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End of year newsletter

Fáilte thar n-ais! Welcome Back!

Dear All,

As we wrap up this school year, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for your hard work, dedication, and support.

To our parents, your ongoing support and involvement have been instrumental in our school's success. From attending meetings and events to helping with projects, your efforts have made a significant impact. Thank you for being valued partners in education. We appreciate your collaboration and commitment.

To our staff, your commitment and dedication have been the driving force behind our school's success. You create a positive and effective learning environment, and we're appreciative of your efforts. Thank you for your hard work and for going above and beyond to support our students. This year, like every school year, has brought its share of challenges and triumphs. Together, we've learned, grown and celebrated many milestones, and we're proud of all we've achieved.

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Board of Management and the hardworking Parents' Association for their ongoing support throughout the year. Your contributions have made a significant difference to our school community, and we're truly grateful for your commitment.

Enjoy the summer break! I look forward to welcoming all pupils, parents, teachers and staff for the 2025-2026 school year, starting on **Thursday, August 28th**.

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News from The Infant Room

We have had a great summer term in the Infant room. As usual, there has been lots of learning through play.

In maths, we have explored length through making chains. We worked together to build one as long as our yard, and we measured it with our footsteps. Senior Infants have enjoyed practising their blending skills by playing fun word-matching games in the mornings.

We loved the story of Tiddler the fish so much that we made fishing rods and went to the river to try and catch our own Tiddler fish. While there, we learned all about Irish salmon and how they lay their eggs in the Inagh River. We spent a lot of time in our local community this term.



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We visited the art gallery again and saw a fantastic exhibition done by artists from Ennistymon Secondary School. We had an art treasure hunt, and based on very cryptic clues, we found all the paintings on our list. We went to the library and practised using our library voices. The librarian was very impressed and said we are always welcome to visit.



We had a great visit to Moher Hill Farm and learned lots from Farmer Martin. We thoroughly enjoyed the sunny weather and took part in lots of risky play, climbing high in trees and swinging in hammocks.

We picked some wild summer flowers to make beautiful flower frames. We hosted the Student Council's bake sale in our room and enjoyed yummy treats. The sports day was a memorable day for all of us.

we had great fun playing and collaborating with children from the older classes.

What a busy term! We hope everyone enjoys a good rest and reset over the summer holidays.

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News from Seniors/First Class

A Day at St. Tola's Goat Farm

Senior Infants and First Class had a fantastic time on their school trip to St Tola's Goat Farm.

The visit began with a guided tour of the farm, where we explored the milking parlour and the main barns where the goats live. We enjoyed a scenic loop walk around the farm, which brought us back to John's house for a well-earned picnic lunch. The day ended on a high note with parachute games and a relaxing cup of tea.

Some of the highlights included feeding and petting the goats, holding a newborn kid, and playing together in the field afterwards.

A huge thank you to John McDonald for his warm welcome and for sharing his knowledge about the goats and how the farm is run. It was a truly memorable and educational day for all!



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News from First/Second Class

It's been a busy and exciting term for First and Second Class!

We had a fantastic school tour to Scattery Island, where we learned about St. Senan, explored the round tower, and enjoyed a boat trip, going through the lock and even had a swim off the island. We found out that Scattery's round tower is one of only two in Ireland with a door at ground level—it was probably just used as a bell tower.

We followed this up with a trip to the Burren, visiting Eagle's Rock and hearing the magical story of St. Colman and the Path of the Dishes. While there, we learned about the clints and grikes (the cracks and blocks in the limestone) and spotted some of the beautiful wildflowers that grow in the area.

We finished this project with a visit to Kilmacduagh, where we saw Ireland's tallest round tower and compared it to the one on Scattery.

Back at school, we've been visiting the library, making sure everyone has a library card and is signed up for the Summer Stars reading programme—great for keeping up reading over the holidays!



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In handwork, 1st Class have all knitted a ball and are ready to learn crochet in September.

2nd Class have been getting really good at crochet—they're working on granny squares and flute/tin whistle bags. A very creative group!

This last week, we've enjoyed some lovely end-of-term activities—lemniscate form drawings, a sweet teddy bear picnic, cheerful show and tell, and a fun afternoon of board games together.

A lovely way to wrap up a wonderful year!



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News from Third/Fourth Class

Drama and Geography were the stars of our final term in Rang Trí agus Rang Ceathair.

Preparing for our performance of 'Charlotte's Web' was a source of much joy and excitement for all of the children. Lines were learned, scenes were rehearsed, costumes were made, and webs were woven! And on the night it all went off without a hitch. A huge well done to the children.



We then celebrated our performance with a trip to Inis Oírr. The ferry in itself was a fantastic experience. Once on the island, we visited Cnoc Raithní prehistoric site, the Sunken Church, the Seaweed Cafe, O'Brien's Castle, the playground and the beach.



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Other highlights this term have included our fascinating workshops on Biodynamic Farming with Jon and Korean Natural Farming with Fergal and our day out on the Inagh and Ballymacraven rivers with the Restore Ballymacraven River Association.



And, not forgetting our weekly trips to the Polytunnel, followed by the occasional frozen treat on the sunnier days.

Many thanks to every family for all of your support and involvement this year. It has been an interesting and fruitful year for the Third and Fourth classes.

Wishing you all a wonderful and happy summer break.

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News from Fifth/Sixth Class

As the year draws to a close, our fifth and sixth-class students have been working hard to achieve their goals. From exciting projects in STEM to creative writing and art, they've shown great enthusiasm and dedication.

They stole the show with their captivating performance of King Arthur, delighting parents and their fellow students with their talents and enthusiasm. The students brought the legendary tale to life with impressive acting and storytelling. It was truly a memorable event that showcased the creativity and confidence of our young performers.

Sixth Class Graduation

Our sixth-class students graduated from school last Friday, and we celebrated with a leavers' assembly where their class teacher delivered a wonderful speech highlighting their achievements. The children put on a wonderful performance, sharing poems and songs that brought pride to all the parents in attendance.

We're incredibly proud of their progress and can't wait to see what the future holds for these talented young learners.



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Willow Weaving

Thanks to a generous grant from the Heritage in Schools Scheme, our school took part in a wonderful project combining heritage, creativity, and outdoor learning. Organised by Sinead Kelly SET, who applied for and coordinated the initiative, all pupils from 1st to 6th class participated in a Willow Weaving Workshop led by expert weavers.

Over several sessions, the children learned traditional weaving techniques and helped create a stunning willow dome, now standing proudly in the field we've dedicated to outdoor learning. This living structure is expected to last for many years and will serve as both a classroom and a reminder of the heritage skills gained.

As part of another funded project, 1st and 2nd class also enjoyed a special trip to Scattery Island, where they explored the island's monastic history and unique natural environment, connecting deeply with Ireland's past.

We are truly grateful to the Heritage in Schools Scheme for making this experience possible.



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Student Council Bake Sale Success!

Eli, Aodh, Rory, Maisie, Danny, Cian, Toni, Millie and Finn from the Student Council did a fantastic job running a successful bake sale and Hot Chocolate Morning. They raised an impressive €210, which will go towards classroom games for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to all the supportive parents. It was a great day.



Student Council Bake Sale Success!

We had a fantastic Sports Day full of fun, excitement, and great community spirit. A huge thank you to all the parents who made it all happen, from manning the stations to running brilliant activities throughout the day. A very special thank you to Seán O'Connor from Doolin Ice Cream and O'Connor's Ice Cream in Lahinch, who kindly brought ice cream for everyone. Everyone was delighted; it was a day to remember!

The event was brilliantly organised and is a credit to Killian and all the teachers, staff & parents who organised the various activities.



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Board of Management Reports

31st March 2025

- World Book Day 2025—staff members organised several excellent book-related events, there was a great turnout of parents on the day
- St Patrick's Day—Mol an Óige won the award for Best Walking Group at the Ennistymon parade, the majority of staff members and pupils took part
- NEPS psychologist—consultation visit
- Parents' Association—meeting with the acting principal as part of the process of developing a 'vision' for the school
- The PA agreed to participate in the process of reviewing school policies, as appropriate, by providing feedback on them and making suggestions to improve them
- CPD—the acting principal completed a training module entitled 'The Principles of SEN', and shared a brief report with staff members
- Planning—at a recent In-School Planning Day, teachers' planning templates were reviewed and updated (as per a recommendation in the School Improvement Plan); a behaviour specialist did a workshop with staff members; staff members participated in an Autism Awareness session under the guidance of a visiting expert
- Open Day—for new Junior Infants: date: 8/4/25

The Parent Association Committee

The Parent Association Committee is a voluntary body made up of passionate parents interested in nurturing the school community and maintaining the embodiment of our Steiner ethos. Every project organised by the PAC would not be possible without the generous assistance of parents, school staff, and community members.

The Parent Association Committee

- Donated €700 euros to the school for the children's gardening tools and supplies to further Environmental and Scientific Education (SESE) and Personal and Health Education (SPHE)
- Hosted the beautiful Bealtaine Festival on the May bank holiday weekend
- Consulted on the development of the SNA policy and DEIS Plan
- Advised on a new safer pedestrian-friendly access into the school, in coordination with the Board of Management and ETB
- Supported the development of an Advisory Circle, which will give oversight of the vision and ethos of our school, with representatives from every school body
- Assisted the Open Session with class representative volunteers who welcomed incoming guests
- Organised a campus care and repair initiative in which volunteers weeded, painted and cleaned the school entrance

Every year, we are in need of an officer team which manages the finances, program, and communication. If you have a couple of hours a month to volunteer, please reach out to pamolanoige@gmail.com for more information.

