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A Message From Our School Principal

We are now drawing close to the end of what was a very busy first term in Edenderry Boys National School. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you, the parents for your continued support and wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. O Looney who is our newly appointed Deputy Principal. We would like to wish him all the best in his new post!



Official Opening of Mural Restoration

The official relaunch of our beautiful school mural entitled 'Algerian Ruins' was held on Thursday 22nd November. It was restored during the summer by Catherine and Tim Mann, 14 years after it was first painted by Brendan Lawless. Many people have commented on its beauty and detail. We would like to thank our Board of Management and Parents' Association for funding the restoration work



We Are Mad About Music!



School Choir

The School choir have been very busy preparing for the Christmas season. On Sunday 2nd December, they entertained at the Town Hall for the lighting of the Christmas tree. They also sang at the carol service in Saint Mary's Church on 13th December and will sing again during Christmas Eve Mass at 7pm.

Next Wednesday, 19th December, the boys will be singing carols at various locations around the town. This is the 46th consecutive year that the boys school has been

part of this tradition. They will begin at 6.30pm at Castlevew. They will then sing at Ofalia house, Blundell Wood, Brady's Centra and Tesco respectively.



The choir are also in the final preparations for our upcoming Christmas Concert which will be performed for parents on Thursday 20th December at 1.15 pm, we look forward to seeing you there!

A special thanks to Mrs. O Neill, Ms. Blain and Ms. McCarthy for all their time and hard work!

Meet our School Band!

Meet our new school band members Cathal, Denis, Craig, Chad, Billy, Adam, Sean, Nathan and Eoin. Their debut performance will take place on Thursday 20th December at the upcoming Christmas Concert. They will perform their very own cover version of the song 'Feed the World' released by Band Aid. Mrs. O Neill and Ms. Blain have been helping them practice over the past few weeks! We look forward to hearing their performance!



Stars in Your Eyes!

A huge well done to Daniel Shanley who participated in the 'Stars in Your Eyes' fundraiser for Edenderry Town F.C. Daniel was Michael Jackson on the night and sang the famous song 'Ben', the school would like to congratulate Daniel on his fantastic performance

Green Schools

As you may be aware we are now in the process of attaining our fifth green flag which is awarded for Bio-Diversity - The Study of Habitats. As part of raising awareness we have already taken part in the following initiatives.

Insect and Hedgehog Hotels

In partnership with Edenderry Tidy Towns Committee, students in our school helped to set up hedgehog and insect hotels in our school grounds and in the grounds of the parish centre. Mr. Foran's 6th class were involved in painting the hotels. Miss Dolan's and Miss Tyrrell's classes collected leaves and twigs for the boxes. Ms. Blain's class used these twigs and leaves to fill the hotels. Miss Flaherty's and Mr. Ryan's class were involved in placing the hotels in the school grounds and parish centre. A special



thanks to Willie McCreanor and Frank Hardy from the Tidy Towns Committee who helped the boys hang the hotels in school and the parish centre grounds.

Bird Watching

Every Thursday each class is keeping a record of the birds they see in the school grounds. Liam Cox, Niall Leonard, Dylan O Connor and William McBride are participating in a bird watch survey conducted by Bird Watch Ireland with the help of Mr. O Looney. The boys are also attending to the bird tables ensuring that the birds have sufficient food during the cold winter.



W.O.W (Walk on Wednesdays)

Everyone has been making a great effort to walk or cycle to school when possible on Wednesdays. An average of 88% of boys have walked or cycled to school each week this term. We would encourage all boys to continue to make an effort in the new year

Specialist Teachers

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

- 2nd class received tag rugby coaching from Patsy Gorman.
- Buntu worked with the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes sharing his athletic skills with them.
- Ken and Jackie Farrell shared their skills and knowledge of flag football with both 6th classes for a number of weeks.

We would like to thank all our coaches 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.

Ms. Readathon

Many classes took part in this year's MS Readathon. Between them the boys managed to read hundreds of books raising funds for services to help people with Multiple Sclerosis.



Science Week

All classes were very busy throughout science week this year (November 11th-18th). This year's theme was 'Everyday Experiments'. It demonstrated that science is all around us. **You are constantly experimenting.**



A huge variety of experiments were undertaken by the boys during the week. Some examples include - a bottle xylophone, dancing raisins, creeping colours, making a simple fire extinguisher, bouncing custard balls and testing your reaction time.

On Friday the 18th of November, a science workshop was held in the school hall where the boys had the opportunity to showcase their experiments to parents. The boys had great fun participating in science week and can't wait for next year!

Science Week is a Discover Science & Engineering (DSE) project. DSE initiatives are managed by Science Foundation Ireland on behalf of the Office of Science, Technology and Innovation at the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. For more pictures of the exhibition visit our school website.



Transition Years Visit 5th and 6th Classes

On Friday 7th of December transitions years from St. Mary's Secondary School visited the 5th and 6th class boys. They demonstrated various science experiments for the boys such as elephant toothpaste and an erupting volcano.

Class Flower Planting

Every class got their shovels and spades out this Autumn in preparation for the Spring. Mr. Fitzgerald came back to plant window boxes which each class. We planted daffodils, tulips, crocuses and hyacinths.



6th Class Visit to Secondary School

Both Mr. Foran's and Ms. Bannon's 6th Classes visited St. Mary's Secondary School on Tuesday 11th December. They were shown around the school and introduced to the different subject rooms.



European Cup



This month we had a real treat when the European Cup visited the school. All of our classes had the opportunity to get their picture taken with the cup and many of the boys also got to hold it.

Tag Rugby is just one of the sports that the students of the school participate in through our comprehensive Physical Education curriculum and we are pleased to report that we have created a fantastic relationship with Leinster Rugby which allows fully certified rugby coaches from the Leinster branch to come to our school and help the boys develop the fundamentals of the game.

We are sure the visit of the European Cup will inspire some of our students to

become involved with the sport and perhaps some of them may even be the next Brian O'Driscoll or Seán O'Brien in the future.

We would like to thank Leinster Rugby and Edenderry Rugby Club for bringing the cup to us.

Homework Club Harvest

The boys in the homework club also got their shovels and spades out this term when they harvested our vegetable garden in October. They picked lots of carrots and harvested a whole bag of potatoes. Here is a picture of them in action.



Classroom Projects

Our senior classes (fifth and sixth) have been busy compiling projects this month.

Ms. Hanrahan's 5th class, completed projects on Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, while Mrs. Martin's 5th class completed class projects on Aztecs.

The boys in sixth class completed projects based on various battles during World War II. They also made models to represent the different battles using clay.

Well done boys!



Christmas Plays



Miss Dolan's and Miss Tyrrell's class have been working hard practicing their Christmas play this year. It is called 'The Innkeepers Breakfast.' They will perform it for parents on Thursday 20th December.

Quiz Trials

Ms. Dolan is currently conducting trials with 3rd and 4th class students for this year's credit union quiz teams. Our quiz teams have been very successful in recent years and we hope that this year will be no different.



Santa Claus

Santa Claus visited all the classes in the school Monday last, 17th December. All the boys were excited to see him



Christmas Cards

Each boy had to opportunity to design and print his own professional Christmas Card this term.



School Website and Twitter!

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

School policies can be accessed (including Department of Education and Skills 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



School Notices!

Scoil Muire Banríon will close for the Christmas holidays at 12pm on Friday 21st of December. We will reopen on Monday 7th January.

Upcoming Events:

Our Christmas Concert featuring performances from the school band, and school choir will take place on Thursday 20th December at 1.15pm. Second class will also perform their Christmas play during the event.

School Closures:

Mid term 14th and 15th February

Bank Holiday Monday 19th March

Easter Holidays: closing at 12 noon Friday 22nd March, reopening Monday 8th April.

Important Dates:

Confirmation 20th April

Communion 18th May

All the staff of Scoil Muire Banríon 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 Christmas and we hope for continued success in 2013.**

