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## Nuachtlitir an tSamhraidh Meitheamh 2018



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**Boys/Girls Skills Competition:** Dylan Ladden, Marc Murphy and Michael O' Callaghan came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Mid Kerry Schools 3 aside skills competition held in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA grounds on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. A big congratulations to Marc who won the Mid Kerry individual skills event on the same day. Marc participated in the county skills final in Austin Park, Tralee on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May and scored an excellent 21/24, the winner scoring, 23/24, well done Marc. Máire Chau O' Brien, Tirna Murphy and Ava Meikle represented the school at the girls 3 aside skills competition held in Milltown on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Congratulations to Tirna who came second in the girl's individual skills competition.

**Green Schools Presentation:** Members of the Green Schools committee attended a ceremony in Cork on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May to be presented with our 6<sup>th</sup> Green Flag on Citizenship. Congratulations and well done to all. Congratulations also to Ryan Foley 2<sup>nd</sup> class who received the Green Schools citizen of the month award for April. A Green schools Citizenship workshop was held at the school on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

**GAA:** Castledrum NS played Cromane NS in Cromane on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April in the Mid Kerry 4/5 teacher schools' competition. Castledrum were beaten by a superior Cromane team on the day. Castledrum NS played Caragh Lake NS on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May in Keel, they lost what was a very tight encounter on the score line 5-16 to 5-8. The girls also lost to Caragh Lake on the same day. The girls played in the county regional Blitz held in Killorglin on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. The girls also played in the Mid Kerry Blitz held in Beaufort on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. They played very well and reached the semi-final of the competition. Congratulations and well done to the mixed school team who won the Mid Kerry B competition for 4/5 teacher schools. They beat a very strong Caragh Lake team by 2 points in a very hard fought battle on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May in Beaufort. We are most grateful to Mr Ryan for organising the matches and for accompanying the teams to the games.

**Boy/Girls Kerry Trials:** The Kerry Primary trials were held in Beaufort on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Congratulations to Tirna Murphy 6<sup>th</sup> Class who progressed to round 2 of the girl's trials for the Kerry Primary Schools team and to Marc Murphy who represented the school at the boy's trials.

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to all the second class students who received their first Holy Communion on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Thank you to Miss McHugh for her work in preparing the class for the day and to Miss McGrath for preparing the music. We thank Miss Sheehan and Mrs Doody for helping with the art work and Katherine for her work on the mass booklet. We sincerely thank all the children from the school who attended and participated in the choir. The refreshments hosted by Castledrum Parents' Association after the Communion Service were greatly appreciated by all. Míle Buíochas.

**Europe Day:** As part of our Blue Star application, Europe Day was marked in the school on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Activities included, Poster competitions, the design of European Flags, showcasing of Project work on EU, songs and a Quiz on Europe.

**Active Schools/Health Promoting Schools:** Mr Ryan and our HPS committee received confirmation on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May that our application for our first Health Promoting Schools flag was successful. Congratulations and well done to everybody. We thank all the committee members for their work throughout the year.

**Blue Star European Project:** Mr Ryan made an application for our second Blue Star flag on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. We received confirmation shortly thereafter that our application was successful. Well done to all classes for their work on the project over the last number of months.

**An Gaelbhrtach:** Tháinig cigire an Ghaelbhrtach chuig na scoile ar an Aoine an 11ú Bealtaine chun ár n-iarratas do Ghaelbhrtach a dó a mheas, cuireadh in iúl dúinn go gairid tar éis na meastóireachta go n-éirigh lenár n-iarratas. Is cúis áthais dúinn gur sinne an chéad scoil i gCiarraí a ghnóthaigh an tarna Gaelbhrtach. Comhghairdeachas le Miss McHugh agus leis an gcoiste as an sár obair a dheineadar i rith na bliana. Maith Sibh. **Aipeanna:** úsáideacha as Gaeilge do thuismitheoirí agus leanaf: Aip na Míosa: Cúla 4

**Music Lessons:** We are grateful to Miss McGrath for giving the first of a number of music lessons to the senior classes on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Storytelling:** We thank Paddy O' Brien for visiting the school on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Paddy kindly told stories to the children in all classes on the day. His visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**Castledrum BOM:** held a meeting at the school on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

**School Policies /Curricular Plans:** The BOM recently ratified our review documents for one of our School Self Evaluation subjects. All plans and policies are available to view at the school on request.

**Cumann na mBunscoil Quiz:** Tirna Murphy, Ellen Griffin, Ava Meikle and Máire Chau O' Brien represented the school at the Cumann na mBunscoil Quiz in the Meadowlands Hotel Tralee on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

**CPR/AED Training:** Kathleen Finnegan from the Bons Secours hospital, Tralee visited the school on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May and gave basic First Aid and AED training to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> pupils.

**Primary Science and Maths Award:** Mrs Griffin submitted the application earlier this term. We received confirmation on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May that our application for our fifth Primary Science and Maths award was successful, well done to Mrs Griffin and to all the children involved in the application process.

**Siamsa Tíre:** A group from Siamsa Tíre held student auditions at the school on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Parent/Teacher meetings:** Teachers are currently concluding meetings with parents to discuss the outcome of the Standardised Tests.

**Castledrum Parents' Association:** held a meeting at the school on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Celebration Day:** Our annual Celebration Day was held at the school on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Many thanks to all who made it such a wonderful occasion.

**Swimming Lessons 2018/2019:** have been provisionally booked for classes 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> at Killarney Leisure Centre for Jan/Feb 2019.

**Class Allocation 2018/2019:** Junior and Senior Infants, Miss McGrath, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class, Miss McHugh, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class, Mr Ryan, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class, Mr Mac Gearailt, Special Education Needs Teacher Mrs. Griffin.

**Kerry Broadband:** We are most grateful to Kerry Broadband for providing their services to the school free of charge.

**School Closures/Holidays:** Summer Holidays on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June at 12:30 PM. School reopens to the children on **Wednesday August the 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Closures for 2018/2019 school year are as follows:**

**October 2018 Mid-Term Break:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of Oct to Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November inclusive.

**Christmas 2018:** Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec, school re-opens on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2019.

**February Mid-Term Break 2019:** Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Easter 2019:** Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, school re-opens on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**June Bank Holiday:** Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Summer Holidays:** Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

**Slán le Rang a 6:** The school community wishes our outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> class the very best as they make the transition to secondary school, to Ellen, Tirna, Ava, Máire Chau, Ben, Marc, Michael, Dylan, Jamie, Keelan and Dylan we thank you most sincerely for your contribution to school life over the last number of years and wish you all every success and happiness in the future. You will always be welcome at Castledrum NS. Slán agus Beannacht.

**Focal Scoir:** I wish to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support and help during the course of the year. I thank the staff at the school for their continued work, commitment and diligence. I acknowledge also the huge contributions made by our Board of Management and Parents' Association without whose help many of the initiatives which took place at the school would not have been possible. I would like to thank Evelyn Langford for helping to maintain our school website. I thank also all the teachers and staff of the school for helping to keep active our school Twitter, Blog and Facebook accounts. I finally wish to thank all the parents who helped with transport and supervision throughout the year. Gura fada buan sibh. Bainigí ar fad súp as na laethanta saoire.

**Ciarán Mac Gearailt**  
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