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St Mary's National School features in promo video for soon-to-launch educational app

July 1, 2019 – Pupils and teachers at St Mary's National School, Carrigaline recently featured in a promotional video for a soon to be launched free app for schools called LifeGames, which aims to develop life and social skills through fun classroom games and activities.

Filming took place in the school on May 22 and involved a group of 30 pupils and 2 teachers taking part in a selection of games and activities from the LifeGames collection. The activities have been designed by specialists in education and childcare to help teach what's been regarded as the 'lost life skills' of empathy, respect, responsibility, problem-solving, conflict resolution, sharing and cooperation.

Children and teachers alike showed great enthusiasm for the activities, which ranged from learning about tolerance with oranges to discovering more about empathy through friendship to boosting skills in trust and cooperation via a fun 'chase the snake's tail' game.

"The children absolutely loved the activity. They thought that it really made them trust their team and to rely on them. They also thought that it taught them that you don't always have to use words to communicate," reported the teachers.

St Mary's National School were selected to host the LifeGames promotional video production after taking part in the educational publisher's pilot programme, which involved 51 schools across the UK and Ireland. The school enjoyed the initial testing phase and provided a lot of detailed and helpful feedback for the LifeGames team.

"LifeGames is the result of two years' research and development - talking to teachers, finding out the issues they face daily, trialling our ideas and building an activity set that's simple, fast and can easily be implemented within a traditional classroom setting," said LifeGames founder Colin Turner.

"When we began this project, we had no idea just how much something like this was needed and missing from the curriculum. The response from teachers during our pilot study was everything from warmly welcoming to outright desperation for the tools to help reduce anti-social behaviour."

“Everyone on the team has worked really hard on this and are delighted to be bringing something vital to the educational market that we feel can make a huge difference to classes - and maybe someday the world at large.”

The LifeGames free app is set to launch in August 2019 and will come preloaded with a collection of 40+ classroom activities and games for the three age groups (3-5, 6-9, 10-12), with a further 320+ activities and games unlockable via a variety of packages to suit even the most thinly stretched educational budget.

About LifeGames

LifeGames is a new educational publisher that provides teaching resources to schools to improve life, social and awareness skills. Via a downloadable app and three-book series, fun group activities aimed at 3 to 12 year olds teach essential life and social skills such as empathy, respect, cooperation, sharing, trust, resilience, responsibility, and much more through the medium of play.

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LifeGames promotional video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wsqcv3hHxo>

LifeGames promotional video filming images:

<https://lifegamesbooks.com/news/2019/07/01/st-marys-carrigaline-national-school-photo-gallery/>

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