



# *Shountrade Summer Newsletter*



*June 2018*



## **Shountrade National School BBQ**

**Wednesday, June 20th**

**7:00 – 9:00pm**

All hands on deck for the BBQ.

Parents Council are in full swing with the event!

Contribution €10 per family (please send to school)



## **New Junior Infants**

We welcomed our new Junior Infants on June 15<sup>th</sup>. We had a delightful group of new pupils and they played happily all morning with water, sand and paint! They can't wait to begin 'Big School'!

The Parents Council provided refreshments in the halla for the new parents and it was a lovely 'meet & greet'. New parents are invited to the annual School BBQ on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Science**

Shountrade National School has participated in A of SME (Award of Science & Maths Excellence) and DPS (Discover Primary Science) for many years. We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in achieving these awards for the 10th year.

Science is always met with great curiosity and enthusiasm in our school and indeed many of our parents and teachers have helped promote a love of science in our pupils through supporting us with showcasing Science, Science demonstrations and sponsorship. Many of our past pupils have chosen Science and Maths as careers. We have past pupils studying Biomedical Science, Genetics, Nanotechnology Medicine, Biological & Chemical Sciences as well as studying Mathematical Science and Information Systems, Mathematics, Economics, Finance.

We like to think it all started in Shountrade National School!!

## Active week

Active week has once again been a tremendous success. It was launched by Limerick Senior Hurling Captain - Declan Hannon. Pupils participated in team building games, basketball, rounders, soccer and active classroom. The Woodlands House Hotel organised The Plank Challenge and pupils thoroughly enjoyed this competition.

The active week highlight was undoubtedly Yoga with Olga, Lynda, and Imelda. The exercises for flexibility of body and mindfulness for calming busy thoughts were both very well received by students and staff of all ages!

A sincere thank you to all Olga, Lynda and Imelda for sharing your expertise with all of us here during active week.

All our activities compliment our interest in well-being and their promotion of healthy mind and body!

## Garden Fete

Adare garden Fete will take place on Sunday, June 24. Shountrade National School will be in charge of the toy stall.

Volunteers most welcome. See attached flyer.

## School tours

School tours 2018 have been a marvellous success. 1st & 2nd class visit to Craggaunowen was informative and enjoyable. 3rd & 4th visit to Cork Gaol and activities afterwards were very successful and the 5th & 6th class trip to Killaloe was fantastic!

Junior & Senior Infants' visit to Stone Hall Farm was delightful! It's lovely to experience the 'outdoor classroom' and see children learn in a different environment.

## Six Class CPR

**Ahern First Aid:** Thank you to Esther of **Ahern Training** who give 6th class pupils basic training in first-aid and CPR. It was a very informative session and the pupils completely engaged with the process. Such training gives pupils confidence in themselves, courage in the face of adversity and an appreciation of the work of paramedics and medical staff.

## Shannon water safety

David O'Connell of Shannon Water Safety presented a class on water safety to 6th class pupils. Pupils now have guidelines and procedures for dealing with water mishaps and accidents. We hope they will never find themselves in these situations but if they do they will remember some of the protocols and procedures.

## Parents Council

Our Parents Council have been working very hard on behalf of our school. Window boxes are blooming! School Book Rental Scheme is well underway. Please support by volunteering for any of the aforementioned activities.

The staff would like to thank the Parents Council for surprising us with a delicious school lunch on Monday! Thank you for taking the time to help us feel appreciated!

BBQ preparations are in full swing and we hope good weather will prevail.

## School Mass

Our School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 19th. Fr. Noonan will be our celebrant. This is a special Mass for 6th Class. We wish them well as they progress to Second Level education.

## Choir

Shountrade National School choir have been rehearsing for our short summer programme. This is simply delightful and we invite parents to attend, if they are available after our school Mass (11:45am / 12 o'clock approx).

Again we believe group singing is good for that feeling of well being!



# Shountrade National School

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## Calendar 2018– 2019

### First Term 2018

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> August @ 9:00 am	School year begins
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October @ 2:40pm	School Closes
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November @ 9:00am	School Re-opens
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School Closes - <b>Christmas</b> Break

### Second Term 2019

Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ 9:00am	School Re-opens
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February @ 2:40pm	School Closes
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February @ 9:00am	School Re-opens
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March BANK HOLIDAY	School Closed
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April @ 2:40pm	School Closes – <b>Easter</b> Break

### Third Term 2019

Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April @ 9:00am	School Re-opens
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Summer</b> Break

School closure for Language Curriculum Day – TBA at a future date.

In order to facilitate parents arranging Music lesson etc. outside of school:-

#### After School Activities

**Tuesdays** : Speech & Drama / French (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> only )

**Wednesdays** : Training (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>)