



Scoil Náisiúnta An Dea Aoire

The Good Shepherd National School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of all the staff in the Good Shepherd I would like to thank you for supporting the work that we do with your children throughout the year.

Thanks to everybody on the Good Shepherd team for their dedication and commitment to our pupils- well done all!

Finally, thanks to Mr. McAuliffe and the Board of Management for their continued support.

I hope you all have a happy and safe summer holiday – bainigi taitheamh as na laethanta saoire.

Ms. Veale



Message from the Board of Management

Our school continues to serve the local parish and community in a compelling demonstration of Christian values: love, joy, peace, hope, faith, justice, service and grace. All our pupils develop as capable young people under the influence of loyal and gifted teachers, working in partnership with parents and guardians.

A notable achievement for the school this year was the award of the Yellow Flag in recognition of progress made to bring issues of inter-culturalism, equality and diversity into a whole-school programme. Congratulations to everyone involved.

This year we said goodbye to our long serving school secretary, Ms. Denise English, and wish her well in retirement. We welcome her replacement, Ms. Chantelle Byrne, who joins

The Board of Management acknowledges the contribution of everyone associated with the school this year, especially Principal Órlaith and her staff, the Parents' Association, and so many volunteers. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday break.

William McAuliffe

Chairman – Board of Management



We had our **Annual Award Ceremony** this morning.

Well done everyone on a great year!

Congratulations to those pupils who had **full attendance:**

Conor Garrigan
Lee Mcnamara
Alanna Daly
Grace Garrigan
Ryan McGearty
Emily Finn-Schrier
Korrina Mcnamara
Abigail Strimbu
Lucy Broderick

Our fantastic **Soccer Players** of the year:

Ethan O'Dowd
Natasha Kavanagh

Most improved **Basketball Player:**

Izdiyar Redwan

Athletics Award: Luke Keogan

Our **Kindness and Respect award** winners:

Junior Infants: Amy Healy
Senior Infants: Paul O'Brien
Early Intervention Class: Oisín Doyle
Junior Language Class: David Kelly
Senior Language: Edward Phelan
MLD Class: Alex O'Rourke
1st Class: Josh O'Brien
2nd Class: Ingrid Pascu
3rd Class: Ryan McGearty
4th Class: Kara Byrne
5th Class: Luke Keogan
6th Class: Sean Tougher

Our **Power Hour Students** of the year:

Senior Infants: Helen Kelliher
1st Class: Corben O'Donohue
2nd Class: Chloe Benegrado

Our Students of the Year:

Junior Infants: Reece Delaney
Early Intervention Class: Josh Condon
Senior Infants: Andrew O'Toole
Millner
Junior Language Class: Daniel Merry
Senior Language: Travis Keating
1st Class: Nicoleta Gavril
2nd Class: Nadia Cleary
3rd Class: Damaris Strimbu
Ms. Horgan's Class: Hamida Ahmadzai
4th Class: Adam Gaynor Maguire
5th Class: Matthew Benegrado
6th Class: Silvia Pita



It is time to say goodbye- **Well Done** to our 6th class graduates on completion of their primary school education.

A graduation service will take place tonight in the school hall at 7.00pm.

We are very proud of our class of 2017 and we wish them all the very best in their new schools and future studies.

Staffing News 2017/18

HSC	Ms. Mary
Lynch	
Junior Infants	Ms. Connolly
Senior Infants	Ms. Donnelly
1 st Class	Mr. McCarthy
2 nd Class	Ms. McCormack/ Ms. Mhic Dhonnacha
3 rd /4 th Class	Mr. O'Gara
5 th Class	Ms. O'Brien
6 th Class	Ms. Keane
Early ASD Class	Ms. Younge
MLD Class:	Ms. Horgan
Jr. Language Class	Ms. Shields
Sr. Language Class	TBC
Support Team:	
Jr Inf/ 2 nd	Ms. Hannigan
Sr Inf/ 1 st	Ms. Stack
3 rd /4 th	Ms. Smith
5 th /6 th	Ms. Tierney
EAL	Ms. Jackson



Reminder: Our annual Parents' Association Second Hand Uniform Sale will take place in the **Small Hall, tomorrow, Wednesday from 12pm.**

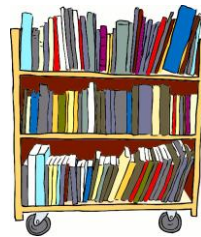


A huge 'thank you' to our wonderful Parents' Association for their great fundraising initiatives on behalf of the school throughout the year: SuperValu Bag Packs, Table Quiz, Summer Draw, Bake Sale, Bring & Buy a Book, Uniform sale – we can't thank them enough for the wonderful work they do for the children in our school. Thank you also to all the parents and volunteers who gave of their time and helped out in various reading, maths and science initiatives over the past 12 months- **YOUR HELP HAS BEEN REALLY APPRECIATED!**



Finally.... it's nearly here- our new look website. A **HUGE** thank you to Anna Kupanik of our Parents' Association who has been very patient helping us. Thank you also to Ms. Tierney, Ms. Keane, Ms. Smith and Ms. Mhic Dhonnacha for their input. We hope to 'be live' before Friday- check out our new look –

www.goodshepherd.ie



Thank you to all who have decided to take part in our School Book Rental Scheme 2017/2018. Books for next year have already been sourced and ordered. If you still wish to join the scheme please contact us by June 30th, otherwise you will be requested to purchase extra texts for your child in September. Please contact Ms. Tierney for details.



Reminder: Sherpa Summer Camps **will be running** in this school over the summer. Contact Roisin on 0871238094 or



What a wonderful, fun Active Week 2017 we had from May 29th- June 2nd.

Every class engaged in lots of activities during the week including yoga, mindfulness activities, healthy eating workshops, our '11 minutes of movement@ 11'. We also learnt and performed a whole school dance together on the yard.



A highlight of Active Week 2017 was our Sports Day held on Wednesday 31st May. Ms. McCormack continued to build on the success of last year's Sports Day by organising a fantastic morning of competition and fun for all- before the children continued the day engaged in co-operative games.

Thank you to all our parents who volunteered on the morning, setting up, helping to supervise and also tidying up afterwards. It was lovely to meet those of you who came along to cheer. Another successful Good Shepherd sporting occasion!!

School Calendar 2017/18

- Good Shepherd NS will **re-open** at 8:50 am on **Thursday 31st August 2017.**
- **Hallowe'en Break**, School closed Monday 30th Oct. – Friday, 3th Nov. (inclusive) (School re-opens Mon. 6th Nov. at 8.50am).
- **Christmas Holidays – Friday, 22nd Dec. at 12.15pm** – Friday, 5th Jan. (inclusive)– school closed (School re-opens Mon. 8th Jan. at 8.50am).

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- **Mid Term Break** Thursday and Friday 15th & 16th February– School closed (School re-opens Mon. 19th Feb. at 8.50am).
- Monday 19th March 2018 Bank Holiday- School closed.
- **Easter holidays Friday, 23rd March at 12.15pm** – Friday, 6th April (inclusive) – School closed (School re-opens Mon. 9th April at 8.50am).
- **Mid-term break** School closed Monday 7th May- Friday, 11th May (inclusive) (School re-opens Mon. 14th May at 8.50am).
- School closed 4th June 2018 **Bank holiday**
- **Summer holidays** Friday 29th June 2018 at 12:15pm.