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A Message from Our School Principal

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff, welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for school year 2013-2014. I would like to welcome the all parents and boys that have joined our school this year. I trust they will have a happy and fulfilling time here in Edenderry Boys National School. I would also like to welcome Miss Fleming who has recently joined our staff.

We have had a very busy and successful start to the school year, congratulations to our school football team on reaching the Cumann na mBunscol football final and on behalf of all the school we would like to wish them the very best of luck on Wednesday! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents and staff for their continued dedication and support. I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and well deserved mid-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on the 4th of November.

Competition Time!

Already this year the boys have competed in many competitions and have had fantastic success in many areas. They have really done us very proud! **Well done boys** and we look forward to continued success after the mid-term break!

Footballers reach Cumann na mBunscol Final!!

Our football team have been training harder than ever this term as they aim to claim the Cumann na mBunscol Division 1 title and bring the trophy back to Edenderry BNS after a two year absence. Their hard work and determination has paid off as they have sailed into the final beating both Rhode and Clara. The boys will now battle it out in the final against Portarlinton next Wednesday, 23rd November in O' Connor Park at 4.30pm. All support would be greatly appreciated.



Division 1 is the highest quality football at primary level in the county. This is therefore a truly remarkable achievement. A huge congratulations to all players, their mentors Mr. O Looney and Mr. Ryan and the team captain Alan Harte and vice captain Ben Lynch. We would like to wish the panel the very best of luck next Wednesday. We know they will do us all very proud.

Panel: Jordan Glynn, Barry Cullen, Eric Corcoran, Jordan Loughlin, Liam Farrell, Conor Hynes, Adam Boyne, Alan Harte (c), Demi Amigun, Ben Lynch, Martin Keogh, Lee Pearson, Daragh Farrell, James Jones, Cian O'Reilly, Seán McMahon, PJ Reynolds, Tom Mangan, Eoin Tyrrell, Ross Blong, Patrick Larkin, Briain Nolan, Deivadas Sidlauskas

Senior Classes Hurling Blitz News

Our school hurling league always creates great excitement around the school. This year was no exception with 8 teams consisting of boys from 4th/5th and 6th class battling it out to be crowned this year's senior champions.



Farewell to Mrs. Nally

Monday the 1st of October was a day tinged with sadness for the teachers and pupils of Edenderry Boys National School, as it marked the last day of Mrs Bernie Nally's teaching career. Mrs Nally has been a credit to the teaching profession and has spent an incredible 34 years giving loyal service both to our school and to the Edenderry Community. In that time, she has touched the lives of hundreds if not thousands of pupils who have passed through her care, inspiring each and every one of them to reach their full potential. Mrs. Nally will be greatly missed by all the teachers and pupils of Edenderry Boys National School. We would all like to congratulate Mrs Nally and we sincerely wish her a very long, healthy and happy retirement!



Mrs. Nally has left a trophy to be included in our end of year annual school awards. This trophy will be awarded annually to the best artist in the school. We are sure this award will add to the great excitement which is always created during the awards ceremony.

Specialist Teachers

This term a number of specialist teachers have shared their skills and knowledge with the boys:

- Edenderry's Keith McGuinness returned to share his skills and knowledge of football with all classes for a number of weeks.

Mathletics

This year every child in the school has access to the on-line maths program Mathletics. This program covers all areas of the maths

- As a result of the hugely successful link up Edenderry BNS piloted with Edenderry Rugby Club and Leinster Rugby during the last school year which saw our students receive tag rugby training, partake in tag rugby blitzes and travel to the RDS to see Leinster play in the PRO 12 league, rugby coach Patsy Gorman returned to coach our 5th and 6th class students. This has been particularly enjoyable for the students as it has opened up yet another sporting avenue from our expansive Physical Education curriculum for the students to explore.

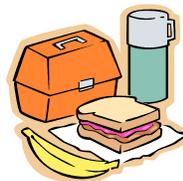
We would like to thank Keith and Patsy for sharing their knowledge and skills with us. And also for their time spent training the boys.

curriculum. It helps children to enjoy maths while at the same time also improves their results. Children will be using this program in school with their teacher. This program can also be used at home and we encourage parents to encourage their children to use this program at home if possible.



Healthy Eating Policy

As part of the Social, Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E.) Programme, our school promotes a healthy eating policy. We encourage the children to become more aware of the need for healthy food in their lunch boxes. Our healthy eating policy encourages the children to bring a healthy lunch to school. Children are not allowed to bring fizzy drinks, chewing gum or crisps for lunch. A small treat may be brought in on Fridays only. We ask that parents are mindful of this policy when preparing your child's lunch. This policy is available in the parents' section of our school website.



MS Readathon

This year Mr. Ryan's 4th Class are taking part in this year's MS Readathon. The boys are currently trying to read as many books as possible, in order to raise funds for services to help people with Multiple Sclerosis.



Visit from Clara Bog Visitor Centre

On Tuesday 8th October 2nd class enjoyed a Show and Tell Workshop with Therese Kelly from Clara Bog Visitor Centre. Therese displayed samples of the flora and fauna from Clara Bog to the children while explaining the importance of preserving our natural boglands and their importance in keeping many types of living things in their



natural habitats. There were also provided an interactive session which allowed the children to become aware of various types of bird calls that would be heard in our boglands while students also saw a fantastic animation of the wildlife common to our boglands. This session was organised to introduce our new 2nd class students to the topic of Biodiversity for which we were awarded our fifth Green Flag earlier this year.

Visit from Edenderry Fire Service

On Thursday 10th October, our 3rd and 4th class received a visit from Gabriel and David from Edenderry Fire Service. This workshop showed the children many ways of staying safe both in the home and in the local community with particular attention being paid to the dangers that may arise during the Halloween festivities. This visit was organised as part of our expansive Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum which allows our students many opportunities to explore various ways of keeping themselves safe in various different circumstances.



Library Visit

Ms. Blain's 3rd class visited Edenderry library as part of Offaly Film Festival. They watched Dr. Seuss, The Lorax, which centered around the theme of environmental awareness. Expanding our knowledge of environmental awareness is an important step in helping us to maintain our biodiversity green schools flag which we were awarded last May.



Welcome!

We would like to welcome all the second class boys in Miss Tyrrell's and Miss Dolan's class to our school. The boys joined us in September from St. Mary's Primary school. We hope that they have a very happy and successful 5 years with us!





Early Years Kodaly Music Programme



As part of our wide ranging music curriculum we are delighted to announce that our 2nd class are partaking in the Early Years Kodaly Music Programme. This is a developmental programme which focuses on singing and using the Kodaly approach, the aim of which is to make music a natural part of the life of every child and young person. We are thrilled to be using this programme with our younger students as it is an opportunity for the child to develop, enhance and build his music education.

Communion and Confirmation

Communion:

The Communion preparation programme 'Do this in Memory' is currently underway. The following is a reminder of the dates for the various 'Do This in Memory' masses:

2nd/3rd November

23rd/24th November

14th/15th December

25th/26th January

15th/16th February

22nd/23rd March

12th/13th April

Corpus Christi Mass 22nd June at 12 noon.

The Communion will take place on Saturday 10th May.

Confirmation:

This years confirmation will take place on Saturday 31st May.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year we are once again participating in the Christmas shoebox appeal. Our shoeboxes will go to children mainly in Eastern European countries and some African countries. If any family would like to donate a Christmas shoebox please send it into the office after the Halloween break.



Parents Association Fundraiser

Edenderry BNS Parents' Association hosted a very successful fundraising fashion show last Wednesday 16th October at 11am in Diamonds and Pearls in Edenderry.

As part of this fundraiser there was also a raffle with the top prize being a two night hotel break in Galway. Many thanks to all those who organized and supported this event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated Parents Association for their continued support.

School Notices!

Scoil Muire Bannrion will reopen after the Halloween midterm on Monday 4th November.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR:

School will be now open on Friday the 30th of May and will close on Tuesday 4th June.

School Attendance and Absences:

The school is obliged by law to notify the Education Welfare board of student absences. If your child is absent from school for any reason, a note must be sent into their class teacher explaining the reason for their absence.

Overdue Book Rental and Art and Photocopying:

A number of book rental and art and photocopying fees are still outstanding. Parents are asked to send any overdue book rental or art/photocopying fees into their child's class teacher as soon as possible. Arrangements can be made to pay this money off in installments.

Dress up for Barnardos

We are participating in the 'Dress Up for Barnardos' day on Friday, 26th October. Children are encouraged to dress up on that day and to bring a donation of €2 if possible.

All the staff of Scoil Muire Bannrion are very proud of all our students for their fantastic success and achievements this term.

We would like to wish all our students a safe and Happy Halloween.

