



Nuacht litir na Samhraidh.

Special points of interest:

- Reading Buddies ran from May to June 2012
- It was the first time in over 10 years that both boys' and girls' teams got to County Finals in the same year.
- Thomastown Credit Union comes to the school every Tuesday.
- School will re-open on Thursday August 30th 2012.
- There will be a class of 25 Junior Infants in Scoil Phádraig in 2012/13
- The Mobile Library Service visits the school monthly

Schools G.A.A. in 2011 and Healthy Lunch

GAA

The boys were narrowly beaten in the Country Cup Football quarter-final by Tullogher Rosbercon. They also did very well to reach the Roinn A semi-final and were beaten by a St. Canice's team going for 10 in a row. On the other hand, the girls team reached the Roinn C final. It was on the 2nd of December against Urlingford. It was a well deserved win on a score of 6-3 to no score. Soon afterwards Ballyhale captain Lauryn Devereux received the cup. In the hurling the boys reached the Roinn A quarter-final and lost to Kilmanagh. They have also reached the Country Cup Final after an impressive win over a quality Bennettsbridge side in the quarter-final and Urlingford in the semi-final on a score 3-6 to 2-6. Also the girls' camogie did well. The team have only been beaten by Inistioge in the league part of the competition. The girls team reached Roinn C finals in both Football and camogie.

By Michelle and Eoin Walsh.



Drumming 2012

Drumming started on the 4th of May. The 2nd – 6th drumming teachers were Moe and Cathy. On the first week 5th and 6th Class composed their own rhythms. We learned how to play a bass, a tone and a slap. We didn't get to play the drums on the first week. On the second week we got to play the African drums. Cathy tried to catch us out with different rhythms but we were too good. On the third week Cathy was not there so Sharon was the substitute for Cathy. On the fourth week we learned a New Zealand song with some body percussion included. The performance was held on the 15th of June and parents were invited.

By Darragh and James.



Country Cup and Roinn C Finals 2012.

The Country Cup Final took place on the 16th June in St. John's Park in Kilkenny. We played against Thomastown who got off to a very impressive start with a goal and three points very quickly. Eoin Kenneally replied with a superb point to open the Scoil Phádraig account. Ballyhale were heroic in defence with some brilliant hooking and blocking and the score at half time was 2-4 to 0-3. Unfortunately the scores just kept coming for Thomastown and they ran out easy winners 5-12 to 0-5. The boys did extremely well given the low numbers hurling in 6th class. They are already looking forward to regaining the Country Cup next year. The Roinn C camogie final took place on the 17th June in Nowlan Park. Our opponents were Rower Inistioge. Lisa Donnelly was the captain of the team and lead by example by scoring 2-1 from midfield. Ballyhale lead at half time 1-2 to 0-3. Inistioge got a goal from the throw-in during the second half and never really looked back. The score at the end was 3-6 to 2-4. Both teams were presented with their medals in Carroll's on Wednesday 20th June. Ballyhale Hurling and Camogie club provided food for both teams.

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School Handball Wall and Trip to WIT

School Handball Wall

Just a few weeks ago the handball wall was built in the hall in the old school. The wall was painted white. The crest was drawn and painted green by Miss Phelan. The games we play are doubles, singles, mixed doubles and keep the kettle boiling. All of these games are great fun but we especially like mixed doubles and keep the kettle boiling. We enjoy learning the skills of handball.

By Amy, Andrea and Sarah.

Trip to WIT and Robert Boyle

On the 8th of November 5th and 6th class went to WIT in Waterford on their annual visit. It took us about 45 minutes to get there after we set out from school. Most of the focus of the visit was about Waterford-born scientist, Robert Boyle. It was about his life and his incredible discoveries and inventions. One of Robert's greatest inventions was the invention of phosphorous. He was born in Lismore, Co. Waterford. His father, a King, sent Robert away to a peasant family to toughen him up. Robert returned home aged 8, only to find that his mother had died. Robert went away to a boarding school in France. He set up a laboratory in his basement. This was where he discovered phosphorous. Robert Boyle is still regarded as one of the greatest scientists ever. Also on the trip we learned about Galileo Galilei and the Greek philosopher Aristotle. Galileo invented the telescope and was imprisoned for saying the earth revolved around the sun, where others said differently.

By Eoin Kenneally and Seán.

Good memories from 6th class pupils

“Winning the double in the Country Cup”.

“School tours and Sports Day”

“Girls winning County Football Final”

“Making new friends”.

Leaving 6th Class

6th Class are very sad about leaving Scoil Phádraig. There are 15 students in the class. We also had two other classmates. Jessica Wood and Andressa Walsh, and we miss them. The most enjoyable occasions for us were sports day, school trips and school plays. We are going to the Presentation Secondary School, Scoil Aireagail, St. Kieran's College, St. Brigid's, Loreto and Grennan College. The teachers we had were Ms. Garahy, Ms. Ronayne, Ms. O Shea, Ms. McCormick, and Mr. O Dowd. We have all enjoyed our days in Scoil Phádraig. We have worked very hard through the years and have learned lots.

By Lauryn and John



Colm Cooper and Henry Visit

Colm Cooper and Henry Shefflin visited 4th, 5th and 6th classes and they got to meet them and asked them questions on the 14th of May 2012. Some of the questions that the pupils asked Colm were: what age did he make the county team at?; what was the worst injury he suffered?; what was the most he scored in a match?; who was his best friend on the team?; and did he ever play hurling? Colm told us that he played hurling when he was young but he threw the hurl out the window to concentrate on football. He also told us he plays soccer and golf in his spare time and follows Liverpool. The pupils in 4th, 5th and 6th then got their picture taken with Colm and Henry and everyone had a great day.

By Sinéad and Patrick

The Olympic Torch

Henry Shefflin was kind enough to send the Olympic Torch he carried around Croke Park into Scoil Phádraig just two days after the event. All the children who were in school got to either touch or hold the Olympic Torch. Thanks a million to Henry.

Scoil Phádraig, Ballyhale.

School Trips and First Holy Communion 2012

School Trips

The whole school went to an orchestral performance in Thomastown. It started at 10a.m. Three large coaches pulled up at the school at 9.20a.m. The orchestra played some popular tunes like Ireland's Call, Do a Deer, and the Pink Panther. They also let us hear the different woodwind instruments being played on their own and then listen to them while playing with the whole orchestra. 5th and 6th class went to the Gravity Extreme Adventure Centre in Wexford after the orchestra. We went swimming first and then tried some aerial obstacles. 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes went on a road train around Kilkenny and visited Kilkenny Castle. 1st class and the two infant classes got entertained by Mickey and Minnie Mouse in school. All of these activities were on the 12th of June. The day was great fun for all the children.

By Oisín and Richie.

First Holy Communion

On the 19th of May a class of 15 made their First Holy Communion at 11:00am in Ballyhale Church. They all looked lovely in the First Holy Communion outfits. Their teacher was Mrs. Coleman. All of the children took part in making the Mass very special. All in all 43 children were in the choir. They all got a bar of chocolate for taking part. After the Communion mass all the participating children were invited to the hall for tea and sandwiches. 2nd class decorated the church with colourful artwork. It was a very enjoyable day for the 2nd class children. Deirdre Kehoe played the guitar and was presented with flowers by the children.

By Chloe O Grady and Faye Mahon.



Bad memories from Scoil Phádraig

"Losing both County Finals on the same weekend"

"First day at school"

"Getting punishment sheets for misbehaving"

"Bad weather, especially this year!!!!!!"

Funny Answers From 6th class and Science Experiment

We were informed by Patrick Hearne that a king now lives in a "caravan". Seán O'Mahony told us that Martin Luther King held "sit-up protests" rather than sit-in protests during the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S.A.

Chloe O Grady thought that a potato was a fruit. Another insightful theory was that Little Red Riding Hood met a "crocodile" in the wood rather than a wolf. John Phelan told us that Ruby Walsh was in fact the murderer of John F. Kennedy. Richie Cody explained to us that one of the most famous women in history was Lady Gaga!!!!!! Chloe Corrigan explained to us about the dangers of "carnivorous trees". Apparently, according to Lisa Donnelly, Pádraig Pearse died in a battle in the First World War. Michelle Cleere came up with the fantastic idea that Bord lascaigh Mhara teaches fish to fish and that the rebels in 1916 failed to gain control of the G.P.O. Eoin Kenneally stated that there were 50 squares on the flag of the U.S.A and that we should have €50 euro coins. One amusing question asked was "what size 32 inch hurls were available in school?" LOL

Science Experiment

Tip The Cup

You Need: One person and one cup

Method: Kneel down and rest your backside on your heels. Crouch down, arms together extending forward, hands touching each other and put your elbows to your knees. Have a friend put a cup where your fingers reach. Now put your arms behind your knees but reach forward towards the cup with your nose and try to tip the cup.

If you are going to fall **CATCH YOURSELF WITH YOUR HANDS**

Conclusion: If your centre of gravity is higher up, your body will fall over as you fall forward. If your centre of gravity (COG) is lower then you will not fall over as you lean forward. It has been proved by scientists that more girls can tip the cup with their noses than boys because girls' COG is lower than the boys'.

By Dean and Conor



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Swimming and Junior Infants

Swimming

This year the 3rd-6th class pupils went swimming in the Sean Kelly Sports Centre in Carrick-on-Suir. It started on the 3rd of September. The pupils were put into three separate groups. In the nine weeks we learned strokes such as the backstroke, front crawl and dives such as the cannonball and the pencil dive. The teachers were very helpful and every child who went swimming improved both with confidence in the water and perfecting the different strokes. On the last week of swimming we got to have a go on a bouncy obstacle course. Anyone who completed the obstacle course did extremely well. At the end of every swimming lesson you could play with your friends in the pool for the last five minutes. When we finished swimming everyone that attended got a swimming certificate. Next year there will also be swimming lessons starting in September 2012.

By Chloe Corrigan and Eoin Cody.

Junior Infants.

The Junior Infants started on Tuesday 30th of August. There were 23 children in the class. There were 9 girls and 14 boys. Their teacher was Ms. Hahessy. For the first few days the Junior Infants went home at 12.30pm, then they started going home at 2.00pm and still do now. They like singing loads of songs and reading especially Reading Buddies. The Junior Infant Class are getting on very well in Scoil Phádraig and are also really looking forward to Senior Infants.

By Natan Laba.



Credit Union, World Book Day and Jersey Day.

Credit Union

The Credit Union comes to Scoil Phádraig every Tuesday to help school children save their money for the future. The Credit Union organised a colouring competition. The first prize was €20, the second and third prizes were colouring pencils. The Credit Union also held a quiz for primary schools. We entered two teams of four. The first round was held in St. Mary's National School, Thomastown. One of the teams from Scoil Phadraig won. All groups got pencils, pens and rulers. The teams that won got through to the second round which was held in Kilkenny. Unfortunately we did not get any further. The winners got through to the last round in the RDS in Dublin.

By Lisa Donnelly.

World Book Day

World book Day was in March. All the children in the school got a token for €1.50 to buy a book in a book shop. Some people picked a character in a book and dressed up as that character. Last year people won prizes for the best costume. This year there was no winner but we did get a picture taken. Two years ago Lauryn Devereux won as Old Mother Hubbard out of the whole school. She won a €10 book token. You can find all the photographs on World Book Day on the school website

By Vivienne and Jason.

Jersey Day

On Jersey Day we combined a couple of different competitions and charity events. Jersey Day was where you got to wear a jersey of your choice. On Hat and Sock day all the children wore different hats and socks. . Everyone who wore a jersey had the option to bring in €2. There was also Sock and Hat day combined. Hat, Jersey and Sock day was in October. The winners in Mr. O Dowd's class for the best hat was Faye Mahon and the winner for the best socks was Andrea Kent. The money went to a charity called Goal. Everyone in the school enjoyed the Hat, Jersey and Sock Day.

By Jason Devereux and Vivienne Healy