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We returned to school after a fantastic Easter break with staff and students refreshed and ready to tackle the remainder of the academic year. With the summer holidays on the horizon, there is much to look forward to as we continue to provide a stimulating and enriching learning environment for our students. Read on for updates and announcements in this month's newsletter.

Team Limerick Cleanup

As part of the 'Team Limerick Cleanup' initiative, the boys and girls in our school came together to clean up our local environment. We spent a day picking up litter between the school and the nearby well, and we were amazed at the amount of litter we were able to collect. It was a great experience to work together as a team and make a positive impact on our community.



Parents Association Easter Cake Sale

Our parents association held a very successful Easter Sunday cake sale with a variety of homemade cakes, buns, bread, cookies and apple tarts. Thank you to all those who turned up to support our school. We are very grateful for the Parents Association for all their hard work behind the scenes organising and fundraising for Scoil Náisiunta Loch Guir.

Rugby Blitz at Bruff RFC

On Friday 21st April, our school attended a rugby blitz at Bruff Rugby Club. We had an amazing time competing against other schools, and we owe a huge thank you to Danny Keogh and the rest of the organizers for putting together such a fantastic event. We also want to express our gratitude for the generous donation of rugby balls to our school.



ESB Science Blast

Our senior classroom is participating in the ESB Science Blast initiative, investigating the question "Does taking protein make you stronger?" The pupils are excited to conduct experiments and research to explore this topic. They will

showcase their findings at the ESB Science Blast event in Mary Immaculate College on Wednesday 24th May, where they will have the opportunity to share their knowledge and learn from others.

Soccer coaching

Thanks to Knockainey FC for offering soccer coaching through the club-school link. The role of the club school-link is vital in helping promote the game. We are very fortunate to have local Coach Malachy Hayes call to our school for the next four weeks to train the boys and girls.

New Pupils

We are excited to welcome two new pupils from the Ukraine to our school. A boy and a girl have joined our 5th class, and they are already settling in well. We are happy to see them making new friends and adapting to their new environment. We look forward to learning more about their culture and making their time with us a positive experience.

Lough Gur Community Pre-School Donation

We would like to thank the pre-school committee, especially Breda Hedderman and Martina Keane who kindly donated a range of educational resources, books, storage units and art equipment to our school. These are valuable resources we will use in the junior classroom for all our pupils to aid and enhance their learning and play experiences.

Our New School Jerseys

There was great excitement in the school when our brand new Jerseys arrived. This was a result of our Limerick GAA themed school raffle which took place back in March. The O'Neills jerseys include our school name, crest, a brand new colour and design so we no longer clash with other schools during sporting competitions.

Past pupil and a player on the Knockainey hurling team, Nigel Finch called into us to officially present the jerseys. Nigel spoke about his time as a pupil in the school and answered pupils questions about the importance of sport. Nigel has represented Lough Gur at a club and county level and it is great to see a past pupil doing so well in their chosen sport. The school then sang a reworded version of Seán South of Garryowen.



Thanks to Nigel for taking the time to visit us and make the launch of the jerseys extra special.

Remembering Patrick Dooley

The junior room were learning all about the Titanic for the month of April. They were surprised to learn that a Lough Gur native, Patrick Dooley was a passenger on the Titanic and we researched all about him. We created a fantastic art display of the ship and we completed various titanic themed lessons in history, science and geography. The children then built their very own titanic model from Lego.



Ceremony of Light

The boys and girls from Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir and Knockainey N.S. participated in the Ceremony of Light in St. Patrick's Church, Patrickswell on Wednesday 26th April in preparation for their Confirmation. Thank you to Rev. Fr. Eddie Cleary for a lovely ceremony and the Lough Gur community choir for the beautiful singing. Well done to all the boys and girls who participated on the night.

Parents Association Fundraiser in Nagles

A huge thank you to our Parents Association for fundraising for our school on Friday 28th April and to Nagles of Bruff for sponsoring prizes and allowing us to hold the fundraiser in store. It was a great success and we congratulate all the winners on the day.

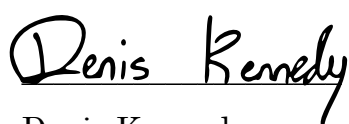
1st prize (100 euro) - Martin Troy

2nd prize (hamper) - James Quinlan

3rd prize (50 euro nagles voucher) - Grace McLoughlin

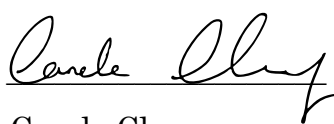
4th prize - (hamper) Teresa Hogan

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