



Scoil Muire Bannrion



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A Message From Our School Principal

We are now drawing close to the end of what was a very busy first term in Edenderry Boys National School. On the 30th of November the Board of Management four year term came to an end. I would sincerely like to thank members of the outgoing Board for all the work they have done for the school over the last four years. I would like to welcome the new members of our Board of Management that were elected and took up office on December 1st 2015 .On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you, the parents for your continued support and wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Science Week

All classes were very busy throughout science week this year (November 9th -13th). This year's Science Week was celebrating its 20th birthday! A huge variety of experiments were undertaken by the boys during the week. Some examples included a tornado in a jar, magic milk, party poppers, a magnetic fishing game, spiralling snakes & a bottle xylophone! On Thursday 12th of November, a science workshop was held in the school hall where the boys had the opportunity to showcase their experiments to parents. A big well done to all the classes for creating their experiments and a big thank you to all the parents, guardians and neighbours for coming to see our demonstration. The boys had great fun participating in Science Week and learned lots of interesting facts! We can't wait for next year!



After School Clubs

The homework clubs have been very busy since the start of the year! They are very popular and we have high numbers in all four groups. The homework clubs are finished now for 2015 and will resume again in the new year!



Literacy Update

As part of our ongoing work in Literacy improvements the entire school has been working on various writing genres, this term there has been a focus on procedural writing. All the boys in the school have completed wonderful pieces of work giving instructions on how to complete various activities!



This year our school took part in the Doodle for Google art competition. All boys had to complete a homepage logo design for Google. The theme asked each child to describe what Ireland means to them. We had six overall school winners which have been submitted to Google! The six talented winning pupils were Wiktor Ostasz, Hryday Shah, Deividas Melniciukas, Patrick Leddy, Shlok Patel and Manikandan Muthumanickam. We certainly have very creative boys in our school!

Credit Union Quiz

This year's Credit Union Quiz teams have been chosen. The teams are as follows:



Third & Fourth Class Team: Daniel Tenuto, Cian Tyrrell, Callum Dunne and Sean Cullinan

Fourth Class Team: Danny Brereton, Fionn Brereton, Peter Sos and Alex Farrell.

Fifth and Sixth Class Teams: Michael Brady, Paul Hughes, Eammon O Connor, Eoghan Ryan, Alex Barry, Dean Mullally, Billy Yan, Hryday Shah and Michael Martin

All teams are already in training for the competition in January. We have been very successful in recent years. We hope for continued success this year.



Active School Update

As part of our ongoing work in maintaining our Active School flag which we were awarded in May, we are continually encouraging all pupils to become more active!

Specialist Teachers.

This term a number of specialist teachers have been working with all the classes in improving physical fitness while having lots of fun! Edenderry's Derek Kelly shared his skills and knowledge of football with all classes for a number of weeks. As a result of the hugely successful link up with Edenderry Rugby Club, Patsy Gorman also spent a number of weeks coaching tag rugby to coach a number of classes, this will continue in the new year. We would like to thank Derek and Patsy for sharing their knowledge and skills with us and also for their time spent training the boys.



Following our very successful Santa Dash last year we will again hold our Santa Dash on Tuesday the 22nd of December! All the boys and teachers are encouraged to dress up in festive gear!



Christmas Plays



Miss Tyrrell's, Miss Blain's and Mrs Loughlin's classes have been working harder than Santa's elves, practicing for their Christmas plays this year. They will perform their plays "The Innkeeper's Breakfast", "Ralph the Reindeer" and "Straw and Order" for parents on Friday 18th December.

Decoration Time



Every year we take great pride in decorating our school for the festive season. This year was no exception. Our Second and Third classes worked hard decorating our beautiful Christmas trees which are on display for all to see.

Santa Claus

Santa Claus will visit all the classes in the school on Monday 21st December; he will be talking to the teachers about checking his naughty and nice lists too!



Christmas Cards

Each boy had the opportunity to design and print his own professional Christmas Card and send these to friends and family!



Parents Association Christmas Raffle Fundraiser

There are some great prizes up for grabs this year in our Parents Association Christmas raffle which will be held next Tuesday 22nd December. Prizes include a brand new Nokia Lumia and two fabulous hampers. There is also a seller's prize of a family pass to Tullamore Cinema. Each child has a card selling lines for the raffle. Lines are €2 each. All cards must be returned to the school this Friday the 18th of December. We would like to thank our Parents Association for organising the raffle and prizes and all parents who supported us by purchasing lines.

Christmas Eve Mass

Due to the very large crowds at last year's Christmas Eve Mass this year there will be a Mass at 6pm for the children and families of students in both our school and Saint Mary's PS. The choirs of both schools will sing at the Mass. Please be advised of the earlier time!

Circus visits the school.

On Wednesday December 9th the circus came to town and entertained the boys with acrobatics, juggling, and lots of fun and laughter! It was thoroughly enjoyed by all!





We Are Mad About Music! Our School Band!



This year's new school band members will make their debut performance on Friday 18th December at the upcoming Christmas Concert. They will perform some festive tunes for us all to enjoy. Ms. Blain has been helping them practice over the past few weeks! We look forward to hearing their performance!

School Choir

The school choir has been very busy preparing for the Christmas season. On Sunday 6th December, they sang at the Town Hall for the lighting of the tree. They did a wonderful job and created quite a festive atmosphere entertaining the large crowd. They also sang at the carol service in Saint Mary's Church last Thursday night 10th December and will sing again at Christmas Eve mass



Next Thursday, 17th December, the boys will be singing carols at various locations around the town. This is the 49th consecutive year that the boys from our school under the direction of Seán Fitzgerald have been part of this tradition. They will begin at Castlevue and will then sing at Blundell Wood, Brady's Centra and Tesco respectively. We look forward to seeing many of you on the night!

The boys are also preparing for our upcoming Christmas Concert which will be performed for parents on Friday 18th December.

The boys have spent a lot of time preparing the carols and for all the events they have been involved in. A special thanks to Mrs. O Neill who has prepared the boys so fantastically! We look forward to hearing the boys again at the Christmas concert and on Christmas Eve mass at 6pm!

Helping Others this Christmas



Over the years we have been hugely fortunate to have tremendous support from parents and students in promoting our annual Christmas Shoebox appeal. This is a hugely worthy cause. This year proved to be no exception as we had a huge donation of shoeboxes which were collected from our school by members of Team Hope Ireland. We know that these small gifts will make a massive difference in the lives of the children that are less fortunate than ourselves. We would like to say a big thank you to all the families that supported this undertaking. We also held a non-Uniform day in November and made a generous donation to Concern Ireland.

School Notices!

Scoil Muire Banríon will close for the Christmas holidays at 12pm on Tuesday 22nd December. Bus Eireann buses will operate on the day. We reopen on Wednesday 6th January 2016. Monday January 11th, the children will finish at 12.45 to facilitate staff training.



We would like to wish all our students a safe and Happy Christmas!



