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After a fantastic Easter break, we returned to school with staff and students feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of the academic year. With the summer holidays on the horizon, there's much to look forward to as we continue providing a stimulating and enriching learning environment for our students. Read on for updates and announcements in this month's newsletter.

Graduation Hoodies / School Uniform

Our 6th class pupils received their graduation hoodies in April. The pupils played an active role in the design process. They were given the opportunity to choose the colour and logo that would adorn the back of their hoodies, as well as select their preferred size. This personalized touch has added to the excitement and sense of ownership the students feel towards their new attire.



Since receiving the hoodies, the sixth-class pupils have been proudly wearing their graduation hoodies to school, replacing their traditional tracksuit tops. This

special privilege not only marks their impending transition to secondary education but also fosters a sense of unity and camaraderie among the graduating class.

As the weather warms up, the school's summer uniform policy will come into effect from May onwards. The pupils will be able to wear their school tracksuit top or hoodie, paired with plain navy shorts that reach the knee. GAA, rugby or soccer shorts are not permitted, ensuring a cohesive and smart appearance for the final term.

Inspection at Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir

On Tuesday, 23rd April, Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir received an incidental inspection focusing on teaching and learning. An incidental inspection is an evaluation conducted by the Department of Education, without notice, to assess the quality of teaching and learning in a school. Despite its impromptu nature, the inspection in our school was a very positive experience. Having spoken to the children and observed the staff teaching, the school's inspector provided feedback that was very complimentary and constructive. This feedback not only highlighted the school's strengths but also offered valuable insights for improvement. The inspector's approach was encouraging and supportive, fostering a culture of continuous growth and development within our school community. Overall, the incidental inspection served to validate our current practices and will be a catalyst for further positive change and enhancement at Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir.

FAI Primary 5s County Finals

Our boys and girls had the opportunity to represent Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir at the FAI Primary 5s County Finals in the Seanchóill Complex, Corbally. Although it was not our day, as we departed the competition at the group stage, the experience was invaluable for our young and talented soccer players. Despite the disappointing result, the children had a great day out, filled with the thrill of competing at the county level. We are very proud of them and this learning experience will undoubtedly serve them well as they continue to develop their skills and passion for the sport.



Kilmallock Library Visit

The junior classroom travelled to Kilmallock Library on Wednesday 24th April for the Little Readers event. Our pupils had a great time at the library participating in the activities organised for them on the day including storytelling, song singing, rhymes, reading and discussing books. It was a lovely visit and we would like to thank Kilmallock Library for having us.



Junior Entrepreneur

Múinteoir Kate and the senior classroom recently presented their projects for the Junior Entrepreneur initiative to a panel of three judges, including special guest John McNamara, Príomhoide Denis, and Múinteoir Enda. Each group showcased their creativity through innovative project ideas and delivered impressive presentations, adeptly handling questions from the judges. While all projects were of a high standard, one group stood out as the winners. Aoife Micks, Niamh Sheehan, and Charlie Hicks' wind chime concept captured the judges' attention and secured their victory in the competition. Well done to all involved and a special thank you to John McNamara for volunteering his time to participate as a judge.



School Garden

The senior classroom, with support from SNA Margaret Noonan, has been tending to the school garden. The pupils have been working together to ensure the garden is well-cared for and ready for the next phase of growth by weeding, digging

trenches and planting potatoes. By actively participating in the garden's upkeep, they are developing a deeper appreciation for the environment and the importance of sustainable practices.

In the coming weeks, the pupils will be transferring the cauliflower and carrot seedlings, which have been nurtured in pots inside the school, to the outdoor garden beds. This process will allow the plants to take root and flourish in the school's own green space, providing a tangible connection between the classroom and the natural world.

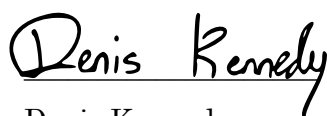


Important Upcoming Events and School Calendar for 2024/2025

The school has published a list of important upcoming events for the final term on the school's website. Additionally, the full school calendar for the 2024/2025 academic year is now available for parents and students to access.

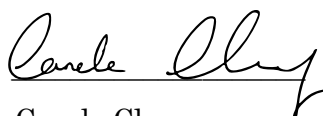
These resources provide valuable information about key dates and activities that the pupils and their families should be aware of as the school year progresses. The calendar includes details on the date we return to school next year, standardised school holidays and the closure date for the summer holidays in 2025.

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