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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!

Proclamation Day

March 15th 2016 was a very special day in schools throughout the country. It was called Proclamation Day and every school throughout the country raised the national flag in commemoration of the 1916 Easter Rising. As part of the ceremony in our school the original Proclamation was read by some of our students before reading a proclamation for a new generation which members of our sixth class wrote themselves. Parents were invited in to view projects that each class had completed on the Easter Rising.



Active Week

One of this year's most eagerly awaited events took place from April 25th to 29th as we took part in our 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 April 29th. 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 Choir and Band

Our school choir and band put in a huge amount of rehearsal time over the past few weeks and performed at the retirement function of Mrs O Neill. They wowed our staff, students and special guests with some contemporary hits from Kodaline and Coldplay as well as more traditional songs like 'Sally Gardens' and 'Pick a Bale of Cotton'. A big thank you to Miss Blain and Miss Twomey who prepared them for this event.

Sixth Class Hoodies

For the second year in a row our Board of Management have very kindly sponsored hoodies for our sixth class pupils as a lovely memento of their time in our school. Included on the back of the hoodies is each pupil's signature. We would like to thank our Board of Management for their generosity.

John Blong League

The 5th and 6th class boys competed in the John Blong Football League this month. 6 teams and 50 pupils battled it out to be crowned this year's champions. It turned out to be a very sporting and competitive competition this year with Michael Brady and Daniel McBride's teams succeeding in reaching the final. The final was a very closely contested game with the teams level approaching injury time. Michael Brady's team snatched a last minute point to take the cup. Well done to everybody who competed in this year's league.



Specialist Teachers

This term Edenderry's Ciaran Farrell shared his skills and knowledge of football with all classes for a number of weeks once again this term. We would like to thank Ciaran for sharing his knowledge and skills with us and also for the time he spent training the boys. We hope to see him again next year.

Flower Planting

Our school grounds are looking in great condition again after Mr Fitzgerald along with help from some students in 5th and 6th class planted flowers around the trees on Gilroy Avenue and planted window boxes also.

School Tours

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

Miss. Tyrrell's and Miss Blain's class explored the woods in Donedeia Forest Park. Here they built huts and created fire using flint.

Mr Ryan's, Mr Foran's and Miss Fitzsimon's class had an action packed fun filled day at Castlecomer Discovery

Park in Kilkenny where they completed tree canopy walks and scaled climbing walls.

Mrs Loughlin's and Miss Twomey's class visited Killary Adventure Centre in the heart of Connemara for an overnight school tour.



Awards

Our 'Annual Awards Day' will take place next Wednesday 29th June. The 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 very proud of the behaviour and efforts of all of our students.



Clara Bog

Our second and third class visited Clara Bog Visitor Centre on April 24th. While there they learned about the formation of a bog as well as the flora and fauna present on the bog. They were lucky enough to have the opportunity to pond dip for newts, frogs and many other insects also.



Sports Day

On Tuesday June 8th, we had our Annual Sports Day. Everybody had a brilliant day taking part in lots of different fun events. Everybody showed a very sporting attitude and realised that the most important part of the day was the taking part and making sure fun was had! Every boy has received a participation medal and those who were lucky enough to win an event received a certificate.



Ice Cream Day

As part of our Sports Day Mrs O' Neill always organises an Ice-Cream Fun Day to raise funds for Down Syndrome Ireland. Unfortunately this year Mrs O' Neill was unable to organise it so we would like to thank Mrs Martin and members of Parents Association who helped to organise the day. A big thank you to all the children who donated generously on the day. Photos of the day can be found on our school Twitter account.



Retirement of Mrs O Neill

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. O Neill who has dedicated the past 35years of her teaching career to the education of pupils in our school. On Thursday 23rd June we held a retirement function for her in our school hall.

Presentations were made on behalf of the students and our school band and choir performed on the day. We would like to wish her a happy and healthy retirement. She will be truly missed.



Communion Class of 2016

This year 31 children received their Holy Communion on 21st May 2016. 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 2016

Congratulations to the 6th class boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 10th April 2016. It was a very special, spiritual and enjoyable occasion. The graduation mass for 6th class took place on Wednesday 15th 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 2016-2017

Scoil Muire Banríon will reopen on 1st September for the coming school year. A full school calendar for next year is available on our school website and on our school Twitter account.

Booklists

Classes met their new teachers on Tuesday 22nd June. Each child received their booklist on the day. A copy of all booklists will be available to be downloaded from our school website also. 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 2015/2016 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 2016-2017.