



O'BRENNAN NS NEWSLETTER

June 2019

Welcome to our final Newsletter for 2018/ 2019.
Thank you to all who have contributed to our newsletter throughout this school year.

Junior Infants

What a busy last term we have had in Junior Infants! We have been learning how to write reports in English and the children have written reports about animals that can be seen on a farm!

Our Aistear corner was a hive of activity the past few weeks also we were camping, organising birthday parties, at the Vets, the Dentists as well as shopping in the supermarket. Our tour to Sandy Feet Farm was brilliant! The Alpacas were very cute and we learned that they are great shepherds for the sheep as they chase foxes on the prowl and spit at them! They are also very hungry and like lots of food. We visited the beach also that day and had ice cream it was lots of fun!

We have had some birthdays in the last few weeks, in March/April/ May we celebrated Zoe, Milly, Caoimhe and Donnchadh's birthdays. In July Abby celebrates her birthday, she's very lucky she'll be on summer holidays for her birthday!

I wish you all a happy and a safe summer and once again I would like to thank you for all the help and support during the year. The children have had a great first year in school and I'm sure they are looking forward to the break!! ☺

Ms O' Brien

Senior Infants

Thoughts about Senior infants 2019:

"I liked decorating the bats with Ms Sheehy for Halloween" Gearoid
"I liked having Mr O' Neill teaching us" Aaron
"I liked doing science experiments" Doireann
"I loved all the books we read" Sophie
"I liked doing Art every week" Anna
"I liked doing Art especially painting" Emma
"I liked reading about Chip and Kipper" Jessica

"I liked making aeroplanes out of milk bottles" Alison

"I liked going on my school tour to SANDY Feet Farm" Fionn

"I liked getting keyrings from 6th class" Tadhg

"I liked being the donkey in our Christmas play" Dara

"I liked the games we play for our Halloween party especially pin the nose on the witch" Tristan

"I liked the Christmas play. I was one of the cows" Evan

"I liked Golden Time" Michéal

"I liked seeing Kathleen the bull on our school tour" Úna

"I liked the Christmas show we had out torches on for the last song" Rúta

"I liked Bua na Cainte" Carmen

I would like to thank the boys and girls of Senior Infants for a lovely year and wish everyone a nice summer break.

Ms. Sheehy

First Class

As we know summer is a very busy time for the honey bee, however he isn't the only one! To say first class has been a hive of activity is an understatement. In history and geography we studied some of Ireland's myths and legends, the legend of the two giants being a particular favourite. We hope to see the Giant's Causeway some day! Is it too far for a school tour? Dramatising the novel 'The Yuckee Prince' saw the return of some budding actors and gave us all some laughs. We were also kept busy planting seeds, as well as learning all about space and deciding on what races and games to play for sports day. James Rizzi was one artist of choice this term and we have some great artwork on display in the corridor. The highlight for us was travelling to Crag Cave for our school tour, we had a great time playing in the playzone before a tasty lunch and descending down into the cave. It was really cool to see stalactites and stalagmites in reality. As well as all this we continued with our reading, writing and maths and managed to squeeze in some summer tests. We have loved our time in First class and look

forward to Second class after the summer. Have a great summer break everyone!

Ms. Reidy

Second Class

Well there certainly has been a lot of events and activities in second class during May and June.

May was a particularly special month for the children of second class.

They received their first Holy Communion on Saturday May 18th in Ballymacelligott church.

We were very proud of the boys and girls who did so well in their readings, singing psalms, doing a procession of gifts and reciting prayers. The whole class were amazing and lifted the

whole Church when they sang the final hymn 'This Little Light of Mine'

On the Monday following, children wore their communion outfits to school and had a party, treats and a disco with a lovely cake in the school hall. We are very grateful to the parents council for helping to organise this.

In the classroom the children were kept busy in science and maths designing and making marble runs from recycled materials and having great fun testing them. The boys and girls also put their maths skills to use weighing out ingredients to make fairy cakes for the class. Needless to say they were delicious. us.

June promised lots of end of year activities, we went to Banna Beach resort and Banna beach on our school tour, we investigated chemical reactions in science..even blowing up a balloon by creating CO₂ gas. We made 3D hot air balloons in art, painted the rocks we collected at the beach and made paintings inspired by Mondrian. In science we experimented with blowing bubbles and investigated how we could make the biggest, strongest bubbles of different sizes. To top it all off we gathered enough stars to win our 'Class Ice Cream Challenge'. Ms Broderick treated us to cone ice creams with sprinkles, sauce and a flake for our good work and behaviour. Thank you to all the boys and girls in second class who were a wonderful class to teach and great fun too. Have a wonderful summer.

Mrs. Broderick

Third Class

Term 3 was an eventful term. We continued our maths stations. In May, we had two guest speakers from the I.T Tralee who spoke to the class about their experiences of Canada. It was very informative.

We read the novel 'Adam's Starling'.

Pupils participated in an Ice cream challenge.

Third class thoroughly enjoyed their School tour to Ballybunion which consisted of a visit to the swimming pool, a cupcake workshop and crazy golf at Checkers Cafe and finally a visit to the ice-cream parlour.

While some of the class were playing football in Currans the remainder enjoyed a Scavenger hunt in P.E. Well done on a great year Rang a trì. Enjoy the summer holidays!

Ms. McCarthy

Fourth/Fifth Class

Term three has been extremely busy in Ms.

Buckley's classroom, and wow did the students work hard!

This term the children embarked on entering the world of Roald Dahl and reading "The Witches" and did we laugh at the descriptive characters and storyline.

Our final few weeks were activity packed starting our school tour adventure to Jamie Knox Watersports in Castlegregory. What a busy day it was! Surfing, water trampoline, kayaks and paddle boating put bright sunny smiles on all faces. I have to commend the students on their behaviour and manners.

Next stop was Kerry Centre of Excellence where the children participated in a mixed football tournament with the Boys National School Castleisland and Scoil Muire Gan Smál Castleisland. Our class was very lucky that day with Nick Lacey winning the junior tournament

trophy and Ben Murphy winning a signed football by the Kerry Team.

Our class is participating in the Fís Competition; this is making a movie no more than 5 minutes long. The children are grouped together and have taken on writing their own script and dialogue for each scene. We had to decide on our theme, characters, costumes, sets and lots of acting. We will have to add in special effects and edit the scenes. So wish us luck the closing date is the 28th of June!

Also well done to Anna Collins from our classroom who was recently selected for the Kerry U 12 basketball team.

To finish up I would like to thank all my students in 4th & 5th for their hard work and dedication. Have a superb summer!

Ms. Buckley

Fifth/Sixth Class

What a busy few months it has been since we've spoken to you last from the fifth and sixth class classroom. The sixth class students made their confirmation on the 8th of May.

The sixth class students also took part in two more Erasmus plus trips, one to Pula in Croatia and the second to Rubi just outside Barcelona. The ten girls who went on the trip represented the school with great pride and made many new friends along the way.

The fifth class boys have been working extremely hard on their FIS project with Ms. Buckley's 4th and 5th classes. The acting skills on show have been of the highest order and no doubt there's a few Oscar winners in O'Brennan!! In between all of the excitement and travel, both groups also managed to find time for a school tour, the sixth class went to Kenmare to Star Outdoor Doors adventure centre and fifth class made the journey to Jamie Knox's water sports in Castlegregory. Much fun was had by all!! The sixth class finished their JEP project and had a great day selling their key rings to the school. A massive thank you to all who contributed to the project. Finally the sixth class students celebrated their graduation mass on Thursday

the 20th of June. Here to a happy and healthy summer holidays to one and all!!"

Mr. Sheehy

Erasmus Trips to Croatia & Spain

As you are probably well aware at this stage two Erasmus trips have taken place since our last edition of the newsletter. Both were very enjoyable experiences for the pupils and teachers involved. To read our pupils accounts of their travels around Europe please check out the Erasmus Corner on our website.

Up next on the Erasmus schedule is our partners visit to Ireland Oct 6th -11th 2019.

Thanks to the families who have declared their interest in hosting a visiting pupil for the duration of their visit to Kerry.

We will be in contact with more details in September.

Discover Primary Science Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded our 9th Discover Primary Science and Maths Award this year. This award has been granted by Science Foundation Ireland for the wonderful work all classes have done this year in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). To celebrate we recently had a Bake Sale which children from 5th and 6th classes ran. We raised €401 which will be used to further enhance our learning experiences here in school. Well done everyone!

A huge míle buíochas to our school choir who added great colour and melody to many school events and masses this year, most notably our 150th anniversary, First Holy Communion and our Graduation Mass. They have given praiseworthy commitment to every practice and performance throughout the year while also having great fun along the way 🎵🎵🎵

Ms. Brosnan

Best Wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to wish pupils, parents, staff and wider school community a pleasant and restful summer break!

I would especially like to thank the school staff
for their hard work and dedication throughout the
school year.
We look forward to doing it all again next school
year!

Le gach dea-guí,
Barry O'Leary
June 2019