

School will close for the Summer Holidays on Friday 27th June at 12 noon.

End of Year Mass

End of year mass will take place in the school hall on **Thursday 26th June at 10:00 a.m.**
the day before the summer holidays. All are welcome.

A musical treat will be provided by Roisín of Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Eirinn and the children.

This will take place prior to our end of year school mass.

After the mass the Parents Association will treat each class to a party in their classroom and refreshments will be provided for parents in the hall.



Football – Cumann na mBunscoil

Our girl's football team showed determination and spirit in their match against Currow in the Austin Stack Park in Tralee on Tuesday last. Even though Currow forged ahead from an early stage of the match our girls showed a resilience and an unwillingness to give up, that was highly admirable. Remember girls you still came away from the game with a County Final Football Medal.

Beidh Lá eile ag an bPaorach – We'll come back and succeed another day.

Our boy's 13-a-side team have been playing the Mid Kerry Schools competition for the past few weeks. They have enjoyed their victories out of three matches against Scoil Mhuire White, Miltown and Scoil Mhuire Blue. The boys have been playing exceptionally well and have booked their place in the Mid Kerry Final. The venue and the date have yet to be decided. ***Well done boys and best of luck!***

School Tours Reminder

Our School Tours take place on Thursday June 12th

Class	Teachers	School Tour	Leaving	Arriving Home Approx
Jnr Infants/Jnr Autism	Alison Tuohy Sandra Walsh	Craig Cave	Normal School Hours	Normal School Hours
Snr Infants/1 st / Jnr Autism	Catherine O'Shea	Local Tour Extravanga	8:50 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
1 st / 2 nd / Jnr & Snr Autism 2 nd / 3 rd	Ellen Doyle Michelle McLaughlin	Buddies - Bowling & Activity Centre	9:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
4 th / Snr Autism 5 th	Aidan Breen Marie Murphy	Cappanalea	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
6 th	Pat Fitzgerald	Kenmare Outdoor	8:45 a.m.	4:45 pm to 5:00 pm

Please parents – Be there on time to collect your child from his/her school tour in the evening. You will have received a note from your teacher with details of your school tour at this stage. Please read your guidelines carefully.

Class Divisions for school year 2014 / 2015

It's that time of year again when a decision has to be made as to the most advantageous and least disruptive means of splitting classes for the school year 2014 / 2015.

The split this year will be made in the Senior Infant Class for 2014 / 2015. (i.e. The current Junior Infants). This split is in line with information which has been received from the Department of Education & Skills, The National Parents Council, The Teacher Training Colleges, the I.P.P.N and also in accordance with our school policy.

The new Senior Infants Class will be divided on the basis of 'Age' only.

According to the National Parents Council: 'All research shows that children are not disadvantaged by being in a split class. Both the older and younger children will benefit from the experience of being with a different class.

This year the Learning Support Teacher will be bringing the entire class together on a daily basis to teach an aspect of Maths and / or English thus ensuring that the class is taught as a whole at least once a day throughout the year.

Class	Teacher	Room
Jnr Infants + Snr Inf	Ms Tuohy	8
Snr Infants + 1 st Class	Mrs McLaughlin	4
2 nd Class	Ms O'Shea	2
3 rd Class	Ms Costello	3
4 th Class	Mrs Stack	1
5 th Class	Mr Fitzgerald	5
6 th Class	Mrs Murphy	Prefab
Resource	Mrs Hayes/Ms Doyle	7 & 11
Learning Support	Mr O'Sullivan	6
Jnr Autism Unit	Mrs Walsh	9
Snr Autism Unit	Ms Counihan	10



Schools Sports Day

Schools Sports Day will take place the **week of June 16th weather permitting** followed in the afternoon by Down Syndrome Ireland Ice-cream charity fundraiser.

Safer Cycling

The 4th class children are currently taking part in Kerry's Safer Cycling Programme. It is a collaborative initiative to help primary school children to learn how to cycle in a safe and appropriate manner. The five four workshop is being run over two Wednesdays – 4th and 11th June. The programme is being enjoyed immensely by 4th class and should prove very beneficial with the summer holidays around the corner!



S.S.E. Report – School Self Evaluation Report

As part of the Government's initiative to promote the teaching of English and Maths through schools self-evaluation plan, Cullina School has compiled a self Improvement plan in accordance with Department Requirements. The School Self Evaluation Process has been an invaluable experience for our school. Staff are constantly sharing ideas and talking about what is working and not working. The whole process has created a wonderful sense of purpose and enthusiasm around teaching and learning in the school. The School Self Evaluation English Plan (Report Summary) was given to you in June of last year. Please see The School Self Evaluation Report (Maths) is attached to this Newsletter.



R.S.E. :

Jane Lewis (Registered Nurse, Dip., Counselling, Nurse Colposcopist) will hold a meeting with parents of 6th class children on the subject of Relationships and Sexuality on Thursday morning 19th June at 9:30 a.m. in the school. She will conduct workshops in the School with 6th class boys and girls on the same topic afterwards. The school will cover the cost of both sessions.

Graduation Night 6th Class



This night usually marks the final day for the children of 6th class in our school. We will be sad to see them go but I am sure that they will return to share their new experiences in the future with us. We are proud to have these young enthusiastic students as ambassadors to represent our school in the wider community.

Graduation night for 6th class takes place on Friday 20th June at 7:00 p.m. A guest speaker will be there on the night. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Hall.



Green Flag and Health Promoting Flag

Congratulation to Mrs. Murphy, her hard working committee and the whole school community on achieving the 7th Green Flag / Global Citizenship & Waste for our School.

Congratulations to Ms Costello and all in helping to secure a Health Promotion Flag this year. The green flag and the health promotion flag are synonymous with healthy living and promoting environmentally friendly lifestyles. In the run up to the summer holidays please be reminded that we encourage healthy lunches and sugar free foods in our school at all times.

We will be having a Flag Raising Ceremony very shortly.



Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2014:

Induction day for all junior infants starting school 2014 / 2015 takes place next Wednesday June 11th at 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents and children are invited to come along on the day.

Gardening

Our Garden is coming along nicely with a variety of vegetables in full growth. I would like to thank Denis Galvin once again for helping us throughout the year and keeping an eye on our garden's progress during and outside of school hours. Táimid buíoch duit a Dhonncha.



Additional Accommodation

The news of our additional accommodation for school year 2014/2015 has been met with enthusiasm and anticipation. The Department of Education & Skills have approved of a Mainstream Classroom and toilets, a Multi-sensory Room and a Resource Room. Work will commence early in the new school year.



Móira Bu Uí Chroinín
Príomhoide