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ST. PATRICK'S N.S. SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022

Our School Garden

Earlier this year, 1st and 2nd class created a wildflower bed to encourage pollinators into our school garden. After that we planted onions, peas, lettuce, strawberries and potatoes in the main beds.

Our school polytunnel arrived in early May and caused huge excitement. This new installation means that gardening can now take place all year round. Concrete slabs are being laid over the holidays to create a walkway around the perimeter and through the polytunnel.

The polytunnel consists of eight wooden planters, one for each class. The beds have been prepared and each class will get a packet of seeds in the new term to start their growing adventure. The seeds have an international theme and include: Ethiopian cabbage, Asian chives, Italian red onion and sweet red peppers, Japanese bunching onions, Japanese squash as well as oriental garlic.

Active Week 2022

Active Schools Week 2022 took place from June 6th - 10th in the school. There was a huge variety of activities for all children in all classes throughout the week. Infants & First Class had a disco on Tuesday. On Wednesday there was a whole-school sports day in the adjoining field. This was organised by the pupils of 6th class. All pupils had a super time going from station to station to complete a variety of fun-filled activities. These varied from dizzy penalties to tug-o'-war to dodgeball, kick rounders, crossbar challenge and more. We were blessed with dry weather so the pupils were able to enjoy many activities. On Thursday, sixth class pupils organised orienteering activities around the school yard for younger classes. This was thoroughly enjoyable. In the afternoon, pupils from 4th - 6th had a soccer tournament in the field. First & Second class had a football blitz on Friday morning. 3rd class had an indoor "Go Noodle" dance time. Our coach Shane took groups for football in between the rain-showers! It was a great week and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Liam McCarthy Visit

We were very lucky to have a visit from the Liam McCarthy on Tuesday 24th May. All the children enjoyed getting their picture taken with the cup and hearing our own teacher David Reidy answering some questions on what it takes to play for Limerick.

School Tours

Our pupils had a fantastic time this term as they headed off on their first school tours since 2019. Our middle and senior classes had a very active and enjoyable tour to Ballyhass Activity Centre. 1st/2nd travelled to see the delights of Crag Caves while our infants really enjoyed their first ever school tour to the Farm in Grenagh.

Primary Game

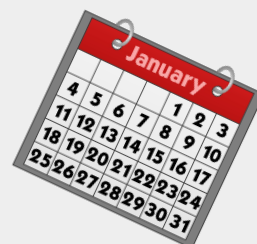
We had a number of pupils who represented Limerick in the Primary Game this school year. Aoife Morrissey played camogie against Waterford in May while Eoghan Murnane and Jennifer Hogan played football against Kerry in Killarney on Munster Final day. It was a fantastic achievement and honour for the pupils involved and we were very proud to see our pupils on the biggest stage.

DPSM

We collected another Discover Primary Science and Maths Award this year for all our hard work promoting STEM in the school. Well done to all the pupils and teachers and in particular to Mrs. Murnane who completed our application on our behalf. .

Important Dates and Times

- [*School Closes at 12.15pm on Wednesday 22nd June*](#)
- 1st August 2022- Please order your tracksuit top before this date to ensure delivery before the new school year.
- 31st August 2022- School will reopen at 9.20am for all classes.



Robotics

In early May, the Learn It team arrived in our classroom for the Analog Devices Primary School Robotics Competition. Our objective was to build and code a prosthetic arm using LEGO. It required good teamwork and communication between teammates.

There were multiple teams competing against each other in our classroom, and the winner would go on to compete against other schools in the Analog Devices building in Limerick.

Every team did brilliantly in constructing the arm with the given instructions, and did even better with the coding element, adding their own features and quirks. In the end, all teams had successfully created a functioning prosthetic arm.

The Learn It team made a final decision on the winner of the competition based mostly on teamwork and added features. As they were leaving, they kindly gifted us 4 LEGO Education box sets, which we are very thankful for.

Our team, won the competition, although it was a tight one. Our team members were Matthew Maher, Eli Stokes, Cormac Murnane and Aimee Phelan.

On the 18th of June, we headed to Analogue Devices. We had a brilliant day competing with lots of different schools. We really enjoyed it.

Cormac, Matthew, Eli & Aimee.

Science Blast 2022

In April, 6th Class participated in the ESB Science Blast in partnership with ESB . At the end, we hosted a science fair in our classroom. All of the classes in the school, as well as an official judge, came to see our various stalls based on the topic of how electricity works.

We showcased everything we had experimented and investigated. The various stalls consisted of experiments and displays such as: Lemon Batteries, a Makey-Makey, Static Electricity, Circuits, Safety around Electricity, Electromagnets and Functioning Cardboard Cars and windmills using solar panels and motors.

All of the 6th class pupils worked extremely hard preparing and decorating the stalls, and we enjoyed showing the other students how electricity works.

By: Aimee Phelan
6th Class



School Year 2022/2023

As we continue to return to normal following the Covid 19 pandemic there will be some changes to school routines next year:

- School supervision will be provided from **9am** every morning.
- All pupils will finish at 3pm once we return.
- We will continue to use separate exits and entrances for our classes. These will be outlined on Aladdin in late August before we return.

Music Teacher

We are delighted that Joan Slattery will be attending the school each Wednesday next year to teach tin whistle, music and singing to all our classes. We are looking forward to working with Joan.

Marathon Kids

Well done to 5th and 6th class who took part in the 'Marathon Kids' running initiative this year. AS will be running a marathon over the course of eight weeks, everyone learned about the physical, mental and social benefits of staying fit and active.

New Infants

We were delighted to welcome our infants for 2022/2023 to the school on 2nd June. They made a great impression on their first day and we are looking forward to welcoming 25 new pupils to our school when we return.

Best of Luck

I would like to wish David Reidy and the Limerick hurlers the very best of luck over the summer months. I would also like to congratulate Anna O'Dea who has been selected on the Irish tag rugby team. A fantastic achievement. Well done Anna.

GAA Games

We were delighted to be back playing games again during Term 3 following the pandemic. Our boys and girls teams took part in all the competitions. They represented the school very well all year. Our boys were unlucky to lose the South Football Final by a point against Herbertstown. Our girls had a super year winning the INTO 7s ladies football and camogie. The girls also won the South Camogie Final against Kilmallock before losing the county final by a point after extra time v Raheenagh NS. The girls were excellent on the day and very unfortunate to lose out. Well done everyone and thanks to our teachers and SNAs for helping out with all the teams.

Shane Curtin

We would like to thank Shane Curtin, our GAA coach, for all his great work in Term 2 and Term 3. All the pupils really enjoyed his sessions. Best of luck back in U.L. Shane.

Summer Works

We will be replacing windows in Ms. Hannon's room and in the GP room over the summer. We will also upgrade furniture and storage in the 1st classroom. We are putting an interactive panel in our GP room. Lots of work during the summer.

3rd/4th class blitz

Our 3rd/4th class boys and girls took part in a blitz in Bruff at the end of June. Our two teams played brilliantly on the day and one of our teams lost out narrowly in the final to Kilmallock. Well done to all our players!! We have a bright future ahead.

6th Class 2022

On behalf of everyone in our school community, I would like to wish our 6th class the very best of luck as they continue on with their education at second level. The class contributed hugely to school life here in Bruree NS over the past eight years. We were delighted to celebrate their achievements at a Graduation Ceremony on Monday 20th June. We are looking forward to hearing great things about them as they move through second level and look forward to welcoming some pupils back as TY students and maybe as teachers in the future. Best of luck to all!!!

School Tracksuit

We are introducing the option of a school tracksuit on PE days only next year. The tracksuit is optional from Seniors to 6th class and can be purchased from this link-
<https://borusports.ie/product/bruree-ns/>

Book Rental Scheme

Thanks to parents for supporting our Book Rental Scheme again for next year. The pupils will receive their books once we return to school after the summer holidays.

Happy Summer

On behalf of the BOM and all our school staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very and enjoyable summer holidays. We have had a very busy Term 3 and everyone is very deserving of their break. Thanks to all our pupils for their great efforts and enthusiasm, our parents for their support and our staff for their hard work and dedication during the year.

Enjoy the holidays and keep safe everyone.

Happy summer,

Gr. Killeen



Photo Gallery





