

A Hopping School Programme

Our school had a wonderful time participating in the Hopping School Programme from Coore Farm! We learned all about caring for baby bunnies, their habits, and how they grow. The children enjoyed meeting the fluffy bunnies and discovering what they need to stay happy and healthy. This hands-on experience helped us understand more about animals and responsibility. It was exciting and fun for everyone, and the bunnies brought plenty of smiles to our school. A big thank you to Coore Farm for this lovely opportunity to learn and care for these adorable creatures... and just before Easter too!

Retirement Celebration:

On Friday, 11th April, we held a retirement celebration for Mr King. It was a wonderful day that went very smoothly. Thank you to Fr. Donagh for celebrating the Mass, our pupils for providing the singing and entertainment, our staff for organising the whole event, and Diane Lahiff and her team for their help with erecting the marquee. Thanks also to Paddy Flanagan, who directed the parking outside, and to Ray Foudy and his team, who provided tea and coffee afterwards.

Food Dudes:

The Food Dudes programme ran for a week immediately after Easter, providing an opportunity for each pupil to try different fruits and vegetables to encourage them to eat more healthily.

Junior Leadership Team (JLT):

Our JLT comprises six pupils from 6th class and two pupils from 5th Class. This initiative aims to give children a voice in the leadership and management of the school. So far, it has been a very positive experience, and they have provided some valuable and constructive suggestions. Moving forward, two children from each class from 1st class upwards will be involved.

Football Training:

Both our boys' and girls' teams are attending weekly parish football training, with Aaron preparing for the 15-a-side and 13-a-side matches, respectively. Our parish boys have successfully advanced to the semi-finals. Congratulations to them.

The parish girls' team played their qualifying matches in Quilty, but unfortunately, they were not successful. Our school has many pupils participating in both teams.

Rhys, Shannon and Oran represented our school in the Football Skills competition held in Cooraclare on Wednesday, 21st of May, where they came 2nd overall out of 22 schools. Rhys just missed out on the prize for the highest scorer of the day by a mere 7 points. Well done!!

Holy Communion Celebration:

Our First Holy Communion celebration took place in Quilty Church on 10th May. Many thanks to Fr Donagh for rehearsing with the pupils and for celebrating the Mass. Mrs Flanagan, as always, did a superb job preparing the pupils for the sacrament. Some of our pupils sang in the choir and played instrumental music during the Mass.

School Hatching Programme

Our school participated in the School Hatching Programme from Coore Farm. We observed eggs in an incubator and awaited their hatching. Everyone was incredibly excited when the fluffy chicks finally emerged! We learned how chicks develop, cared for them, and discussed what they need to stay healthy. The project helped us understand animals, science, and teamwork. It was a fun and memorable experience that we will always cherish.

Bike Week 2025 at Annagh National School

Bike Week 2025 was a fantastic success at Annagh National School! Our 5th and 6th class students enjoyed a 6 km cycle around the local area, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork. Meanwhile, all other classes took part in fun cycling activities on the school grounds, learning new skills and building confidence on their bikes.

A special thank you to Sarah Hegarty, Travel Officer with An Taisce, who joined us for the day. Sarah not only cycled with the students but also shared her expertise in bike maintenance, helping everyone keep their bikes in top shape. It was a wonderful week celebrating cycling, fitness, and community spirit! A huge thank you to our JLT who helped Mrs Flanagan to coordinate all the activities.

Laura Lynn Fundraiser Superhero Day:

Friday, May 23rd, Ms Doyle held a fundraiser in aid of the Laura Lynn Foundation. Each child dressed up as their hero and donated €2. It was a great success, raising €200.

Annagh Afterschool Pals:

An information evening was hosted at the school to introduce a Before/After-school facility for our parents by our BOM, commencing on 1st September this year. Mrs Flanagan detailed our programme for the parents during the evening. Further information regarding the booking process can be found under the After School Pals tab on our website.

Policies:

Our Acceptable Use Policy has been updated to include our new website and the establishment of a social media account on Instagram. An informational letter was sent via Aladdin to all parents, directing them to read our AUP, which is available for download from our website.

Wellbeing Walk/Fundraiser:

We are hosting a Wellbeing Walk on Friday evening, June 13th, at 7:00 p.m., which will serve as a community gathering and fundraiser. Each family will receive a sponsorship card, featuring 10 lines at €2 per line. Any contributions will be appreciated. The walk will take place around the area. Healthy refreshments will be served afterwards, along with a raffle to generate additional funds. Any donated prizes will be welcome.

Mural:

As part of the Creative Schools Initiative organised by Ms Doyle, artist Marcus O'Connor will create a mural in the school hall with the 5th and 6th classes. The design will reflect the school's symbols, crest, and our guiding principle: 'Mol an Óige agus Tíocfaidh Sí.'

We look forward to seeing the final product.

School Tour:

Our annual school tour will take place on June 10th at the Let's Go Camp in Galway. All pupils are looking forward to a fun-filled day of activities. Please see the School Tour Information Letter for more details.

6th Class Graduation

We will bid farewell to our 6th class on Thursday, 19th June, during their graduation ceremony, which begins at 11:00 a.m. They have been fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we will miss their presence and sense of humour. They have also been invaluable members of our JLT. All family members are invited to join us on that day for our ceremony.

School Holidays

Our school will close for the Summer holidays on June 20th at 12 noon. We wish all our parents a safe and enjoyable holiday.

We will return on Tuesday, August 26th, at 9:00 a.m. for the start of our new academic year.