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## Nuachtlitir an tSamhraidh Meitheamh 2017



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**Music Classes:** Brendan O' Sullivan commenced with the first of five music classes this term on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. We are grateful to Castledrum Parents' Association for subsidising the cost of same.

**Boys/Girls Skills Competition:** Eden Murphy, Keelan Foley and Dylan O' Connell came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Mid Kerry Schools 3 aside skills competition held in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA grounds on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Sophie O' Connor, Carla Evans and Tirna Murphy represented the school at the girls 3 aside skills competition in Milltown on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Green Schools:** Congratulations to Róisín Griffin who received the Green Schools citizen of the month award for April.

**GAA:** Castledrum played Caragh Lake on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May in the Mid Kerry 4/5 teacher schools' competition. (There are no other 3 teacher schools in Mid Kerry) The Girls' team played on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May in the county Quarter Final against Foilmore in Glenbeigh. They played really well on the day and were unfortunate not to win. Castledrum NS narrowly lost to Kilgobnet NS on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May in the Mid Kerry C Final held in Keel. **Congratulations and well done to the Girls Football team who participated in and won the Mid Kerry Blitz competition on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May in Milltown.**

**FAI Girls:** Congratulations to Sophie O' Connor, Carla Evans, Ava Meikle and Tirna Murphy who were part of the Kerry team that represented the county in the U12 Gaynor Cup Tournament in Tipperary on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Active Schools/Health Promoting Schools:** Mr Ryan submitted our HPS application for year 1 on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. We received confirmation on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May that our application was successful. We thank all the committee members for their work throughout the year.

**Castledrum Parents' Association:** held a meeting at the school on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May and again on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to discuss their forthcoming fundraising initiative.

**Boy/Girls Kerry Trials:** The Kerry Primary trials were held in Beaufort on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. Congratulations to Eden Murphy 6<sup>th</sup> Class who has progressed to round 3 of the boys trials for the Kerry Primary Schools team and to Carla Evans who represented the school at the Girls trials.

**Community Games Skittle competition:** Congratulations to all the children from the school who participated in the Community Games Skittles competition held in Tralee on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. The U12 and U14 teams now progress to the Munster final in Limerick on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

**Primary Science and Maths Award:** Mrs Griffin submitted the application earlier this term. We received confirmation on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May that our application for our fourth Primary Science and Maths award was successful, well done to Mrs Griffin and to all the children involved in the application process.

**Castledrum BOM:** held a meeting at the school on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

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

**Cumann na mBunscoil Quiz:** Marcas Lavery, Sophie O' Connor, Ellen Griffin and Máire Chau O' Brien represented the school at the Cumann na mBunscoil Quiz in the Meadowlands Hotel Tralee on Thursday the 18th of May.

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to all the second class students who received their first Holy Communion on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Thank you also to Mr. Ryan for his work in preparing the class for the day and to all the children from the school who attended and participated in the choir.

**An Gaelbhrtach:** Bhí cruinniú deireadh na bliana ag an gcoiste ar an Mháirt an 30ú Bealtaine chun dul chun cinn an togra a phlé. Tá Cigire an Ghaelbhrtach chun cuairt scoile a thabhairt orainn ar an Luan an 12ú Meitheamh

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

**PHN:** The Public Health Nurse visited the school on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to carry out eye tests on our Junior Infant class.

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

**Swimming Lessons 2017/2018:** have been provisionally booked for classes 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> at Killarney Leisure Centre for Jan/Feb 2018.

**Class Allocation 2017/2018:** Junior and Senior Infants, Mrs Griffin. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class New Appointment, 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 New Appointment.

**School Closures/Holidays:** Summer Holidays on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at 12:30 PM. School reopens on **Tuesday August the 29th.**

**Closures for 2017/2018 school year are as follows:**

**October 2017 Mid-Term Break:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of Oct to Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November inclusive.

**Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December.**

**Christmas 2017:** Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Dec, school re-opens on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2018.

**February Mid-Term Break 2018:** Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter 2018:** Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, school re-opens on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April.

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**June Bank Holiday:** Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Holidays:** Friday the 22<sup>nd</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 Carla, Sophie, Marcus, Gavin and Eden we thank you most sincerely for your contribution to school life over the last eight years and wish you all every success and happiness in the future. 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 thank Evelyn Langford for maintaining the school website and Miss Sheehan for her help in maintaining the School Blog. I wish to also 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.

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