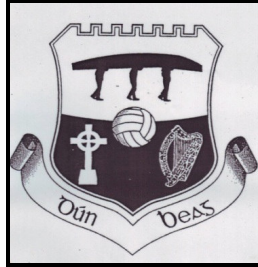


# Doonbeg National School



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

## **Enrolment**

At this point, we are still short of the retention figure. It is extremely important that families who intend enrolling their children in the school, return the completed enrolment forms before **Monday, 25th June 2018**. The presence of the third teacher is of huge importance and we can all see the benefit it has for all the children in the school. Thank you all for your continued support in promoting the school.

## **Attendance**

The school must report any absences of 20 days or more to TUSLA (The Child and Family Agency). Reminder letters have been forwarded where children have exceeded 15 days. Please ensure that all absence notes are forwarded to the school. TUSLA will be contacting parents, where there are attendance concerns.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Bishop Fintan Monahan on Friday, 18th May 2018 in Doonbeg Church. Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament on the day:

- Máitiú Honan, Gerard Kelly, Ema Medvecova
- Robbie Mc Inerney and Rosie Strickland.

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## **First Communion**

First Holy Communion took place on Saturday, 26th May 2018 in Doonbeg Church. Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament on the day:

- Rachel Cashman, Oran Comerford, Mark Crowley, Rósín Doyle
- Dáire Garvey, Sinéad Garvey, Daniel Haugh, Luke Honan
- Samantha Honan, Rachel Keane, Abbie Lillis, Katelyn O'Brien
- Ciara O'Kane and Sam Strickland

## **School Fundraising**

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the recent fundraising activities such as the Clothing collection and to those who helped with the stewarding of the car park, during the John Fennell Dancing Competitions.

## **Write-A-Book Competition 2018**

Well done to all the children who took part in the Write A Book 2018 competition. Special congratulations to Daniel Haugh in Rang a Dó and Sinéad Lynch in Rang a Trí who were award winners.

## **Trump International Educational Awards**

The Trump International Educational Award for 6th class children is taking place this year. The Trump Education Award consists of a generous contribution towards the cost of books and stationery for secondary school. The awards ceremony will take place next Monday, 18th June 2018.

## **School Tours**

The Junior and Senior Infants school tour will take place this Tuesday, 12th June. They will be visiting the Museum of Irish Rural Life and the Planet Entertainment Centre in Ennis. Children from 1st to 6th class will be visiting the Kerry County Museum and the Active Kingdom Centre on Friday, 15th June 2018.

## **Gaelic Football Coaching**

David Tubridy has been teaching the children the skills of Gaelic Football over the last few weeks.

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## **Hurling Coaching**

A six week introduction to hurling programme concluded recently. All the children from Junior Infants to 6th class took part in the activities. A special words of thanks to Mick O'Neill and his coaches Mary and Tadhg, who were brilliant with the children. We hope to introduce the coaching again next year.

## **Boys Division 1 Football Competition**

The boys from 3rd to 6th class were part of the parish schools team that competed in Division 1 this year. The team reached the semi-final of the competition and were narrowly defeated by Lissycasey schools.

## **Girls Football Competition**

The girls parish schools team have qualified for the county final. The game is expected to take place on Tuesday, 19th June. Best of luck to the girls from 3rd to 6th class who will be representing the school.

## **Irish Language Scholarship**

The school has been awarded an Irish language scholarship for primary school children. It will consist of an all expenses paid day course to Coláiste Eoghain Uí Chomhraidhe in Carrigaholt. The interviews for children in Rang a Cúig will take place this week.

## **Soccer International**

Well done to James and Gerard Mc Carthy, who were guests of honour at a recent soccer international in Dublin. The boys were mascots for the Republic of Ireland versus U.S.A. match at the Aviva Stadium.

It was an historic occasion as it was the former Manchester United player, John O'Shea's last match for the Republic of Ireland. Both boys had the distinction of leading the teams onto the pitch and standing with the players for the National Anthems. They also got to meet the players from both squads and were greeted by the President Michael D. Higgins.

## **Discover Primary Science**

We recently received confirmation from the Science Foundation of Ireland, that the school has been awarded a Discovery Primary Science and Maths Award. This is a fantastic achievement for all the children. We hope to receive the plaque before the Summer holidays.

## **Green Schools Award**

Well done to all the children, staff and wider school community who put in a huge effort in for the Green Schools campaign. Ms. Horgan, Maureen, Laura and Róisín recently attended the

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awards ceremony in Galway. On the day they received a certificate and the Green Schools flag.

### **School Reports**

School reports will be forwarded to parents/guardians in the next few weeks. If you have not received a copy of your child's report by the 26th June. Please contact the school office.

### **School Closures and Openings**

- **Summer Holidays** - Closing on Wednesday, 27th June 2018 at 12:30 p.m.
- **School Year 2018-2019** - Re-opening on Thursday, 30th August 2018.

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