



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we draw to the close of another school year, I would like to reflect on our achievements and express my gratitude for the dedication and contributions of everyone in our school community.

Firstly, a sincere thank you to our devoted staff members for their unwavering commitment and child-centred approach. Their passion and dedication have created a unique blend of high-quality education and a nurturing and enriching environment for all our pupils.

Earlier this year, I was delighted to announce the start of our hot school meals programme, which began on June 10th and has gone exceptionally well, with 556 meals served each day since. A special thank you to all the staff for their support with such a significant project, especially our secretaries June and Ruth and our caretaker Robbie.

This year, we have had much to celebrate in the area of sport. Congratulations to all pupils who participated in sports activities. The pupils on our GAA and soccer teams were delighted that we were able to purchase new sets of jerseys this year, a well-deserved reward for their dedication as they can be seen training at 8am most mornings regardless of the weather. A special mention to our senior boys' soccer team that won the Dublin West Division 1 title earlier this month. We are very proud of the team and their management considering the hard work and dedication they demonstrated in capturing such a coveted title.

One of our main priorities in Scoil Ghráinne is the development of our literacy programmes. As part of this, we invested in a wide range of new books for our school library. We also developed a new phonics programme in Senior Infants, which we will continue to grow over the coming years. We have already seen a significant positive upward trend in the attainment levels of the pupils involved, so a massive thank you to our literacy committee for bringing such a valuable change to our school!

Moreover, I am thrilled to share that Scoil Ghráinne CNS has been awarded the Gaelbhreach flag. This honour highlights our commitment to promoting the Irish language, culture, and heritage. We also started piloting our own oral Irish language programme, *Ag Caint le Chairde*, with some classes, which has gone down very well with the pupils. It is a testament to our students' engagement and passion for Irish language learning.

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I would also like to commend our students for their exemplary conduct during school trips and for representing our school with distinction. Their behaviour, respect, and responsibility have been commendable, embodying the values we strive to instil in all members of the Scoil Ghráinne CNS community. Over the last term, we also had hugely enjoyable themed weeks such as Self Expression Week, Healthy Eating Week and Active Schools Week. June was a lovely time to give the pupils the opportunity to take part in activities beyond the classroom, and in typical fashion, they participated with great enthusiasm.

A heartfelt thank you to our Parents Association for their incredible success with fundraising for the school. The funds raised have gone towards private services for children with additional needs who are on prolonged waiting lists, life-skills and emotional regulation workshops for our 5th and 6th classes, termly outings for our Croí Autism classes, graduation surprises for our outgoing 6th classes, and an ice-cream van for the whole school. We are very fortunate to have such a dynamic and committed PA, and the school really appreciates their efforts!

Recently, we also hosted an induction evening for the parents of our incoming junior infants and developed a 22-page information booklet for them, which will also be available on our website. The transition from pre-school to primary school is something we see as very important and we hope that this resource will serve incoming parents well for many years to come.

As we finish up the year, I would like to thank everyone from our school community, including our wonderfully dedicated SNAs, teachers, cleaners, hot school meal assistants, secretaries, and caretaker. As a community national school, we are always cognisant of how important it is that we all work together for the betterment of the children in our school, and thankfully, the 23/24 school year in Scoil Ghráinne CNS has been another example of this culture.

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable summer, and we look forward to meeting you again when we return for the 24/25 school year.

Jonathan Hanley
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:
SCHOOL CLOSES JUNE 28TH @12.

END OF YEAR FUN!



School Tours



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!

