

St Patrick's N.S.

Calry, Sligo



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have come to the end of another busy academic year and I would like to thank everyone who has played their part in guiding us through another successful and enjoyable school year.

Firstly, thank you to our teachers and SNA's for all the work they have done helping and guiding our pupils. Thank you to Attracta, our secretary, for her patience and cheerfulness dealing with all our daily requests and demands. Thank you to Gerard for his work looking after the school building and grounds.

Secondly, thank you to the parents for their support and guidance of our young people as they continue to grow and learn.

Finally, thank you to the Board of Management of the school for their assistance overseeing the management of the school.

I wish you an enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back Thursday 31st August 2023.

Slán go fóill!

David Gallagher

Pieta Amber Flag



We are delighted that we were awarded our Amber Flag for all our hard work in helping to create a healthy and inclusive school environment. Thank you to our Amber Flag Committee for all their work. The Lenten Campaign that the sixth class pupils ran this year raised over 1700 euro for Havin' a Laugh and Pieta House in conjunction with the Amber Flag initiative. We raised our Amber Flag on the 22nd of June, with a treat to celebrate after, kindly sponsored by Michael Higgins of Regional Stores. We are proud to see the flag flying high!

Students Council

Thank you to our Students Council for all their dedicated work in improving our school. This year they introduced a buddy system in the junior yard where some 5th and 6th class children play games with the younger children in our school. They also gave the students voice to the Cruinniú na nÓg survey run by Sligo County Library. Well done!

B.L.A.S.T

The children in Ms Gallagher's 4th / 5th class were involved in the BLAST project this term. The Bringing Live Art to Students and Teachers Project was facilitated by artist Jo Lewis. The children were very well able to express their unique creativity using charcoal to make drawings and clay and plaster cast to make tiles. A final collective piece of artwork was produced by the children as a result of the project and this will go on display in the school very soon.

Sports Report

Congratulations to the girls Cumann na mBunscol winning team who played in the final in Markievicz park on Saturday 10th June against Moylough. The final score was 8-7. The girls played very well as a team and showed great commitment and determination to win against a very fluent Moylough team.

The boys hurling team played a semi final match on Wednesday 14th in Skreen against Corballa NS. Both teams were evenly matched and the game went to extra time with the teams level after the first period. Corballa finally won the match by 3 points in the second period of extra time.

Congratulations to Dualta McGuaran who won the Puc Fada competition in Markievicz Park on Thursday 15th June representing Calry NS.

The boys football shield semi-final took place on Tuesday 13th June in St. John's Carraroe. The boys first played a semi-final match against St. Brendan's and progressed to the final against Ardkeeran NS. The final against Ardkeeran was very closely contested and the game went to extra time. In the end, the Calry boys just did enough to come out on top.

Policies

Our school's Anti-bullying policy has been updated and ratified by the school's Board of Management in April 2023. It is available to view on our school website www.calryns.ie

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ms Gráinne Horan and her partner Shane who welcomed a little baby boy in May!



Music Generation

4th, 5th and 6th class pupils attended the Music Generation Concert 7th June in the Knocknarea Arena performing on violin for the assembled audience. This has been their second year learning to play violin and many of the pupils have made great progress and show genuine interest in continuing to learn the instrument outside of school.

Say Yes to Languages

Over 85 third to sixth class pupils took part in the Primary Language Sampler module, 'Say Yes to Languages' for the first time this year.

'Say Yes To Languages' offers an introduction into a variety of modern foreign languages as well as Irish Sign Language (ISL), and looks to also raise awareness among pupils of the diversity of languages being used by their peers both in school and the wider community.

Niamh Barry, a French teacher in St Attracta's Community School delivered the module this year at Calry NS and was excited to have the opportunity to share her passion for French with the pupils here

Feedback from both pupils and teachers was very positive and we thank Niamh for delivering the initiative to our pupils with such enthusiasm and positivity.

Parents' Association News

Many thanks to the Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Children of Calry NS for their support for the PA over the past academic year and in particular to all the helpers who volunteered to make Funday 2023 the success it was.

Calry PA is a small informal group who do what we can when we can. Some have left with this year's 6th class '23 and a few more will be leaving with next year's 6th class '24.

It would be lovely to see some new faces joining the PA (officially or unofficially)

next academic year so that Calry PA can segway smoothly into September 2024.

If you would like to offer your support or ideas, contact Attracta at the school or quirketara@hotmail.com.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer

Calry PA

Gardening

4th and 5th class had a great year in the garden / polytunnel. They spent lots of time preparing the soil, weeding, planting and harvesting. We look forward to having our own pumpkins for Halloween 2023.

Summer Holidays!

School will close for summer holidays on Friday 30th June at 12:30pm. School reopens for pupils on Thursday 31st August 2023. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer holiday!

