



Nuacht litir na Samhraidh.

Special points of interest:

- Reading Buddies ran from May to June 2013
- The school ran a Jumble Sale on June 21st (Summer Solstice) and we raised €1200.
- Thomastown Credit Union comes to the school every Tuesday.
- School will re-open on Thursday August 29th 2013.
- Rang 6 ran all the stalls at the Jumble Sale.
- The Mobile Library Service visits the school monthly

Credit Union Schools Quiz

The boys on the Credit Union Quiz won the first quiz by a good few points on the 4th of Feb. The boys also won the provincial final by the skin of their teeth. On April 7th the boys went to the RDS for the national final. They tried as hard as they possibly could, and finished joint twelfth.

Some of the questions they were asked were: What are a Turkish van and a Japanese bobtail? The answer is cats. What does a taxidermist do? The answer is someone who stuffs animals.

On the day of the final the whole class (minus a person or two) went to the RDS on the bus. The quiz team got the back seat with Mr O' Dowd regularly coming to destroy the fun. On the way back down everyone was tired. The boys on the quiz team were upset. We returned home at 5 or so.

In the aftermath, the utterly gutted quiz team was stopped outside Dublin for McDonald's; all were frustrated with the result. Ben O' Keeffe, Tom O' Dwyer, Eoin Walsh and John Shortall were the members of the quiz team. However reaching twelfth in the country was an epic achievement by anyone's standards. Teachers who came were Mr O' Dowd and Mrs Coleman.

By Ciara Moran and Ben O' Keeffe.



Drama

On the 31st of January each class from juniors to 6th class started drama. Our drama teacher's name was Jason. He performed in plays all over Europe. We had drama every Thursday for 6 weeks. On the 6th week we had the show. It was on Friday 22nd of March.

On the first week we acted out the seven dwarfs. We had to use a lot of facial expressions and expression in our voices. On the second week Jason told us what play we were doing and he held auditions. Juniors and 1/2 of seniors performed Snow White, the other 1/2 of seniors and first class performed The Wizard Of Oz with a twist, 2nd and 3rd class performed Mamma Mia, 4th and 5th class performed Shinderella and our class (Rang 6) performed Father Ted with a twist.

On the 3rd week he told everyone who they were playing, what our characters were like and how we played them. On the 4th week we all got our scripts and we had a little run through it and on the 5th week we went through it but without any scripts. We organised our props and costumes. On the 6th week we had our show.

The parents came to the hall to watch our performances. At the end of the show Mr. O Dowd gave a speech and we all thanked Jason. All of us enjoyed the experience.

By Amy Duggan and Shanelle Mullen



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School Trips to Nore Valley Farm and Waterford

This year on the 13th of June the juniors, seniors and 1st class went to Nore Valley Farm in Bennettsbridge and afterwards they went to an orchestral performance. They really enjoyed their school trip.

On the 5th of June, 2nd, 3rd and 4th class went on their school trip to Reginald's Tower in Waterford and finally went on a trip on the Kilmeaden train. They thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

On the 29th of May 5th and 6th class went to Hook Head lighthouse and Dunmore East Adventure Centre. First we went to the lighthouse and got a tour from the tour guide, Geraldine. The classes walked up 115 steps to get to the top, where there was a wonderful view. Finally we went to the adventure centre where we enjoyed some water sports. It was a blast.

By Andrea Kent and Conor Doyle.

*Good memories
from 6th class
pupils*

*“seeing the boys in
the Credit Union
quiz”.*

*“School tours and
Sports Day”*

“swimming lesson”

*“Fr. Ted drama and
other
performances”*

*“Making new
friends”.*

Leaving 6th Class

Leaving 6th class there are 23 children there are a lot of mixed feelings about leaving primary school but everybody agrees they've had a great time in Scoil Phádraig .

All pupils in 6th class are looking forward to a new start in secondary school. The class are going to different schools from Scoil Aireagail to different schools in Kilkenny city.

The pupils leaving 6th class are : Sarah Cody, John Shortall ,Amy Duggan, Billy Moran , Jason Devereux ,Shanelle Mullen, Zuhair Phelan , David Lawler , Eoin Cody , Ciara Moran , Ben O'Keefe ,Dean Mason ,Caitlín Phelan , James Reid, Doireann Doyle , Conor Doyle , Darragh Corcoran , Tom O'Dwyer , Ciar O'Donoghue, Christopher Coady, Eoin Walsh, Aoife O'Farrell and Andrea Kent. During our years in primary school, Stacey Doyle, Natan Laba and Mark McNamara have unfortunately left to go to other schools.

Some of our memories from school that we will never forget are our first day at school, school trips and starting Mr. O'Dowd's class!

Our teachers over the years have been Ms. McCormick, Ms. Ronayne, Ms O'Shea, Ms Phelan and Mr O'Dowd. We would like to thank all the teachers for a good education and some unforgettable memories.

By Doireann Doyle and Eoin Walsh.



Funny Answers From 6th Class

We had plenty of obscure answers in 6th class this year. Billy Moran claimed that Dingus Day in Poland is a day where children drown themselves. Doireann Doyle claimed that penguins now had the power to kill polar bears. Dean told us that the Celts lived in houses called tigees. We were also informed that you could turn off a sink to save electricity. James Reid told us that Japan is now in Europe. Ben O'Keefe knocked on the inside of the door in the classroom before leaving instead of the next classroom he was about to enter. Sarah Cody told us that Paraguay is now the capital of the Czech Republic. Eoin Cody claimed that you could have a birthday on the 31st of November. Ciara Moran, Amy and Tom were on a boat trip for 4500 hours!!!!!!! Christopher Coady came up with the startling statement that YOGI BEAR invented the Television. Mark Twain was one of the founder members of the GAA apparently. And Billy told us that Queen Elizabeth II is married to PEDRO!!!!!!! Great answers Rang 6..... Maith Sibh.

Scoil Phádraig, Ballyhale.

First Communion & Confirmation 2013

The first Communion was on the 18th of May. 18 pupils made their First Communion and received the Holy bread for the first time. Their teacher Mrs Coleman and Father Brennan helped them prepare for the big day. A choir of 50 students showed up. Deirdre Kehoe our guitar player helped the choir on the day. The mass started at 11 o'clock. The mass was packed and not all the people got seats. All the first Communion students received the Holy bread. The Mass ended at twelve o'clock and everyone headed for tea, sandwiches and pictures. The Ballyhale Women's Guild played a big part and we thank them very much.

The Confirmation took place on the 27 of January. There were 40 students making it. There were 3 priests and the Bishop. It took place at 11 o'clock. It ended at 12:30. There were 40 people in the choir. Deirdre Kehoe helped us with the songs and after the mass we went to the hall for tea and sandwiches we thank the Ballyhale Woman's guild.

By Sarah Cody and Darragh Corcoran.



Bad memories from Scoil Phádraig

"Losing matches especially after extra time"

"Last day at school"

"Getting punishment sheets for misbehaving"

"too much homework"

Science Experiment

Our favourite science experiment from this year was called the CO2 balloon. For this experiment you need:

A funnel, 750ml bottle, a balloon, a spoon, vinegar, baking powder/bread soda.

1. Half fill the balloon with baking powder/bread soda using the funnel.
2. Put 4cm of vinegar into the bottle.
3. Place the balloon onto the bottle.
4. Tip all of the baking powder/bread soda in the balloon into the bottle.
5. Watch!

Explanation: The vinegar reacts with the baking powder which creates carbon dioxide. This gas inflates the balloon.

By Aoife O'Farrell, Caitlín Phelan and Christopher Coady.

Drumming and GAA

This year 2nd to 6th class took drumming lessons. Our instructors Mo, Cathy and Catherine taught us the African drums. There were three notes on how to play the drum. A Base is when you hit the centre of the drum; this note makes a deep low sound. A slap is when you hit the edge of the drum with your fingers spread apart; this note makes a high pitch sound. A tone is the same but your fingers together. A tone makes a deeper sound than a slap yet higher than a base.

This year 6th were doing a rhythm from Senegal. We also did a body percussion performance. We performed drumming show on the 13th of June. All of the classes loved the drumming and we thank our instructors immensely.

By Ciar O Donoghue and Tom O Dwyer.

The boys played 8 games in the Gaelic Football last year, winning 5 games and losing one game in the Roinn A. In the Country Cup the boys played 2 games and won one game and lost one game.

The boys played 9 games in the hurling, winning 3 games and losing 6 games in the Roinn A. In the Country Cup we played one game against Goresbridge/Paulstown and beat them after a great game of hurling. Then the boys played Castlecomer in the quarter final of the Country Cup and lost after Extra Time.

The girls played 4 games winning 2 games, losing one and drawing one in Roinn C Camogie. In the Gaelic Football the girls played 5 games, winning 4 games and losing one game. The boys and girls did extremely well throughout the year.

By Dean Mason and James Reid



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Sports Day

On Tuesday 21st of May, sports day was held in our school. Every class took part in all the sports events. At 9:30 the Parent's Association held a cake sale that same morning. Every class got their chance to get some buns and cakes. At 10.30a.m 6th class went out to the back of the school to set tracks for all the events.

Sports day officially started at 11.30am. The parents of the children came and watched. The first event of the day was the short sprint. Junior infants started every event while 6th class went last. Mr O Dowd blew a whistle to start every race while Miss McCormick took down who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in every event. The events that took place were ,the short sprint ,the long run ,the bean bag race , the sack race and the timed hula hoop competition.

The day ended on a high at 1.55p.m. when Juniors were awarded a medal, a certificate and a goody bag. At 3 o'clock the rest of the classes [1st, 6th] were awarded a certificate and goody bag. Thanks to the Parent's Association for the cake sale and the awards at the end of the day and also thanks to the staff of our school for making it a successful day.

By Eoin Mac Óda Agus Jason Deabhrús

Literacy: D.E.A.R. Time, Reading Buddies, World Book Day

From the start of the year we did D.E.A.R. Time, from 1:15 to 1:30. For the fifteen minutes we read a book from the library or our own book.

Reading Buddies started on the 20th of May. Reading Buddies involves helping the smaller children getting used to read and help them improve. Reading Buddies goes on for three to four weeks. Reading Buddies is fun to do it especially because it helps the smaller children to read. We call the smaller children that we help to read the junior reading buddies. And we call the older ones the senior reading buddies. The older ones have a folder to keep the books and sheets which holds all the details on the junior reading buddies.

World Book Day was on the 8th of March. We dressed up for World Book Day and had a competition. The winners were Doireann Doyle, Dearbhla Doyle, Maeve Kenneally, Finnian Shefflin, Anna Delaney, Amy O'Mahony, Sarah Devereux, Killian Corcoran, Rory McMahon and James O'Neill. We all had fun and it was a great day.

By Zuhair Phelan and David Lawler.



Radio and TV Appearances

On the 28th of August 2012 Up for the Match footage was filmed behind the school. People featured in the video from sixth class were Darragh Corcoran and Dean Mason. The school also appeared in the Sports Personality Of The Year award show on RTÉ 1 on Dec 23rd 2012. The sixth class students in the clip were Eoin Cody, Ciar O' Donoghue, James Reid, Andrea Kent, Ben O' Keeffe, Billy Moran, Jason Devereux , Conor Doyle, Christopher Coady, Shanelle Mullen , Ciara Moran and Amy Duggan.

On the 28th September 2012 both Ciara Moran and Christopher Coady of 6th Class were interviewed by RTÉ News. Ciara and Christopher spoke about the All Ireland Hurling Final Replay. Also before the replay Shanelle Mullen, Eoin Cody, Jason Devereux and Sarah Cody spoke on Morning Ireland Radio Show. All these clips are on the school website.

By John Shortall and Billy Moran