



# ***KNOCKANEAN N.S***

## **Newsletter**

## **June 2018**

***Dear Parents/ Guardians,***

This is the final newsletter of the 2017/2018 school year and the pupils look back at some of the events / highlights as they saw them since Easter.

### **Primary Schools Poetry Competition:**

Third class entered this competition. Everybody had to write two poems. We had to type out the poems and send it to Amy. Every poem had to be at least 16 lines up to a maximum of 20 lines.

The finals took place at the Education Centre on Kilrush Road, Ennis on Thursday 26th April – Poetry Day Ireland. From several hundred entries received by the Poetry Collective, the Judges have shortlisted 20 poems from throughout Clare. The following children got through to the final from Knockanean

- Amy Reynolds, 3rd Class, Knockanean NS ‘Frost’
- Aoife Sullivan, 3rd Class, Knockanean NS ‘My Crazy Hair’
- Xavier Tomaszewski, 3rd Class Knockanean NS ‘Christmas Colours’
- Kate McDonough, 3rd Class Knockanean NS ‘Magic Box’

In the final we had to say our poem in front of the whole audience. We had to say our poems in alphabetical order. Then the judges left for 10 minutes to decide who were the winners. When they came back, they announced the winners and Knockanean won the best over all school!! Amy Reynolds won a prize for the best recited poem!!

By Kate Mc Donough and Aoife Sullivan



# SPORT



## Mini 7's Girls Football:

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, our girls football team played two seven a side matches. Our first match we played was against Ballynacally which we won. Our next match was against Barefield N.S and we also won that 2-5 to 0-5. We are now through to the final which will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. In the final there were 6 teams: Knockanean, Parteen, Miltown, Bansha / Clohanes, Gaelscoil Mhichil Chiosog, and Lissycasey.

Both Knockanean and Bansha / Clohanes contested the final on the day, but unfortunately for us we finished runners up! However as a result of reaching the final, Ellis O' Flaherty got picked to represent the school in Mini 7's exhibition game in Croke Park in either the All Ireland Semi Final or All Ireland final.

By Ellis O Flaherty and Elin Blake



## Mini 7's Camogie:

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, the camogie team went to Tulla to play the Mini Sevens blitz. In our first match we played Tulla National school but after a tough game we were beaten by two goals. In our second match we played against Crusheen but were beaten by two points. In our final match against Barefield, we beat them two goal and two points. We came back with two broken hurleys but we survived! We're now back training for the camogie league and can't wait for our next match.

By Aislinn Carey and Orlaith Ní Choiléain

## 7 aside Hurling:

The Knockanean boys hurling team went to Clooney-Quin club grounds to play the 7 aside hurling tournament. We were in a group with Quin and Ballycar. We played Quin in our first match and in very bad pitch conditions we lost narrowly. Other members of our team played a match against Toonagh while we were playing Quin. Our next match was against Ballycar. We won this game well and everyone got a chance to play. Unfortunately Quin were the team that progressed to the next round but everyone had a good day out.

By Ian Williams and Mark O'Connor



## *Sports continued*

### **Swimming Gala:**

On the 11th of June, 3rd to 6th class went to a swimming gala in Ennis swimming pool. It was a fun experience and everyone did very well. 3rd class girls came 3rd, 3rd class boys came 8th, 4th class girls came 6th, 4th class boys came 4th, 5th class girls came 3rd, 5th class boys came 6th, 6th class girls came 1st and 6th class boys came 4th. We were all very proud of how we performed.

By Lauren Mc Mahon, Ines Sheehan and Dean O'Rourke Slattery

### **Tennis:**

On Thursday, 21st of June, four girls from sixth class competed in a tennis competition. Our first match was against a very strong Ennis National School A team. After a tough match they came out on top. Our next match was against Clarecastle. They put up a good fight but in the end we won. Next we played Ennis National School's, second team, but we ended up winning. We were through to the final at the end of the day against Ennis National School A team. Knockanean tried really hard but at the end of the day Ennis National School A team were the better team and beat us. Knockanean ended up in second place and won lovely silver medals!

By: Ailbhe Wright and Aislinn Carey

### **LGFA Final :**

Monday the 11th we went to Cusack Park to play our football final against the Gaelscoil. It was a tough match!! It was a big chance to play in Cusack Park. During the first half we were down by 6 points but we came back and led by a point at half time. Mr Curran and Mr O'Reilly were our coaches they gave us a few tips before the match started and at half time. When the whistle blew for the second half we tried our hardest to win and then Aoibh Blake who is in fourth class was put on and she scored the winning goal. When the ref blew the whistle for the end of the match we were all so happy and excited. Thank You Mr Curran and Mr O'Reilly for all the help during the year

By Aoibhin O'Callaghan and Jane Quinn



## Golf

On Monday the 26th of June, Knockanean and Cloughleigh went to Ennis Golf Club to play a round of golf. We left at a quarter past 11 and arrived at 11:30. We organised teams and teed off soon after. We finished at 2:30 and everyone went in for some chicken nuggets and chips. Everyone had a great time.

By Ian Williams, Mark O'Connor



## *Junior Entrepreneur Programme*

**The 6<sup>th</sup> class Funtastic Fun Day!!!:** On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2018, 6<sup>th</sup> class held a fun day for our Junior Entrepreneur. Everyone had great ideas for the Junior Entrepreneur and in the end, the fun day won. It was a great idea and the good thing was that everyone else who participated got to sell their ideas at the fun day which sold out very fast. The bake sale and milkshakes were very popular and so were the rockin' rocks, the jazzy jars, the bouncy castle, the penalty shoot-out and all the other games. We made a lot of money! The milkshakes were especially nice because it was a very hot day. The whole school enjoyed playing the games and getting their faces painted! Sixth class really enjoyed helping out and selling the different things we made. It was nice that Sixth got to plan the fun day! All in all we think that everyone had a really great time! It was a bit stressful but it was worth it in the end!

## Active Schools Week

The 11th of June was the start of Active Schools week. Each day there was a variety of different events, Monday's event was yoga. Antoinette Butler came in to show us different yoga poses. It was a lot of fun. Tuesday's event was an obstacle course made for each class and at the end of the day we had a tug of war competition between the classes. Wednesday's event was cooperative games with the younger classes. Thursday's event was tennis with Anne Marie D'arcy from the Ennis tennis club. Friday's event was athletics with Marion from the Clare Athletics. All the school had a very fun and active week!

By Sean Hayes and Aisling Carey







## Yoga

On Wed May 23rd Antoinette Butler came in to do Yoga with the whole school. First she asked us what makes us happy. Then she taught us two poems. Then we did some warm up exercises, like Warrior 1 , Warrior 2 , Warrior 3, Windmill and Yogi says. Then we did some breathing exercises. Then we lay down on the mats and listened to what we could hear. Then we did the yoga exercises like Down Dog, Cobra, Mountain and Extended Mountain. It was really relaxing! We are going to do two more days of Yoga between now and the Summer holidays. We will have to design a pose between then and now.

By Amy Reynolds and Aoibheann Moore.

## *School Tours*

### **Junior Infants Tour**

We went to the Fairy Farm in Kinvara Co Galway. The first thing we saw was some goats and we fed them. After we did that we held a guinea pig. We then looked at fairy doors that were in a magical forest. We then went to the sandpit where we played with shovels and buckets. There was also a zip wire there that was so much fun. There were monkey bars and a climbing frame there as well. There were benches close to the sandpit where we had lunch. After lunch we played some more and then we went home. We were tired on the way home but we had a great day!

By Eve Davourn, Lily Mc Mahon and James Cosgrove

### **Senior Infants Tour**

We went to Moher Hill Farm. We met a farmer called Martin and then we went outside and Martin gave us some food to feed the animals. The first animal we went to see was the goat and then we went along and met llamas. We then saw horses, rabbits and we held them and we held an Ostrich egg and it was huge. Then we saw some ostriches and we saw some peacocks and then it started to rain and we went inside. We went on the bouncy castle and the ball pit and then we had some lunch. Martin brought us into a building and showed us all the farming stuff. We got some sweets after the bus trip home!!

By Jack Williams, Fionnan O'Connor and Isabelle Mangan.

### **1st Class visit to the piggery**

We went with 6th class and walked down to Cathal Ryan's piggery. It was really stinky and noisy in there!! We got to see three newborn piglets. There was lots of pigs there and they were all inside. Thiago Silva the Brazilian professional footballer who played for Paris Saint-Germain works there or somebody who looks like him works there!!! After the tour we got to go to Cathal's house and we got a juice and a sweet. We then got a group picture and walked back.

We had a great day!

By Naya Sorahan and Cillian Sullivan

### **1st Class Tour**

On 29th of May we went on a bus to the Aquarium in Galway. We saw lots of fish there. We saw carp, kiss fish, rays, sharks and a skeleton of the fin whale. We then went and did science in the Aquarium. We mixed lemon juice and vinegar and it exploded!! We also made a rocket with baking soda and lemon juice. After the Aquarium we went on the bus to Coole Park. We ate our lunch here and played games. We had a great day and we were tired when we came home!

By Tiernan Garvey and Olivia Prenderville

### **2nd Class Tour**

We went into school and waited for the bus. We went to the Shannon leisure centre.

When we got there we were split into two groups. After that we played ship shore, one group went outside to play and the other went to the bouncy castle. We ate our lunch in a big hall. Next, we went on the climbing wall, while the other group was outside. The climbing wall was very tall and fun. After both groups had finished the climbing wall, we got on the bus again to go to Newmarket playground. There we ate the rest of our lunch and had an ice-cream. After we ate we went off to play. We had lots of fun, and then we went back on the bus to go back to school.

By Laura Warner and Ailbhe Curran



### **3rd Class Tour**

We climbed Mullaghmore and we went to the Burren and the Planet after. We met our guide and he showed us the different stones and flowers. We took breaks along the way and we had a picnic at the top of the mountain. After our walk in the Burren we went back to the Planet where we played Quasar and bowling. We played in the soft area for while. We enjoyed the day! The bus was delayed so we were a little later than planned.

By Aoibheann Moore and Dylan Lehane

### **4th Class tour to Galway**

It was a fun day out. First we went to Pure Skills and we all had a great time playing lots of kind of sports.

We played tennis ,basketball, hurling, soccer, gaelic football, golf chipping, golf putting, baseball and cricket. I hope to do it again ,and I would give it a 10 out of 10. Our friends marked in our score cards while we were in the cage .I loved all of the sports .After we played all of the sports we went up to the cafe and got pizza.And after all the pizza and the sports we all went to the Galway museum . The first floor was all about the art from about 1000 years ago. The second floor was about 1916. The last floor was all about the sea .

By Leon Talty and Ella Farrell

### **5th Class visit to Mass Rock**

On the 3rd of May 5th class visited the mass rock in Tulla. It took us about 45 minutes to reach the Mass rock. When we got up there we had bit of lunch, and then Mr Mac told us a few facts about the Mass rock. We learned that it was not put there by humans and that it more than likely came to a stop here in the Ice Age. Once we finished at the rock , Mr Forde had set up a quiz on they way down for us so we paired up in groups of two and three .Although it was raining we all had a great time!!

By Éabha O'Driscoll and Ailís Ní Choileáin.







# School Tours

## 5th Class trip to Ardnacrusha

At 9:45 we went on the bus to Ardnacrusha Power Station. When we arrived they gave us a hard hat, glasses and a high vis jacket. Then we went to the visitor centre and they showed us a video of Ardnacrusha Power Station.

After that we went to see the canal. Then they explained how boats get through the canal. We then went and saw the old control room, even though it was old we still couldn't touch any buttons because some of the buttons were still in use today. We had a great day at Ardnacrusha.

By Fiadh O Shea, Emily Guerin and Madison Harding

## 5th class Tour to UL

The 18th of June fifth class went on their school tour to UL Activity Centre in Killaloe. When we arrived we were brought into the lecture room and were shown around. Then they took us out to get our wetsuits, life jackets and helmets. When we got them all of us were split into groups. Firstly, we went kayaking with Dan for about half an hour. Then we went paddle boarding with Chris and we got to jump off the board. After that we went canoeing with Ross. Finally our last water activity was jumping off the pier and that was a lot of fun. Then they took us back to the lecture room where we ate our lunch for 20 minutes. Then they split us up into three groups. The first land activity was archery and we had a lot of fun with some great competitions. Next, we did an obstacle course in the woods. It was quite hard but we got through it. The final activity of the day was high ropes. It was very slippery and very hard to get to the top. We had a great day with some very exciting activities. On the way home everyone was wrecked tired!!!!

By Lauren Quinn and Fiadh O' Shea






## Inis Oirr

On the 13th of June, 6th class set off on our school tour to Inis Oirr. We met at the Doolin Pier. On the way over, the sea was quite rough, but everybody loved the boat ride. When we arrived we went straight to the hostel, where we were staying for two nights. We settled in for a while, and then we made our way to the céilí. We listened to the Gael Coláiste sing us a few songs, then headed off for a walk. After we came back from the walk we had hot chocolate in the hostel.

The next day we went our separate ways and explored the island. When the sun came out, we even went swimming! We roamed around the shops and cafés and had great fun. Then we all met up and walked to the shipwreck and lit a bonfire. We all sat around the bonfire and toasted marshmallows, after that we headed back to the hostel and got ready for bed. On day three, we went on the Wanderly Wagon, ate a lovely lunch in Tigh Ruairí's hotel and said our goodbyes to Inis Oirr. The boat ride back was a lot calmer than on the way out!!

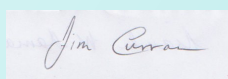
By Caoimhe Lahiffe, Caitriona Warner, Astrid Penston and Caitlin Hogan





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 year. We wish 6<sup>th</sup> class all the best as they leave us and move on to secondary school and we thank them for their enormous contribution to the school over the last eight years. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well on August 29th

Yours Sincerely



Jim Curran, Principal