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St. Farnan's Post-Primary Summer Newsletter 2018.



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter 2018. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year. The last term is always a busy one. Third Year and Sixth Year students continue to prepare for their State Examinations. We wish them the best of luck in those and ask them to remember that every minute studying counts.

This has been an extremely successful and positive year for our school community whether it be in the academic, artistic, musical or playing field. Our students have excelled in all departments. A reminder to all prospective first years that our uniform will change this year. We still have the maroon coloured jumper, white shirt, black leather shoes for all. Boys continue to wear the grey school uniform trousers. First year girls will have a box pleat skirt. This will be available on sale on August 20th in the school. Please read all the information contained in this newsletter to get a taste of the huge range of events and activities that are available to our pupils. A special thank you to our dedicated staff who make all this possible. Special thanks also to our excellent students that participate in these many opportunities.

Finally, on behalf of all in St Farnan's Post Primary School, may I wish you all a lovely Summer.
Eddie Collins, Principal.

St. Farnan's Credit Union Branch



St. Farnan's Credit Union Update

2017/2018 has seen the launch and opening of St Farnan's first ever Credit Union. TY students have worked very hard in opening the Credit Union, well done to all involved as this was no small task!

We finish this year with a strong membership, a strong Board of Directors and Supervisory committee. The incoming TY students will build on the foundations laid down by the current TY students and immediate goals will be to build membership and be innovative with the services available from the Credit Union. Exciting times ahead!

Key Dates for the Autumn term

June 6th: State Examinations begin.

August 24th: 1st years & TY students return to school

August 27th: 1st, 3rd, TY & 5th years in school

August 28th: All students back to school

September 27th: School Awards Night

October 11th: Open Night
October 15th-26th: GLCA Work Experience

November 12th-23rd: TY Work Experience

December 10th-21st: SLCA Work Experience



Our TY Adventure Trip to Killary Written by Leah Farrell, TY

Over the years every TY group goes on an overnight trip to celebrate their achievements and good behaviour throughout the year. This year our TY group travelled to Killary Adventure Centre in Connemara, Co. Galway with Mr Malone, Ms Ennis, Ms Gunning and of course, Paddy the bus driver. We were all dreading the four hour bus journey but as a surprise we stopped off in Galway City at Pure Skill activity centre where we got to try many different types of sport like baseball, Cricket, Hurling, Tennis and where we found out that Ms. Gunning has a very competitive streak. The overall winners were Donal Fitzpatrick and Aoibh Harman. During our stay in Killary, the activities we took part in were archery, where there were a few near misses, Skyfall, where we jumped 40 feet. Kayaking, where some people ended up in the water, Raft Building, where a few capsized, the Killary Challenge, which tested our team work skills and the most important one, the Turf Challenge, as seen on Ireland's Fittest Family, which was full of fun, laughter, tears and of course a lot of mud! All in all our trip was enjoyable and one to remember as we improved on working together and we learned a lot about ourselves and each other. There were many funny moments like when Ms Ennis needed to be rescued from the muck by Colm Moran and Ms Gunning! Overall this trip was the main highlight of TY and one we will always remember!



Events & Successes celebrated this term!

- St. Farnan's Senior Boys Gaelic Football team were crowned Leinster Champions following a comprehensive victory over HFC Rathcoole
- Our two TY classes graduated on May 23rd
- 6th year classes celebrated their Graduation from school on May 24th
- First Aid courses completed by two groups of parents
- Interviews and selection of next year's Senior Prefects
- Trips for 6th years and TYs organised by the Art Department to the National Gallery, the National Museum & IMMA
- 5th year LCA had a Cinema Trip as part of their Film Studies Module
- TY groups visited Croke Park with the PE Dept.
- 5th year Ecology Trip to Dublin Zoo
- TY Adventure Trip to Killary Harbour
- 1st year Boys competed with great distinction in a Rugby Blitz in Athy RFC
- 1st year end of year trip to the National Heritage Park in Wexford
- LCVP Class organised a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as part of their Enterprise Module
- Official Opening of the school's new Sensory Garden

Well done to Mr. Delaney, Mr. McGovern and Jim who raised over €900 for Pieta House with a Head Shave - thank you to all the students and staff who supported this great cause!



Great performance at 1st year Rugby Blitz

St. Farnan's competed in their first rugby blitz on Friday, May 8th. The boys played extremely well on the day. They won one game, drew one game and lost their first game. A special mention has to go to Michael Dempsey in Second Year for all his hard work over the season training every Thursday. Also to Jason Tyrell, Vincent Swords, and Barry Brady who had barnstorming performances on the day. Well done to all the lads involved—see you all at the start of September for a full season of competitive rugby.

Mr. Furey



PLC eBusiness Course Applications Welcome

St. Farnan's Post Primary School is now enrolling for its eBusiness - Information Technology Course, commencing Sept 2018. Subjects include eBusiness, Web Authoring, Desktop Publishing, Computerised Accounts, Internet and many other computer based modules. This course is Certified by QQI, formerly FETAC - Level 5. Learners may be eligible for a grant or Back to Education allowance. This eBusiness course is suitable for people who have completed their Leaving Certificate and for those who wish to up skill and return to the workforce or continue on to Further Education. For further details and to download an application form, please visit the school's website www.stfarnans.ie or email info@stfarnans.ie. Alternatively phone the school office on 045-868152 as soon as possible as places are limited.

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1st year Trip to the National Heritage Park in Wexford



HSCCL Summer Update, by Andrew Little.

2017-2018 has been a fast and busy year. This academic year has seen new offerings for parents from the HSCCL and Student Support Team. The focus of the year has been breaking the boundaries for parents. This has seen over 90 parents welcomed into the school to complete a range of courses. These courses have included: Building Self Esteem in Teens, Drug & Alcohol Awareness, Maths for Parents, Parents Plus and First Aid for Parents.

I am already planning for next year and I hope to welcome as many parents back for a new range of courses. Any suggestions are welcome and you can contact me on 0877554770. In the meantime, I wish all parents an enjoyable and safe summer. I look forward to working in partnership with you in 2018-2019 in making school a positive experience for your child.

Leinster Schools Senior D Champions!

St. Farnan's Prosperous 4-9; HFCS Rathcoole 0-4

St. Farnan's Post Primary School Prosperous were ruthless in victory as they claimed the Top Oil Leinster Post Primary Schools Senior D Football title at Blanchardstown IT on May 17th. St. Farnan's had already contested an All-Ireland semi-final due to this decider being postponed due to delays with the running of the Dublin competition, but despite this delay and the need for St. Farnan's to change to an alternative kit the result was never in doubt. The game was notable for a fine man marking display from Cillian Manders on Dublin Minor midfielder Alex O' Neill and the Farnan's tight defensive unit. Both sides had an array of chances in the opening few minutes with Emmet Donoghue and Eoin Bagnall both firing wide inside two minutes. It wasn't until the seventh minute that Farnan's opened the scoring via the left foot of wing back Darren Judge. The Allenwood clubman was cool, calm and collected throughout as he conducted the game from the half back line with his fellow club mates Jason Wyse and Mark Byrne. St. Farnan's were in the ascendancy for the rest of the first half as they raced to a 2-5 to 0-0 score line. Ballyteague man Conor Hanley and Robertstown's Brion Kennedy scored the goals for Farnan's while any potential chances that HFCS engineered were brought to an abrupt halt due to the physicality of the Farnan's full back line in particular Paraic Hanley. Man of the Match Eoin Bagnall was also quite clinical throughout this period as he chipped in with three points. Farnan's could have had some more scores, but HFCS worked hard in defence with their keeper Kristupas Gadiamavicius denying Daniel Lynam of a goal, after the Caragh man showed great speed cutting through the middle. HFCS opened their account in the 24th minute with a James Timmins point followed by a score from Dublin minor midfielder Alex O' Neill after a well worked team move. HFCS dominated this period scoring three out of their four scores between the 24th and 29th minutes. This resurgence was short lived as Brion Kennedy slotted in his second goal after a strong run from centre back Mark Byrne. St. Farnan's were dealt a blow just before half time when midfielder Jack Turbett received a second yellow card for a foul on James Timmins. Hopes of a HFCS second half revival were short lived after the restart as a Darren Judge free and a hat trick goal from Brion Kennedy put the result beyond doubt. This moved the score line to 4-8 to 0-3 after 44 minutes. In the 50th minute after a strong Alex O' Neill run, he was fouled inside the square and was awarded a penalty. To the sheer delight of the Farnan's travelling support Luke Anderson dived low to his right hand side and making a terrific save. Brendan o' Halloran managed only a point from the rebound and this proved to be Rathcoole's final score of the game.

After the game St Farnan's joint captains Ollie Hogarty and the injured Billy Maher received the trophy from Leinster GAA schools officer, Tadhg Doran, who also presented the Man of the Match Award to Eoin Bagnall.

St. Farnan's, Prosperous: Luke Anderson (Allenwood), Paraic Hanley (Ballyteague), Oliver Hogarty (Robertstown), Craig Lenehan (Allenwood), Jason Wyse (Allenwood), Mark Byrne (Allenwood), Darren Judge 0-2 (Allenwood), Jack Turbett (Allenwood), Cillian Manders (Caragh), Lorcan Behan (Caragh), Emmet Donoghue 0-1 (Caragh), Daniel Lynam (Caragh), Conor Hanley 1-0 (Ballyteague), Brion Kennedy 3-0 (Robertstown), Eoin Bagnall 0-6 (Allenwood). Subs: Josh Lee (St. Kevin's) for Kennedy 51; Richard Dynan (Ballyteague) for Hogarty 51; Colm Moran (Allenwood) for Daniel Lynam 54. Selectors: Denis Malone and Seán Langton.

