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Welcome to the July edition of our primary school newsletter! As we embark on exciting summer adventures, this month's newsletter is packed with updates on our students' achievements and activities that our school participated in during the final month of the 22/23 academic year.

Hurling Champions

Huge congratulations to our boys hurling team who won the South Limerick two teacher school 7-a-side hurling final. It was a nail biting final against Glenbrohane National School but our boys came out on top winning by a point. Our co-captains, Ollie Cronin and Evan Keane, lifted the cup on the day.



Say Yes To Languages

The Senior Classroom has been selected to participate in The Say Yes to Languages initiative in Term 2 next year over a block of 8 weeks. The Say Yes to Languages sampler module introduces primary pupils from 3rd – 6th class to a new

language, by facilitating schools to introduce either a Modern Foreign Language of their choice or Irish Sign Language. It is a great opportunity for our pupils.

Soccer Coaching

Our school enjoyed soccer coaching with past pupil Malachy Hayes. Malachy is a coach and soccer player with Knockainey AFC and we would like to thank the club for offering coaching through the club-school link.

The junior room wrote about their experience:

We loved soccer with Malachy because he had very fun games for us to play and always encouraged us. Our favourite part was when we got to play soccer matches with Malachy in goals and Muinteoir Carole joined in. Malachy is a great goalkeeper so it was the best feeling when we managed to score a goal against him.

We also loved taking penalties on him. Thank you Malachy for coaching us.

By James, Orlaith, Sean, Isabella and Lucia.

Animal Magic Wildlife Visit

Animal Magic Wildlife Displays visited the school on Tuesday 13th June. They brought animals for the children to see and hold on the day. The PA funded the visit of an ice cream van on the day to treat the children to an ice cream and a slushie. We also hosted our two new junior infant pupils on this day.



School Outings

Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir went on two outings in June. The first was our long awaited trip to Limerick TUS Moylish Camp for our school tour. Here the children played a variety of sports including Zorb balling, archery and LAZER tag. Next, we visited Ardnacrusha in County Clare to see the hydroelectric power station. We learnt that the station is still producing power today and were given a fantastic tour of the facility by our guide John.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed each outing and it was a lovely way to end our last week in school before the holidays.



Preschool

We have been approached about the possibility of reopening our preschool and afterschool service. We are considering this possibility. Parents will be surveyed to gauge their interest in the service. If anyone in the Lough Gur community would use this service, please express your interest via email to loughgurns@gmail.com. It would be a useful resource to have up and running in our community.

6th Class Graduation

Congratulations to our four 6th Class pupils, Clodagh, Evan, Grace and Ollie, who have graduated from Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir and now move onto John The Baptist Community School. We celebrated their time in Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir at Mass on Thursday 22nd June. Thank you to Rev. Fr. Eddie Cleary for a lovely ceremony. Parents and members of the community joined in the graduation celebrations by visiting the school afterwards for cake and refreshments.



A Message from The Principal

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude before we bid farewell for the summer break.

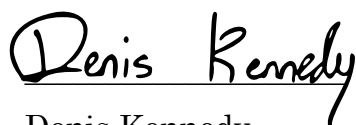
First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your unwavering support in my first year as Principal. Your involvement in your child's education, whether it was attending parent-teacher meetings, volunteering on the Parents Association, or simply being there to listen and encourage, has played a significant role in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment in our school.

Our students have accomplished remarkable things this year, and their achievements fill us with immense pride. From academic triumphs to artistic endeavours, sporting accomplishments to acts of kindness, they have proven their determination and resilience. It is truly a joy to witness their growth and development.

Finally, I want to wish you all a safe, rejuvenating, and enjoyable summer break. Take this time to recharge and reconnect with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back with open arms for another year of learning, growth, and success on 30th August.

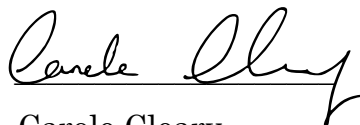
Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



Denis Kennedy

An Príomhoide



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