

Summer Newsletter

June 2022



Junior Infants Teddy Bear Picnic

- On Friday 10th of June Junior and Senior Infants began the day with a magic show at the halla with Myster Magic. It was so much fun.
- We then went to the park with our bears and packed lunch. We had an amazing time, not even the rain could spoil our fun that day!!



Magic Show with Myster Magic

- Each child got a balloon sword to finish off a fun filled show.
- He made super heros appear, Molly used a balloon nerf gun, many children were skilled magic wand users.
- Thank you Pat for your patience and kindness.



Senior Infants

We watched our caterpillars turn into butterflies over a few weeks. We were so excited to leave them free in our school garden



Senior Infants enjoyed buddy reading with 6th class. 6th class pupils read some lovely stories and they listened to Senior Infants read their books.



We learned all about Space and Neil Armstrong in Senior Infants. We became astronauts in our art work and we designed our own rockets.



1st Class

- We enjoyed learning how to sew this year .We used a running stitch to sew our initials and simple animal outlines onto hessian fabric. We look forward to being able to mend our own socks from now on!!



1st Class



We explored our beautiful village. We learned all about de Lacy Castle, the history of the Mustard Seed and the work currently being done on restoring the old graveyard.



1st Class

We finished off our local history trail with a very enjoyable trip to the park and playground. A really fun day had by all!



2nd Class

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion.

It was a great day and their families, parish and school are very proud of them all.



2nd Class Exploring Ballingarry

We decided to explore Ballingarry. We found some cool photos of what Ballingarry was like when Mrs McHale was younger. We talked about what had changed and what had stayed the same.

We made boats with Ms Houlihan. We brought them to the park to test if they would float or sink.

Afterwards we went to the playground.

What a great day!!



2nd Class



2nd Class



3rd Class

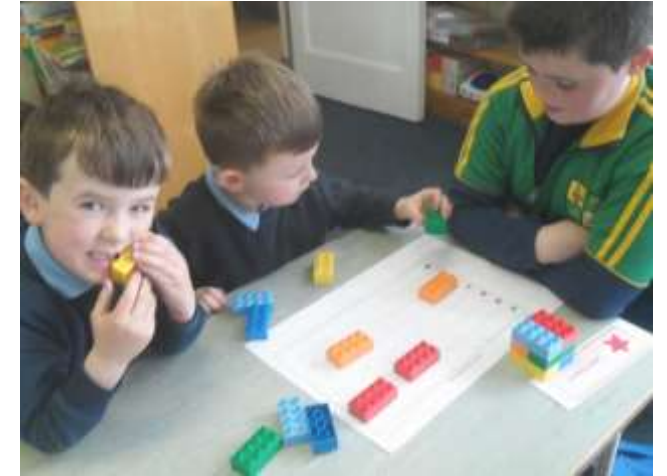
- Fun day: We started our day with some art. Then we went to our local park and playground. We played hide and seek, had a picnic and visited the playground. We then went to the GAA field for some games. We returned to the school for some team games including tic tac toe and kick bowling. We all had a great day!



Some more photos of our fun day



Buddy Teaching with Junior Infants



Teaching the class

- Each child in 3rd class got the opportunity to become teachers for a lesson. Some lessons included how to make loom bands, all about dinosaurs, art lessons, science experiments to name a few.



4th Class

- 4th Class enjoyed buddy reading with 1st class this term.



4th Class

- 4th class went on a local history trail around Ballingarry. We visited the Mustard Seed and Harry Sheehy's farm.





4th Class

- 4th Class attended the official unveiling of the mall event. We were delighted to be invited and see the great work the community association has done.

4th Class

- This term 4th class combined their art and science skills to construct and erupt volcanoes.



5th Class French Lessons/ Swimming Lessons

- 5th class took part in a series of French lessons this term and collected a stamp on their language passport. They also went swimming for over 6 weeks and worked hard on developing their swimming skills in The Woodlands.



Exploring Length

5th class putting their measuring skills to the test outside.



Junior Entrepreneur in 5th and 6th

- 5th and 6th class both took part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme and created two very successful businesses. With the money they made they paid for an ice-cream van to visit the school on our fun day and both classes had their own pizza party.
- With the remaining money they are making a donation of €300 to TLC for CF and €600 to Milford Hospice.
- Well done 5th and 6th class and thank to all the parents for your support and generosity.

Our Whole School Book

- 5th class worked hard all year long on their Junior Entrepreneur Programme. They were very excited to share their product with their customers.



Some of our Happy Customers





6th Century Loom Bands

6th Class Trip to Knockfierna

6th class enjoyed a day trip up Knockfierna last week before their graduation day.



6th Class Graduation

- Congratulations to all of the 6th class pupils who had their graduation on Thursday 23rd of June in the halla together with their families.
- They enjoyed a lovely ceremony given by Fr. Dan Neenan.
- We wish them the very best next year in secondary school!



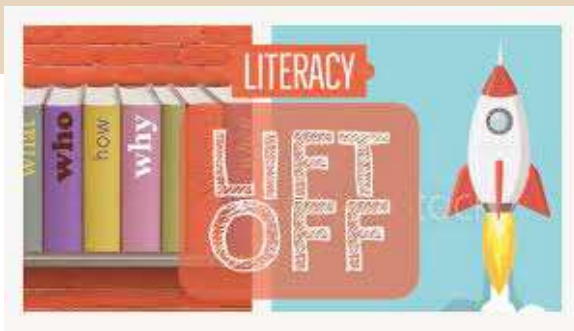
News from Ms Barry's Room

Having lots of fun seeing who's
at the zoo



Check out
our juicy
strawberries and
delicious treats!





S.E.T. Team



- In Term 3 the S.E.T. team were busy supporting the Junior and Senior Infant Classes with station teaching.
- Literacy Lift Off and Maths Stations took place in Ms. Foley's Senior Infant Class.
- Literacy Station Teaching took place in Ms. Murphy's Junior Infant Class.
- Thanks to the class teachers and to Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Barry, Ms. Houlihan, Ms. Cussen and Mr. Walsh for organising. All stations were a great success!

Sports News

- Ballingarry NS won the Division 2 West Final on Monday 13th of June in Mick Neville Park. A big thank you to Mr. Flynn and Mr. McCarthy for all their help with training and coaching the boys over the past 2 months. Pictured is Jamie O'Grady , captain of the hurling team with the West Final cup.



Division 2 West Final Winners



West Division 3 Runners up Football



West Division 1 Runners up Ladies Football



Thank you to
Ms.Shelton and
Ms.Barry for training
and coaching the
girls in football and
camogie over the
past 2 months.



GAA Blitz 3rd and 4th class 14th June

- 3rd and 4th class pupils were given the opportunity to represent the school at our annual blitz in Granagh/Ballingarry GAA field. Granagh NS, Feenagh NS, Ahalin NS and Mahoonagh NS joined us for a super day of hurling and camogie! A big thank you to David O'Dea and Brendan Guiry, West Limerick GDA for reffing the games on the day. A big thank you to Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club and Donal O'Grady for providing some treats for all participating pupils. Finally, a thank you to Ms.Shelton and Ms.Aherne for all their support with organising the event and coaching the boys and girls.



Ballingarry NS
3rd and 4th class
teams



Ballingarry NS Camogie Cup champions



Ballingarry NS Hurling Cup Runner-up

Medal Presentation to 3rd and 4th class

- Thank you to Donal O'Grady for coming to the school and presenting medals to the children.



Medal Presentation to our West Limerick Primary Games teams



Congratulations to Danny who represented Limerick on the Primary Games team on Sunday the 5th of June against Clare at Semple Stadium.



A massive congratulations to Annabel in 6th who represented Limerick on the Primary Games Team on Sunday 15th of May v Clare at Cusack Park. Well done Annabel



A big thank you to Luke Flynn from Granagh/
Ballingarry GAA club for coaching all the classes
this Term.



Active Schools Week: Soccer Day



GAA day



Athletics day



Sports Day



Fun Day



New Infants Day

- On Friday 17th June we welcomed 17 wonderful girls and boys to visit our school. These children will begin in Junior Infants in September with Mrs. Murphy.



Junior and Senior Teddy Bear Picnic





1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th class Tour to UL Adventure World



See our school website
for more photos

5th and 6th Tour to Castlegregory

- 5th and 6th Class had a brilliant day in Castlegregory with Jamie Knox Watersports On Monday 27th June. There was surfing and lots of other fun water activities.









Some Exciting Projects to Come!

- Dear families,
- We are coming to the end of an eventful year. Thankfully we have managed to navigate all things Covid and return to old school routines. It has been a busy year in terms of learning, and we hope that your child enjoyed all the extracurricular school activities that recommenced in term 3. It has been wonderful to be able to come together to celebrate and mark these school occasions.
- As always, life in school is changing and with that in mind, we just wanted to keep you informed of some new projects. Firstly, we will be **upgrading the heating system** in the school. Some of the pipework dates back to the 1960s and we aim to refurbish it during the holidays. We will also be **upgrading the electrical works** throughout the school and modernising the fire safety systems.
- Secondly, we are delighted to announce that we will be building on to the school again. The school has been granted permission to build a **state of the art ASD unit**. This will comprise of 2 ASD classes, toilet and shower areas, quiet spaces, multiactivity rooms, an outdoor secure soft play area and a sensory garden. We will also be building another classroom and a resource room. This is a huge undertaking for the school and we expect it to take a minimum of 2-3 years before it will be up and running. With these additions we look forward to having the necessary facilities to cater for all children with and without special needs. We will keep you informed.
- On behalf of the staff and I, we hope that you all have a wonderful summer filled with fun, health and happiness.
- Rebecca Cleary,
- Principal

News from Parents Council

- And so, we have reached the end of another School year. On behalf of the Parents' Council we wish all the 6th Class boys and girls all the best in their transition to Secondary School.
- Since our last newsletter at Christmas, we have had a very busy and productive few months. The March Marathon fundraiser was a phenomenal success and we are very grateful for the support we received from all the Parents/Guardians, extended family members and the Community at large. And, of course we are very proud of all the pupils who walked the distance to reach our target and exceed it.
- The Parents' Council sponsored drinks and treats for all the pupils for the March Marathon finale on April 6th.
- At Easter we sponsored the purchase of 16 Easter eggs which were raffled off in each class.
- The Parents' Council made a contribution towards the cost of the bus transport for 5th and 6th class swimming lessons.
- Parents' Council also paid the full cost of the buses needed for the School Tours this year.
- Our May Clothes Drive raised €460 – thank you to everyone who donated bags of clothes and assisted with the distribution of these bags. We filled the van again!
- As Secretary/PRO I delivered an information session on what the Parents' Council is, to the New Juniors' parents/guardians on June 17th. We organised the tea/coffee reception afterwards also.
- And finally, our last job of the school year – serving tea/coffee and treats to the parents/guardians of the Graduation class 2022 on June 23rd.
- Wishing you all a lovely Summer and looking forward to meeting you at our AGM next term. It is worth noting that thanks to our Whatsapp group we managed to organise all our fundraising events this year with only one face-to-face meeting and that was the AGM. If you are not on the Whatsapp group and wish to be included please text me, Aisling, at 085 8895125.
- Kind regards,
- Aisling Relihan Secretary/PRO Parents' Council

Wishing all our pupils and
staff a safe and happy
summer holidays