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ST. PATRICK'S N.S. SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

Science Blast 2023

On the 23rd of May we headed off to Mary Immaculate College (MIC) for ESB Science Blast 2023. When we arrived at our destination we noticed that there were a lot of other schools there. Once we had our stall set up we went to see a fun science show about different types of gases. Afterwards, we went to our stand to greet people and tell them about our project. Our project was based on, "How Do Aeroplanes Fly". We had completed the experiments previously in school and we had sheets explaining these experiments on display. We met many different schools and looked at their projects also. Some were from far away places such as Tipperary, Clare, Galway and even Kildare. We had our photos taken. We had a great time and found out lots of new things. On the way home we stopped at the shop. We had a brilliant day and we all enjoyed it. I would definitely recommend Science Blast.

By: Mary Kate Riordan & John O'Donnell
6th Class

Active Week 2023

Active Schools Week 2023 took place from June 6th - 9th in the school. There was a huge variety of activities for all children in all classes throughout the week. We kicked off our week with some basketball coaching from Hubert from the local Morning Star Basketball Club. On Wednesday, we had local Taekwondo coach, Anthony visit the school to show some basics of Taekwondo to all our pupils.

We did lots of activities including Active Walkway Treasure Hunts, athletics, playground games and lots more.

To cap a great week we raised our second Active Flag on Friday 9th. Cairbre O'Cearralain, Limerick Senior Hurling S&C Coach and Laura Frawley, past pupil and All Ireland Long Jump and High Jump champion helped raise the flag on the day. They both engaged in a lovely Q&A session with our pupils.

We would like to thank our Active Flag committee members for all their hard work during the year under the guidance of Mr. Reidy and Mrs. Murnane. Well done everyone and stay active over the summer months.

By: Catherine McCoy & Gary Buckley
6th Class

Swimming 2023

Our third class really enjoyed their 6 week block of swimming lessons in the Woodlands House Hotel Leisure Centre this term. All the children made great progress. Thanks to our BOM and Parent Association for their contribution to transport costs.

School Tours

Our pupils had a fantastic time this term as they headed off on their school tours. Our 1st/2nd classes went to UL to take part in a multi sport activity day. They went swimming, went on a giant outdoor water slide and took part in lots of indoor activities. Our Juniors/Seniors also headed to Free Range Kids outside Croom where they had a super day baking and completing obstacle courses.

Primary Game

Well done to Chloe McGrath who represented the school on the Limerick Primary Game team recently. They played Cork at HT in the Munster Senior Championship match between the two counties. It was a great experience for Chloe and a massive achievement to be part of the team. Chloe also received her Eithne Neville medal recently from John Kiely at a function for the victorious South Primary team.

Curious Minds

We collected another Curious Minds Gold 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 Friday 23rd June](#)
- Murrys Uniform Fittings 19th-22nd July
- 1st August 2023- Please order your tracksuit top before this date to ensure delivery before the new school year.
- 30th August 2023- School reopens at 9.20am
- All important school dates can be found on the calendar section of the Aladdin app.



School Uniform

The school uniform for various classes is as follows next year.

- **Juniors/Seniors**- school tracksuit top, sky blue t-shirt and navy tracksuit bottoms. T shirts and tracksuit bottoms can be purchased from any retailer. Pupils in Juniors and Seniors do not need to purchase a uniform.
- **1st-6th**. Full school uniform. Crested jumpers and ties can be purchased from Murrays, Charleville. Pants/skirt/pinafore can be purchased from any retailer.
- **1st-6th** can wear a tracksuit on PE days. We are encouraging pupils in these classes to wear our school tracksuit top along with a sky blue t-shirt and navy tracksuit bottoms. The school tracksuit top can be purchased by following this link-
<https://borusports.ie/product-category/schools/brunsee-ns/>

Landmarks Project

Our pupils in 5th and 6th class completed wonderful landmarks projects recently in the school. Each pupil had to choose a famous landmark from around the world. They researched their landmark, developed a presentation on it before making their landmark from recyclable materials. It was fantastic to see such a high standard when they presented to all the school last week.

School Garden

This year, all classes were given an assortment of seeds from around the world to begin their planting journey. Every class used its allotment in the polytunnel and had huge success. We had a huge harvest of vegetables such as potatoes, peas, onions, brussel sprouts, runner beans, broad beans, courgettes as well as fruit such as strawberries. Lots of pupils helped with the regular watering and weeding.

A wildflower bed has been incorporated into the front yard close to the road and this will help with future pollination as well as being a nice place to observe some minibeasts.

Finally, our sensory garden plans have started with the creation of a walkway along the Kilmallock side of the front yard. We have great plans for this area and it will have plants that will appeal to our five senses as well as being a pleasant place to walk and connect with nature.

School Year 2023/2024

- Supervision will be provided each morning from 9am onwards.
- All our pupils will be on yard at small break next year.
- At lunchtime we will continue with staggered breaks to maximise space for our pupils to play.
 - Juniors to 2nd class will be on yard from 12.15pm to 12.45pm
 - 3rd to 6th class will be on yard from 12.50pm to 1.20pm
- Our infant classes finish at 2pm
- 1st to 6th class will finish at 3pm.

Music Teacher

We have had a great year working with our music teacher Joan Slattery. Our pupils have really enjoyed her lessons each Wednesday. These lessons will continue next year. Joan has also been a great help with preparing our school choir to sing at Communion and Confirmation.

School Self Evaluation

As you know we have been working hard on the six steps of the School Self Evaluation process over the past number of months. Having decided to focus on numeracy, we have now finalised a number of targets and actions to work on over the next three years. These actions will begin during Term 1 next year. We will share these targets and actions with parents when we return to school.

New Infants

We were delighted to welcome our infants for 2023/2024 to the school on the 7th June. They made a great impression on their first day and we are looking forward to welcoming 23 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 World Cup Squad. Anna will compete at the World Cup in UL in August which is a fantastic achievement.

GAA Season

We had another very successful season with our two school teams in hurling and camogie/ Our girls, in particular, had a great year successfully retaining the South Premier Division Camogie title after a great battle with Kilmallock NS in the final. They continued on the County Semi Final where they lost out to a very strong Doon NS team. Well done to all our girls.

Our boys team also played some great hurling this year in a very strong South Premier Division. We had a great win in round 1 against Knockainey NS before losing out to Kilmallock NS and Bruff NS. Well done to all the boys for taking part and to Mr. Reidy and Ms O'Dea who looked after the teams and organised school training during the year.

We also had lunchtime hurling and camogie during Term 3 with all classes from 1st to 6th classes taking part during the Term.

By: Chloe McGrath 6th class

Niamh Curran

We would like to thank Niamh Curran, our GAA coach, for all her great work in Term 2 and Term 3.

All the pupils really enjoyed her sessions. Best of luck back in U.L. Niamh and we hope to see her again in the future. I would also like to wish her the best of luck with the Waterford senior camogie team this summer.

BOM Annual Report

The Board of Management would like to thank everyone in the school community for their continued support this school year. Agreed minutes for the school community can be found on this link- <https://www.brureens.ie/our-school/board-of-management/>

Summer Works

We have lots of improvements lined up for the school over the summer months. We will be installing new marmoleum flooring in the GP room and in the 1st class room. These rooms will also be painted. We are also installing more storage units in our GP room.

3rd/4th class blitz

Our 3rd/4th class boys and girls took part in a hurling/camogie blitz in Bruff on the 14th June. We had 28 pupils participating in the blitz with two teams taking part. Both teams really enjoyed their games against Bruff NS, Kilmallock NS and Knockainey NS. We are looking forward to hearing how all our pupils get on over the summer on the GAA pitches across Limerick.

6th Class 2023

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 Wednesday 21st 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!!!

Primary Book Scheme

The Free Primary School Books Scheme begins for the 2023/2024 school year.

All school books, workbooks and copy books will be provided by the school when the pupils return. Stationery lists have been distributed to pupils and are available on the school website here-

<https://www.brureens.ie/parents/book-lists/>



Happy Summer

On behalf of the BOM and all our school staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy 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 we look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound on 30th August.

Happy summer, *Gr Kelleher*

Ms O'Dea

We would like to wish Ms. O'Dea the best of luck as she sets off on a career break for for 2023/2024. Have a great time Anna and we hope to see you back soon.

Photo Gallery





