

- **Slán le Rang 6:** We'd like to say "Slán" to this year's Rang 6 who are moving on from Castlelyons NS. We hope you all enjoyed your primary school days in Castlelyons and will have happy memories. We wish you the very best of luck as you move on to your respective secondary schools. Go n-éirí go geal libh, a pháistí.
- **School Uniform / Crested Polo shirt & Tracksuit:** At a recent Board of Management meeting, a discussion took place on the wearing of non-crested school polo shirts / tracksuits by pupils. The Board of Management wishes to point out that the design / colour of the school uniform / tracksuit was decided in consultation and by agreement with the schools Parents' Association / general parent body through parent surveys. However, no recent survey was issued to parents which has altered the current design / colour.
The School Crest is not just part of our identity as a school, making us all proud when our pupils represent the school but also helps to identify our pupils more easily when in a mixed gathering. It is therefore expected that *all* pupils wear the agreed school uniform / crested polo shirt & tracksuit on the nominated days to ensure adherence to agreed school policies. The Board of Management wishes to thank you for your full cooperation and adherence to this and all other school policies. Go raibh maith agaibh
- **Out of School Disco:** Gentle reminder that the **School's Out Disco** fundraiser for the purpose of defraying some of the costs associated with the recent development work at Fr. Ferris Community car-park takes place **this Friday, 28th June in Castlelyons Community Centre**. (Details published on our previous Newsletter) Your support would be greatly appreciated.
- **Evening Echo Women's Mini Marathon School Fundraiser:** We are asking parents, pupils (past and present) and Castlelyons community to support the school again this year by participating in the 5K Women's Mini Marathon in Cork on **Sunday 22nd September at 1.00pm**, and fundraise for the purposes of providing specialised classroom / sensory room resources as well as developing a soft surface play area with specialised outdoor equipment for all our special needs pupils, including our special class and those integrated into mainstream classes. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually for their generous donations last year, please accept this "Thank You" as a token of our appreciation. Although it's a *women's* mini marathon, lads, ye can get involved also! All ye need is a comfortable pair of high heels, a nice frock, lipstick and a wig!! Jewellery is optional!! I would like to thank Elaine Millar (SNA) for setting up the "gofundme" page on our school blog www.castlelyonsns.com We hope to make this an annual event and see an increase in numbers participating year on year. Thanking you in advance for your support and generosity. Details of how to register etc. are outlined below. So get active over the summer in preparation for the Mini Marathon and support our special needs children.

* Registration (€16) on-line at www.minimarathon.eveningecho.ie by Saturday 31st August. (Please be aware that the €16 Registration Fee is *not* received by the school).
* You can donate / fundraise by requesting a Sponsorship Card from the school or preferably, by the "gofundme" link on our school blog at www.castlelyonsns.com

- **School Transport / Bus Éireann:** The school transport section of Bus Éireann wishes to remind parents, whose children avail of the school bus service, that the deadline for payment is **26th July**. Please visit www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport for further details.
- **Sábháilteacht Feirme / Uisce:** It is important for all adults to be extra vigilant with children on farms / by water over the summer. The children have participated in lessons on both of these topics in class. Be Safe!
- **Lá Spóirt:** We had a very enjoyable “Lá Spóirt” last week, with the fine weather on the day, as well as the preparation and effort put in by *all* staff and especially Ms Ó Tuama who organised the day’s events, contributing to its success. Maith sibh! Míle buíochas We’d also like to express our sincere thanks to Lourde & Tom Bryan (Toss Bryan’s, Fermoy) for their kind and generous sponsorship of the medals for the winners and ice-creams for all the children. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Síneadh Scoile: We all had assumed that we would be well settled into our new extension by now but unfortunately, although practically complete apart from minor details, it has not been signed off for occupancy due to the fact that fire hydrants have yet to be installed as part of fire safety regulations. We expect those to be installed at the earliest possible date after the school closes for the summer so that the extension will be ready when we return for the start of the new school year on Thursday 29th August.

- **Liostaí Leabhair:** Book lists to be purchased by parents are issuing with this Nuachtlitir. (The Book Rental list will issue when we return to school in September). We would appreciate if **all** books, as well as any other items belonging to the school which may be at home or in your child’s ‘mála scoile’, be **returned immediately**. We would also urge parents to encourage your child to **read** and keep a **daily diary** during the holidays. See www.helpmykidlearn www.ncca.ie, www.curriculumonline.ie and www.irishforparents.ie for guidance for parents in assisting your child.
- **Buíochas do thuismitheoirí:** We’d like to thank sincerely those parents who helped with Station Teaching in the various classes during the course of the year. Without your assistance, it would have been very difficult if not impossible to have run the Literacy Lift-off programme. Míle buíochas.
- **Supervised Classes 2019/2020:** Pupils interested in attending supervised classes (3-4 pm) from September, please contact the school **immediately**, as there are very few spaces left.
- **Animal Magic:** “Animal Magic” visited the school last week and brought a number of unusual animals like Meer Kat, Chin Chillas, Snake, Owl, Bearded Dragon Lizard etc., to show the children. This was the prize that four of our pupils in Rang 5, Jack Burke, Ewan Long, Aaron Murphy and Cathal Sheehan won when they came first in the “Know Your Nature Quiz” held in the Corrin Event Centre earlier in the year. Maith sibh, a bhuachaillí!
- **Euro Eddie Soccer Blitz:** Comhghairdeas to our Senior Soccer team (all Rang 6) who won the Plate Final (beating Watergrasshill NS), at the Euro Eddie Synergy Credit Union Soccer Blitz held in Fermoy recently. I’d like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Smith and Miss McGrath who accompanied the children and to the parents who drove and supported the team on the day. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

- **Active Schools Week:** We had a very successful Active Schools Week (as part of our Health Promoting School) last week where all classes participated in various activities like “Wake up-Shake up” exercises, “PoundFit” exercises and “Walk a Mile” each day, promoting the importance of exercise as part of healthy living. Thank you to all the staff and pupils for the effort everybody made but particularly to Ms Ó Tuama and Miss Corcoran (Assistant Principal Post Holders) for their work in organising the events as well as Miss Barry for leading the “Poundfit” exercises with each of the classes on Thursday. Maith sibh!
- **Healthy Eating:** We’d like to express our thanks to everybody (parents and pupils) who co-operated with our healthy eating promotion in the school recently. This is a very important aspect of our Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) programme in the school. Well done to the various classes who won the “Healthiest Class” competition over the promotion weeks. These classes received certificates for having fruit and veg in their lunches each day. Well done to Miss Corcoran (Acting Assistant Principal) for her promotion of this initiative. Go raibh maith agaibh.
- **Eagrú na Ranganna 2019-2020:**

The following is an outline of the class arrangements for the 2019-2020 school year.

• Junior Infants	Ms Cummins
• Senior Infants	Miss Corcoran
• Rang 1	Ms Ó Tuama (*1)
• Rang 2	Miss Forde
• Rang 3	Ms O’Connor
• Le Chéile	Miss Barry
• Rang 4	Ms Fox (*2)
• Rang 5	Mr. Smith
• Rang 6	Mr. Cremin
• Special Education	Mrs Foley
• Special Education	Ms Murphy
• Special Education	Ms McGrath
• Special Education	Miss Feeney

(*1) As Ms Ó Tuama will be going on Maternity Leave in September, a substitute teacher (yet to be appointed) will teach Rang 1 when Ms Ó Tuama commences her Mat. Leave.

(*2) As Ms Fox will not return from Maternity Leave until later in the first term, a substitute teacher (yet to be appointed) will teach Rang 4 until Ms Fox returns.

- **Department Circular 0008/2011 and 0052/2014 - Polasaithe Nua/Athbhreithnithe:** Some school policies, both curricular and administrative, have been either newly developed or reviewed by the school staff as part of our extra, “Croke Park Haddington Road Agreement” hours over the past year. Parents are consulted regarding certain policies before going to the Board of Management for examination and ratification. Overleaf is a list of those policies which were either developed or reviewed during the *current school year*.

Curriculum

Plean Scoile - Gaeilge
English Reading Plan
English Writing Plan

Administration

Child Protection Policy
Anti-Bullying Policy
Homework Policy
Safety Statement
Attendance Strategy Policy
Substance Use Policy
Code of Behaviour & Discipline
Intimate Care/Toileting Policy

- **Buíochas:** Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making the past year such a successful one. 'Buíochas ó chroí' to our dedicated teachers, Mrs Foley, Ms O'Connor, Ms Murphy, Ms Ó Tuama, Ms Fox, Ms Feeney, Mr Smith, Miss Corcoran, Miss Forde, Miss Barry, Ms Cummins, Miss McGrath, Mr. Cremin and Miss Shinnick. Also, to Carmel Ryan, our Secretary, Angela O'Regan, Elaine Millar, Lynda Presta, Máiréad Shanahan, Miriam O'Donoghue and Audrey Sheehan (SNAs), John McCarthy (Caretaker), Fiona Curley (Miss Mop) and her team of cleaners, members of the Board of Management and the Parents' Association and to each and every one of you, parents and your children: a huge, "**Thank You**". I'd like to say a special word of thanks to Ms O'Connor - Deputy Principal, Ms Ó Tuama – (Assistant Principal), Miss Corcoran (Acting Assistant Principal) and Carmel Ryan - Secretary, for their support, particularly with the administrative work in the school, during the course of the past year.

It's a privilege to work with such a supportive and committed group of people as there is in Castlelyons NS. Gach ádh i gcónaí!

- **Saoire an tSamhraidh:** Summer holidays **this Wednesday 26th June at 12 noon** (Usual staggered finishing times apply).

We ask if parents would please move off from the car-park without delay when you have collected your child so as to make space for the next group of parents.

School re-opens for pupils on Thursday 29th August 2019

Bainigí taitneamh as na laethanta saoire. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Nelius de Róiste (Príomhoide)