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A Message From Our Principal

Welcome to the summer edition of our Newsletter, you can read about the successful summer term that we have had here in Scoil Muire Bannrion. As we draw to the end of a very busy school year we would like to thank all the pupils and parents for making it such a fantastic year. We would also like to thank our wonderful Parents Association for their continued support. To each and every one of our sixth class, we wish you all the very best and every success as you move on to Secondary school and we hope you look back on your time here with fond memories! Finally I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer break!

6th Green Schools Flag Awarded



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded our 6th Green Schools Flag.

All our hard work has finally paid off as we officially received our 6th green schools flag last month. On 23rd May, Miss Tyrrell, Miss Dolan, Donal Harris and Domantas Aranauskas travelled to Athlone where they were presented with our 6th flag for 'Global Citizenship, Litter and Waste' by An Taisce. This is a fantastic achievement as we are one

of the very few schools around the country who have been awarded their 6th green flag.

The official raising of the flag took place on Thursday 18th June. Past teachers and staff, family members, neighbours of the school and many representatives of Edenderry community joined us to celebrate this fantastic achievement.

Active Flag

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded with our Active Schools Flag. We are the only school in the Edenderry area to have been awarded this flag.

We have been working hard all year to achieve our Active Flag and on the 27th May, the Department of Education and Skills sent an accreditor to assess our efforts. He was more than impressed with all the initiatives we have undertaken this year and as a result we were awarded with the flag.



All year we have been trying to get our students as active as we can by organising a number of different events throughout the year. Throughout the year our pupils have taken part in a number of different activities some of which include 'Santa Dash' fun run, whole school Halloween flash mob dance to the song 'Ghostbusters', whole school circuits, orienteering, obstacle courses, and a sports marathon. We have entered a number of different competitions and have had tremendous success reaching two All Ireland finals in Athletics and Soccer (in which we were crowned 'All Ireland National Sportshall Athletics champions' and came third in the 'FAI 5-a side All Ireland soccer finals'). We have increased the amount of activity our pupils receive by introducing activity breaks and active brain breaks throughout the school day.

A video presentation of all of the activities we have undertaken this year can be viewed on our school youtube channel 'EdenderryBNS'.

The official flag raising ceremony took place alongside the Green School flag raising on Thursday 18th June. Mr. Patsy O Gorman raised our flag. Patsy has been very involved in providing tag rugby training to our pupils over the past number of years.

Active School Flag is a Department of Education and Skills initiative which is awarded to schools that strive to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. It highlights the importance of physical education (P.E.), physical activity and sport in schools and communities in which they are based.

Active Week

One of this year's most eagerly awaited events took place from April 27th to May 1st as we took part in our first Active Week. Every day our entire school community enjoyed a variety of exercise based events and the week culminated with a Sports Marathon and Jersey Day on Friday May 1st. During the week our



students took part in swimming, boxing, GAA, fitness classes, fun obstacle relays, orienteering and many more activities designed to help keep them fit and healthy and hopefully to become aware of the benefits of regular exercise in their daily lives. During our sports marathon the boys were able to enjoy PE sessions in Gaelic football, tag rugby, basketball, hockey, athletics, Olympic handball, soccer and many more events.

School Band

Our School Band have been rehearsing over the past few weeks and performed at the official raising of our Active School Flag and 6th Green Flag on Thursday 18th June. They wowed the crowd with their rendition of Avicii 'Levels' and 'See You Again.'



Pizza Making Class

Aaron McNamara and Antonio Ciuraru won a pizza making master class at Papa John's for each of their classes. On Tuesday, 15th June Ms. Dolan's and Mr. Foran's classes went to Supermac's where everyone made their own individual mini pizza! Aaron and Antonio won this fantastic prize as a result of entering a colouring competition which was run by Papa John's.



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 next year!

Spar FAI 5 a Side All Ireland Finals

Thursday 14th May will live long in the memories of many of our students but most especially with 7 in particular. Our school 5 a side football team took part in the All Ireland Finals in the Aviva Stadium and finished third. The boys were treated like VIPs on the day and had a most wonderful experience. It was a huge achievement for the team also as this is the largest primary school sports competition organised in the country with over 1000 schools competing. They had already claimed 3 titles before reaching the national finals winning the Offaly, Mid Leinster and the Leinster Finals. Well done to Peter, Lee, Leon, Daragh, Habib, Conor and Sean.



Liam McCarthy Cup visits Edenderry BNS

As a result of our long association with Kilkenny Senior Hurling Manager Brian Cody's School, De La Salle Kilkenny, Edenderry BNS had the privilege of hosting our annual hurling challenge match against our Kilkenny counterparts on Tuesday June 16th. As has become the norm, the game was played in a fantastically competitive yet sportsmanlike spirit. Kilkenny managed to come out on top this year. We would like to thank Edenderry native Killian McGlynn and all his travelling party that made the long trek from Kilkenny city for what really was a tremendous game of hurling. We look forward to making our return trip next June.

Hurling News

Another hurling year has come to an end here in Edenderry BNS and while we mightn't have reached our county final for the first time since 2008 we still had a very enjoyable year. Our 7 a side team reached their indoor hurling blitz final in Tullamore and were unlucky to lose out to a very strong Clara team. Following this training started in February for our Cumann na mBunscol team and we had



four games in our group as the Spring progressed. We defeated Clara with a fantastic performance in our opening game but unfortunately Ballinamere, Tullamore and Killeigh proved a little too strong for us. Our boys showed terrific battling qualities in all their games and with a bit more luck could have won some more games. Well done to all the boys for their dedication throughout the year.

John Blong League

The 5th and 6th class boys competed in the John Blong Football League this month. 8 teams battled it out to be crowned this year's champions. Lee Pearson's and Liam Farrell's teams succeeded in reaching the final, with Lee Pearson's team claiming the title.

Specialist Teachers

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

- Edenderry's Derek Kelly shared his skills and knowledge of football with all classes for a number of weeks once again this term. We would like to thank Derek for sharing his knowledge and skills with us and also for the time he spent

Agri Aware Mobile Farm Visit

On Tuesday April 28th we were fortunate enough to be visited by a mobile farm unit from Agri-Aware. During this workshop all our students got an opportunity to meet and greet many farm animals and were given the opportunity to feed them as well

training the boys. We hope to see him again next year.

- As part of our wide ranging music programme, Natalie Flynn also returned this term teaching the 2nd and 3rd class boys the Early Years Kodaly Music Programme. This programme has proved to be very successful. It focused on song singing, rhythm and beat, musical notation (including staff notation) and hand signals. We hope to continue this programme next year.

as take part in a question and answer session to learn what these animals need in their lives to thrive. It was a fantastic experience for our students and Danny the donkey proved to be the star attraction for many of the boys.



Awards

Our 'Annual Awards Day' will take place next Thursday 25th June. The Annual Awards Day always proves to be an exciting day of the year and we are sure this year will be no exception. Choosing the award winners will be extremely tough as there are many boys in each class whose efforts and achievements this year deserve to be acknowledged. Prizes will be awarded for 'Pupil of the Year' and 'Special Recognition'. Sporting and artist achievements will also be acknowledged and rewarded. We are looking forward to hearing the award winners!!



School Tours

This year all classes explored thrilling and exciting activities on their school tours. Miss Dolan's, and Ms. Tyrrell's class explored the excitement that Let's Go School Tours had to offer! Mr. Ryan's and Miss Blain's class had an action packed fun filled day at Daingean Grand Canal Adventures. Ms. Fitzsimons and Mr. Foran's class had great fun at Kingdom of Sports, Mullingar followed by guided visit of Fore Abbey. Ms. Hanrahan's and Miss Flaherty's class are looking forward to going to Carlingford Adventure Centre next week.



Alice in Wonderland Production



M & M Theatre Productions visited our school last month with the production of 'Alice in Wonderland'. The boys were enthralled by their compelling story, and spectacular sets. M&M Theatre are to visit our school next year with another fantastic production.

Sports Day

On Tuesday June 8th, we had our Sports Day. Everybody had a brilliant day taking part in lots of different fun events. As part of our Sports Day Mrs O' Neill organised an ice-cream fun day to raise funds for Down Syndrome Ireland. A big thank you to all the children and parents who donated generously on the day. More photos of the day can be found on our school twitter account.



Outcome of Parental Co-Education Survey

90% of parents completed and returned the co-education survey. Of these 70% of parents indicated a preference for two separate vertical co-educational schools.

Following this, the Board of Management of St. Mary's Primary School and Scoil Muire Banríon wrote to Bishop Denis Nulty informing him of this result. We now await his decision in the matter.

Regardless of the decision, there will be no change to the current status for the 2015/16 school year.

Goodbye

Unfortunately Ms Dolan, Ms. Fleming and Mrs. McInerney will be leaving us this year. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Ms. Dolan who has worked in the school since 2003, Mrs. McInerney who has worked in the school since 2005 and Miss Fleming who has worked in the school since 2013. They will be greatly missed. We would like to wish them all the best in her future careers.



Communion Class of 2015

This year 30 children received their Holy Communion on 16th May 2015. This was a very special day for the school. A great day was had by all! We would like to 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 2015

Congratulations to the 6th class boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 30th May 2014. It was a very special, spiritual and enjoyable occasion. The graduation mass for 6th class took place on Wednesday 17th June. All the staff of Scoil Muire Banríon 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 2015-2016

Scoil Muire Banríon will reopen on 1st September for the coming school year.

Booklists

Classes will be meeting their new teachers on Wednesday 24th June. After this a copy of all booklists will be available to be downloaded from our school website. We provide a book rental service for all classes and we urge all pupils to avail of this.

Lost Property

Any coats/jumpers that have been left behind since September are going to be left in the school office. Please call to the school office to check for lost items this week.

Education Passport:

Tips for parents on how you can improve and support your child's learning are available on helpmykidslearn.ie

YouTube

Our end of year video featuring a quick look back at all of our fantastic achievements over the 2014/2015 school year will be available on our school YouTube channel (Edenderry BNS) next week.

School website and Twitter!

Check out our fantastic website for updates on school events, pictures and news at www.edenderrybns.ie

Don't forget you can also follow us on **twitter for all the latest news at** www.twitter.com/EdenderryBNS



All the staff of Scoil Muire Banríon 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 2015-2016.