



KNOCKANEAN N.S

Newsletter

Easter 2019

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

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

Pink Ribbon Day:

On March 1st we had our annual Pink Ribbon Day. The whole school made a huge effort and dressed up in pink. In the morning we had a picture of the whole school in the shape of a ribbon. Fr Jerry came in and gave us all a blessing. 6th class had a lot of activities arranged throughout the day, such as face painting, nail painting, tattoos, hair braiding and card making. We had a disco at lunchtime hosted by Tina. In total we raised €762 which we will divide among Slainte an Chlair, National Breast Cancer Research Institute and Cancer Care West. Aileen organised the whole day and we are very grateful to her for doing so.
By Charlie Hannan and Jack O'Halloran



Visit of David Courtney and Rooster to First Class:

On the 20th of February David Courtney visited 1st class and brought in a hen. David told them what the hens eat, how long they live for, they learned a myth about hens and also about their natural habitat.

The 1st class also learned that hens lose their feathers when they are stressed. Mylie (the hen) lost two feathers while on her visit. The 1st class had lots of fun during David and Mylie's visit and learned a lot about hens.

By Amy Butler, Aoibh Blake, Ciara O'Sullivan, Kiela Ahearne and Mikey Watson



Visit from Agri Kids re Farm Safety:

A farm safety person came into first class and told them all about safety on farms and the dangers of tractors. She also told them that cows are the most dangerous animals on a farm. Cows are very protective of their calves so that's why they are very dangerous. She also told them that when horses' ears are back they are feeling sad. She told the class that they should never go anywhere near tractors or slurry pits/tanks.

They enjoyed the visit of the safety person and learned a lot.

By Ciara O'Sullivan, Aoibh Blake, Amy Butler, Kiela Ahearne and Mikey Watson



Fifth class trip to Mass Rock In Tulla:

On Wednesday the 20th of February, the 5th class visited the Mass Rock in Tulla. Mr. Mac (Knockanean's former principal) was our tour guide for the day and he was a great tour guide! When we reached the mass rock we ate our well earned lunch, then Mr. Mac told us the history of Mass Rocks. He told us:

There were many escape routes through the trees in case there were spotted by the red coats. The English police were known as the red coats. Still, to this day, mass is said at the Mass Rock once a year. On our way down Mr Forde prepared a treasure hunt. On our way home we stopped at a shop. We had a really great day!!

By Sophie Leahy and Lily Hegarty

Dogs Trust Visit:

On the 5th of March a lady from Dog's Trust came in and taught 5th class how to be safe around dogs. She told us how to react around dogs. She said, "stand still and cross your arms on your chest if you are scared, or if a big dog knocks you down, get to your knees as fast as possible, cup your hands and put them on your head and curl into a ball. She also reminded us the importance of picking up your dog's poo because people who are visually impaired or blind often use wheelchairs or canes and when they fold up their cane or use their hands to push their wheelchair dog poo gets on their hands. The lady also gave us certificates for being good dog owners. We had great craic and we learned how to take care and protect our dogs.

By Sophie Leahy and Lily Hegarty





Indoor Hurling:

We went to Gurteen with Knockanean. There were 3 other teams and we played against all 3 of them. Quin, Newmarket, Stonehall and ourselves were the four teams. They were all good teams. Quin was the hardest team to beat. We lost all of our matches narrowly, but we had a great day out!

By Darragh Fahy, Connor Price and James McMahon



Indoor Camogie:

In January members of 5th and 4th class girls including ourselves, went to Gurteen hall to play an indoor camogie league. Unfortunately Knockanean lost, but they still had a great day out. The four schools that took part were our own school Knockanean, Stonehall, Quin and Newmarket. We all tried really hard and had a lot of fun.

By Aoibh Blake, Amy Butler and Ciara O' Sullivan.

Athletics in Corofin:

On Monday March 4th fourth and fifth classes went to Corofin hall to take part in Indoor Athletics. The other schools there were St. Conaires Shannon and Tuamgraney NS. There was different ranges of athletics you could take part in such as, the obstacle course, over and under course, 2x 50 course, 4x 50 course, a javelin throw, chest push, vertical wall challenge, long jump and a 6 lap race. Some of the events were a bit challenging. 5th class competed against 5th class and 4th class competed against 4th class. We think we did very well, but won't know until all schools have competed. We really enjoyed the day.

By Tom O'Halloran and Naoise Kelleher.





SPORTS continued

7 aside Hurling:

On March 27th 5th and 6th class attended the seven a side tournament [mini sevens] in Clooney. There were 5 teams involved :Quin,Doora,Clooney,Toonagh and Knockanean.It was an extremely close competition but there could only be one winner. Eventually after four tough games Doora came out on the top.

By Charlie Hannan and Dara Bohannon

7 aside Camogie:

On Tuesday 26th of March 5th and 6th class attended the seven a side tournament in Clooney. In the first game we took on Quin where we beat them by a single goal. We next played Inch . At half time we were up by 3 goals but lost by a goal . In the last game we took on Clooney which we won. But unfortunately we didn't qualify out of our group.

Éabha O'Driscoll and Lauren Quinn

7 aside Football:

On March 19th the mini 7's football took place in Gurteen. Doora and Crusheen were the other teams involved. In the first game we beat Doora by a point. In the second game we lost by a last minute goal to Crusheen. Crusheen then beat Doora and went through to the final.

By Charlie Hannan and Dara Bohannon

7 aside Girls Football:

On the 22nd of March the girls mini 7's competition took place in Gurteen. In the first game they took on Barefield and drew which meant that whoever scored the most goals against Toonagh would win the group out. We took on Toonagh first where we beat them 7.4 to 1.0, Barefield took them on after us where they beat them 7.4 to 0.1 which meant that as Knockanean had conceded a goal and Barefield who had only conceded a point, Barefield will now go on to the next round.

By Éabha O'Driscoll and Lauren Quinn (Quinny).



Marion Keane Basketball Tournament:

When we went to the basketball tournament in tribute to Marion Keane (A well respected teacher from Cloughleigh and one of our old teachers), it was a very exciting experience. When we arrived at the first location (Gurteen), we were greeted by a number of schools including CBS and Quin. It was tough and we boys did not get through to the next round. The girls however ,got through to the next round, we congratulate everyone for participating... The following week we headed over to our friends at Cloughleigh for a friendly match and wouldn't you know it but us boys won the match against Cloughleigh, same happened with the girls. A big thanks to Cloughleigh for welcoming us into their school... The girls will be heading out to their next round on Friday and we wish them the best of luck.

By: Jack O'Halloran, Finnian Cosgrove and Kyle Ahearne



Engineers Week:

As part of engineers week's Adam Lehane's dad came in to 1st class. He's an engineer and he told us about engineering. He told us about bridges and how they are made and the different parts of bridges. He told us what he likes about his job which is talking to different engineers from different countries. He gave each group lots of different materials and told us to make bridges. We all made different bridges. People working in engineering have to wear bunny suits so that any dirt will show up. These bunny suits are kept in a special place and have to be washed every day. People working in engineering have to be very clean!

By Daire Cullinan and Emily Mulcaire



Visit of Garda Pat:

On Mon 25th March Jonah's dad came in to the school. He brought in the garda van. He showed us the handcuffs and put the handcuffs on Mr Curran and locked him in the back of the van. Some pupils shouted " Bring him to court" !! There are cameras in the back of the van so the driver can see everything. Pat talked to us about road safety and always wear your helmet when cycling. He showed us the baton. He showed us his helmet and Mary put on the siren really loudly!!

By Jonah Harte and Ellie O'Keeffe



3rd class visit to Museum for St. Bridget's Day

We went to the Clare Museum on 1st of February to make St. Bridget's Day crosses. The lady who showed us was called Bríd and she told us stories about St. Bridget. You could here a pin drop while she was telling us the stories. We all made St. Bridget's crosses and got to bring them home with us

Sophie Talty and Aoife Reynolds





World Book Day

World Book Day came extremely quickly and we were all very excited to see all the costumes. Some of costumes included Marshmallow, Auggie Pullman, a Pea and Sherlock Holmes. Everyone was brilliant and made such an effort to make it a great day for everyone.

By Jack O'Halloran, Finnian Cosgrove and Kyle Ahearne





STEAM:

In 5th class we use the Ipads for our coding with the Microbits app, and so far we have had a lot of fun learning about the different aspects of coding. We have learned how to create many games such as rock, paper, scissors and a quiz. We have even been taught how to make a successful calculator. Recently we have been collecting data from All-Ireland hurling finals. We'll be making a quiz about how to win an All-Ireland hurling final with the Microbits app. Then we'll be heading to Limerick with our project to enter it into the Science-Blast competition!

All the classes now use mirroring . This allows us to project whatever is on the ipads onto the main whiteboard. It's very good for displaying our work or for the teacher to explain things to us. It also helps with explaining things to alot of different people at once.

In the junior classes they use blubots which can be programmed by the pupils to go in different directions.

We really enjoy this because it there will be alot of jobs in the future that will require coding such as computer software engineer, electrical engineers and others.

By Thomas Fennell and Naoise Soroan

STEAM: The following were purchased to enhance STEAM teaching throughout the school

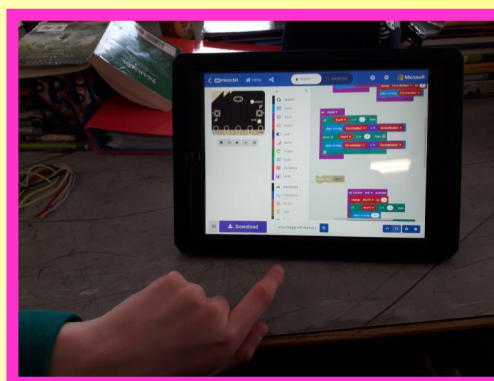
16 ipads including apps, cases etc for pupils

11 ipads including cases apps etc for teachers.

12 Bluebots including mats to operate them on

30 Microbit

Mirroring apps to enable iPads be projected onto whiteboard .





Sock Day For Down Syndrome

21st March was World Down Syndrome Day, a global awareness day officially observed by the United Nations. Lots of socks was a fun initiative to show support for this day. Socks may be different in pattern or colour but can still be worn quite happily together if we change our attitude about having to wear matching socks!! Wearing mismatching socks reminds us to celebrate the things that makes each of us unique .

World Autism Awareness Day was celebrated on the 2nd April. We all dressed in blue to raise awareness and acceptance of Autism Spectrum Disorder. We had a great day.



Dates to Remember

Easter Holidays: School closes Friday April 12th and will reopen on Monday April 29th

Communion Saturday 11th May Church of Our Lady Roslevan

Swimming 1st class Monday May 27th

School Closure Friday May 24th – Election /Referendum Day .

May Bank Holiday Monday May 6th

June Break Monday June 3 - Friday 7th

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,