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Our New State of the Art Multi-Sports Facility.

On Wednesday the 20th October, Aidan Kelly, a former pupil and now working as a news reporter with RTE, officially opened our new multi-sports facility. This is a fantastic addition to our school, which has been enjoyed by all classes this year. We are extremely lucky as we are one of the few primary schools in Ireland with such a facility. Many thanks to all those involved raising the funds for this wonderful facility.

Our New High-Tech Computer Room.

This year we have updated our computer room. We now have 18 brand new state of the art computers for all classes to enjoy! In addition all our classrooms have interactive whiteboards!



Competition Time!

This year the boys have competed in many competitions up and down the country 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 in 2011/2012!

Footballers reach the summit again!!

For the fourth time in 5 years Edenderry BNS won the Cumann na mBunscol Division 1 football championship during the 2010-2011 school year. This really is a remarkable achievement considering this is the highest level of primary school football played in Offaly and the boys consistency over this period have been quite astonishing. To top it off some members of the team claimed the Offaly 7-a-side astro-turf blitz in the Tullamore Harriers. As is to be expected the boys are quite proud to represent what they call "The Best Football School in Offaly" and they're results back up their claim!! Not to be outdone by the football team the school hurling team claimed the indoor hurling



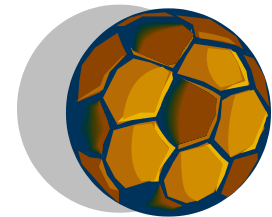
championship title in the early part of term 2 and came agonisingly close to winning a second Cumann na mBunscol championship in a row, only to be narrowly defeated on Finals Day in O'Connor Park by Durrow in a fantastic game of hurling. It was a great achievement by the boys to reach the final and Edenderry BNS prides itself on being a "dual" school!!



And to cap it all, the boy's achievements haven't gone unnoticed in the wider GAA community as many of our players represented Offaly in half time games during the senior football and hurling team's National League Programme. Congratulations to all players, coaches and teachers involved with these teams during the school year and we look forward to continued success in 2011-2012.

Soccer

As well as football and hurling 2010/2011 was a very successful year for soccer in Scoil Muire Banríon. The 3rd/4th class team won the Offaly Futsal tournament held in Portarlington. This was our third year in a row winning the title. Our 5th/6th class team won the Offaly FAI 5a side



tournament held in Tullamore in May. The team went on to represent Offaly in the Mid Leinster Finals held in Portlaoise. They put in some wonderful performances on the day and having topped their group, they were very unfortunate to lose out to Maynooth in the final, having already beaten them in the group stages. Shane Cummins, Jack Lennon, Darren Quinn, Jack Foran, Eoin Farrell, Brian Clarke and Cian Farrell were the members of the team.

National Athletic Success for BNS

The 2010-2011 school year proved to be a momentous one in the Athletic history of Edenderry BNS. Having won the Offaly heats in Tullamore, the boys of fourth class went to Athlone I.T to take part in the National Primary Schools Athletic Championships and proceeded to claim the prestigious trophy. They represented their county and were by far the most accomplished team at the event and deservedly took home the National title. It was a momentous occasion in the school's sporting history and it was with great pride the boys acquitted themselves so well on the national stage. Congratulations to all students who took part!



David and Eoghan Represent Ireland

David Scott and Eoghan Farrell were chosen to be part of the Irish Athletic team (made up of 32 school children from all around Ireland) who competed against teams from all around the world. The teams ran against each other simultaneously to gain the fastest time, running 38400m in total. They succeeded in receiving the second place title and were narrowly defeated by a Spanish team. Well done boys! What a terrific achievement!!



Credit Union Quiz!

On Saturday 5th February boys from 4th, 5th and 6th class took part in the Credit Union Quiz for the Edenderry area. On the night the boys took two first places and a second place. In the Under 13 category the boys took first and second place. The team of Jack Doyle, Tristen Mooney, Donie Groome and Ben Carolan were the outright winners. They were closely followed in second place by Tadhg Brereton, Niall Jordan, Daniel Quinlan and Ryan O'Neill.



The Under 11 category was a much closer competition

as there was a tie-break set of questions between Scoil Muire Banríon and St. Mary's primary school to determine first and second place. The team of Thomas McNamara, Peter Butler, Adam Cooper and Ciarán Breen answered two out of the three questions correctly to give them first place. A huge congratulations to the fourth team of James Leddin, Dáire Slevin, Adam Hanlon and Thomas Donoghue who did extremely well on the night.



An Comórtas Comhrá

Comhgháirdeas do Ben Carolan agus Eoghan Brereton a ghlac pháirt sa chomórtas comhra den Fleadh Cheoil a bhí ar siúl i Scoil Muire Banríon, Éadan Doire. Ghlac Ben páirt sa fé-13 den chomórtas agus ghlac Eoghan páirt sa Fé-11. Déirigh leo dul ar aghaidh go dtí an chéad babhta eile den chomórtas a bheidh ar siúl i gCúl an tSúdaire i mí Iúil. Comhgháirdeas do na páistí eile a ghlac pháirt sa chomórtas freisin.



All-Ireland Medal Winner!

Congratulations to Cian Farrell who won a stunning gold All-Ireland medal! Cian competed in the Schoolboys Football Association of Ireland All-Ireland Final in Dublin this May. His club, St. Kevin's, competed against Cherry Orchard and they beat them 2-0.



Specialist Teachers

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

- Offaly's Brian Darby shared his skills and knowledge of football and hurling with all classes for a number of weeks.
- Buntu worked with the 4th, 5th and 6th classes sharing his athletic skills with them.
- While Ken Farrell introduced the boys in 5th class to the game of 'American Football' training them for a number of weeks.
- A number of children also had to opportunity to partake in cycling safety lessons with the Celbridge School of Cycling.

We would like to thank Brian, Buntu, Ken and the 'Celbridge School of Cycling' for sharing their knowledge and skills with us. And also for their time spent training the boys. We hope to see them again next year.



Hallelujah concert

In December, the 6th class boys took part in a very large concert called the Hallelujah Concert in the RDS in Dublin. This was the first time our school has taken part. Choirs of children from all parts of the country came together to sing in one large communal choir. Between 4000 and 5000 children (plus teachers!) sang many songs of different styles from Irish song to the 'Michael Jackson' medley. This was a huge achievement for the children and teachers involved. The boys thoroughly enjoyed their performance and it is an experience that will stay with them for many years to come. Many thanks to the boys for their hard work and to Mrs. O Neill, Mr. Chambers, Ms. McMahon and Ms.



School Fundraisers

This year the boys were involved in a number of different fundraisers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in organising the events. Also a huge well done to all the boys involved in raising money.

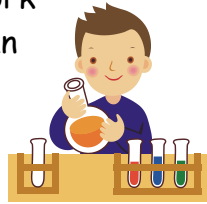
- All classes participated in the 5 hour 'Football Marathon'. This marathon raised money for our school sports fund and also for the new Edenderry playground.
- 4th Class participated in the Skipathon for the 'Irish Heart Foundation.'
- Mrs. O Neill held an 'Ice

Dolan for teaching the boys the extensive repertoire! We are already looking forward to taking part in next years concert.

cream' day this month for Down Syndrome Ireland.

Science and Maths Award

We have some great scientists and mathematicians in our school. In a whole school project each class worked towards obtaining a science and mathematics award. In May of this year our hard work paid off and we were awarded an Award of Science and Maths Excellence by Discovery Primary Science.



French

This year the 6th class boys got a head start learning French for secondary school. French lessons were taught by Mrs. Nally and Ms. Tyrrell for one hour each week. This is the first time in this school that French has been offered to the boys! We hope to continue this for the coming school year.



4th Green Schools Flag

On Friday the 27th May 2011 Scoil Muire Banríon held a flag raising ceremony to raise our fourth green flag. The boys of Scoil Muire Banríon worked really hard to achieve the fourth flag as part of the Green School Travel Programme. On the day our flag was raised by our neighbour on Gilroy Avenue, Kathleen Kelly and local councillor Noel Bourke. There was a great celebratory atmosphere on the day. Music was provided by local band Frantic Jack and special guests on the day included the Hurling team from St. Patrick's De La Salle, Kilkenny.



School Tours

This year all classes explored thrilling and exciting activities on their school tours.

2nd class had a memorable day at the Tayto Park.

3rd and 4th class had an action packed fun filled day at the Let's Go School Tours Camps.

5th class explored the excitement that Lilliput Adventure Centre had to offer.

While 6th class explored the sports and challenges that Achill Outdoor Educational Adventure Centre had to offer.

Sports Day

On Friday 10th June we held our annual sports day event. Thankfully the sun shone and all students entered into the sporting spirit of the day. Congratulations to all who participated in the various events!

Communion Class of 2011

This year 38 children received their Holy Communion on 15th May 2011. This was a very special day for the school. A great day was had by all! We would like take this opportunity to thank all the parents and teachers involved in preparing the children for the 'Do this in Memory' masses which were held throughout the year!



Class of 2011

Congratulations to the 6th class boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 9th April 2011. It was a very special, spiritual and enjoyable occasion. The graduation mass for 6th class will take place on Thursday 23rd June. All the staff of Scoil Muire Bannrion would like to take this opportunity to wish all the 6th class boys all the best for the future. They will be missed greatly!



School year 2011-2012

Scoil Muire Bannrion will reopen on 1st September for the coming school year. A copy of all booklists can be downloaded from our school website. All the staff of Scoil Muire Bannrion are very proud of all our students for their fantastic success and achievements this year. We would like to wish all our students a safe and happy summer and we hope for continued success in 2011-2012.