



Nuacht litir an tSamhraidh.

Parents' Association 5k run.

The 5k run was on Sunday 19th of June. It was on at 1pm and was organised by the Parents' Association to raise money for the school. It started at the GAA pitch and ended at the church. After the run everyone went to the hall for refreshments and to dry off. There was a prize for the first man, first woman, first boy and first girl home. The first boy home was Darragh Corcoran and the first girls home were Ava Shefflin and Leah Aylward. After everybody was finished the run there was a raffle in the hall.

By Ava Shefflin & Lucy Fitzpatrick



Swimming 2016

We started swimming on the 8th of January 2016. It lasted for 8 weeks. 3rd class to 6th class went swimming. Beginners did a test to see if they had to stay in the shallow end or progress up to the deep end. We learned the butterfly, back stroke, front crawl, the worm, a tumble, breast stroke and much more. It was great to learn how to do those strokes and tricks. The instructors were a great help to us. On the last day we had an inflatable bouncy obstacle course which everyone enjoyed and had great fun trying to complete. At the end of the lessons we earned a certificate. By Joshua Burke & Katie Dalton

1916 Centenary in Scoil Phádraig

We learned about the leaders, the executions, the Proclamation and Eamonn De Valera. Mr O Dowd was contacted by the Defence Forces that they would be presenting the Irish Flag and the Proclamation to our school on the 11th of December at 11:30 am. We also played our National Anthem with our tin whistles. The Irish soldiers taught us a lot about the military and the history of the Irish Tricolour. We were all allowed to ask questions and the soldiers answered them at the end of their speeches. We have learned that if you drop the Irish flag on the ground you must burn it. All of the school put a lot of effort into art displays and learning songs in memory of the 1916 Rising. Every class was there in the hall when the soldiers arrived.

Larry Cody from 6th class read a paragraph from the 1916 Proclamation. Mark Costigan from 3rd class collected the Proclamation from the two soldiers. Caitlin Walsh from Junior Infants collected the Irish Tricolour from the two soldiers. On the 15th of March at noon we all lined up outside the old building. Rachel Kenneally and Joshua Burke both from 6th class raised the Irish tricolour flag while 3rd 4th 5th and 6th played the Amhrán na bhFiann on the tin whistle.

By Nadeen Drennan & Dillion Delaney.



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Special points of interest:

- Thomastown Credit Union comes to the school every Tuesday.
- School will re-open on Wednesday August 31st 2016.
- The Parents' Association have been very active fundraising for the school throughout the year. Thanks to Janet and the other members.
- The Mobile Library Service visits the school monthly

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“No treat on Friday”.

This year our school has been trying very hard to reduce the amount of sugar we eat in the school. We made a chart showing the amount of sugar in food and drink. We started doing No Treat On Friday on the 15th of January. At first we were just doing it during Lent but we continued to do “no treat on Friday” until the end of the school year. The highest percentage we ever got was 99% of children in the whole school who did not have a treat in school on that Friday.
By Sarah Devereux and Megan Rooney



*Good memories
from 6th class pupils*

“School leagues”

*“Making new friends
in Junior Infants”.*

*“reaching Shield
Final in Camogie”*

“Sports Day”

School trips

*Drumming and Hip
Hop*

Junior Infants 2016

This year 29 children started in Junior Infants. They sing songs, read, write, play, colour and learn their sounds, letters and numbers. Ms. Phelan is their teacher. Ms. McCabe and Ms. McNamara also teach in the Junior Infants classroom. They have learned the rules of “big school”. Some were very nervous starting but now they like school. They do lots of art and colouring as well as the main subjects. They also like playing soccer, basketball and mums and dads. They are very good at participating in Water on Wednesday (wow), Fruit on Friday (FOF), March on Monday (MOM) and No treat on Friday (NTOF). This year was their first year participating in Sports Day and they did really well in it. They had a very good year and will continue to work hard in Senior Infants.
By Chloe Phelan and Caroline Barron.

6th Class Leaving 2016

This year 6th class are heading to secondary school in September. 6th class are going to different schools such as Scoil Aireagail, Presentation Kilkenny, St Kieran's and Grennan College, Thomastown. There are 16 children in 6th class. 5 boys and 11 girls. There were four boys and ten girls when we started back in 2008. The teachers we had were Ms O Shea, Ms Ronayne, Ms Phelan, Ms Coleman, Ms McCormick and Mr O Dowd. 6th class are really looking forward to the challenge of secondary school, studying new subjects and making new friends.



By Thomas Costigan and Alannah Coady

Funny Answers From 6th Class

There were a variety of strange and obscure answers given by Rang 6 this year. Ava believed that salt grows on trees and that you could boil pizza. James told us that if you are lonely a chicken might keep you company. Caitlin unfortunately suffered from a rare condition known as dancing plague!!!! We also learned that there are “obese angles” from Caroline. Nadeen said that a joke she heard was very funny but she didn't get it!!!! Berlin is in Ireland according to Chloe but was corrected that its actually in France. Thomas told us that the 1916 leaders were executed by throwing vegetables at them. Joshua said that sugar is a dairy product. GMT stands for Geography Meteor Training. James told us a barbarian is a man who cuts hair!!!! George Bush was the first president of Ireland. Larry told us that your tongue is the strongest bone in your body!!!!. Someone saw an earthquake on the radio!!!!. The River Nile is in Kilkenny.... And a pizza in Copenhagen costs €3.5 million. The list goes on....and on.. and on.....

Scoil Phádraig, Ballyhale.

Communion 2016

This year the second class made their First Communion on the 28th of May 2016 at 11 o'clock. There were 25 girls and boys altogether. They made their Communion in the Carmelite Friary in Knocktopher due to a big class. The class were very fashionable on the day with all the girls wearing dresses and all the boys in suits.



Third class to sixth class sang in the choir. The second class practised for two weeks before with their teacher Mr. Griffin in the church in Knocktopher to ensure a perfect ceremony on the day. At the end of the mass the second class sang a song on the altar with actions. After mass everybody went back to the hall where the Women's Guild served tea, coffee, sandwiches and buns. Everybody enjoyed the day. By Chloe Phelan and Caroline Barron.

*Bad memories
from Scoil
Phádraig*

G.A.A. 2015/16

This year the boys struggled in both hurling and Gaelic football. They only won one match in hurling and one in Gaelic football. The girls did a little bit better than the boys in both camogie and Gaelic football. The girls won 2 Gaelic football matches. The girls got to a camogie shield final against Windgap but unfortunately lost. The boys and girls final of the league in both hurling and football were played during the last weeks of school. We will hope for better next year. By Ava Shefflin and Lucy Fitzpatrick.

*"losing the Shield
Final in 2016"*

*"Sadness leaving
6th class"*

Drumming and Sports Day

We started drumming on Wednesday the 11th of May. Our instructors were Mo, Damian and Catherine. 6th class wrote their own rhythm on the second week. On the 3rd, 4th and 5th weeks we learned how to play the rhythm. All the classes played different rhythms. We all performed our rhythm on the 15th of June in our show. All the parents came to watch the show. At the end Catherine, Mo and Damian performed a show and it was unbelievable. We had a great six weeks of drumming. By Megan Rooney and Sarah Devereux



*"Getting
punishment
sheets for
misbehaving"*

*"staying in at
break time".*

On the 16th of June 2016 we had Sports Day. We started with the sprint then the bean bag race. The sack race, egg and spoon race, the long race and then finally the hula hoop. Everyone tried their best and did well. It was the Junior Infants first ever sports day in the school and everyone enjoyed it. Girls went first and were followed by the boys from each class. We took a break in between to get our energy back. We had very good fun and enjoyed the day. The weather wasn't great but that didn't stop us from having fun. The long race for 6th class was two laps of the pitches at the back of the school.

By Joshua Burke and Katie Dalton.

Something Fishy Project

This year 6th class took part in the Something Fishy project. We were each given two fish to research and find facts on them. We went up one by one and put our facts into a slide on the computer. We then put pictures of the fish we had above them such as eel, salmon, trout and cod. There were a total of 29 fish researched. After entering the facts we customized our slides with different colours, fonts and designs. We entered the project into a competition.

We went on a fishing trip to the river near the church on 15th of June. We were split into groups and given magnifying glasses to look at the creatures from the kick test. After that we caught bigger fish such as baby trout, an eel and some rainbow trout. We lined up and got to hold and stroke the fish and eels. Padraig O'Neill, the course co-ordinator, showed us some fishing rods and hooks. 6th class thought it was a great experience.

By Alannah Coady and Thomas Costigan



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Hip Hop lessons

In November we started Hip Hop. Nikki and Favio were our instructors. It lasted for four weeks. We learned different types of moves and dances. Every week we learned something different. Some were fast, some were slow, some were hard and some were easy. We learned the moves one step at a time. Favio and Nikki were very helpful all the way through the four weeks.

We danced to different music every week. In the final week all classes got a certificate that had their own name on it. The whole school enjoyed dancing with Nikki and Favio.

By James Shanahan and Rachel Kenneally

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association have worked very hard throughout the year. They have been fundraising since September for ipads for the school. We will be looking to purchase them in September 2016. They have also organised a very successful 5K run and were unfortunate with the weather on the day but the turnout was good. The Parents' Association also help by subsidising Hip Hop and Drumming. The school is continuing to grow and all fundraising efforts are very much appreciated. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!!!!



Fruit on Friday, WOW and Drop Everything and Run (DEAR)

Since the start of the year we have been trying to bring in water for Water on Wednesday (WOW) and fruit for Fruit on Friday (FOF). We try to reach a target so that we can do March on Monday (MOM). March on Monday is when all the school walks down to Ballyhale pitch and walk/run around the path. The 6th class keep track of the percentages. The class that gets the highest score gets a plaque. This happens every term. Juniors that just came in are doing very well and are starting to get the hang of it. Fruit on Friday was also introduced in school. We also keep track of the scores for Fruit on Friday. Hopefully we will keep the good scores up!

By James Shanahan and Rachel Kenneally

After big break the whole school read their book for 15 minutes. We do that everyday of the year. DEAR stands for Drop Everything And Read. All classes have their own library, go to the school library and some classes go the mobile library monthly.

We also have DEAR time that means Drop Everything And Run. Once a week every class runs for 10 to 15 minutes instead of reading on their given day. We set up cones for a 100m course.

The timetable is Monday Mr Griffin and Ms Mc Cormick. Tuesday Mrs. Coleman and Wednesday Mr Cody, Thursday Ms. Phelan and Friday Mr O Dowd. It helps us all to keep fit.

By Larry Cody and Caitlin Lowry

School Tours

On Tuesday the 31st of May 5th and 6th class went on their school trip to the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross and Dunmore East Adventure Centre in Waterford. At Dunmore East they went on a wibit which is a water obstacle course, went kayaking and boats with pedals.

On Tuesday 31st of May Junior Infants and Senior infants went on their school trip to Reptile Village in Gowran and afterwards watched a play about the Three Little Pigs in the school.

On Tuesday the 14th of June 1st and 2nd class went on their school trip to see Pinocchio in Waterford and after Pinocchio they went to Suir Valley Railway.

On the 2nd of June 3rd and 4th class went on their school trip to the Watershed Activity Camp. They went on a wrecking ball rodeo, played soccer and lots more.

All classes really enjoyed the school trips and look forward to more great trips in the future.

By Larry Cody and Caitlin Lowry