



Abbeyleix South National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Laoise Theas

May & June Newsletter 2023

Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

What a busy last term! Well done to all involved in the many activities held over the past two months. Thank you for all the well wishes on the birth of my baby son, a big thank you to Ms. Whiteford, Mrs. Mythen and Mrs. Bergin for their management of the school while I was on maternity leave.

Have a lovely summer break,

Joanne Jackson.

Bishop's Poster Competition



Congratulations to Keelin O'Brien Crosland. Keelin came third in her category.

Leugh National School Showjumping Competition – a very special day

Olivia and Alice Bradley and Lucy and Emma Sweetman took part in The Leugh National School Showjumping competition at Cashel Equestrian Centre.

We are all so proud of the girls and how well they represented the school.
Congratulations!



School Fair

Our annual School Fair took place on Tuesday 30th May.

Fifth and Sixth Class pupils planned all the stalls.

They displayed fantastic entrepreneurial skills.

Parents enjoyed light refreshments and the day was enjoyed by all.



African Drumming Night

Our African Night was held on Friday 1st June in St. Michael and All Angels' Church and what a success it was. We are all so grateful to Eddie, a master musician for teaching our pupils with such expertise.

Well done to all the raffle winners and thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.



Active Week

Our annual Active Week took place from Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June. We had a Bike Day and the pupils from 3rd to 6th classes cycled to Abbeyleix Estate to spend some time with the gardener there and then Viscount De Vesci shared historical information about the church.



We had our Sports Day too with all the races, orienteering and some water fun for senior pupils.



National Schools' Festival Service

Over five hundred pupils gathered in St. Canice's Cathedral on Friday 9th June, for the National Schools' Festival service. Thank you to the Kilkenny Model School who co-ordinated the service.

Well done to our pupils who read so well at this service.



Our School Tours



The Infant Tour took place on Wednesday 14th June at Playtown, Tullamore. It was a fantastic day out.



First, Second and Third Class pupils enjoyed a lovely day out on Wednesday 14th June at Adventure World Camp, Watershed, Kilkenny.



Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class pupils set off to Bay Sports, Athlone on Wednesday 7th June. A fantastic tour!

Bishop Wilkinson's Visit

We were delighted that Bishop Adrian Wilkinson came to the Abbeyleix South National School on Wednesday 17th May when he visited all four classrooms, spoke with the pupils and met with the staff.



Super Musicians

We are very proud of our young musicians who won medals at the Ceoltas Fleadh held in May. We all enjoyed listening to them play in assembly.



Annual Prize Winners

We are very proud of all our pupils for all that they have accomplished this year.



Amelia Lally
The Lochaden Shield
for joined handwriting.



Mark Cleary
The Clonking Cup
for exceptional test
results.



Simon Shirley & Daniel Walsh
The Telford Trophy
for the most helpful and diligent
pupils.



**Keelin O'Brien Croslan
& Lucy Bohan**
The Wallace Endeavour Cup
for 'All-round contribution and
commitment to school life'.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

We wish our pupils in Sixth Class farewell and good luck as they progress to Secondary School. Thank you for contributing so positively to the life of Abbeyleix South National School.

