

### **Credit Union Quiz**

Congratulations to Danny, Iarlaith, Alan and Jason who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in County Leitrim. They went through to the National Finals of the Schools Quiz held in the RDS on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Well done lads!

### **PAWS 3**

We were very fortunate to have Evan Ward here to present safety in swimming and demonstrate lifesaving skills in swimming with all classes on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Activities were age appropriate and we enjoyed his presentation very much.

### **Ag Súgradh Le Chéile**

This year the children in first class and a number of parents participated in an active workshop on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Michelle Fanning and Leitrim Sports Partnership for organising this event in our school.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair raised €1413 in free books this year. Thank you for your support.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer. We sincerely thank you for your support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you all when the school will reopen on September 1st 2016

Le gach dea-ghuí

Angela White, Finola McGowan, Olivia McHugh, Rachel Keane, Nicola Heslin, Fidelma Glancy, Micheál McKiernan, Orla Walpole, Gearóidín Ní Chongaille, Geraldine McWeeney, Mary Scott, Joan Tiernan and Christina McGourty

### **School Closure**

Our school will close on Thurs, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 12.30p.m. Buses will start collecting the children from 12 p.m. We look forward to seeing everybody on September 1st @ 9.20am.

### **School Tour 2016**

This took place on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 to Dublin. We had an action packed day visiting Collins Barracks, Pearse Museum, St Enda's Park and the G.P.O Witness tour.

### **Fundraising**

At the beginning of May our school took part in the fundraising campaign The Join Our Boys Trust by wearing orange. We raised €600 for this worthy cause. Thank you for your generosity.

## **St Brigid's N.S Drumcong Summer Newsletter June 2016**



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Dear Parents/Guardians.

The summer holidays are fast approaching and it is time to complete this academic year 2015-2016. School reports, new school year calendar, new classes and booklists are finalised and are forwarded to you for September. We take this opportunity to reflect on all the activities completed since April. We wish to thank you, our parent body, the students, all the staff members and members of the wider community who came to our school and contributed in anyway.

### **Farewell to Sixth Class**

At this time of year we prepare to say farewell to our 6<sup>th</sup> class. We thank you for your contribution to St Brigid's N.S over the past 8 years or if you have joined along the way we thank you for your contribution. We hope you leave with fond memories, good friends and lots of knowledge and skills that will help you as you move through your chosen secondary school and beyond.

Slán agus Beannacht do Jason Beirne, Damien Clarke, Eadaoin Lee, Leah Lynch, Michael Maguire, Alan Mulhall, Danny McWeeney, Caoimhe Rogers, Aaron Rogerson and Iarlaith O'Brien.

We say farewell to the following families whose children have passed through our school – The Beirne, Lynch, Mulhall and O'Brien families. Also one of our younger pupils Avarose Gregory Fuery moved school and we wish her well.

We say a fond farewell to Ms Beirne and Mrs Walpole who will be leaving us shortly. We welcome back Ms Glancy.

### **Floral Pride 2016**

The judges arrived on Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30 a.m. This year our entry is a beautiful rockery designed and installed by one of our parents - Eamon McCarthy. We sincerely thank him for his time and hard work. It is made using timber cut in circles and forms a semi-circle. It is a great aid for teaching shape in the environment and children can also count the rings and find out how old the trees were. We also spent time weeding and up keeping the grounds. Hanging baskets and vegetables were planted and maintained by Ms McHugh and the children. Good luck to all involved.

### **Sports**

On Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 Leitrim Primary Track and Field Athletics Competition was held in Manorhamilton. Congratulations to the boys and girls who participated and who took back the Gilmartin Cup for the third consecutive year, and the Ruby Relay Trophy.

#### **Athletics**

Thanks to Pat O'Toole (Leitrim Sports Partnership) for coming and training the children from 3<sup>rd</sup> up to and including 6<sup>th</sup> class weekly. He has prepared them for a 5km run (Kids on the Run) to be held in the school grounds on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Swimming**

Congratulations to Ella-Mae McKeon who won a gold medal in the Leitrim finals of the community games for the 25m backstroke. She will represent Leitrim in the National Finals of the Community games in August in Athlone. Go n-éirí an bothár leat Ella-Mae.

### **Rugby**

We had a surprise visit to some of the classrooms on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>. We got to see the Guinness Pro 12 Rugby Trophy won by Connacht. Thanks to Sean McKeon, Gavin Duffy & Eric Elwood for coming to visit us.

### **New Junior Infants**

An induction morning was held for our incoming Junior Infants on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. They met their new teacher Ms. Ní Chonghaile and were shown their new classroom. The induction evening for parents of the new Junior Infants was held on Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

We advise parents of new Junior Infants that they will attend school from 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sept from 9.30 a.m to 12.30p.m. From September 12<sup>th</sup> they will remain until 2p.m.

### **Cash for Clobber**

Thanks to everyone who handed in bags of clothes for recycling on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>. This goes towards our green school initiative of promoting recycling and it also raises money to go towards schools funds. 610 kg of clothes was collected and the figure raised is unknown yet.

### **Green Schools.**

Congratulations to Ms Beirne and all staff members and pupils who took on various projects and maintained all themes in order to obtain our 7<sup>th</sup> green flag. Ms Beirne and 3 green school committee members (Iarlaith, Leah G and Adam) travelled to Claremorris on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> to the award ceremony in the Fitzwilliam Park Hotel.

Thanks to all who participated in the walk to school on Wednesday (W.O.W day) May 18<sup>th</sup> and the cycle to school on Wednesday (C.O.W day) on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2015. These initiatives help us to look at other transport methods which are environmentally friendly and also are healthy and active.

### **Promoting Better Communication and Safety for all**

As our school population has grown Parents/Guardians/Significant people who come to collect children for appointments **must first report to the Secretary's office.** Mrs McGourty will ask you to sign in or sign out for children who leave early or arrive late.

If you change your mobile number or address and relevant contact details please inform Mrs McGourty.

Finally, if for any reason circumstances change throughout the day and you make different arrangements to collect your child(ren), please ring Mrs McGourty and she will pass on this information to the class teacher and teacher on after school duty.

### **Student Council.**

Sincere thanks to our student council – Jack Foley, Marc Gannon, Shauna Halstead, Jodie Lupton, Adam Winters and Jack Moolick for all their hard work in bringing to the fore any student issues or concerns. Thanks to Ms McGowan for facilitating and guiding their meetings.

### **Active Schools Day**

This will take place on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> **weather permitting.** Please ensure your child(ren) has an extra drink, sun cream if necessary, shorts and t-shirt. **Runners** must be worn.

### **Dyslexia Workshop**

If you are interested in your child attending this workshop please get in touch with Claire Collins @ 0879436996 or email [dyslexiaworkshopleitrin@gmail.com](mailto:dyslexiaworkshopleitrin@gmail.com). Please be aware that all children who attend this workshop must have an Educational Psychologist's report and a diagnosis of Dyslexia.

### **Lost Property**

Each year as school closes we are left with a number of coats, jumpers and personal items. Lost property will be on display in the reception area outside Mrs McGourty's office. Please ask your child to check lost property display and claim items. Anything left will be given to charity shop or recycled.

### **New Language Curriculum**

Training for the introduction of the new Language Curriculum took place in our school on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. **This new curriculum for English and Irish** (Oral Language Section) will be introduced from September 2016 from Junior Infants to 2nd class. Society and communities have changed greatly since the introduction of the primary curriculum (1999) and teachers will now receive more guidance on the best ways to help children in their language learning. Parents can find more information on the new Language Curriculum for English and Irish at [www.curriculumonline.ie](http://www.curriculumonline.ie) – Leaflets were also sent out with reports.

### **School Calendars 2016-2017**

Please keep school calendars in a safe place and highlight any important dates or closures. Any changes to calendar will be notified by text message or note. Dates for children receiving sacraments and Inservice for the New Curriculum will be forwarded when received by school.

Booklists are compiled for next academic year. Please note Publisher Company on book lists. Books are available locally in Molloy's Bookshop as we will have our lists left in there. The earlier you buy the books the better. Please **do not** send money in until first week of September for rental books. There are 2 lists this year: One for rental books which you tick and return to the teacher before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The other list is for books you buy for the children. These books **will not be** available in school.

### **Uniforms**

Our school uniform is a plain navy skirt or trousers or plain navy tracksuit bottoms, **jade green** jumper and white polo shirt or white blouse or shirt available in The Magnet in Carrick-on-Shannon (071 9620266). Uniforms are currently in stock for the coming school year 2016/2017. Please have correct uniform for your child(ren).



### **Our entry for Floral Pride 2016**

### **First Holy Communion.**

Congratulations to the 14 boys and girls in Rang a Dó who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> in St Brigid's Church. Comhghairdeas libh -Megan B, Cian, Ciara, Emma, Eirn, Rose, Darragh, Kilian, Katie, Ella-Mae, Riona, Megan McW, James and Zack. Thanks to your teachers Ms. Beirne and Mrs Walpole who prepared you so well. Thanks to Fr Tomás, Mrs White, Mrs McGourty and staff who helped out. Thanks to Jane Cowley, Ms McHugh and the choir who helped enhance the ceremony on the day. Finally to you their parents and families thank you for your support and cooperation.

### **Cumann na mBunscol**

Well done to the boys and girls who participated in the Cumann na mBunscol games. Unfortunately it wasn't our year but it's participating that counts. Congratulations to the girls who won the Fair Play Award. They received a trophy and attended an award ceremony to mark their contribution to the games in a sportsmanship way.

### **Summer Camps**

There are many summer camps available:

**Hullabaloo** - Leitrim Village - Arts and Crafts Contact Mo on 0864094164 or email [fun@hullabaloo.ie](mailto:fun@hullabaloo.ie) . Camps run from 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> July(€15 per day), 11-15<sup>th</sup> July(€90week) and 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July(€80for the week).

**Feet & Beat** with Edwina Guckian & Sean Nós ar an tSionann – Lough Allen Hotel Drumshanbo 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Contact Edwina 0861649989 or email [info@edwinaguckian.com](mailto:info@edwinaguckian.com)

**An Tóstal Children's Art Camp** Drumshanbo Vocational School Mon June 27- Friday July 1 2016. Contact Shóna 0863362875 or Serena 0872367592

#### **Summer Stars Summer Reading Programme**

Contact Marion Mulvey in Drumshanbo Library 071 9641258 or email [mmulvey@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:mmulvey@leitrimcoco.ie)

**Hayden Equestrian Centre** are running Summer Pony Camps from July 4th to August 18th. Contact them on 0719638049 for more information.to be held

