



Newsletter

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**Now Enrolling
for September
2024.**

**Mol an Óige
agus Tíocfaidh
sí....**

**Mid Term Break
Thursday & Fri-
day 15th & 16th
February**

**Pancakes for
everyone on
Tuesday !!**

**Swimming for
1st class starting
on Thursday
March 5th.**

**Níl aon tinteán
mar do thinteán
féin.**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As this is our first newsletter of 2024 let me begin by wishing you all a very happy new year. School is in full swing again after a few weather related disruptions! The Board of Management and the PA are making representation to our local representatives on Mayo County Council to request that the road outside our school be gritted in inclement weather . Thanks for your cooperation on the frosty and windy mornings. Hopefully Spring will bring some better weather conditions. **St Vincent de Paul** association were very grateful for the 227 euro contribution; funds raised from our Christmas Jumper Day. Today we welcome three visiting students Leo, Aili and Sloane from Minnesota , USA , Céad Míle Fáilte. The children are visiting Louisburgh with their families until May. Reminder that school supervision starts @ 8.50 every day and parents/guardians are invited to make an appointment if they wish to speak to a teacher or staff member about their child. Thank you.

Well Being At school this year one of our focuses is on Wellbeing; the wellbeing of all our pupils and of our staff. To help us with this I am asking you to complete a short survey. This will help give us a clearer picture of how we are doing and what improvements we can make .Please find the survey attached; all children have been given the survey today if you prefer a hard copy. Please return before Wednesday February 14th. The survey is anonymous . In line with our well being for 2024 we have organised a number of activities to promote health and wellbeing in school. Our next activity As part of our Active Flag initiative we are beginning a new **Run Around Europe Challenge** beginning on **Monday February 26th** . ‘Run Around Europe’ is a whole-school running challenge open to all primary and special schools. The initiative focuses on participation, inclusion and fun with lots of learning opportunities along the way. All classes, at all class levels are challenged to build a ‘Run a Day’ in to their daily routines across the 4 weeks of the challenge. Working together as a class, and as a school, your combined km will bring you to many of the capital cities across Europe.

Active Schools Week will run from **April 29th - May 3rd**. We are hoping to introduce some new sporting activities this week and are looking to the community for volunteers. If you have any skills and are willing to share with us please contact us at school. In May we will have a Wellness Week where the importance of friendship will be the focus. We are working on a review of some of our SPHE related policies and your input would be appreciated.

Parent's Association News

The Parents Association has had a busy year so far. Megan Sammin is the new chairperson this year, Doris Lewis is the new secretary, and Kelly O'Malley stayed on from last year as treasurer.

We had an extremely enjoyable Santa event in December, and we recently transferred €1,000 from that event to the school to put towards the astroturf. Last night we hosted another great evening of entertainment with a bingo night and raised over €600. Later in the year we will be hosting a First Communion Party, providing refreshments at 6th class graduation, organising the sports day bbq, and more. This year we have started a WhatsApp group to allow for easier communication among the parents (contact Megan at 086 386 7881 to be added to the group), and we are now on social media as well! You can find us on Facebook as Louisburgh National School Parents Association and on Instagram as louisburghnsparentsassociation. Thanks to everyone who has attended meetings, helped at events, and attended events! Everyone is always very welcome to attend the meetings, as we would love to have more input and ideas!



School Activities

Mol an Óige agus Tíocfaidh sí



Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to the two teams from 4th and 5th class who took part in the Credit Union Quiz for schools recently in Westport. Well Done to Kia, Eva, Lauren and Nellie Rang a Cúig and to Noah, Dara, Reuben and Grace from Rang a Cearthar. Thanks to Ms Tobin and Ms Corcoran for preparing the teams..
Maith Sibh.



World Book Day is Thursday March 7th, children are invited to dress up as their favourite character

FAI Soccer takes place again this year in United Park Westport on February 21st & 22nd. Best of luck to our Boys and Girls teams who will be competing. Thanks to Ms Kilcoyne and Sean Moogan for helping getting the teams ready.

Scór na bPaistí will be held this year in Lecanvey Hall on Thursday February 22nd. Our 6th class grúpa ceoil are practicing hard every day in preparation. Friday mornings are made brighter with the tunes from our trad players who are preparing also for Féile Cois Cuain in May.



Congratulations to Dara, Daniel, Katelyn, Iarlath and Katie who were prize winners recently in a story writing competition run by Tertulia Book Shop in Westport. All five children wrote wonderful stories and were awarded a lovely voucher from Bríd and Neil.
Maith Sibh.

St Patrick's Day—Lá Fhéile Phádraig

We are invited to take part in the Louisburgh St Patrick's Day parade this year on Sunday 17th March. While we have had some interest in reviving the marching band, unfortunately we do not have sufficient numbers. However, our theme this year is Marine or Sea Life as part of our sustainability and Green Flag programme. We would hope to have as many children as possible taking part in our float. There will be music but we may need to be a bit creative. Any ideas welcome!

Bank of Musical Instruments

The school now accumulated a small bank of traditional music instruments which will be made available to senior students on a loan basis. The board (with a little help from friends) have invested in a new accordion, two concertinas and have updated our fiddles and banjos with new strings, bows and retuning so that they are ready to play. We also have a number of starter Ukuleles. Instruments will be on loan on a termly basis to parents who are willing to sign a written contract for the duration. Please contact the school by email with details of preferred instrument and we will be in touch.