

# Scoil Bhríde June 2019

## Junior Infant News

Junior Infants have worked super hard this year and have started to read and write!! It has been a great year! We went down to the Church yesterday where we met Fr. O' Byrne and said a few prayers, it was a lovely walk. We are also looking forward to our School Tour next Monday, we are going to Pine Forest! We can't wait for Senior Infants

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## Senior Infant News

Senior Infants had a fantastic year this year. We learned a lot of exciting new things. We particularly enjoyed learning about animals, lifecycles, and countries. We are brilliant scientists and we have just finished studying minibeasts and had a great time hunting for them!

The highlights of our year are our Christmas play, science week, sports day, the school tour, nature walks, drama and art lessons. On our school tour we went to Let's Go in UCD. It was an action packed day, filled with fun and adventure. We got up really early to get the bus!

Our teachers think we are wonderful!



Minibeast hunt



Minibeast hunt



Superstars at work

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## First Class News

First Class have had a fantastic year of fun and learning. As part of Green Schools, we planted spring onions in the garden which are growing very well. 'Talkabout Thursday' has been a great success in our final term as we practise speaking about a topic in front of our class. During Science Week, we did an exciting experiment about electricity and presented it in the hall. Now that we are in 1<sup>st</sup> class, we have gotten very good at doing projects. This year we did projects about animals, habitats and India. We went on our school tour to Lullymore Heritage Park and had a fantastic day learning about the bog. We have learnt all about friendship through the programme 'Zippy's Friends' which has been lots of fun. We can't wait for 2<sup>nd</sup> class!

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> class News

2<sup>nd</sup> class has been a very exciting year as we got involved in many new activities and adventures! Firstly, we began learning how to write in cursive using our 'Handwriting Without Tears' programme. This was a big step in our learning but we worked hard and are now handwriting superstars! We also began swimming lessons in K-Leisure for the first time with our school. We were also lucky enough to have a GAA coach for football and we did dance with Jenny Brady. Over the year we have been learning about many different topics including: Africa, Space, The Arctic, Christopher Columbus, Chinese New Year plus many more.

2<sup>nd</sup> class was a big year for us as it was our First Holy Communion year. We spent a lot of time preparing for the big day. On 4<sup>th</sup> of April we made our First Confession and a few weeks later our First Communion Day took place on 18<sup>th</sup> May. It was a wonderful day with lots of great memories. We have worked hard in 2<sup>nd</sup> class this year and have had lots of fun. We are looking forward to our summer holidays and are excited about all we will learn in 3<sup>rd</sup> class.

## The Daily Mile.

This school year saw our school participate in 'The Daily Mile' initiative which is organised by Kildare Sports Partnership and Athletics Ireland. We were one of the 41 schools in Kildare taking part. Our goal was to walk for 15 minutes each day with the overall aim of walking a mile in that time. It was a wonderful opportunity to get out into the fresh air, interact with friends, increase our fitness so we would be ready to learn and concentrate more on our return to the classroom. On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June a presentation was held in the county council offices in Naas for all schools in Kildare who participated in the programme as a recognition of their participation and dedication to the programme. Tom Troy and Aoife Hayes from Ms. O'Reilly's 2<sup>nd</sup> class represented the school to collect our certificate. It was a wonderful morning. Ray D'Arcy presented our certificates while representatives from Kildare Sports Partnership and Athletics Ireland spoke, commending the work of the children and encouraging them to engage in daily activity now and in the future.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> class News

This year in 3<sup>rd</sup> class we had fun going to different places and doing lots of fun things. We did Art, Science week and Maths week. We also made volcanoes and made them erupt. We went to lots of places like Fort Lucan and Castletown House. Ms Roche's class had an artist, Marta, working with them for seven weeks. They had great fun making different things. We went to Fort Lucan for our school tour. We had lots and lots of fun. There were 3 water slides and a playground. We learned about electricity and made light bulbs light up. We can't wait for 4<sup>th</sup> class!

## Our year in 4<sup>th</sup> class

We had a great fun year. We visited Dublinia to learn more about the Vikings and medieval times. We had great fun on our school tour in Redhills Adventure Centre. We did lots of projects with our teachers this year and learned so many new things. Most recently we did a cool field study on Mini Beasts! We earned pen licenses after working very hard at our handwriting. Special shout out to Lauren Martin in Ms. Moynihan's class for donating 16 inches of her hair recently to the Rapunzel Foundation! Wow! We can't wait for new adventures in 5<sup>th</sup> class!

## Our Year in 5<sup>th</sup> Class

During our year in 5<sup>th</sup> class we did lots of amazing things. We learned how to ride our bikes safely and we went out into Kill to ride on the road too. All the 5<sup>th</sup> classes took part in Engineering and designed loads of cool and exciting things e.g., Windmills, Boats, Mechanical Arms and Circuit Boards that made lightbulbs light up. At the end of Engineering we had to design and make our own projects in a group. Our school tour was held at Lilliput Adventure Centre in Co. Westmeath. We had great fun and a good laugh with all the activities. We are looking forward to 6<sup>th</sup> class!

## The Student Council

We had another great year with the Student Council this year. We held regular meetings to discuss different things that were going on in the school and to also discuss ideas about how to make our school an even better place for everyone.

We organised a fantastic 'Lá Buí' for Daffodil Day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Everyone made a great effort to wear yellow to school and some children even made costumes. A total of €1045.90 was raised by the children in the school and this all went to the Irish Cancer Society.

We also helped out with the 'Shave or Dye' fundraiser in the school. The Student Council picked two winners from each class for the Crazy Hair Day competition. It was great fun.

We are looking forward to another successful year with the Student Council next year.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> class News

We had a very exciting year. At the start of the year two Spanish students stayed in our class. In September we visited Dáil Éireann, the National Museum and the Dead Zoo Museum. We had a great time. We had our Confirmation in February. We did a lot of preparation for this. We baked cakes for a successful bake sale in May. All proceeds went to Barretstown. We went to Clara Lara on our school tour which was such good fun. In March a handful of 6<sup>th</sup> class students took part in and produced the schools' production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. What a success that was! At the start of June the school (Mr. Gallagher) ran its annual World Cup where most of the students in 6<sup>th</sup> class were captains or vice captains. We really had an amazing year and want to thank our teachers. Our primary school experience in Scoil Bhríde was unforgettable with amazing memories made to last a lifetime. We can't wait for new adventures in secondary school.

#### Helen's Class

Helen's class have been gardening. They've been learning about minibeasts. They have planted sunflowers. They have explored the school garden. Helen's boys love going to the garden.

In this Summer term we have really enjoyed learning about sunflowers. We painted them in our art class and then we planted our seeds. They have grown into seedlings so fast and we are able to see the stem and the leaves. In our yoga we learned a new Sun Salute and we are learning to balance in our Tree pose. We have been busy searching for Minibeasts such as ants, worms, and spiders in the garden. After painting ladybirds we read all the stages in the lifecycle of the ladybird. Next week we will be learning more about the bees. Summer is a busy time in Helen's ASD class.

#### Miriam's class

Miriam's class are very busy these days. During Friendship week they taught 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils a cool card game. They went to Naas on the 126 bus and also went bowling to KBowl. Well done to Georgia. She went marching to Dáil Éireann for the rights of children with special needs. At the moment the class are practising for their Graduation ceremony. Kian Doyle from 6<sup>th</sup> class wrote a special song for the class and will perform it with them on the day. Good luck to Ciarán, Ollie, Colm and Mark, our graduating pupils.



#### Basketball News

The Basketball team had another fantastic year with the addition of a new coach. The girls defended their League title for the fourth year in succession and went on to win the Blitz and community games county title. The boys finished runners up in the league and reached another community games Leinster semi final narrowly losing out to the eventual winners by a point. Thanks to all the parents for the lifts to matches and their continued support.

#### Boy's Hurling Final

This year's hurling team was an unexpected success seen as they hadn't won a game in over 10 years. All the 27 of our team put great efforts into the game and left everything on the pitch. Our captain,

Craig Gaffney, and the team played a stormer with the help of our two coaches, Mr Carty and Mr Kelly. Ben McDonnell our top scorer, scored an amazing 3-4 supported by Conor Hayes with a score of 2-4 and a full team of committed and supportive teammates who excelled on every part of the pitch including Ronan O' Malley our super goalie who made some fantastic saves during the game.

The road to the final included a super opening match against Straffan winning 8-8 to 4-4, followed quickly by matches against Cappagh and Gaelscoil Chill Dara before meeting Straffan again in a quarter final and Gaelscoil Chill Dara in the final in Moorefield. The final score was 5-8 to 3-7. A special shout out to the heroes who attended all the training and didn't get to play on the day.

A big thank you for all the support from parents, teachers, students and Kill GAA for the entire league and we are looking forward to continued success and enjoyment in hurling in Scoil Bhríde in the future.

#### Choir

Our school Choir were wonderful again this year. We had a fun year learning new songs. They sang so majestically at our Communion ceremony in May. We will really miss our current 6<sup>th</sup> class choir members. Thank you for your dedication. We can't wait for new members to join next year from our current 3<sup>rd</sup> classes. Keep up the singing everyone! Ms Moynihan and Mr Maguire.

#### Girls' Football

This year's girls' football team was very successful with the help from 28 hardworking girls and two dedicated teachers, Ms Purcell and Mr Gallagher. We got to the final against Eadestown and we put our heart and soul into it but unfortunately we lost. It was an unforgettable experience.

#### Green Schools

Our Green School's Committee have worked really hard this year. We have been working towards our 'Food and Biodiversity' flag. We would like to thank all of the classes for helping us to prepare for this flag. We hope to continue growing our own food next year and share it with our classes. We hope everyone has a lovely 'Green' Summer.

#### Knitting

The children in Ms. Farry's, Ms. Power's/Ms. Finnegan's, Ms. Hollands and Ms. Broggy's have been working hard on their knitting skills and as a result are currently making hats for the charity Age Action Ireland with the help of Ms Cooney. Well done all!

#### Senior Boys Gaelic Football

This year in the *Cumann na mBunscol* Scoil Bhríde were unlucky not to make it through to the semi-final, having played exciting matches against Scoil Uí Riada, Kilcock and Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Prosperous. We enjoyed the variety of games and morning and evening training sessions. We would like to thank Mr Kelly and Mr Gallagher for their time in helping us. We would also like to thank the players for representing their school so well. A big thank you also to all the parents who offered lifts to and from the matches. Scoil Bhríde are looking forward to the U-11 football league in September. To all 6<sup>th</sup> class boys who are leaving us, thank you for all the years of football you have given and best of luck in the future. **An Chill Abú!**

#### Single use plastic:

Just a reminder to remember to continue to use reusable drink bottles in school and **no single use plastic bottles!**

Research around schools in the U.K. have demonstrated decrease in air quality attributed to car engines running idle while in the school grounds. Our playgrounds are NO IDLING ZONES Please consider.