

Lyreacrompane CNS Newsletter Summer 2026

School Garden

The children were very busy in the school garden this term. We have had a very successful yield with potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower and strawberries. Our tomatoes and onions are almost ready and we are hoping to have pumpkins for the autumn.



Karate

The children enjoyed an 8-week block of karate lessons with Kerry Martial Arts School.



Our Willow Dome



Bike Week

A big thank you to Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership for providing Bike Week packs. The programme encourages children to get cycling and promotes cycle safety.



Gymnastics

Pupils participated in a 6-week gymnastics programme with coach Mark and made excellent progress in a short time.



Say Yes to Languages

Pupils from 3rd–6th class took part in an 8-week German course with teacher May Devane. It was a fantastic experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning a new language.



Roots of Empathy

3rd–6th class completed the Roots of Empathy programme. It was a wonderful experience. A huge thank you to Lorraine and baby Nell, who visited the class regularly to support learning with Múinteoir Neasa. The children gained invaluable lessons that will stay with them long beyond their time in Lyreacrompane CNS.



Creative Clusters

Over the past two years, our school has participated in the Creative Cluster initiative, in partnership with Killarney CNS and Tahilla CNS, under the theme “Creativity in STEM.” This project has greatly enriched teaching and learning across the school.

In the first year, grant funding allowed us to host engaging science workshops with Chuck. The children really enjoyed these workshops, sparking their curiosity and enthusiasm. Building on that this year we invested in Bee-Bots and Makey Makey class kits. These kits have empowered students building their confidence to explore coding, circuits and problem-solving in a fun and engaging way. The initiative has fostered creativity, collaboration, and confidence, leaving a lasting positive impact on our school community.



New Developments

x **Polytunnel:** We are delighted to have installed a new polytunnel behind the shelter. This will serve as an outdoor classroom and provide a sheltered space when weather conditions are poor.

x **The Nook:** A quiet, supervised space has been created within the middle classroom to support pupils who may need a short break from the classroom.

Over the summer, the interior of the school will be freshly painted.



GOOD LUCK!



We wish our 6th class every success as they move on to the next stage of their journey. We are very proud of you all!

Heritage Hunters

Pupils from 3rd–6th class participated in the Heritage Hunters Competition and achieved joint 2nd place. Their project focused on our local area.

The children began by exploring old editions of the Lyreacrompane and District Journal. Inspired by their findings, they invited the journal editor, Joe Harrington, to visit the school. Following their interview, the class organised a local history walk with Joe, visiting sites such as a lime kiln, the army barracks, and the old Glen school.

As part of the project, pupils presented their learning through art and STEM activities. They reflected on what they had learned, why it is important, and what actions they could take next. It was a very worthwhile project that deepened their appreciation of our local heritage.



Curious Minds Science Award

We are delighted to celebrate the school's achievement of our second Gold Curious Minds Award. This award recognises schools work in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and a school Showcase.

This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to promoting STEM throughout the school. Achieving Gold status for a second time is a wonderful accomplishment and highlights our continued focus on fostering curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning in STEM.



School Tour 2026

Junior Infants to 1st class enjoyed a fun-filled day at the MTU School Tour Camp, followed by a treat in Supermac's. 2nd-6th class travelled to Kenmare to Star Outdoor Adventures, where they enjoyed activities such as splatball, crazy golf, archery, and an obstacle course.



DEIS

Every year we aim to focus on particular areas of literacy and numeracy in our DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) plan. This year, we focused on encouraging a love of reading among pupils by promoting engagement with library books and a variety of magazines. In addition, pupils were given opportunities to explore new physical activities, including gymnastics, karate and table tennis, supporting their overall wellbeing and skill development.

Parent Association

A huge thank you to our Parent Association for organising the Craft Fair last November. The funds raised have contributed significantly towards the cost of our swimming and school tour buses.
We would strongly encourage as many parents as possible to get involved in the Parent Association next year. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and to play an active role in our school community.

Big thanks to all the members of our board of management who so kindly volunteer their time so our school can run smoothly and effectively.

Many thanks the Lyreacrompane Community Development who are so obliging allowing us to use the hall for any of our school events. They are a great support to our school and it is very much appreciated.

Big thank you to Knocknagoshal Meals on Wheels for supplying us with nutritious school lunches every week.



Missing from photo Mike & Marie

Photographs of all our activities carried out in the school can be seen on our school Facebook and Instagram page Lyreacrompane CNS

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We wish all our families a healthy, happy & safe Summer.





Other School Activities

Football Blitz

Communion and Confirmation celebrations

Visit from the Fire Brigade

Trip to Tralee

Visit from Tara (Killarney National Park)

Chess Competition

Table tennis Workshops

Gardening

Class projects

Visit of the Sam Maguire Cup



