



**St Patrick's N.S., Calry**  
**Newsletter June 2022**

Parents / Guardians,

**GENERAL NEWS**

As we come to the end of the academic year our school has been busy with the return of school tours, sports and the Fun Day! A huge thanks to our Parents Association and all the parents for creating a day of fun for the children.

**School Website:** Our school website has been updated and parents can access school policies and useful information in relation to the school. Visit our website at <https://www.calryns.ie/>.

**School Improvement Plan:** This was approved by our Board of Management recently and will be published on our school website.

**Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment:** These were updated in March 2022.

**CPR Training:** All staff of St Patrick's N.S. completed CPR training in March 2022. Thanks to Deirdre Staunton for facilitating this training.

**Cyber Safety Workshops:** Cyber Safety Training was delivered on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 to children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class by Michael Harrison from Cyber Safe Kids and also accompanied by a parent's session on the evening of the same day in the school.

**Reminder:** No dogs allowed on the school grounds or premises at any time.

**Farewell to 6<sup>th</sup> Class:** We wish our 6<sup>th</sup> class goodbye as they finish primary school. Best of luck to each and every one of them for their future in secondary school and beyond. Make sure to come back and see us!

**Class News**

**Junior Infants:** Junior Infants enjoyed their day out in Castle Adventure Open Farm. They met lots of cute animals and had great fun playing together!

**Senior Infants / First Class:** Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> class were very busy watching out for their eggs to hatch. They had a few new additions to their classroom in the form of feathered friends. What a fantastic learning experience!

**Second Class:** 2<sup>nd</sup> class enjoyed a robot workshop with Stuart Lawn from Fab Lab Maker Hub. Lots of amazing engineering skills were on show that day! Congratulations to the girls and boys in Second class who made their First Communion on 7th May 2022. Thank you to Fr. Hugh Mc Gonagle for celebrating a lovely ceremony. 2<sup>nd</sup> class also enjoyed their school tour to Lurgybrack Open Farm in Letterkenny. A great day was had by all!

**Third / Fourth Class:** 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Classes had a great day in Westport House on their school tour! They loved the Pirate's Plunge and the Swinging Ship.

**Fourth / Fifth Class:** Children from 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> met with Frank Greally who came to our school on May 13<sup>th</sup>, to promote the Daily Mile. He gave them some very solid advice to apply to their lives. "A little a lot, is better than a lot a little". The children from 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> had two great days out at the Music Generation Concert in the Hawk's Well on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and at the Olympic Handball Blitz in Cleveragh Astro Turf Pitch on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Sixth Class:** 6<sup>th</sup> Class have had a fantastic final term with us in St. Patrick's. They made their Confirmation on May 12<sup>th</sup>. They went surfing on May 16<sup>th</sup> in Strandhill, Beach scavenging on June 21<sup>st</sup> and went to Roosky Adventure Centre on their school tour with 5th Class on June 27th.

### Sports Report

**Lunchtime Club:** The lunchtime club resumed on Wednesdays this term, where children played Table Tennis or Chess in the hall.

**FAI 5-a-side soccer league competition:** The 5-a-side football finals were held recently on the school pitch. Well done to all involved.

**Cumann na mBunscol:** A big well done to the boys' team that got to the final in Markievicz Park on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately, they were beaten by Kilglass N.S. but should be very proud of how they played on the day. Well done also to the girls' team that got to the semi-finals of the competition.

### Student Council News

Our Student Council organised for outdoor play equipment to be bought and brought to the playground at lunch time. Each class is getting a turn to have fun with the games. A huge thank you to **Apex Controls**, **The Regional Stores** and **The Hair and Beauty Quarter** for sponsoring this play equipment.



### **Parents' Association News**

Calry N.S. Parents Association want to wish all the Children, Teachers and Staff of Calry N.S. a wonderful summer as we bid a fond farewell to the outgoing 6th class and wish them all the best on their next adventures. We are looking forward to picking back up in September and extending a big welcome to the new Junior Infant class. Thank you to everyone who has already given feedback on Funday 2022 and to all the volunteers for their trojan work that made it possible on the day. Thank you to Anne Gregory who is stepping down as our Treasurer. Thank you to Tara Mc Gowan who is kindly staying on as our secretary. I will be stepping down as Chairperson for the new academic year, at our AGM in September, but will take on the role of Treasurer. It has been an honour and a pleasure working with the PA team, they have been an inspiration and the powerhouse behind all the PA activities. The position of Chairperson is open to any parent or guardian. Please take some time over the summer break to consider putting your name forward for nomination in September, I guarantee you will have a wonderful team working with you.

The PA wish to thank Mr Gallagher, Principal and all the Teachers for their input and support throughout the year and a very special thanks to Attracta Devaney, Secretary without whose infinite patience the PA could not manage.

Tá an samhradh dár gcoinn, bainigí sult as.

Tara Tancred, Chair Calry N.S. PA

On behalf of the school's Board of Management and staff, we wish you a  
**Happy Summer!**



School re-opens on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.