



KNOCKANEAN N.S

Newsletter

Easter 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As we reach the end of another very busy and productive term the pupils take a look back at the highlights of the past term as they saw it!

Indoor Hurling:

It was a great day out and was great fun .We won our first match against Newmarket School. We won well. We then played Stonehall School and we also won that game .In our last game we came up against Quin School but they had the better team and now they are going to the next round. We did good enough.

By Leon Talty and Michael O Choileain

Indoor Camogie:

It was the 25th of January and it was the girls indoor camogie tournament. In the first game we played Newmarket, the final score was 4-2 to Newmarket. In the second game we beat Stonehall .In the final game we played Quin School and lost 5-3. We had a great day , but sadly we did not get to the next round of the tournament.

By Éabha O Driscoll and Fiadh O Shea.

Engineers Week:

Patrick Lehane came into our class for Engineers Week. He talked to us about his work as an engineer. Then he then gave us materials. He gave us string, straws, lollipop sticks, blu tac, rubber bands and a piece of paper to draw out a plan. He then gave us two chairs and we had to build a bridge between the two chairs. Each group got a small plastic car to test the bridge. We then had a competition to see which bridge was the most unique, the strongest and who used the most teamwork. It was really great fun!

By Tadhg Moloney, Fionn O' Donoghue, Ciara Brooks and Ailbhe Curran

Ancestral cooking: In 5th we tried to re-create how our ancestors cooked. We went into the field, dug a hole in the ground. We then filled the hole with rocks. On top of the rocks we made a fire using wood. We let the fire burn for two hours. When the flames died down we scrapped the ashes off the stones. We then removed some of the hot stones with a shovel. We placed a leg of lamb in between the stones and covered it up with more hot stones, sticks, moss and sods. We left it for approx 2.5 hours to cook. We then removed all the clay and rocks. We cut up the meat and it was really tender and very tasty.

By Odhran Flynn, Dean O Rourke Slattery and Ailis Ni Choileain



Pink Ribbon Day:

On the 14th of February 2018 we all dressed up in pink to support breast cancer research. It was such a fun and exciting day! Everyone brought in 2 euro or more to donate, t'was great craic altogether. Everyone made a great effort in dressing up! Thanks to Aileen for helping out so much! I think everyone really enjoyed it! The sixth class made up stations with many different activities such as nail painting, face painting and hairstyles! It was an amazing day with NO HOME-WORK!!!

By: Sarah Barron, Ailbhe Wright, Aisling Horan and Astrid Penston!



Clare Sports Hall Athletics:

On the 7th of March 2018 4th and 5th class took part in the indoor athletics competition in Corofin Hall. There was various races including running, long jump, javelin, speed bounce and plenty more. There were many schools including Inagh N.S., St. Tolas, Newmarket, CBS N.S, Gaelscoil N.S and Holy Family N.S. We had plenty of winners on the day and great fun.

By Charlie Hannan, Éabha O'Driscoll and Lauren Quinn.



Cansat:

On the 14th of February 2018 students from C olaiste Mhuire came and showed 5th class students their project. It was to send a satellite to space using only a can and other objects. Their team name was Megaa. They assigned us a project of building a parachute in teams of 6. When we finished building the project we dropped an egg in the parachute. Then we brought the parachutes outside and threw them down from the window. The rules were that if your egg cracked you would automatically lose. It was a great experience for us and we really enjoyed it.

By  abha O'Driscoll, Lauren Quinn and Charlie Hannan



JEP:

On Thursday the 8th of March, 6th class displayed their ideas separately to John Corbett and Mr. Curran to see which project would be used for the Junior Entrepreneur competition. The winning group ended up to be the "Fun Day". In this way every group gets to sell their ideas. Some of the ideas were as follows: "Brownies in a Jar", "Printed T-Shirts", "Pebble Art", "Painted Candle Jars", "Website design" On the family Fun Day there will be a lot of extra activities on which people can spend their money!! We really enjoyed doing it and are looking forward to the Family Fun Day and counting our money!!

World Book Day:

On the 9th of March 2018 students of Knockanean N.S dressed up as their favourite characters from their favourite books. It was a really fun experience to see all your classmates and school friends dressed up as cool characters from their favourite books. There was a lot of different variety of themes such as The Wizard of Oz and Harry Potter... Some of the teachers dressed up...Amy as Cruella de Ville Ms Gavin as Little Red Riding Hood and Mr Curran as the Mad Hatter !!

By Ines Sheehan and Lauren Mc Mahon



Basketball: The first match we played was in Gurteen and we played against Cloughleigh. The girls played first and trashed them 0:28. It was good fun and we were all very competitive. The boys played next, they were beaten by two baskets. John made a bet with us that if one of the girls in the class, (one person in particular ,not to be named) scored a basket we would be able to go to the shop. And she did yay!!! So we all went and got two euros each. The next match we played was in Ennis National School, against Holy Family and the students from Ennis National School. The girls lost by two baskets and the boys lost by two baskets. We went to shop again! It was fun, good crack and a good experience. We wish we could have won and played again!!!

Written by the amazing: Olivia Grace Cosgrove, Astrid Penston, Ailbhe Wright & Orlaith Ni Choileain :)

Clare FM:

A man called Ger Sweeney from Clare FM came into our class to talk about St. Patrick. He was very nice. He asked us what we knew about St. Patrick. We told him that he got rid of all the snakes, he was captured by pirates, he was a shepherd as well. He had to mind pigs for 6 years, He had no-body to sleep with for 6 years other than the pigs. He had a dream that a boat came and took him back home. This will be on the radio on Friday morning.

By Liam Hanrahan, Cathal Ryan and Ava Harte.

F.A.I. Spar Soccer Workshop:

On Thurs March 15th, 5th and 6th class went to Gurteen. Denis Hynes from the FAI was taking the session. We played mini matches, drills, reactionary games, balance games and at the end we played one big match involving 6 footballs! Caroline and Thomas O' Keeffe from O' Keeffe's Spar, brought bananas, apples, water, sweets for all the pupils. We had a really enjoyable day and thanks so much to all who made it possible.

By Ellis O'Flaherty and Elin Blake.

Adventure Walk App

Looking for Free family activities over the Easter holidays? Download the 'Adventure Walks' App. There are 80 trails in 15 Co Clare locations. Follow a route onscreen and solve the clues to complete the adventure. Each trail is approximately 2 km long. In the Ennis area there are 8 Adventure walks, 4 at Lees Road and 4 at Ballybeg Woods and 8 at Dromore Woods.

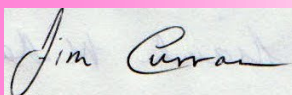


Dates to Remember

Easter Holidays:	School closes Friday March 23rd and will reopen on Monday April 9th
Confirmation	Saturday April 14th 2.30 p.m. Church of Our Lady Roslevan
Communion	Saturday April 28th 11 a.m. Church of Our Lady Roslevan
School Closure	Friday May 4th –Child Protection Training for Staff
May Bank Holiday	Monday May 7th and 8th
June Break	Monday June 4 - Friday 8th

I want to 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 Easter and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well next term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Curran'.

Jim Curran