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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!

Green Schools National Travel Award

We are delighted to announce that Edenderry BNS has been chosen as one of Ireland's top sustainable travel schools. We have received the award in the 'Park and Stride' category in the Green-Schools Travel Annual Competition. This means that Edenderry BNS is one of 'Ireland's Top Sustainable Travel Schools' for 2014.

On Tuesday 13th May, teachers Mr Foran, Miss Dolan and students Michael, Thomas and Conor who represented our Green School Committee travelled to the National Awards ceremony in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin to receive the award.

Thomas was interviewed by RTE about the work we do to promote Travel in our school and how we maintain our Green School Travel Flag status. His interview was broadcast

on RTE's News2day programme. Only 12 schools out of a possible 1,300 received the prestigious prize. The prizes of €250, a certificate and a trophy were awarded to the school by Minister Alan Kelly TD and an exhibition sampling our work on Green School travel was on display. It was viewed by the Minister and the other schools in attendance. This was an opportunity to show that we were a worthy winner of the prize.



Intercultural Day

As a celebration of the cultural and ethnic diversity among our students that we are so proud of here in Edenderry BNS, last Friday the 13th June, we held our first Intercultural Day. This celebration was organized as part of the ongoing process of achieving our sixth Green Schools flag which is for Global Citizenship. Fourteen different nationalities are represented in our school community. Our students researched these countries and compiled a project on each. As part of the celebration of Our Intercultural Day these projects were on display in our school hall. The children also performed a number of traditional songs, poems, music and dance in a short concert. Many children showcased their traditional dress on the day and also brought a sample of their traditional food into school for all to taste. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, teachers and parents who got involved and made this day such a success.



YAG FM- Radio Broadcast



On Thursday 12th June, our school was given a one hour time slot on Edenderry's first radio station, YAG.Fm. During this broadcast boys from 2nd to 6th were interviewed about many of their recent achievements. They spoke about their hurling and soccer success, Our Intercultural Day, Our Green Schools Travel award and Credit Union Quiz teams success. Some of the boys also showcased their musical talents, and performed 'The Cup Song', the tin whistle and 'Wagon Wheel' which they learnt here in our school as part of our extensive music curriculum.

Offaly Jersey Day

Our annual 'Offaly Jersey Day' was held on Friday May 16th and it proved to be a huge success as we showed our support for the Offaly senior footballers who launched their Leinster Championship campaign away to Longford on May 18th. We had a huge turnout of students in their Offaly clothing and we raised over €100 for the OSPCA. Also the students who wore their Offaly tops got an opportunity to have a meet and greet with Offaly goalkeeper Alan Mulhall. We would like to thank Alan for taking time out to come and meet our Offaly supporters here in Edenderry BNS



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!

Cumann na mBunscol Champions

Wednesday March 14th will go down as a monumental day in the history of Edenderry BNS as we retained our Cumann na mBunscol championship title with a comprehensive victory over Killeigh N.S.

Match Report:

The game itself was played in beautiful conditions in O'Connor Park, Tullamore and having won the



toss captain Deivadas Sidlauskas decided to hurl with the breeze in the first half. This was an excellent decision by Deivadas as having lost to Killeigh in the group stages we knew a good start was vital. While we dominated the early exchanges and had plenty of chances, we found it difficult to convert possession into scores. Luckily Alan Harte steadied the ship with some fantastic scores and Lee Pearson and Conor Hynes chipped in with vital goals to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Great credit must be given to Killeigh for their performance though, as any time we looked to be pulling away they would keep themselves in contention with goals and points. Worryingly at half time we were only 5 points to the good and we had to face into a stiffening breeze. An early point from Killeigh in the second looked like it would be the catalyst for them to push on for victory but our hurlers displayed the heart of lions during that second half as they began to dominate in every sector of the field while Alan Harte converted all the chances that came his way. In fact, such was the domination of our team that we outscored Killeigh in the second half despite playing against the breeze as we recorded a famous 11-5 to 6-6 victory to win the Colin Dunne Memorial Trophy for the second year in succession. Liam Farrell in goals was a rock of calmness and made some terrific saves while his full back line of Briain Nolan and Seán McMahon had fantastic games and held the Killeigh full forward line to just 1 goal. Our half back line of Martin Keogh, Deivadas Sidlauskas and Adam McCraith tackled and blocked all day and used the ball terrifically well and our midfield partnership of Adam Boyne and Ben Lynch were absolutely fantastic both in attack and defence. The half forward line of Jordan Glynn, Jakub Balasiewicz and Conor Hynes all had super games and gave a tremendous supply of quality ball to our corner forwards of Alan Harte (Alan finished with a remarkable personal tally of 8-03) and Lee Pearson. And any team is as only as good as the rest of it's panel members and we weren't found wanting in that department as Jake Maher, Ben Convey and Scott Mannion all made valuable contributions when introduced.

These boys have been a credit to themselves, their families and their school since they started training in February and this victory is a just reward for their fantastic efforts. Well done to all involved.

School Hurling Panel Meet Brian Cody

Our victorious Cumann na mBunscol hurling championship squad made the long journey to Kilkenny city on Friday 6th June to take on St. Patrick's De La Salle Boys School in our annual challenge match. Over the last two years our boys have put up brilliant performances in playing out two drawn encounters and this year we went even one better by completely out hurling our more



illustrious opponents to ease to a comprehensive 6-10 to 3-02 victory. It was refreshing to see an Edenderry school team giving a hurling master class to a Kilkenny school and the first touch and link up play of our hurlers was a joy to behold. Following the game our players had the privilege of a meet and greet with De La Salle principal and Kilkenny senior hurling manager Brian Cody who spoke to all our players individually. It was an experience our students will never forget. We would like to sincerely thank Killian McGlynn and Brian Cody for facilitating the trip and Seán Fitzgerald for accompanying our hurlers on the journey. Well done to all involved.

Soccer

On Tuesday 29th April, our school soccer team won the Offaly FAI 5 a side football competition in Tullamore. They bet off stiff competition from Scoil Eoin Phóil (Tullamore) Portarlinton, and Birr. As a result they travelled to Portlaoise on 7th May to represent Offaly in the Mid Leinster FAI Football tournament. Here they met Kilkenny, Laois, Wexford and Kildare. They boys performed brilliantly on the day and were once again victorious claiming the Mid-Leinster title. This qualified them to compete in the Leinster Finals, which took place in Navan on 13th May. Despite a fantastic performance, they narrowly missed out on a place in the All Ireland's coming second. Well done to Briain, Edmond, Alan, Ben, Demi, Lee and Adam who took part.



John Blong League

The 5th and 6th class boys competed in the John Blong League this month. 8 teams battled it out to be crowned this years champions. Ben Lynch's and Alan Harte's teams succeeded in reaching the final, with Alan Harte'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 Keith McGuinness shared his skills and knowledge of football with all classes for a number of weeks once again this term. We would like to thank Keith 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.
- As part of our wide ranging music programme, Natalie Flynn also returned this term teaching the 2nd 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. There will be a video of one of the sessions available to view on the school website shortly. We hope to continue this programme next year.

Homework Club Garden

With the help of Declan Manley, the boys of the homework club rotovated and planted our school vegetable garden. They planted cabbages, carrots, and potatoes. They also sowed seeds for our school wildflower garden.



Awards

Our schools 'Annual Awards Day' will take place next Thursday 26th 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 achievements will also be acknowledged and rewarded. This year we have an extra award for 'Artist of the Year.' 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, Ms. Tyrrell's, Mr. Ryan's and Ms. Fitzsimon's classes explored the excitement that Let's Go School Tours had to offer!

Miss Hanrahan's and Miss Blain's class had an action packed fun filled day at Lilliput.

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe Production



M & M Theatre Productions visited our school last month with the production of

'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. The boys were enthralled by their compelling story, and spectacular sets.

Mr. Foran's and Miss Flaherty's class explored the sports and challenges that Carlingford Adventure Centre had to offer.



M&M Theatre are to visit our school next year with another fantastic production.

Sports Day

On Thursday June 11th, 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 website .



Edenderry Red Cross



Following on from our Red and White day on April 11th the Edenderry branch of the Red Cross came to our school on Monday May 19th to give a basic display in First Aid to our students. Our students are now much better prepared to deal with an emergency situation should they ever have to. We would like to thank the members of the Red Cross who provided the training on the day.

Communion Class of 2014

This year 30 children received their Holy Communion on 10th May 2014. 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 2014

Congratulations to the 6th class boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 31st May 2014. It was a very special, spiritual and enjoyable occasion.

The graduation mass for 6th class took place on Monday, 23rd 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 2014-2015

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

Booklists

A copy of all booklists can be downloaded from our school website. The school will be happy to order in any workbooks that your child requires for the new school year. If parents would like to avail of this service, **please call directly to the secretary's office to place an order before 3pm Thursday 26th June.**

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.

School website and Twitter!

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

School policies can also be accessed (including DES Procedures on Child Protection) on our website.

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 2014-2015.

