

## Summer Newsletter 2019



### Discover Primary Science:

The school was delighted to receive confirmation recently that it has been awarded a Discover Primary Science STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) award throughout the year. This is the fourth year that the school has been awarded this prestigious plaque. The children really enjoyed STEM lessons this year in engineering and all strands of the science curriculum. Pupils from the middle classes also visited Rathkeale NS for an excellent science exhibition, while 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class attended UL for the Animal Magic Show and a workshop on all things that spin. Well done to Mrs O' Callaghan who co-ordinated the whole initiative and thanks to Mr Mc Carthy for his support also.

### Active Week:

Active Week was held in the school recently from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. The children had a great week of activities. We had our annual school walk, Zumba dancing (thanks to Mairèad Moran), activities with Limerick Sport Partnership along with a Walk to school on Wednesday. The highlight of the week was as always, the Tim Crowley Memorial Blitz. The children really enjoyed all the activities that took place this year and we hope they remember to stay active over the summer months.

### School Walk:

The school walk was a great success again this year with all the pupils taking part. Our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class made it all the way to Newcastle West where they enjoyed some treats as they took well-earned rest. A total of €1,560 was raised through the sponsorship cards, and we would like to thank everyone who donated. Lucky winners of the promoter's prizes were Rachel Dineen, Jamie, Jack and Rachel Kelly and Luke Corrigan. The money will go towards upgrading two classrooms for next September.

### Bring and Buy Sale:

The Bring and Buy sale will take place this year on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The pupils of 6<sup>th</sup> class are busy organising the many events that take place during this action-packed day.

### Tim Crowley Memorial Blitz:

The Tim Crowley Memorial Blitz took place during active week and was a great success. Killoughteen N.S., Monagea N.S. and Kilcolman N.S. joined ourselves in taking part in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class football blitz. This year we had a mixed boys and girls blitz. Monagea N.S. emerged as winners, ending Kilcolman's reign of three in a row. Well done to all the players who took part and to Madigan's Bus Hire for sponsoring the event. A special thank you to Timmy Madigan Snr for presenting the Shield on the day and to the local club for all their help.

### Special Achievements:

Three of our pupils, Mèabh Kelly, Erin Joyce and Lola Kiely were part of the Fèile na nGael Division 1 Camogie Shield and received silver medals for being runners up in the competition recently. Well done girls on this amazing achievement. Rebecca Moloney was a member of the Desmond League team who won the plate in the Under 13 Gaynor Cup recently. Congratulations to Rebecca on this huge achievement. You should all be very proud.

### Literacy Lift Off:

We have just completed our third year of the Literacy Lift Off (L.L.O.) in our school. It has been a tremendous success with children from Senior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> class benefitting from this small group literacy instructions. The pupils have made excellent progress in their reading fluency and word attack skills. We would encourage all the children in the school to continue reading on a regular basis over the summer in order to maintain their progress.

### Communion and Confirmation:

The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class recently received their First Holy Communion while 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils received their Confirmation. Both were great days and the children really did themselves proud. We would like to thank Ms. Liston and Mr. Mc Carthy for preparing the children for these sacraments.

### School Tours:

The school tours are taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. Junior/Seniors are heading to Stonehall Farm while 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class are heading to Mary I for an action packed day with the very popular Just 4 Fun camp. We hope that the children enjoy a wonderful day on their tours.

### Parents Association:

We would like to thank the Parents Association for all their support and help during the school year. The association ran a number of events for the children during the year including a visit from Santa and the ice-cream van. They recently organised a very successful Used Clothes Collection and ran a Silver Circle draw earlier in the year which was a great fundraiser for the school. I would like to thank the association and all the parents for their support this year. It would be great to see more parents getting involved so as to spread the workload.

### Green Flag

The school received its first Green Flag at a presentation ceremony in Cork in May. It was attended by Mrs. O' Donoghue and Mrs. O'Callaghan along with Finbarr Madden and Ava Hanley, two pupils from the Green School's Committee. The flag was raised by Roisin Ambrose, past pupil and Limerick footballer with the help of Luke Corrigan and Mai Flavin (Green School's Committee), on June 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a great occasion for the school. A special thank you to Mr. Hayes for heading up this initiative and for coming back to attend the ceremony on the day.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Class:

It's that time of year again and we have to say goodbye to twenty one more great pupils from St. Molua's N.S. We wish Hazel, Estere, Rebecca Campbell, Luke, Valerie, Rachel, Tadgh, Emma, Katie, Erin, Jamie, Mèabh, Dean, Eira, Colin, Gavin, Rebecca Moloney, Jack, Derry, Adam and Katie all the best as they continue onto secondary school. All twenty one worked very hard during their time here in St. Molua's N.S. and all made a very positive contribution to the school. Their graduation mass took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and was followed by a ceremony in the school where the pupils received a medal and their school yearbook. We look forward to hearing many more great things about them in the future.

### Board of Management

The Board would like to thank all in the school community for their support this school year. During the summer holidays the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> classrooms will be painted and new furniture will be fitted, along with the addition of new sinks. New blinds will be fitted also. An application has been made to upgrade the bathrooms through the School's Summer Works Scheme. If the application is successful, these works could be undertaken in the summer of next year. The board also wishes to thank all those involved with the Astro Turf pitch for its use. It has been of great benefit to the school already over the past few months.

### Summer Holidays:

The school will close at 12 o' clock on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June for the summer holidays. The school will re-open for children on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of August for all pupils. As another year successful year draws to a close in St. Molua's N.S. the Board of Management and Staff would like to wish all in the school community a very happy and safe summer holidays. We would like to thank everyone for their support, co-operation, and kindness during the year.

