



Abbeyleix South National School
Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Laoise Theas

Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians
As we head into the busy month of June, I want to praise our pupils on their great dedication and commitment to school work over the school year. The next few weeks will be filled with end of year events, school tours and sports day. We hope your child benefits from and enjoys these occasions.
Joanne Jackson.



Parents Association



The PA invites all families to a family picnic on Sunday June 16th at the school after the 11 am service. The school will be open for access to toilets, but you should bring everything you need as the kitchen will not be available. If you have any garden games (giant Jenga, swing ball, volleyball set, etc) feel free to bring them along. This event will be weather dependent so keep an eye on Facebook/Aladdin for any updates. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Congratulations to Hugh Bennett who won the under 12 concertina competition and is through to Leinster and to Liam Bennett who came second in the under 15 céilí drums competition and is through to Leinster. Hugh, Liam and Elliott Carroll each play in a Céilí band Grúpa Cheoil for their age category and their bands got through to Leinster.

Bishop's Art Competition

Congratulations to Lucy Sweetnam on coming second in her category in the Bishop's Art Competition.



STANDARDISED TESTING

Standardised testing was completed during the month of May.

Standardised testing in English and Maths takes place annually in classes 1st to 6th. Early literacy and numeracy standardised tests are also administered in Senior Infants.

Standardised testing is one form of assessment used in schools.

Many other forms of assessment are also used throughout the year.

These include; teacher observation, child/parental feedback, self-assessment, work samples (projects, quizzes and weekly/termly tests.

Standardised tests have many merits but do not measure many aspects of a child's learning and ability.

Standardised tests do not measure resilience, creativity, critical thinking, self-discipline, social skills or motivation.

It is important that as parents and educators we do not allow our children to be defined by the results of tests.

Results of standardised tests will be communicated to you through your child's summer report.

Standardised Testing Information



Congratulations to Ms. Bergin who has completed her Diploma in Special Educational Needs.

We presented her with a bouquet of flowers as a token of our appreciation in assembly.



Abbeyleix House and Farm Visit

We went to Abbeyleix House on 24th May.

We got our bikes and cycled all the way.

We had a garda escort.

When we arrived we were greeted by Alice.

We saw lots of animals, goats, donkeys, horses and pigs.

We had delicious refreshments made by Julie. We cycled back to school.

It took us fifteen minutes.

We had a great day at the Farm.

Kirstie Tuite

Elliot Carroll



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Alison McEvoy on her fantastic exhibition of pen drawings and watercolours at Abbeyleix Library. Alison's work is inspired by nature, trees and textures. Her work captures the essence of the bog.



On Friday 31st May our annual summer school fair took place and once again it was a huge success. Thank you to Ms. Birch and her fabulous Fifth Class and Sixth Class pupils who organised all the activities, treats and stalls on the day. We had a great turnout and we were all so impressed with the pupils' enthusiasm and sales techniques. The wide variety of stalls gave everyone the opportunity to enjoy the day.

The total amount raised of €1327.55 reflects the effort put in by everyone involved.

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

