

Scoil Mhuire, Glenties

Newsletter Spring 2020



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Tá súil againn gur bhain sibh uilig taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge. Rinne muidinne Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh i Scoil Mhuire. Bhí a lán gníomhaíochtaí againn mar shampla Tráth na gCeist as Gaeilge, Céilí, ceolchoirm Gaelach agus bhí duaiseanna do na daltaí a rinne an iarracht is fearr Gaeilge a labhairt i ngach rang.



Confirmation

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in 6th Class who celebrated their Confirmation in February with Bishop Alan McGuckian. They are pictured here at Knock Basilica where they had a wonderful day on their retreat.



Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to our three Credit Union quiz teams that competed in the annual Credit Union quiz which is in its 29th year. This year we entered two senior teams and one junior team and they all performed very well in the local area quiz which took place in Dungloe. Our senior team of Aoife McDermott, Cian Gildea, Maria McLoone and Orin Brannigan won this quiz and finished in 3rd place at the Chapter area quiz, missing out on reaching the All-Ireland quiz by just one point. Our other U-13 team consisted of Áine Brannigan, Daniel Breslin, Erin Bonner and Shauna Molloy while our U-11 team was made up of Aoibhinn Brannigan, Charlene Campbell, Danielle Kennedy and Rebecca Quigley. All the children put in a huge amount of time studying and reading in preparation for these quizzes and we commend them for their efforts!



The Gruffalo

The Junior and Senior Infants have been enjoying reading *The Gruffalo* by Alan Mandel. They painted pictures of all the different characters they encountered in the story afterwards!



Welcome Jordan!

We extend a warm welcome to Jordan Orr who has joined us in 3rd Class! We've no doubt all the boys and girls will help you settle in to Scoil Mhuire!



Céilí Dancing

All classes from Junior Infants up to 6th Class have been enjoying Céilí Dancing lessons from Clement Gallagher since January. We've been learning dances such as *Aoibhneas na Bealtaine*, *Ionsaí na hInse*, *Ballaí Luimnigh* and *The Kerry Polka*. We've had so much fun every Wednesday doing it and it has proven a great form of exercise also!



Buzzing Bees!

We learned a lot about bees from Maria and John McLoone who attended the Ulster Beekeepers Association Conference recently!



Pancake Tuesday

Our classes enjoyed a feast of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday before Lent got underway! Thanks to Cara and Ceallaigh Mahony who supplied us with the treats! We experimented with all sorts of toppings including banana, pineapple, nutella, honey and lemon... Mmmm!



Kandinsky Circles

The Senior Infants and 1st Class produced some beautiful Kandinsky art for their classroom. Kandinsky was a Russian artist who was famous for his abstract art creations. One of his famous paintings is *Squares with Concentric Circles* which he did in 1913. This is where we got the inspiration for our pieces! We got so much joy making them and they are proudly on display in our classroom!



Fire Station Visit

The Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class visited the Fire Station in February and learned so much about the tasks that are involved for a fire officer! The boys and girls are now able to teach us a lot about fire safety. Here's what Rachael and Sienna had to say about their visit: We learned about the fire station. We visited the muster room. We saw a fire truck. I liked the lights on the fire truck. It was great!



Friends for Life

This year 5th class pupils have been participating in Friends for Life, which is a programme that helps people to grow happier and calmer. Activities include meditation, pizza massage, milkshake breathing, brain exercise and many more relaxing things. We had great fun doing all of these exercises!



Holes

5th and 6th Class have been enjoying the novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar this term. The display they made to accompany their reading is really impressive and interesting! Nice job!



Internet Safety

In January we held an Internet Safety Week in which we learned all about the benefits and dangers of the internet. We picked up some very useful tips on how to keep safe and stay in control while we surf the web. Some of our classes produced projects on our digital footprint which is the information about a particular person that exists on the internet as a result of their online activity. We learned that we must be very careful about what information we share online.



Spring!

The arrival of Spring has brought new sights and sounds! The junior classes have been learning all about the arrival of new animals and plants and the change in weather that comes with the new season. The Senior Infants and 1st Class painted wonderful pictures with all the beautiful, new colours of the season!



Shape Poem

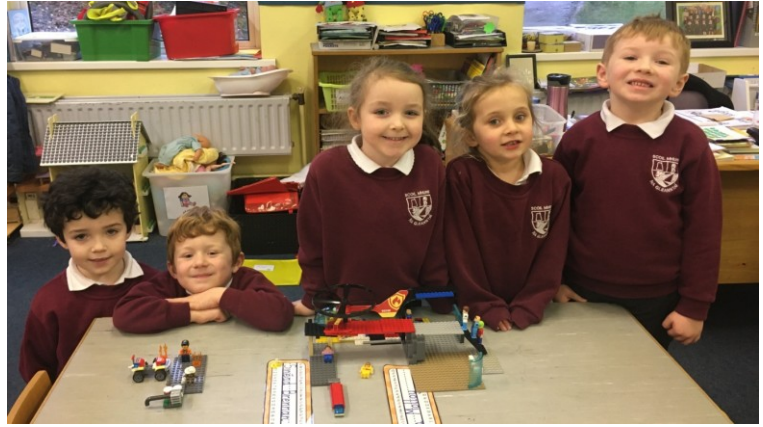
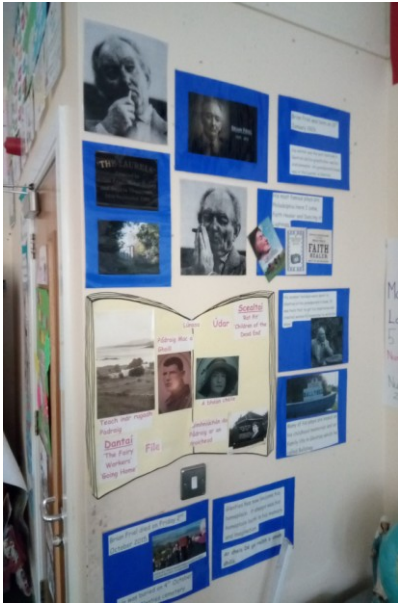
Bright, red and delightful
Delicious and mouthwatering
Circular and satisfying
Smells tempting and tasty!
Very hard and rough

By Sophie Brennan



Trot on Tuesday

Our Trot-on-Tuesday campaign has been very successful to date! As part of our Green School initiative, we have been making an extra effort to travel to school in an environmentally friendly way, especially on Tuesdays. Lots of boys and girls have been walking, cycling, car-pooling and park-and-striding. These are all great ways of reducing our carbon footprint. In the classroom we have been learning about transport throughout the ages and about the impact different vehicles can have on our environment. Well done everyone!



Check out what else we've been up to this year!



Indoor Cumann na mBunscol

Both our boys and girls teams performed very well in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Gaelic competition which was held in January and February. The girls won the two south-west qualifiers that were held in the Comp gym and came agonisingly close to winning the county final only to lose out by a late goal in the final in Burnfoot. The boys also won their two blitzes in the Comp gym but failed to make it out of their group at the county finals stage.



Food Dudes

The boys and girls have been tasting new fruit and veg as part of the Food Dudes programme which has been introducing children to healthy, nutritious snacks. For two weeks we were given a different portion of fruit and veg every day which we must taste. If we managed to taste the food we were rewarded with a prize. By partaking in this programme we were introduced to new flavours and types of food which we grew accustomed to over the fortnight and grew to love! It has increased our love of fruit & veg and we hope to maintain the good habit of having these healthy snacks as part of our diet!

Garda Quiz

The annual Garda Quiz was held in the Abbey Hotel in Donegal Town in February and our school were well represented by Áine Brannigan, Cian Gildea, Maria McLoone and Orin Brannigan. The quiz tested the children's knowledge on topics such as history, geography, sport, music, TV, entertainment, current affairs and importantly the rules of the road. A picture round was also included with well known celebrities among the people they had to identify. The children were also tested on the Safe Cross Code and the speed limits on various roads in Ireland.



Donegal's Fastest Child

Emily Cunnea Melly represented the school at the Finn Valley Athletic Centre for a competition which attempted to find Donegal's fastest child. Emily displayed tremendous speed to come through heats within the school and represented the school very well at the all-county event. We are all very proud of her!

