

MYSHALL NATIONAL SCHOOL



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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021

Dear parents/guardians,

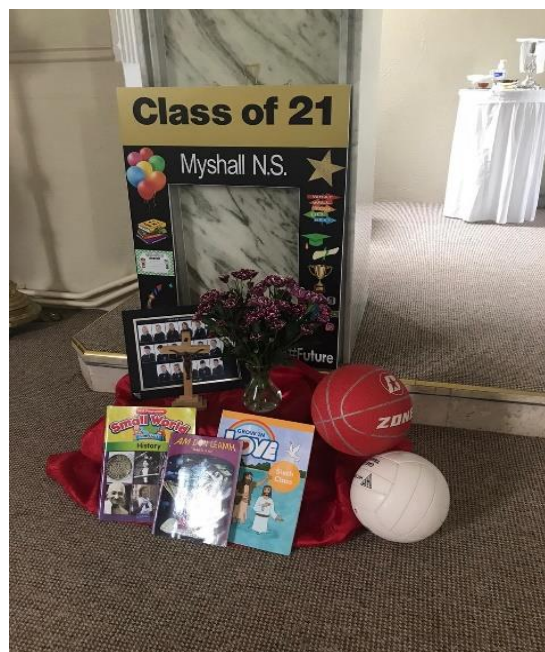
Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. In this newsletter, you will find the latest news and some reminders from our school and remember to keep an eye on the school website www.myshallns.ie for up-dates!



Farewell!

Farewell to our 6th Class!

This year we say goodbye to 20 amazing young people who leave us for new adventures in post-primary school. We know they will do us proud and we cannot wait to hear where life takes each of them. A Graduation Mass was held on June 25th in the Church and pupils were presented with their Certificate of Graduation, a school pen and a beautiful individualised wooden keepsake for them to paint. Pupils had earlier in the week received their class hoodies and proceeded to have a Pizza Party after their graduation Mass! Congratulations to: Tomás Doyle, Sophie Slye, Angel Mc Cormack, Tyler Cunningham, AJ Lambe, Charlie Nolan, Melissa Cunningham, Janine Scallan-Roberts, Alanna O' Neill, Jack Fagan, Eimear Nolan, Daniel O' Neill, Emma Shiel, Mya Farrell, Seán Healy, Alex Carroll, Tomas Butler, Síofra Nolan and Seán Doorley.



Outdoor Classroom



A new space, a new Mural!

As part of our plan to develop new and interesting areas in our school for pupils to learn in and engage with, we are developing an outdoor classroom at the rear of the school. In order to make the space more colourful and inviting, our 6th class with the help of a local Artist named Sharon painted a Mural on the wall of the area. They designed the mural themselves and decided each pupil would draw and paint their own sheep to reflect the rural community in which we live. Each sheep is unique and signed by each pupil. The pupils really enjoyed the project and it is a great legacy for our 6th class to leave behind. Well done 6th class and a huge thank to Sharon for her help!

WELCOME



NEW JUNIOR INFANTS

We are delighted to let you know that we have 13 new Junior Infants starting on Tuesday 31st August.

A note from the Principal

I would like to sincerely thank all the parents and families who have supported the school and the staff throughout this last year. It has been a tough year but we know we are a stronger school community for it. Thank you to all the staff whose commitment and dedication to our school and pupils is unwavering. I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you all towards the end of August.

Ms. Hazel Mc Wey

First Reconciliation & First Communion



While we have no exact dates for First Reconciliation or First Communion for our 2nd or 3rd Classes, hopefully we will be able to celebrate the Sacraments in September or October of the new school year.





A Visit from Minister Foley!

We were delighted to welcome the Minister of Education and Skills, Norma Foley to our school on Wednesday June 23rd. The Minister greeted all of the pupils outside the school and chatted with many of them and was asked loads of great questions.

As part of our Local History week last week, the 6th class gave the Minister a tour of The Adelaide Memorial Church, which she found fascinating. The Minister was then presented with flowers by Maisie from 5th Class and posed for photos with many of our classes. We were honoured to welcome the Minister as well as some of the local and National politicians of Carlow to our school.



Local History Week

On the week of June 21st Ms. James organised a local history week for the school. We had recordings about the history and Saints of Myshall, as well as guided Tree walks and trips to the Adelaide Memorial Church. Mrs. Fox took the 6th Class on the Myshall Heritage Walk and we learned a huge amount about our village that we never knew. The week was a great success and allowed classes to be outside and enjoy the good weather, learning and appreciating all that Myshall has to offer!

Our Visual Arts Day took place on Friday 4th June.

Both children and teachers enjoyed a day full of Visual Arts creation and learning. The art produced by all classes was amazing. The children took part in activities from across the strands of pottery and weaving to painting and printing, from the era of Impressionism to Pop Art and Street Art.



SPORTS

All pupils took part in a GAA training programme with Robert Sansom and Sean Nolan from Carlow GAA.

The children from 2nd class to 6th classes thoroughly enjoyed the summer sessions with the lads also and relished beating their teachers at dodgeball!!!

Our Annual ACTIVE WEEK took place during the week of 14th June where all children enjoyed a variety of fun games and a nice frozen treat on the final day.

MONIES FOR THE 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

- Due in September 2021 - the contribution fee for Art, Craft, Photocopying and Requisites which helps the school to cover the high costs of art equipment, paper, photocopying and other supplies to ensure we can provide every opportunity and access to all areas of the curriculum for our pupils for 2020/2021. Cost - €40 for one pupil, €80 for two pupils in family, maximum of €100 for 3 or more pupils in family.
- 24 Hour Insurance Cover - €9 per pupil
- Homework Journal for pupils in Senior Infants to 6th Class - €6 (to be confirmed in September)



The Parents' Council

The Parents' Council contribute hugely to our school. While they may not have been able to have events or fundraisers as we have done in the past, the Council have still made a massive contribution to the on-going plan of improvements in our school. €500 euro was allocated for new PE equipment in advance of our Active Schools' Week. The Council have also purchased the furniture for our new outdoor classroom which will be ready in September and which will be great addition to our school facilities. A particular thank you to the Parent's Council for organising and purchasing the beautiful individualised keepsakes for our 6th class pupils as well as contributing towards the cost of the class hoodies. We are so lucky to have a group of parents so dedicated to our school. Thank you to the Chairperson: Claire Ryan, Secretary: Tara Ryan, Treasurer: Alma Barry and PRO: Rita Rutkauskiene

MYSHALL NS STAFF 2021/2022

Ms. Hazel Mc Wey	Principal/6 th Class Teacher
Ms. Heather James	4 th & 5 th Class
Ms. Kathryn Carroll	3 rd Class
Ms. Aislinn Taylor/Ms. Bernie McDonald	1 st & 2 nd Class Teachers
Ms. Julie Bryan	Junior & Senior Infants
Ms. Emily Healy	SEN Teacher
Ms. Mairead Cashin	SEN Teacher
Ms. Claire Delaney	SNA & Secretary
Ms. Paula Kelly	SNA
Ms. Sharon Byrne	SNA
Mr. Seán Fitzpatrick	Caretaker
Mr. Ciarán Gahan	Caretaker
Ms. Ena Jordan	Cleaner

The Board of Management

The final Board of Management meeting of the year took place on June 15th at 8pm via Zoom.

The Board agreed that they will appoint a fixed term teacher to cover a Principal Release Cluster based in the school. This teacher will cover Ms. Mc Wey's Principal release day on Wednesdays and those of other principals in the area on subsequent days. The post has been approved by The Department of Education and Skills and the appointment process will occur over the summer.

The Board of Management would like to congratulate our 20 6th class graduates and wish them well as they leave us for secondary school.

The Board of Management would like to thank all the teachers, SNAs, our secretary, cleaner and caretakers for their hard work over the last year in what have been particularly challenging times.

We hope all pupils, families and staff have a restful and happy summer!



SCHOOL CALENDER 2021/2022

Month	Date	Event
31 st August 2021	Tuesday 31 st August 2021	School re-opens at 9.10am
October 2021	Monday 25 th October - Friday 30 th October 2021 inclusive	School closes for Mid-term Break on Friday 22 nd October at 3pm. School re-opens at 9.10am on Monday 1st November
December 2021/January 2022	Wednesday 22 nd December 2021 at 12noon - Wednesday 5 th January 2022 inclusive.	Christmas Holidays School closes at 12noon on Tuesday 22nd Dec and re-opens at 9.10am on Thursday 6 th January 2022
February 2022	Monday 21st February - Friday 25 th February 2022 inclusive	Mid-term Break. School closes on Friday 18 th February at 3pm. School re-opens at 9.10am on Monday 28 th February 2022
March 2022	Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th March 2022	School closed - St. Patrick's Day And extra day
April 2022	Monday 11 th April - Friday 22 nd April 2022 inclusive	School closes at 12noon on Friday 8th April for Easter Holidays School re-opens at 9.10am on Monday 25 th April 2022
May 2022	Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday - School closed
June 2022	Monday 6 th June 2022 + Tuesday 7 th June 2022 Thursday 30 th June 2022	School Closed - Bank Holiday + Extra Day - School re-opens 9.10am on 8 th June 2022 Summer Holidays. School closes at 12noon on 30th June