



Abbeyleix South National School
Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Laoise Theas

Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,
As the school year comes to a close, I want to wish all our students, parents and staff a safe and enjoyable summer break. It has been a productive and rewarding year, and I am grateful for the dedication and support of our entire school community. I hope everyone has the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend quality time with loved ones this summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another great year. Wishing you all a wonderful summer!
Joanne Jackson

Board of Management

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated parents and staff for their incredible efforts over the past school year. Your tireless support and involvement in our students' education has been invaluable.

We also want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ms. O'Shaughnessy on her well-deserved retirement.

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy has been an integral part of our school community for the past 10 years.

We wish her all the best in this new chapter and hope she enjoys a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Board of Management



Parents' Association



The Family Picnic

Our Family Picnic was held on Sunday 16th June following our Children's Choral Festival Service in St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

It was a lovely day and lots of fun was had by all.



Junior Infant Introductory Day

We welcomed our Junior Infant class for September to school on Wednesday 12th June.

The pupils had a lovely time in the classroom with Ms. Jackson and Ms. Galvin while the parents had a cuppa and chat in our G.P Hall.

Thank you to the P.A for providing refreshments on the day.

School Tour – Junior and Senior Infants

On Wednesday 19th June the Infant class headed to Castleview Open Farm with Ms. Galvin, Mr. Walsh and Ms. Jackson. We had a lovely day looking at the animals. Thank you to Mr. Walsh for all his work this year with our class.



School Tour – First Class, Second Class & Third Class



We headed to the 'Let's Go' Activity Tour, Kilcullen on Friday 7th June. It was a fabulous day. The weather was good and the instructors from Let's Go were lovely. We completed lots of activities, from a Tug of War to fun with Virtual Reality headsets.



The bus driver was super too, he gave us lots of information about the sculpture of Cúchlainn in Newbridge.



What a lovely day it was!

School Tour – Fourth Class, Fifth Class & Sixth Class



Our Senior Pupils ventured to UL Sports Adventure Centre. We had a super day in Killaloe. We got involved in kayaking, paddle boating and pier jumping. The day ended with team games, challenges, puzzle making and a wooden block race. A wonderful day, enjoyed by all.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

We wish our pupils in Sixth Class farewell and good luck as they progress to Secondary School.

Thank you for contributing so positively to the life of Abbeyleix South National School.

We say thank you to Ms. Birch for all her dedication and enthusiasm this year.

We wish her well as she embarks on her travels in the coming months.



Annual Prize Winners

We are very proud of all our pupils for all that they have accomplished this year.



Annie McEvoy
The Lochaden Shield
for joined handwriting.



Rory Kirwan
The Clonking Cup
for exceptional test
results.



Ben Patterson
The Telford Trophy
for the most helpful
and diligent pupil.



Kirstie Tuite & Liam Bennett
The Wallace Endeavour Cup
for 'All-round contribution and
commitment to school life'.

Amber Flag Celebrations

On Tuesday 18th June pupils, teachers and parents gathered to raise our Amber Flag. We all celebrated the fantastic achievements and efforts of Mrs. Mythen (Amber Flag co-ordinator), the Amber Flag Team and the whole school community.

The Amber Flag promotes positive mental health. Our school through achieving the flag has fostered a kinder, more positive community for everyone involved in the school. We were very lucky to have the ice cream van arrive that day too. We all had a wonderful time and we look forward to continuing our journey in the hope of maintaining the Amber Flag.





SPORTS DAY

Our annual Sports Day took place on Wednesday 5th June.

Our pupils took part in a variety of races from the egg and spoon to the balloon race.

Our senior pupils enjoyed some water fun with Ms. Birch at the end of the day.



School Self Evaluation Update

This year we focused on Wellbeing as part of the SSE process.

Pupils, parents and the staff completed questionnaires on Wellbeing.

A report document is available to view on the school website, abbeyleixsouthns.ie under the tab, Policies and School Self Evaluation.

We look forward to monitoring our work on Wellbeing next year and to begin our evaluation of The New Language Curriculum.



The Six Step Process



KIDS BIKE DAY

Our Junior Bike Day took place on Thursday 6th June.

Our Junior Pupils had a great time cycling around the school grounds.

We feel very lucky to have space in our school to cycle around.

