



# *Nuacht Litir an tSamhraidh*

## ***Curraglass National School***

The summer has finally arrived, after what has been the first full year at our desks in three years. The welcome return of team sports, city sports and the sacraments at the more traditional time of the year were all positive steps in the return to normality for the school community. Below, you can read about what life has been like at our little school over the past few months.

### **Class of 2022**

*“Goodbyes are not forever, Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean we'll miss you, Until we meet again.”*..and so we watched our three wonderful girls in 6<sup>th</sup> class, Ava, Sadhbh and Alesha, graduate on June 20<sup>th</sup>. A beautiful celebration of 8yrs with us, and recognition of their achievements by the school community. The evening was a credit to the teamwork of our Parents' Association and staff who put much effort into the preparation of the event. Many thanks, also, to all who came along to add to their send off. We thank the girls and their parents for the beautiful cherry blossom tree in the car park bed and for treating 'everyone in the audience' to a delicious portion of Baldwin's Ice Cream.



We wish our class of 2022 every blessing and good wishes as they enter into a new and exciting chapter of their lives at BCS.

### **Curraglass PA Interschools Table Quiz**

Our Parents' Association were very busy, preparing for the return of our Annual Interschools Table Quiz. This was held in Conna Community Centre on the evening of Thur 12<sup>th</sup> May and was a resounding success.

The night ended up in a little sing song from some of our competitors which was a match for any Ed Sheeran gathering! Great credit is due to the team work and dedication of our Parent's Association and Ms Grant. Míle Buíochas.

### **Farm Safe School**

We are delighted to announce that we were successful in our application in achieving a 'Farm Safety Star School' status. This was as a result of the many projects and lessons covered over the past term by all classes. Well done to all the buachaillí and cailíní, under the guidance of their teachers.

### **Book Token Awards**

Well done to the most improved readers in each class on receiving your book vouchers. Mya, Sophie, Ava, Aaron, Eoin, Alfie Hannah and Lottie can look forward to choosing their books over the holidays. Well deserved a pháistí!



### **Cork City Sports**

On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June we made our way to MTU (former CIT) for the first time since 2019. The excitement on the day was palpable and each and every participant ran at their very fastest on the day. Well done to

our over 11 girls' relay of Hannah, Ellen, Juliet and Kaylee, who came home in bronze position, our under 11 girls' relay of Bébhinn, Grace, Rebecca and Aoife who came home in silver position, and in the straight races, to our 3 first place children, Mason, Aoife and Ava and to Grace and Hannah who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>



respectively-A great day's work for our athletes and a big thank you to the parents who braved the traffic and got us all there on time.

### **Hockey Training**

During the Month of May we had an introduction to the game of Hockey over several Thursday afternoons. For the vast majority of the children this was their first exposure to the game and their ground hurling skills came in handy in making them natural hockey players. Huge gratitude is owed to Niamh Marsh of Munster and Ireland Hockey who gave her time to put us through our paces. We wish Niamh all the very best in her endeavours with the Munster and Ireland Teams in the near future.



### **Biodiversity Week**

Our talented neighbour, Mary Barry, of Heritage in Schools, spent a wonderful day with all the children during Biodiversity Week in May. We made delicious nettle soup, garnished with wild garlic from the Curraglass Mall. We planted sunflowers, peas, radishes, tomatoes, and beans and then visited the wild flowers and resident insects, birds and medicinal plants that live all around our pretty school. It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Barry with us once more.



### **Cork Bike Week**

To celebrate Cork Bike Week we had a visit from Matt and John from Cork Community Bikes who practiced some basic cycling skills and safety with us and gave our bikes a quick service where needed. Despite the wet day we had great fun cycling around the school car park and playground with our friends!

## **Yard Games**

Our beautiful tarmac which was recently laid in the playground is now home to vibrant colours and fun inspiring games for the children to learn and stay active during break times. Twister, hopscotch, mirror me and activity trails are in hot demand each day as they queue up for their chance to have a go! A super job done by 'Mad Hatter' yard painting, Fermoy.

## **First Holy Communion '22**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils received their First Holy Communion in St. Catherine's Church, Glengoura on May 8<sup>th</sup>- A big congratulations to Caelin, Mason, Seán, Darragh, Ella, Ava, Aideen, Elliott, Ciarán, Sophie, Áine-Kate. Our pupils who came along to sing in the school choir added greatly to the special ceremony, celebrated by Fr. Billy. We then had a relaxed gathering at the school, organized by the Parents' Association, with some cáca milis and football! A great day was had by all.



## **Little Red Kettle Theatre Company**

At long last, we have had the pleasure of inviting the Little Red Theatre Company back post Covid. They always bring with them fun and madness and this visit was no exception with lots of giggles and

laughs... 'I'm so old, I'm older than my father'.. one of the one liners which comes to mind! Oscar recipients of the future, here in Curraglass!



## **Lá Spóirt 2022**

Our annual La Spóirt took place on 15<sup>th</sup> June. This was an action packed day under the radiant summer sun. There were sightings of sack racers, welly throwers, spider crawlers and legs tied together. A healthy fruit snack and bottled water provided the energy to keep those legs moving and a great day of fun for all was had. To conclude the

day, each child received a gold medal at our award ceremony- everyone is a winner on sports day 😊

### **Muintir na Tíre School Garden Competition**

We are thrilled to announce that our school was selected as Best in Art and Colour Category Award in this year's School Garden Competition. A big 'bualadh bos' to all the green fingered and painters on achieving this recognition over all of County Cork!

### **Infant Induction Day**

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, our incoming Junior Infants popped in to have a play and a light snack with their class and Ms Frisby. It was a big moment for them but they rose to the challenge with six smiling faces. We are greatly looking forward to seeing them at the end of August.



### **St. Catherine's LGFA Blitz**

June 16<sup>th</sup> marked the inaugural St. Catherine's LGFA Primary School Blitz and what a day we had in Ballynoe! We got to meet the neighbouring cailíní from Ballynoe NS and Conna NS along with Scoil Bhríde, Eglantine in Douglas. Our cailíní rose to the challenge with style, skill and determination pulling off three impressive wins to crown us champions on the day. A formidable

achievement for our girls and although we travel in a small pack, we focus on quality rather than quantity. Curraglass Abú!

### **School Tours 2022**

June brought with it the delight of seeing new places and trying new things with our friends. On June 8<sup>th</sup> our Junior Room paid a visit to Ardmore Open Farm where they got to chat to



some of the animals and play in the playground. Our Senior Room, on June 13<sup>th</sup>, went a little further afield to Roscarberry and had a splash at the Lagoon Activity Centre followed by some hair-raising tubing. The Middle Room travelled to the Mardyke Sports Arena on June 17<sup>th</sup>. They climbed to new peaks on the rock climbing wall and played some fun games throughout their tour.

## **Buíochas**

As we wrap up another year at Curraglass National School it is timely to express our sincerest thanks to all who made our year such a successful and enjoyable learning experience for all. Thank you to our teachers, Ms Mc Carthy, Ms Grant, Ms Frisby and Ms Baker who came along each Wednesday. Your professionalism and dedication is an asset to any school. To our superb SNA's Nikki and Angela who always go that extra mile for our little ones. To Lesley, the queen of multi-tasking! To our Board of Management who work behind the scenes to plan for our bright future. Míle buíochas to our Parents' Association for their work and



support throughout the year in providing extras to our school children. Go raibh maith agat to Aidan and Pat for keeping Curraglass in tip top shape and who are always at the end of the phone in times of crisis! To Seanie for putting us through the drills up the pitch each Friday and finally Cliona and more recently, Áine, our fab bus drivers for getting us to and from school without a hitch.

## **Classes for 2022-23**

The school will reopen for pupils on **Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** at 9:20am.

Owing to the numbers in the various classes the rooms will be organised in the following fashion:

Ms Frisby- Juniors, Senior and 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Ms McCarthy- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
Ms Grant- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class  
Bn de Brún- Special Education and Team Teaching\*

*\*(certain areas of Irish/English/Maths 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class)*

**Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful break!**