

# Scéalta Summer 2021



Dear Parents and Children,

## COVID-19

School was closed during January & February and teaching continued online during this period. We would like to thank teachers, parents and children for their efforts during this very difficult time. The Junior room returned to school on 1<sup>st</sup> March and the Senior room on 15<sup>th</sup> March. We would also like to commend the children on adhering to the Covid guidelines in the school. They have remained in their pods, washed and sanitised their hands as best they could over these worrying times.

## CINEMA OUTING

We managed a trip to the cinema just before Christmas and had a great time!

## PYJAMA DAY

6<sup>th</sup> Class organised a Pyjama day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We are delighted that they raised €565 and decided to donate it to the Pediatric Diabetes Unit in Sligo Hospital. They are presently building a new unit and this will go towards new items for the younger patients' comfort.

## CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Confirmation will take place in St. Patricks Church on 17<sup>th</sup> July and we wish Toirleach, Tomás, Erin and Aaron good wishes on their special day. First Holy Communion will take place in September and we wish Abby, Dáire, Sophia and Patrick well with their preparations. Both days will be very special days in the life of the school and the parish. I would like to thank Fr. Cathal and Fr. Hugh for all the preparation and effort they put into these days.

## COMMUNITY GAMES, MUSIC EXAMS AND IRISH DANCING

Congratulations to all the children who took part in these activities. Well done to all the medal and trophy winners.

## SWIMMING

Unfortunately, we did not get a chance to complete our swimming programme during this school year and we hope to commence in January 2022.

## ACTIVE WEEK

We had active week from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June which included a trip to Castle Caldwell, GAA football, fitness training, Yoga and other outdoor activities. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and the weather was in our favour.

## ALADDIN SCHOOL SYSTEM

You will have noticed that we have a new Aladdin school system for communication with parents, attendance recording and report cards etc. Please note that you should not reply to these emails or texts as the replies are not monitored. If you wish to contact the school, it's best to ring or email to [rockfieldns@gmail.com](mailto:rockfieldns@gmail.com). The secretary is usually in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

### SCHOOL TRIPS

We had our school trip on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June to Castle Adventure Open Farm where all the children had a great day. Many thanks to the parents who helped on the day.

### SPORTS DAY

6<sup>th</sup> organised our Sports day on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and well done to all who took part.

### GRADUATION of 6<sup>th</sup> CLASS 2021

We had our graduation day on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. We wish Toirleach, Tomás and Aaron every best wish in Coláiste Cholmcille and in the future. It will be sad to see the O'Brien Family leave Rockfield. We wish them a safe return to the U.S.A.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer was here on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. You can order photos online if you missed the deadline for orders to be left into the school.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to hear that Mrs. Boyd had a baby girl recently and we wish Ms. McFadden well in July.

### Fr. HUGH

We wish Fr Hugh well who has service as chaplain to the school over the past 7 years. The children always enjoyed his visits to the school.

### S.N.A.

A big thank you to Sarah for her hard work and input to the school and we're delighted to see Edel back.

### STANDARDISED TESTING

Micra T and Sigma T testing took place at the end of May and school reports have been given to the children to bring home.

### OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Make sure you check our website [www.rockfieldns.ie](http://www.rockfieldns.ie) for all the latest news, photos and updates. We would like to get your feedback and any suggestions you may have.

### SCHOOL GROUNDS WORK

Works will take place on the school grounds over the summer months and should be completed prior to returning to school.

### SCHOOL CALENDER

The school closure dates for the next academic year 2021/2022 are attached. These dates will be put up on the school website.

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

School closes on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 12 noon. School reopens on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

We wish everyone a very safe and happy summer.

*Benny Byrne and Staff*