



St. Farnan's Post-Primary Summer Newsletter 2019.



Message from the Principal

Welcome to our school's Summer newsletter! This has been another successful year for our school community in the academic, artistic, musical realms and on the playing field. Our students have excelled in all departments, guided carefully by our very willing and giving staff. At the moment the school is preparing for Graduations, Transition Year and Sixth Year while not forgetting the preparation for our State Examinations. This last term, while short has been packed with activities for all years, whether it be the Fifth Year European Tour or the First Year tour to Redhill's Adventure Centre. Our sixth year and third year students were kept busy with various parts of their State Examinations taking place. These included Practical tests in Engineering, Construction Studies, Art, Music, Home Economics and Languages. Our LCA and LCVP students also had part of their final exams also. I ask you to read the newsletter which is also available on our website, to see the wide range of activities available in our school. Finally may I take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for your hard work and dedication to St Farnan's and to wish our Examination students the very best of luck in their exams.

Eddie Collins, Principal.

St. Farnan's are U16 Leinster Champions!



Congratulations to our U16 Leinster Champions as they were dominant in victory against Ardscoil Chiarain from Clara with a final score line of St. Farnan's, Prosperous: 6-10, Clara: 4-6. Congratulations on such a well-deserved and emphatic victory to the panel and their coaches, Mr. Malone and Mr. Langton!



Gaeltacht Scholarship Win

On April 29th 2019, I was privileged to have been awarded the prestigious Kildare County Council Scholarship to attend the Gaeltacht in Coláiste Gale Linn, Baile an Inbhir in Co. Donegal. I was presented with the scholarship in Áras Chill Dara in Naas in front of representatives of the Board of Directors of the Scholarship Committee. I was one of five students om

Co. Kildare to win this esteemed opportunity to attend the Gaeltacht for a three week course. The course runs from June 16th to July 7th. This scholarship is an extraordinary opportunity that I was delighted to receive. It includes participation in a water sports module as well as attending daily classes and staying with a local Bean an Tí. I am extremely appreciative of this opportunity to improve my confidence in speaking and writing Irish. In addition to this, I am really looking forward to making new friends and to becoming involved in activities that I wouldn't have had the chance to do., had I not received this award.

- Amy O'Rourke, 5th year.

Some of the Events & Successes celebrated this term!

- Breakfast Club is taking place every morning in the canteen
- Spanish Club Cosmo is meeting every Tuesday lunchtime in Room 17
- Open Mic sessions are on every Tuesday lunchtime in R. 19
- Board Games Club is meeting every Thursday lunchtime in R. 19
- Our U16 boys won the Leinster Gaelic Football Final!
- European Tour—large group of 66 5th year students and staff travelled to northern Italy— Verona, Venice, Gardaland, Lake Garda & more!
- Selection of new Senior Prefects
- Graduation Ceremonies held for our TY & 6th year students
- PLC Class completed their QQI Level 5 course in eBusiness
- School Equestrian team competed in Inter-Schools Competition
- TY students had a very enjoyable end to their year with many highlights including a Forensics Workshop, a Coding Workshop, a trip to Croke Park and an Adventure Trip to the Waterford Greenway
- 1st year Volleyball Blitz
- Annual School Sports Day & matches between the senior students and staff in basketball and soccer
- Dinner celebration for this year's outstanding Senior Prefects
- 5th year Ecology Field Trip to Dublin Zoo
- Guest speaker, Adam Harris from AsIAm, spoke with all senior students and parents about Autism
- Leaving Cert. Art trip to the National Gallery of Ireland
- Our Ladies Gaelic Football team was one of the winners of the Lidl Jerseys & Equipment Competition
- Successful application to secure additional funding for our Sensory Garden from Kildare County Council
- The Pope John Paul II Award participants from Cooleragh and Staplestown Parish brought the Parish Novena to school
- 1st year class De Dannan won the prize for cleanest base room—well done!
- 1st year End of Year trip to Redhills Adventure Centre



- Information Evening for incoming 1st year students
- Individual successes and achievements by many students in their various sports including Martin Whelan (discus, javelin, shot putt), Callum Howley (rugby), Lauren McArdle (gymnastics), Bernard Cawley (boxing), Anna Price, Orlaith O'Mahony, Eoin Bagnall, Jamie O'Brien (all gaelic football),

Key Dates

June 5th: State Examinations begin.

July 1st: Final date for CAO change of mind forms.

August 13th: Leaving Cert. Results.

August 16th: CAO first round offers.

August 19th & 20th: Book Rental Payment Days & School Jumper Sales

August 23rd: 1st years & TY students return to school

August 26th: 1st, 3rd & 6th years return to school.

August 27th: All students return to school.



Overview of our 1st year Programme



Our 1st years have had a very full year in school! As well as the normal classes of English, Maths, Geography etc., they have had the opportunity to take part in projects, research, presentations, wellbeing activities, playing on school sports teams and so much more



- Stem Workshop
- Drumming Workshop
- Ice - Skating
- Swimming
- Roller Skating
- Dance

- School Talent Show
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Pizza Party
- Volleyball Blitz
- Sports Day
- Quizzes
- End of Year Trip....



QQI Level 5 Course in eBusiness

St. Farnan's Post Primary School is now enrolling for its eBusiness - Information Technology Course, commencing Sept 2019. 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 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.



Wishing all our students, parents and staff a very enjoyable summer break!
St. Farnan's will reopen for 1st years and TYs on Friday, August 23rd. 2019.

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This year's European Tour saw 59 students and 6 teachers travel to Northern Italy for three nights. The tour consisted of days in Verona, Venice, Gardaland and Lake Garda. The highlights included; the amphitheatre in Verona, Juliet's House/Balcony, the theme park Gardaland, a boat trip of Sirmione, an ice cream making class, cable car to the peak of Monte Baldo and of course the day in Venice (especially the private Gondolas and the Leonardo da Vinci exhibition). All students were brilliantly behaved for the duration of the trip and were excellent ambassadors for our school and country. Mr. Little and Ms. Breslin have already started thinking of next year's trip, so 3rd years and Transition years..... start saving over the summer! Deposits are usually €200 - €250 and will be due for payment in September.

HSCL Updates

2018-2019 has been a very busy year. It has been great to see so many parents/guardians get involved in the school. This year has seen many new opportunities and courses run through the HSCL programme. The courses run included; Maths for Parents, Ipads/Smartphones and Cybersafety, SafeTalk- Suicide alertness and prevention, Building Resilience in your Teen, Christmas Cake Decorating, Fitness class for Parents and Understanding Self-Harm (pictured below). In addition, this academic year saw the launch of the parent/guardian walking group christened ... walk and talk. Please keep an eye out on the website and Facebook page for courses and initiatives for parents/guardians. All are welcome. Until September, I wish you all an enjoyable and healthy summer. Andrew.

