

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

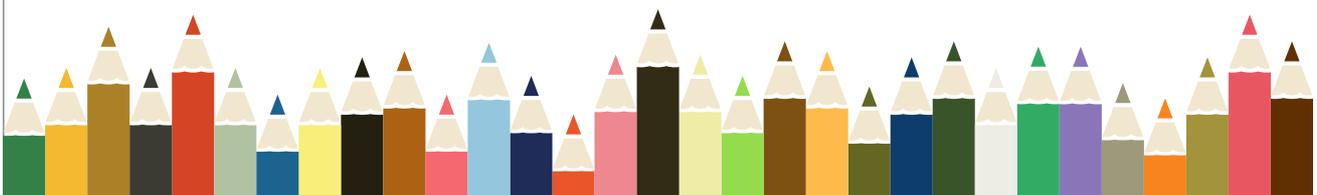
## St. Patrick's NS Ughtyneill



## Goodbye to another year!

It's been a wonderful end to a busy year in St. Patrick's NS. It was lovely to see so many school activities back this year Post-Covid. We welcomed four new infants in September, joined thousands in the RDS for Peace Proms in February, wore the new school team kit with pride at many sporting events and earned an Amber flag in June. What a year! With the celebrations of each year always comes the goodbyes and this year we say farewell to three sixth class pupils. Evan, Danny and Will leave us and head off to the next exciting chapter in their education. We had a lovely evening on Wednesday as we held, what is becoming an annual tradition, the end of year concert. The sun was shining as we enjoyed poems and presentations. There was a real showcase of musical talents from everyone - whistle players, ukulele players and even some song writers all brought together by Harry.

Evan, Danny and Will have brought so much joy to the school. They are energetic and full of fun and their sporting talents will certainly be missed by everyone! We wish them well in their new schools and hope they come back to see us soon! We also say goodbye to the Smyth and Gorman families as this marks the end of their time in Ughtyneill. I want to thank both families for their involvement with committees and the support they have given the school over the years.



## Sports Day

We had a super day in Moynalty GAA on June 12th as Noreen had



organised a fun day for all schools in the parish. Over 170 children from Ughtyneill, Maio and Moynalty all joined together for games, matches and ice cream! It was lovely for the children to see



their friends from other schools and it was a really enjoyable day for everyone.

## Maths Whizz

Students from 1st to 6th have been using Maths Whizz all this year and last week we were notified that we were consistently one of the top performing schools using the programme and have won staff training to the value of €3500 - well done everyone!



## School Tour

We had a great day in Dublin on Friday last. The children had such fun in Jumpzone - the inflatable obstacles, slides, mazes and even a dodge-ball court was impressive. Everyone



from junior infants to sixth found something to keep them happy! The weather stayed dry for the most part which allowed us

make the most of Malahide Castle playground and the trip on the train was a lovely



end to the day. Lots of tired bodies on the way home but a fun day none the less!

## Amber Flag Celebrations



## Dogs Trust

We had a really informative chat with Paul from Dog's Trust last week. He talked through tips about responsible dog ownership and safety. The children really enjoyed sharing stories about their own dogs and hearing about the dogs Paul works with in Dog's Trust.

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Maisie, Conor and Andrew who celebrated their First Holy Communion on May 13th. A beautiful sunny day was enjoyed by all.



## Robotics in Cormeen

The senior room had an interesting visit to Cormeen in May when the Microsoft Dream Space organised a taster session in coding and robotics.

## Summer birthdays

We like to celebrate birthdays in Ughtyneill so Happy Birthday to: Ciarán, Aidan, Amber & Grace who all have birthdays during the summer holidays. We hope you have a lovely day.

Our hard working committee were delighted when we got the news that our



submission for an Amber Flag had been accepted. The team had some great ideas and we got to



experience lots of new things this year. We had a great Mental Health week with daily dancing, a weaving workshop, daily



'chillax' time and the board game fundraiser. The senior room did a great job making the games and the junior room definitely enjoyed playing them! It was great to have Will and



Katelyn as the youngest and oldest members of the Amber Committee raise the flag on Wednesday night. Thanks to Ben for his work on the microphone too!



As we come to the end of another busy year it's nice to look back on all that has happened while looking forward to the good things to come. Ughtyneill NS is a special place thanks to the dedication, commitment and collaboration of the pupils, staff, parents and committees involved in the school. We look forward to a lovely, restful summer break while thinking about the what lies ahead for the new year.

- As we say farewell to our sixth class boys we look forward to welcoming new students in September. We were delighted to meet new families at our open day in January and look forward to them joining us in September. The school will always welcome new pupils so if there are any queries about enrolment please email the office ([secretary@ughtyneillns.com](mailto:secretary@ughtyneillns.com)) at any time during the summer.
- The Parents Association have been working hard as always and I want to thank them for their continued support of the school. It's been busy this year and they are already looking at events for next year. One of the big projects will be the school grounds so we will be looking for ideas, suggestions and volunteers as we plan for the best use of the space around the school - any seasoned gardeners, we'd love to hear from you!
- Our building project hasn't moved along as fast as we had hope this year - there were delays with the Department and we are still negotiating the next step in the process. We will keep you up to date as things progress.
- Ms Hackett has been working in the junior room on Fridays this year but she will be returning to her school in Kells in September. We wish her well for the next school year. Our staff next year will be Ms Flanagan & Maureen in the Junior Room, Ms Poyntz in the Senior Room and Ms Gordon will be our support teacher. Ms Sheanon will take Ms Hackett's role and be in the junior room on Thursday's next year.
- Pupils from 1st to 6th will once again be using the online maths programme, Maths Whizz next year - the children have really enjoyed it this year and we have seen the benefits in learning for everyone.
- GAA - it has been great working with Noreen and she will be back with us again next year. It was great to take part in so many sporting events last year and we hope to have even more next year.

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to welcoming everyone back again on August 30th.

*Gráinne Flanagan*