



# Castleplunkett NS Newsletter

May 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

A jam-packed May is now complete and it is hard to believe we are heading into our final month of the school year!

The Senior Room pupils have been very busy completing academic activities alongside progress in sport and training diligently each week. Novel work continued for the children in the Senior Room, as well as study of the European Union and Ancient Egypt. The Senior room pupils produced well researched projects on both topics. In Cumann na mBuncol activity, the senior girls fought valiantly in their semi-final but were defeated. They persevered to the very end despite the challenging heat and strong opposition on the day. We were very proud of their efforts. The boys have performed well and have booked their place in the Two teacher Schools final in Ballyleague next week. It is a great achievement to reach the finals and we are very proud of their sporting attitude and behaviour each time they have represented the school. We hope as many supporters as possible will travel to the game next Wednesday and whatever happens on the day will be a bonus. Well done to Ms. Feely for time and dedication in coaching the teams.



In the Junior Room, the children have been working on the fire station theme. Our Aistear fire station was very busy answering emergency calls and responding to fire call outs! We learned all about fire safety, fire safety equipment and what to do in the case of a fire breaking out or a fire drill. We also learned about sources of heat, completed beautiful sun art and learned about the Great fire of London, as well as two lovely books and poems on the topic also.



We will complete our final reading block activity with our last Read Aloud session next Wednesday. We hope everyone will spend a little time reading over the summer and may be encouraged to use the library after our visit to the Castlerea Branch on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Hopefully the children will be inspired by all the lovely books and different genres of story we have experienced through our reading work in Term 2 and 3. Sports Day will take place Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of June and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will attend the annual Rounders Tournament with Ms. Feely on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of June. We have a visit planned to the Fr. Flanagan Centre in Ballymoe to learn about some local history and the life of Fr. Flanagan, as well as the trip to the library, on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The two classrooms will go on tour on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June and the achievements of school year will be celebrated, as well as our graduating 6<sup>th</sup> class, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We are very grateful to the Parents' Association who looked after the cost of the bus transport to sporting events during May. They are also arranging Pizza for after the football final – win, lose or draw. This is a wonderful treat and we are thankful for their generosity and time given. We hope as many families and supporters will return to the school after the game to join in the celebration. The end of school year and Graduation Mass will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, commencing at 12pm. Our sensory garden will be officially opened and blessed and we will remember Ms. Dunne and her contribution to the school on this occasion. Further details on all of this will be shared shortly but we hope you will all join us to mark the end of academic year.



Well done to everyone for all their hard work throughout May. Thank you all for your continued support of the school and our work.

