



EMPER NEWS

End of Year Newsletter

Wishing Our 6th Class Students the Very Best

As the school year comes to a close, we bid a fond farewell to our wonderful 6th Class students as they prepare to begin an exciting new chapter in secondary school. We are so proud of all they have achieved during their time here and know they will continue to shine in the years ahead. A special mention goes to Grace Clancy, Tomás Maxwell-Duggan, Callum Byrne, and Charlie Flanagan – each of you will be greatly missed by staff and students alike. Your journey is just beginning, and we can't wait to hear about the wonderful things you'll go on to do!



Wishing Mr. Shannon a Wonderful Retirement.

After 17 incredible years of dedicated service to Emper National School, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes to Mr. Shannon as he begins his well-earned retirement.

Throughout his time with us, Mr. Shannon has been much more than a teacher — he has been a passionate promoter of sport, a patient coach, and a guiding hand to so many of our children. His enthusiasm and leadership in organising our annual Small Schools Tournament every September created lasting memories for pupils, parents, and staff alike.

Mr. Shannon's contributions went far beyond the playing field. Each Christmas, he generously gave his time and creative input to help with backdrops and music selections for our school concerts, adding that special festive magic that made those performances so memorable.

On behalf of everyone at Emper NS and the wider community, we offer our deepest thanks to Mr. Shannon for his commitment, kindness, and tireless work over the years. You have left a lasting legacy, and you will be greatly missed.



Iggy Fulham Tournament:

Our students had a fantastic day representing the school at the Iggy Fulham Tournament! It was a day full of energy, enthusiasm, and excellent teamwork as the children competed with determination and pride. Throughout the tournament, our teams demonstrated not only impressive skill but also outstanding sportsmanship.



Sports Day

Our 6th Class students are stepping up to take on a big responsibility—they are currently planning a fantastic 'Sports Day' for the entire school! This group project is a wonderful opportunity for teamwork, leadership, and creativity.

From fun races to inventive games, they're working hard to ensure everyone has an enjoyable and active day.

Retirement Mass

To give Mr. Shannon the warm send-off he truly deserves, we are inviting everyone to join us for his Retirement Mass on Thursday, 19th June at 9:30am in Emper church.

Following the mass, there will be tea and sandwiches in the school hall, where presentations will be made. We hope you can join us to share stories, have the chats, and celebrate this very special occasion together.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Emper National School & Community



RSE Talk for 6th Class Pupils

We are pleased to welcome Nurse Mary, who will deliver an informative and age-appropriate RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) talk to our 6th class pupils on Wednesday, 18th June 2025.

This valuable session will help support students as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

We're also delighted to be joined on the day by pupils from Moyvore NS and Milltown NS, making it a shared learning experience for all involved.

Celebrating Our Young Poets

A huge congratulations to Jayden Moran, who achieved 2nd place in the prestigious Goldsmith Poetry Competition—a fantastic accomplishment! We also extend our congratulations to Grace Clancy, who was highly commended for her beautiful and thoughtful entry. Closer to home, we are delighted to announce that Kathryn Kiernan has been awarded the Anne Maxwell Shield for her outstanding poem in our own school poetry competition. Well done to all three students for their creativity, effort, and love of language. We are incredibly proud of your achievements!



Creative Art with David

This week, our young artists had an unforgettable experience in Creative Art with David! The hall buzzed with excitement as children explored their imaginations using cardboard boxes!

With total freedom to design, cut, tape, and build, the children transformed simple cardboard into hospitals, rockets, stables, animals, and even abstract sculptures and nature scenes. It was a joy to watch their creativity unfold, with each design more imaginative and exciting than the last.

The classroom was alive with creativity, collaboration, and laughter as each child brought their vision to life. To celebrate their hard work, everyone had the chance to present their masterpiece in a special 'show and tell'. It was wonderful to see them confidently explaining their ideas and sharing what inspired their designs with the rest of the class.



GAA Coaching

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their GAA coaching sessions this term, led by our fantastic coach, Bernie Corroon. Each week, the pupils have been actively engaged in learning and developing key GAA skills through a variety of fun and inclusive games. Coach Bernie's sessions not only helped improve the children's coordination, teamwork, and fitness, but also fostered a great enthusiasm for Gaelic games. The activities were designed to be enjoyable for all and have successfully promoted the spirit and values of the GAA in our school community.



School Garden

The children worked hard in the school garden this year. They grew lettuce, onions, cabbage, cauliflower, potatoes, and a variety of herbs. It was a fantastic way to bring learning outdoors and see first-hand what's involved in growing our own food. Well done to all our young gardeners.



NCCA Photoshoot!

We are thrilled to share that our school has been selected to take part in the upcoming NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment) photoshoot! This is a fantastic opportunity and a real privilege for our school community. The children will be photographed for use in the new curriculum materials, which will be published next year. It's incredibly exciting to know that our pupils will be featured in educational resources used by schools across the country. We are delighted to be part of this national project. Keep an eye out next year — you might just spot some familiar faces in the new curriculum books!

School Tour

There's a real buzz of excitement in the air as our students get ready for their upcoming school tours! Our Junior classes will be heading off on their adventure this Monday.

Meanwhile, our Senior students are eagerly counting down the days to their tour on June 20th.

End of academic year!

As we come to the close of this academic term, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their unwavering support over the past year. It has been a thoroughly wonderful experience getting to know the wider Emper community, and I feel truly privileged to be part of such a vibrant school. What fantastic children we have, each one a credit to their families. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break. I look forward to seeing you again in the new school year.

Warm regards,

Ms Brennan