

KNOCKANEAN N.S

Newsletter

December 2017

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As Christmas approaches we are finishing our busy first term of the school year. A lot of the newsletter is an account of the terms activities, written by the children. Enjoy!

Cross Country Running:

On Thursday - 14th of September, a few students from each class in Knockanean (first class and up) participated in the second round of cross country running. Beforehand, all students participated in the trials. The first six and two substitutes went on to represent Knockanean in the second round. In the race all of the runners did very good and there are a few who did particularly well. Sean O'Callaghan who came 10th in U10 boys and Eabha O'Driscoll who came 9th in her race U10 girls. These two students will go on to represent Knockanean in the county final. This is a great accomplishment for Knockanean and the two students who made it through. We are all very pleased with everyone's result and we wish the runners well in their next race!

By: Ellis, Aoibhin, Ailbhe and Niamh

Rushad Eggleston:

On Friday 15/9/17 a musician from California came into our school and played the cello. He was not an ordinary cello player though! He carried his cello like a guitar. He made up his own language and made them into songs. He sat on cars, stood on tables, did tricks with his bow and dressed up. It was a great day for everyone. He played the cello with his tongue and he licked the overhead projector!! At break time he also sat on the roof of John's car!!

By Jane Quinn and Aoibhin O Callaghan



Boys Football:

The boys football team played their very first game on the 21st of September .We lost by 8 points against Ballyea. We were the better team in the first half. We also got hammered by the Nash by 11 points. We haven't been lucky in our first couple games but hopefully we might win our next. Our remaining games didn't get any better and needless to say ,we didn't get out of the group.

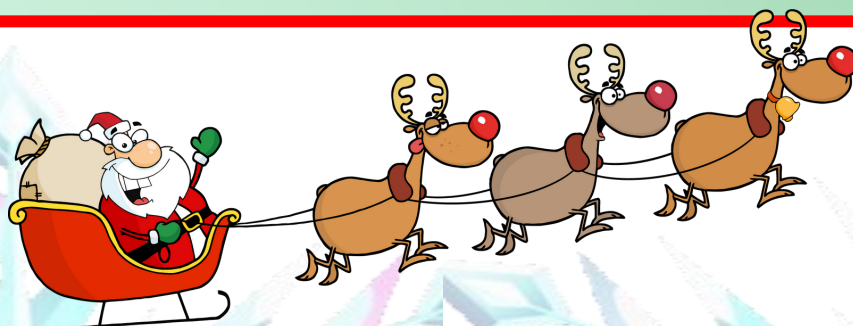
By: Thomas Barry, Sam Prenderville and Conor O'Shea 6th Class

Girls football:

On Monday the 21st of September we played a very intense match against Ballyea. The final score was 1-7 to 1-0 to Knockanean. We took a bus down to Gurteen and played the match there. The game was not easy as Ballyea have a very good team but Knockanean fought to the final whistle. Our second match was on the Monday 2nd of October against Newmarket. The final score in this match was 3-6 to 1-0 to

Our next group match was against Quin, we beat them by like seven points. That brought us to the semi-final against C.B.S. Although it was a tough match, we won. That meant we were into the final in Cusack Park against Quin. This was the toughest match we had played in the competition. Quin had gotten much stronger since we last played them. We unfortunately lost. Next up we the mini sevens competition in March !

By Ellis and Niamh 6th Class



Seedsavers:

4th class went to Seedsavers on 6th of October. We learned about native Irish trees. We tasted apples and apple juice. Some names of apples were Custard Scarlet and Mrs Perry. We made our own apple juice, by throwing the apples into a machine with blades and it chopped them up into mush. We learned about saving seeds. We completed a questionnaire afterwards about what we had learned. We had a really good day!

By Grace Prendeville and Lily Hegarty.



Mullaghmore:

On Friday the 7 of October , 6th class went on a school trip to Mullaghmore . We took a bus down to the Burren and walked to Mullaghmore . All of the class made it to the top including the teachers! After our climb up Mullaghmore we stopped in Bofey Quinn's to get pizza, chips and a drink. Then we walked over to Centra and we all bought some sweets. We all made it safely back to the school. We all had a fantastic time !

By: Catriona Warner and Elin Blake

Futsal:

On Thursday Oct 12th 4th class went to Ennis Leisure World to play soccer. We had two boys teams and two girls teams. There were lots of other schools there. All our teams won two matches and lost two matches. The organiser said we were the funniest school!

We had to hold up cards saying “ Show Racism the Red card”
We had a great day!

By: Grace Prenderville and Lily Hegarty



Coláiste Musical “Oliver”:

On the 29th of November 6th class took a trip to the Coláiste Musical 2017. We left the school at 11 a.m. that morning, by bus. When we arrived, we met some other familiar schools as well. We walked into Danlann An Chlár, took our seats and waited for the play to begin. (Which started at 11:30) When the play had begun, we instantly recognised some familiar faces, although some were a lot harder to identify than others. Some of Knockanean’s past pupils were taking part in the musical, such as Shauna Murphy, Niamh Ní Choileáin, Maeve O’Connor, Caitríona O’Riordan, Megan Ryan, Éimear Ní Choileáin, Alannah Moore, Shóna Duffy, Gail Norton, Mia Norton, Ally Mc Guinness , Ciara Lane and Edel Williams. It was really good and we enjoyed our day.

By: Caitríona Warner, Sarah Barron, Caoimhe Lahiffe and Astrid Penston.

Intel Mini Scientist:

On the last week of school before the Halloween break 4th 5th and 6th class participated in the Intel Mini Scientist competition. Only one group gets to go through to the Munster final every year and if you get through after that then your group goes through to the National final in Dublin. This year Conor Hurley, Ben Kirby, Cal Kirby and Crevan Lane made it through to Shannon . With their project called “Satellites and Gravitational Pull”. They will go on to represent the school in Intel Shannon on the 7th and 8th of December. This year we are all very excited to be going to Shannon and we hope to get through to Dublin again for the second time in a row. The group that came second was Ailbhe Wright, Ashling ,Aislinn and Astrid Penston. For more information go to Intel mini scientist.com.



By: Conor Hurley, Ben Kirby, Cal Kirby and Crevan Lane

Regional Final of Intel Mini Scientist:

On Tue Dec 5th we travelled to Intel in Shannon to compete in the regional final of the Intel Mini Scientist competition. Our project was about satellites gravitational pull, and Voyager 1 and Voyager 2. There were schools there from Munster and some from Connaught. We set up our projects at 9.00 and judges came around regularly to question us about our project. The standard was very high and 5 projects out of 23 went through to the National final in Dublin. Unfortunately we couldn't follow on from the great success of last year and we didn't make it to the final.



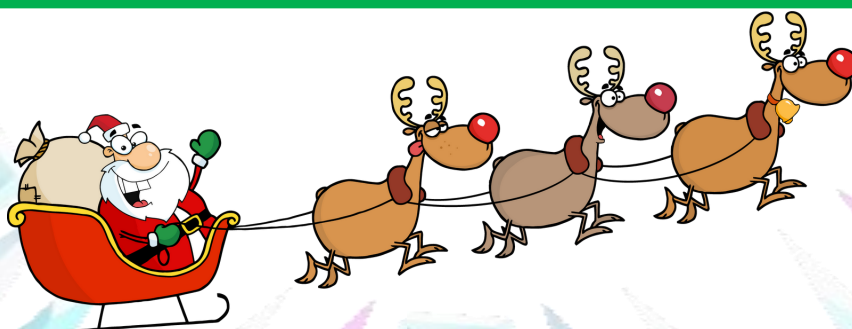
By: Conor Hurley and Ben Kirby

Engineers talk to 5th Class:



Our Intel engineer was very nice, her name was Deirdre. She talked to us about all the different engineers in Ireland. She also said what sort of engineer she is. She is a civil engineer. A civil engineer is someone who works with people who are planning to build a house. She talked about the different uses of engineering when you wake up in the morning.

Deirdre works alone. We really enjoyed this experience.



6th Class 2017



Carol Singing in Liddy's:

On the 12th of December 2017 the Knockanean choir and music club sang and played for the annual Christmas event in Liddy's Costcutters, Roslevan. We introduced it by playing 'Hunting the Squirrel'. Everybody was outstanding but especially Isabelle O'Doherty, Alex Fennell and Paddy McGuinness. The music club played and sang for the time of their lives and so did the choir. Santa also visited and all the kids got very excited when he arrived. He handed out handfuls of sweets to each child. The ukuleles made a surprise ending, which nobody was expecting and performed "Somewhere over the Rainbow" by Israel Z. We had a wonderful evening!

By: The amazing Sarah Barron and Orlaith Ní Choileáin !!!



Ice Skating

On the 13th of December 2017 6th class Knockanean went to Limerick on Ice. We hopped on the bus at 10am and headed off. We arrived by 10:30am and saw the giant marquee and ran inside. We lined up and a friendly man greeted us at the entrance and handed us our tickets. We headed in and put on our ice-skates (which they supplied for us.) After, we lined up to go into the ice-rink! There were three other schools preparing with us. There were a couple of bumps and bruises but no deaths!!! (Thank God!) After our fun hour of ice-skating we took off the ice-skates and met with John and Mr. Mullen. We then went across the road to Arthurs Quay shopping centre. John gave us all our 2 euro and let us off to the shop to buy sweets and treats, (and full size baguette!!) We hopped on the bus again and drove off (with our lovely friendly driver called Cyril!) We also went to Cratloe Woods but when we arrived it was too stormy to get out of the bus. Over all we all had a great day and got no homework!!!!

By: The amazing Sarah Barron and Orlaith Ní Choileáin !!!



Can I take this opportunity to thank our school community- parents, pupils, Board of Management, Parents Association, teachers and staff, Fr. Jerry and Canon O'Carroll, for all their hard work, dedication, commitment and help, in what has been a very busy term. Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well next term.

Yours sincerely,

