

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the days grow longer and sunnier, school draws to a close for the school year 2022/2023. Would you believe we are now 15 years in the vibrant village of Applewood? It has been yet another busy year in the life of your children in Thornleigh.

The year started with the children preparing for and completing Marathon Kids and completing their first Marathon - well done! We then had a wonderful Christmas fare run by the Parents' association - thank you for bringing the Thornleigh family back together again.

Lots of learning went on in Literacy and Numeracy which are the foundation of all subject areas with the teachers engaging in training in both the New Primary Language Curriculum (English and Irish) and the New Primary Frame work. All of the staff also engaged in Autism training over four weeks after school in May. This is in preparation for the opening of an Autism class either November 2023 or January 2024. Preparations are going on behind scenes and we are excited to take on this new venture.

The highlight of the year for us was Grandparents' Day when you our Grandparents came from far and wide to visit your grandchild's' class and also share lunch with them. The feel good feeling within the school could not be bought! We are planning to make this an annual event.

It is with both sadness and celebration that we say goodbye to some of our long term staff here in Thornleigh who have helped shape and make Thornleigh into the school it is today. Aoife F, Maurette and David Lowe are heading on to the next chapter of their lives. We wish them every success and happiness.

Enjoy the summer and we will see you all on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Mise Le Meas,  
Paula Carolan - Príomhoide

## Nurture

We have had another successful year of Nurture at Thornleigh this year! We have been busy with board-games, baking, outdoor activities, gardening and enjoying our weekly tea and toast chats! The groups have had lots of fun getting to know each other and working together. Well done to all our attendees and enjoy a lovely summer break! Best of luck to our sixth class graduates heading onto secondary school in September! From Laura & Gillian



### Bake Sale



Thanks to all the parents and staff who supported our bake sale and raffle in aid of the Bumbleance. We raised an amazing amount of €1356. Congratulations to the winner of our raffle, Mikhail from 4<sup>th</sup> Class.



### Wellbeing / Active Week

The school held its WellFest from May 22nd to Friday June 2nd. For week 2, the focus was on being active. The children took part in many different activities such as walking a 'K a day', daily movement challenges and held our annual Sports Days. Active week wasn't only for the kids though. The week was rounded off with a Parents vs Teachers Basketball game in the school yard. After a very sporting and fun game, the parents won out and lifted the Parents vs Teachers trophy!



### 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ms. Katie

Ms. Katie's class had lots of fun looking for Minibeasts in the good weather! We found lots of insects in the school garden including, slugs, snails, spiders, ladybirds and even a grasshopper!



### Gardening

Over the last term, the children have been busy weeding and planting vegetables for our annual Soup day. We are looking forward to harvesting the vegetables in the new school year. This year's soup day is scheduled to take place on **Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>**.



### Sports Day 2023

Our Sports Days took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and the 1<sup>st</sup> June this year. Each class had a wonderful time playing many different sports, including tag rugby, relay races, soccer, football golf, etc. It was fantastic to see the children all joining in enthusiastically. Above all, everyone had great fun! Below are some photos of Ms. Katie D's 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Ms. Ruth's 6<sup>th</sup> Class



### Junior Infants School Trip

Junior Infants went to Newbridge House and Farm for their Summer trip! We had a great time seeing all the animals, having a teddy bears picnic and playing in the playground. The sun was shining almost as brightly as they were!



### Senior Infants - Ms. Siobhan

What a wonderful year we have had in Senior Infants. So many highlights from this year including yoga, sports day, Power Hour, the bake sale, coding, maths trails, outdoor messy aistear and nature walks. Our visit to Newbridge Farm on our school tour was so much fun. We had such a great day visiting all the animals on the farm. One of our favourites was the beautiful black swan! All the boys and girls in Senior Infants have worked so hard this year and I am very proud of each of them. Enjoy the well-earned summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Múinteoir Siobhán



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Múinteoir Paddy

2nd class students on their class trip to Turvey Nature Reserve with Mouse. The children enjoyed eating fried worms around the campfire!!



### Junior Infants - Ms. Claire

Some highlights from Ms. Claire's Junior Infants:

Picture 1 - Sports Day dance station with Quinn.

Picture 2 - Outdoor messy play water station.

Picture 3 - Outdoor maths lesson capacity.



### Fifth Class - Ms. Karen

5th class have had a very busy term. Some of the highlights have included learning to drum, the bake sale/visit to the Bumbleance, learning about musical instruments with "Quavers to Quadratics", getting to grips with 3D shapes and of course, the (rainy) school tour.

## GRADUATION 2023

The time has come for us to say goodbye to our 6<sup>th</sup> class students once again. While it's always sad to say goodbye, we wish them all well on their exciting transition into Secondary School.

And a special thanks to Múinteoir Matt, Múinteoir Ruth and Múinteoir Brian, the 6<sup>th</sup> class teachers and Múinteoir Antoinette, support teacher for 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

### Our Class of 2023 are:

Adam Khan  
 Alike Mehboob  
 Alise Rumjanceva  
 Artur Opiela  
 Charlotte Murina  
 Daniel Padowski  
 Filip Banka  
 Filip Panduric  
 Joshua Haddon  
 Julia Lupa  
 Matija Britvic  
 Matthew Osoianu  
 Richard Lucavs  
 Robert Miron  
 Ruben Lampa  
 Sofia Dunne  
 Sofia Forgione

Alisa Klagisa  
 Alisha Lawrence  
 Anna Farren  
 Bartłomiej Bilski  
 Dylan Hiesse  
 Edward Stals  
 Gabriela Petrauskaite  
 Hailey Darkevica  
 Kaylan van Niekerk  
 Aysha Hussain  
 Marko Mandinic  
 Maximilian Walczuk  
 Parascheva Ghinita  
 Roberto Arru  
 Sebaga Koboyatshwene  
 Valentino Wisniewski  
 Varvara Simanuka  
 Vicky Xu

Aaron Conway Smyth  
 Carlota Miranda Perez  
 Diana Dmitrijeva  
 Diana Georgescu  
 Dominykas Klebonas  
 Jake Lyons  
 Kajus Butkus  
 Kimberly Alile  
 Lana Teofilovic  
 Lily Firszt  
 Kamil Faisal  
 Nelly Budrikyte  
 Nevaeh Lowry  
 Nigel Yong Ting  
 Noah Fitzgerald  
 Patricia Gailite-Pelaka  
 Patrick Magherusan  
 Tessa Vydelingum



Wishing all our staff, students and parents a lovely Summer. Students return to school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.