



# *Scoil Íosagáin, Coolgreany*

## NEWSLETTER

May 2013

Here we are again, another school year nearly at an end!!! It was another busy year for the whole school community. With the *Christmas show, Grandparents' Day, the Open Day, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Barn Dance, the Book Fair, Table Quiz, Athletics in Bree and visits to the school by the O'Duffy and Heineken Cups*, and that's just what I can think of!!

On behalf of the Parents Association Committee, sincere thanks to Mr. Meleady, all the teaching staff, Elizabeth and the BOM for all their help and support to all our endeavours during the year.

This friendly and positive attitude is always very evident and is highlighted by the fact that there are 19 new pupils starting in September.

We wish all the 6<sup>th</sup> class students all the very best of luck in their chosen secondary schools.

Above all, enjoy the holidays!



*Just a reminder that school tracksuits can be worn for the last 2 weeks of school.*

## **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM**

On **June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m.** in the school hall we will hold our AGM and we would encourage you all to come along to this important meeting.

On the night we will give feedback as to what has happened over the last year and hopefully make some plans for the next! Most importantly a new committee will be elected and it would be brilliant to have a representative from each class. At the moment we are working on the Constitution for the Parents Association. This will be made available to all parents by email, if you wish to get a copy please email [coolgreanynsparents@gmail.com](mailto:coolgreanynsparents@gmail.com)

***As always your input is welcome.***

*Mol an oige agus tiocfaidh sí*

# BARN DANCE 2013 - THANK YOU



**The pictures say it all**  
.... a really great night was had at the annual BARN DANCE!! It was great to see the whole community come together, let their hair down and support the school at the same time.

A big thank to Noel O'Toole who came up trumps and gave us some square bales which are hard come by, as we were told by those in the know!

Fair play to Ciarán Furlong who got the night off to a great start with some songs, much appreciated!

A group of talented dancers from the Frances Ryan dance school put on a great display and then the man himself, John Rush arrived, no need to say anymore! Iano played a blinder on the food front. Thank you to Wendy for Jack the Scarecrow, all the Parents Association Committee for all their hard work, to all local business who donated prizes for the raffle. To John and Cillian for providing the 'muscle', Elizabeth for handling the 'Box Office' and to the whole community for your support. To sum up, THANK YOU TO ANYBODY WHO CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TO THE NIGHT. See you next year☺

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## SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY IN BREE



Following trials held in the community pitch a team of competitors were selected to represent Scoil Íosagáin in the annual Schools Athletics day in Bree. The fastest 2 girls and 2 boys qualified from each age category from under 8's up to under 13/14's to run in the sprint races and 1 girl and 1 boy qualified to run in the under 14's 400m and 600m races respectively. Our 26 athletes set off for Bree on the morning of Wednesday 15th June accompanied by Ms. Laura Doyle and a number of parents.

There was great excitement and all the children were determined and prepared to give all they had on that track. This is a huge event and all the top county athletics clubs are represented by the many schools that entered teams and so the standard was extremely high. Our children did not disappoint and every one of them contributed significantly to the competitiveness of their races. While there were no medals this time, the Scoil Íosagáin Athletics team certainly proved that for a small school we can compete with the best athletes in the county. We look forward to entering a team in this event again next year. Well done to all who competed and many thanks to the teachers and parents who helped out on the day.

*By Chris Tallon  
(Pic Thomas Clare)*

**www.coolgreanyns.scoilnet.ie** will be updated over the summer holidays; under the 'notice board section' you will find book lists etc. as soon as they have been confirmed. In the meantime could you please email **coolgreanynsparents@gmail.com** we will then have your address and be able to keep you informed.







**Congratulations** to Darragh and Adam Boland, Eoin and Tom Byrne, Luke Ó'Lionáin and Riona and Tomás Furlong who all won trophies in their categories in the recent Arklow Judo Club Championships. Well done!

*We would love to hear about any of the children's achievements (no matter how big or small), so please let us know and we will give them a mention and some photos would be welcome too!*



## INTERNET SAFETY AND CYBER BULLYING

In April we hosted an evening which dealt with **Internet Safety** for our children and the issue of **Cyber Bullying**. The session was facilitated by Fran Gleeson from the National Parents Council. Despite the disappointing turn out this really was worth-while and certainly an eye opener! A clip was shown of children as young as 7 talking about what they do online and also it dealt with the very difficult and disturbing issue of Cyber Bullying. Here are some helpful websites: [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie), [www.internetsafety.ie](http://www.internetsafety.ie), [www.npc.ie](http://www.npc.ie) and [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie)

## School Garden in Full Bloom!



## 'Great Expectations' - Parental Involvement – the key to a child's success

**Venue:** National College of Ireland

**Date:** Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Free Admission – Guest Speakers**

**[info@npc.ie](mailto:info@npc.ie) or 01-8874034**

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