



Abbeyleix South National School
Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Laoise Theas



Dear Parents/Guardians

The last term is here and hopefully the nice weather will arrive and stay with us for a while.

In May we would like to get outdoors and enjoy the wonderful grounds and surroundings that we have. We are looking for some assistance this month with maintaining and enhancing our school grounds.

I hope that you can help out. Thank you.

Joanne Jackson.



Seeking Buddy Benches

What is a Buddy Bench?

Sometimes called a friendship bench, these benches are provided on school playgrounds as a way for students to signal to others that they are feeling lonely and isolated and need a friend to play with or someone to talk to.

Buddy benches are one tool that can help promote kindness and empathy.

At present we have one buddy bench in school and we are looking to add a number of benches around the school yard.

If you can help to revamp our current bench or supply a bench that can be upcycled please contact the school office at 057 8731920 or office@abbeyleixsouthns.ie



April was World Autism Awareness Month. LOFFA - Laois Offaly Families for Autism ran their annual 'Rainbow Day' on Friday, April 26th. We were delighted to take part in this colourful day to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.



Hockey Ireland

We welcome Emmet Hughes to our school.

He is coaching hockey to all our pupils.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Hockey with Emmet continues on Fridays 3rd & 10th
 - Bank Holiday, Monday 6th May
 - Soccer with Sylvia continues on Mondays 13th & 20th
 - Bike trip to Abbyleix Estate for 3rd-6th classes
Friday 17th May
 - School Fair, Friday 31st May
 - Bank Holiday, Monday 3rd June
 - New Junior Infants, introductory day
Wednesday 12th June
 - Children's Festival Service
Friday 14th June
 - **Family Fun Day**,
Sunday 16th June
- School Tours in June**
- Infant School Tour
Wednesday 19th June
 - First Class – Third Class Tour
Friday 7th June
 - Fourth Class – Sixth Class Tour
Thursday 13th June
- End of Year Service
Thursday 20th June
 - Summer Holidays
Friday 21st June, school closes at 12 noon.



In Abbyleix South National School we are passionate about creating a beautiful environment where children can relax, play and learn about nature.

If you would like to help by joining in with digging, weeding, watering and planting, you would be made very welcome.

Our plan is to arrange a regular gardening slot after school.

Please contact the school office at 057 8731920 or office@abbyleixsouthns.ie if you are available.



Our pupils can avail of the school meals programme each day free of charge. Bradbury's provide our healthy school lunches daily and we are delighted to offer hot lunches for all pupils.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Well done to the pupils in First Class and Second Class who led our end of April assembly. The pupils taught everyone about the Book of Psalms and they sang a song called 'The Good Song'.
Super work!



