm manner. We wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.



We wish our six little friends in Preschool Lachtaín, and also Rang 6 the best of luck and happiness as they head towards their respective primary and secondary schools.
Have a lovely summer break and remember to keep safe.

Summer '20

The end of an historical school year and to say that all are ready for a well earned break is an understatement! Thank you Parents and Guardians for all your hours of hard work in following the class work set by the teachers over the last four months. It was a massive challenge for all involved. Thank you boys and girls for working so hard, for keeping in touch with your teachers as best you could and well done on learning how to use new education tools such as Seesaw. We loved receiving photos, assignments and updates from you. But most of all, we enjoyed hearing from you. We have missed you all greatly over this term, a time in the school year when we would have so many social events to mark the end of a school year.

We will be updated by the Dept. of Education and Skills over the summer break as regards returning safely to school at the end of August/beginning of September. I have created a section on our school website entitled 'Return to School 2020' and you can access this via the button below at the end of this, our Homepage. Do please check in over the holidays. **School calendar 2020/21 will be published on our website on Tuesday, but may change depending on future circumstances and guidance from the Dept. of Education and Skills.**

To our teachers and SNAs, I'd like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU for all the long hours that you have put into helping your pupils in keeping everything flowing, at a time of unprecedented stress and You have worked long into the early hours week on week, preparing timetables, sending work to have uploaded, searching for links to assist your pupils, creating instructional videos to help teach new concepts, correcting/commenting on your children's work and trying to find ways to keep all spirits high. Thank you to all our ancillary staff and Bus Escorts for all your hard work during the year.

We have tried to keep annual events going over the period of closure. Mrs. Bolger is working away on applying for this **Discover Primary Science and Maths Award of Excellence**. All the necessary practical work was completed prior to closure. Thanks to all the classes and teachers involved and especially Rang 6 under the guidance of Ms. Meehan.

This year marks the eight year for our **essay / poetry competition** for Rang 3 / 4 and Rang 5 / 6. The *Des McCheane Memorial Trophy* has been awarded to **Sarah Hickey** and the *Barnaville Print and Graphics Trophy* has been awarded to **Keelin Walsh**. Well done to all the children in classes from 3rd to 6th for their entries. Our judges have really enjoyed reading them all! We will take photos and have our award ceremony on our return in the autumn.

Check out the following slide shows which can be found on the class pages on our website: Rang 3's Photo Story , Rang 6's Graduation and both Preschool's Welcome and Junior Infants 2020/21 Virtual Tours.

*To you our parents, to our hard working Parent Association and Board of Management, to our parish priest, Monsignor Kieron, and all who help us in our school community, I say thank you very much for your support and cooperation. Keep safe and well over the summer break. **Brendan Tynan***

