

Summer 2014



*Now summer has opened its door, let the  
sunshine in and enjoy a relaxing break  
from all at St. Comgall's N.S.*

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**School Year 2013-2014:** It's hard to believe that we've come to the end of another school year. As you know it's been a very busy one and the children were involved in lots of different activities. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mrs. Pennell, children and parents in St. Comgall's who work together to make our school a welcoming place.

Thanks to everyone for your support and co-operation in all areas of school life. We look forward to continuing to develop this partnership in the next school year.



**Star Pupils:** Well done children, you've worked so hard this year. You have shown great enthusiasm and interest in your own learning and you have been excellently behaved both in school and during school trips. So, make sure you continue to read lots during the holidays and also get lots of playtime!

**School Attendance:** Attendance at school is the key to success! Well done and congratulations to Luke Somerville and Shannon Murphy for their excellent attendance throughout the year. They both achieved a **Gold** Attendance Certificate for a 100% attendance. We also say well done to Katie Somerville, Ethan Fitzpatrick and Nathan Gavin,

who, with just one absence, were awarded a **Silver** Attendance Certificate for an equally impressive attendance record. Children, who attend school regularly, learn more and are more successful in school. I again urge parents to make regular school attendance a priority for your child/children in the forthcoming year.



**Good Luck:** A memory of the girls 2013/2014! We wish every success to our three sixth class pupils, Chloe, Jade and Amie, who leave St. Comgall's N.S. to embark upon new experiences as they further their educational development in Largy College, Clones, St. Comhghall's, Lisnaskea and the Collegiate College, Enniskillen.

**St. Comgall's Parent Association:** As always I acknowledge the work of all parents on our Parent Association. Thanks to those parents who planned, prepared for, contributed towards and participated in those busy events - the Christmas raffle and cake sale, parent helpers on the school tour / 'Bike Awareness Day' and end of year 'Flower Sale'. All were a super success! A particular mention to Brenda, Martina and John on the PA Committee and to Stephanie and John Joe on the school's Board of Management - your contribution adds greatly to the school in so many ways.

**Sacramental Preparation:** Congratulations to Chloe Maguire and Jade Crudden who were confirmed by the Very Rev. Bishop McDaid on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. We thank all parents who played a very positive part in the children's sacramental preparation through their participation in the 'Service of Light' ceremony and well done to the girls for their prayerful involvement in the 6<sup>th</sup> class Confirmation retreat. We wish both girls well as they continue on their faith journey into secondary school.



**Achievements:** Looking back we congratulate the children on their excellent participation in academic, artistic and sporting fields. Congratulations to all pupils for displaying wonderful artistic talents in winning the 'Window Dressing' award as part of the St. Patrick's Day Festival in Clones.

Well done also to Amie Somerville who was a 'Merit' award winner in the 'Yours Sincerely' letter writing competition and accepted her medal and certificate at a recent award ceremony in the Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan.

We were treated to a delightful performance of 'The Egyptian Nativity' at Christmas. As always we marveled at the pupils' wonderful acting, dancing and impressive makeup and costumes. Congratulations to the pupils, and thank you again to parents for being such an enthusiastic audience. Well done again to the staff on another remarkable production success.



## Various Educational Experiences:



Extending reading standards and developing artistic talents through our involvement in 'One Book, One County' initiative, Clones Library.



Rinneamar níos mó iarracht Gaelige a labhairt nuair a bhíomar páirteach i 'Rith 2013'



Exploring schooling in a Victorian classroom, Cassandra Hand Centre and also various aspects of the life in the Irish Country House and Estate during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Clones Library as part of History syllabus.



Developing music appreciation through participation in Hallelujah Concert 2013.



Fostering a respect and love of our environment through gardening in the Science Curriculum.



**An Active School:** Participation in various disciplines was encouraged in PE this year. We enjoyed Gaelic football coaching with Anne McKenna, who promoted the development of Gaelic football skills with all classes. We developed our Irish dancing skills during six weeks of dancing lessons with Gerard McQuaid during the Easter term. We then travelled to Monaghan swimming pool for a further six week swimming coaching session which once again involved all classes. Then finally, in our efforts to promote health and well being in the school setting, we were involved in the 'Active School Flag.' We enjoyed a week of fun events in the school - activities that ensured that learning in all subject areas was more physically active throughout each day.



Practising agility skills... We danced...

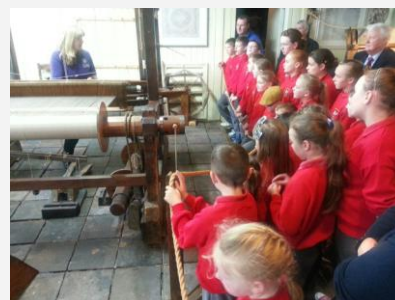


We walked, solved our Maths trail and then enjoyed a picnic courtesy of Peter and Kirsty...



Our cycling challenge... Finale! Our Sport's Day...

**School Tour:** On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we travelled to the 'Irish Linen Centre & Museum' and the Lisburn Leisureplex, Lisburn, for another interesting and very entertaining school tour. Our good-humoured guide enthralled us with the history of the craft of linen making as we were led through the centre and observed the old spinning wheel and weaving loom in action. A hands-on science workshop had us exploring volcanoes, acids and alkalis, lava Lamps and lemonade making while the tour concluded with an exhilarating session in Lisburn's pool as we floated down 'Lazy River' and slid along twisting, turning water slides. The squeals of excitement rang out all over. Definitely worth visiting again! A great day - many thanks to Stephanie, John, Seamus and John Joe for their company, help and swimming expertise!



**Music:** Tin whistle lessons with Fran McMahon continued throughout the year and pupils learned to perfect many lively tunes. We thank Fran for his expertise and enthusiasm in teaching these classes. We are delighted that he is available to teach our pupils again next year.

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Through participation in the 'Summer Reading Challenge', Clones Library invites children to keep up their reading skills and so continue to build confidence in reading during the long holidays. The aim is to encourage children to read six books from the library, which will then be followed up with activities and events to further promote pleasure in reading and boost their self-esteem. Overall, it sounds like a great activity, so head to Clones Library during the holidays for some fun, free reading!!

**School Uniform:** I'd like to thank parents for agreeing, at our last Parent Association meeting, to purchase both the school

**Hicks, Lisnaskea: School Uniform (£)**

Jumper	£11.99 - £13.99 (depending on size)
Trousers	£11.99 - £13.99 (depending on size)
Skirt/Pinafore	£8.99 - £13.99 (depending on size)

} Deal  
all inclusive

uniform and school tracksuit for next September, in Hicks of Lisnaskea. As we strive to show pride in our dress and appearance, it is important to purchase the whole uniform (particularly tracksuit bottoms) from this shop in order to maintain consistency in the colour and style of school clothing throughout the classes. Following are prices for this year:

Shirt	£4.99		}	<u>Deal</u> all inclusive <b>£40</b>
Tie	£3.50			
<u>Tracksuit (£)</u>				
Bottoms	£8.99 (small) £11.99 (large)			
Polo Shirt	£7.99 (all sizes)			
Sweatshirt	£11.99 (all sizes)			
Jacket	£16.99			

**£30**

**School Management:** I would like to extend a special word of thanks to the Chairman of our Board of Management, Joe Kirke, for his support and advice on Board issues during the year. Thanks to members of the Board of Management for their wholehearted attendance at meetings, for the interest they showed in the school's management and policy issues and, in general, for promoting participation and partnership in the running of St. Comgall's N.S.. Enjoy a wonderful and safe summer holiday!

**Summer Break:**  
The school will reopen at 9:20am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. Happy holidays!



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Catríona Donnelly (Principal)