



BUNSCOIL FUN!

WORLD BOOK DAY 2013

On the 7th of March it will be World Book Day 2013. For the last 16 years people from Ireland have been celebrating world book day to have fun reading. You can get tokens for €1.50 off any book costing more than €3.99. There will be the biggest book show ever on the 5th of March which will be live! Some of the books that could win the award are *Alfie's Shop*, *Giraffes Can't Dance* and *Horrid Henry's Guide to Perfect Parents*. **By Cassie Irwin**

I can only remember one book from World Book Day from two years ago and it is called *Alfie Green and the Supersonic Subway*. At first I did not know what World Book Day was about but when I looked it up I found that it is a celebration! It is about authors, illustrators and most of all reading! My Auntie Adi (ai-dee) has illustrated and written children's books and had them published. I just love read-

ing books when I go to bed! The best thing I think about books is you barely know what will happen in the end and that it keeps you entertained. The longest book that I read was *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. It had about 600 pages and it took me about two months to read but I was in school the whole time reading it. On World Book Day I want something long to read at home! **By Christopher Brophy**

On World Book Day people receive a voucher for €1.50 off any book. In my school you could be lucky enough to get a free book in a raffle. Last year on World Book Day I got two vouchers and my friend Eoin got a free book in the raffle! Last year I got an exciting book called *How to Train your Dragon*! It was supposed to be €8.00 but I got it for €5.00 because I used both vouchers! World Book Day is a celebration of reading throughout the world! **By Conor McArdle**

This year it is the 16th World Book Day! Over the last 16 years it has become firmly established as Ireland's biggest annual event promoting the enjoyment of books and reading. The main aim is to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading by providing them an opportunity to have a book of their own. This may sound like a very simple idea but unfortunately many children do not have access to books in their homes. World Book Day is the biggest celebration of its kind. **By Jack Corcoran**



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SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Bhí craic agus ceol againn i mBunscoil Mhuire i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhíomar ag caint as Gaeilge, ag damhsa sa halla agus ag canadh as Gaeilge. Bhí tráth na gCeist idir na ranganna

freisin. Bhí an spóirt againn. Bhí taispeántas sa halla. Bhí gach duine go h-iontach! Bhain gach duine taitneamh as an séo! Ba mhaith linn é seo a dhéanamh arís an bhliain seo chugainn! **Mary Flavin**

(Ms. McDermott's Rang a Ceathair)



A FEW WORDS FROM MR. O'NEILL

To all our parents, guardians and pupils I would like wish everyone involved with our school a very Happy Easter! Our second term is drawing to a close and it has been a very busy time here at Bunscoil.

We all celebrated Catholic Schools week by visiting the Strand Church for morning mass with different class groupings attending on different mornings. We, also, celebrated Lá Fhéile Bríde on the 1st of February and we were given a lovely and a warm welcome by Canon Browne at all the masses. It was fantastic to hear all the positive comments back from the parishioners who took the time to contact the school to compliment our pupils on their excellent behaviour and decorum during the masses. This reverence was also on display during the First Penance ceremony very recently and all the children involved are to be congratulated.

We are planning many activities in the school next week as we celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. This has always been a great success and very popular with our pupils. We thank all the teachers for getting involved and for their dedication in making our National Language more meaningful to your children. So practice the cúpla focail sa bhaile agus bainigí sult as!

We had a surprise visit from Rena Buckley, one of the fantastic Cork Ladies' All-Ireland winning team, who brought with her the magnificent Brendan Martin Trophy. She got a rapturous reception from all our red army in the Halla. The Cork team have won seven out of the last eight All-Ireland finals that they have contested losing only one match on their way! What a record!

Our dance classes with Ruth Hayes are coming to an end and I would like to thank Ruth for her work with the classes. Parents will be able to enjoy a performance very soon highlighting the benefit of these classes for the

children.

The school choir, under Mrs. Mulcahy, had a great day at the Cork City Pops concert recently. The choir is made up of pupils from fourth, fifth and sixth class. We have become accustomed now to listening to Classical music just before big lunch!

The Board of Management has invested, with the financial support of the Parent's Association, in new cookers and hobs in our fantastic kitchen. Many thanks to everyone involved and to Margaret Anderson, from the BOM, for her input into the purchasing of the equipment. We also put in brand new flooring into the kitchen and it is really fantastic looking now. Thanks also to the group of parents who help teach cooking to the senior classes. Pancake day was a great success!

We have just gotten science equipment for the school and we are also beginning to roll out new initiatives in Maths in the Junior and Senior Infant classes as well as in Rang a hAon. We are constantly trying to look at new ways to improve how we deliver education here at Bunscoil.

I am very concerned though at the proposed cuts to substitution for class teachers if Croke Park 2 is agreed. If it is forced on us it will mean that teachers will not be substituted and classes will have to be split and put into other classes. As a result many of our initiatives will be impossible to operate. This is going to impinge on every child in our school and the huge success we have had in Literacy will be hardest hit. Please realise that the short-sighted cuts of this Government are already damaging Primary Education. We are unable to stretch ourselves anymore and in the end of the day our children, the future of our Nation, are the ones being directly affected.

All of our after school clubs are full and everyone is enjoying the activities which

range from Badminton, to rugby, to art. Our Chess club is also going strong. As the weather brightens and improves the outdoor chess pieces are appearing once again outside in the yard. A great sight to see!

The pupils and teachers involved in our application for our second Green Flag are working hard and I commend all their hard work and effort.

We had a lot of winners in the recent Young Photographers of the Year Award run recently by the Rotary Club here in Youghal. Congratulations to the following girls, all from 5th class, Elly Leamy, Niamh Galvin and Margharita Barilla.

Also congratulations to Erin Ahern from Mrs. Leamy's 3rd class for winning a medal for singing at Feis Maitiú recently.

I am delighted to announce that our magnificent Rainbow Room is finally ready to go. We have been waiting a long time for the specialised equipment to arrive but it is all here at Bunscoil now! This is a Sensory Integration Unit and we are one of the very few mainstream schools to have this facility on our premises. It will be used to be all of our pupils and we hope to have an open day to showcase this excellent room very soon.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Carmel McCarthy. She is our new school secretary. We would like to thank Alicia O'Brien for all of her hard work and dedication during her time here at Bunscoil. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish her well in all her future endeavours.

Enrolments are currently closing for next year so any applications need to be sent into the office immediately.

Guím gach rath oraibh ar fad. Bíodh Cáisc mór maith agaibh ar fad.

Eoghan Rua Ó Néill.

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

Bunscoil Mhuire's annual flag day will be held on Saturday May 4th this year. Any parent who could help out by collecting for one hour would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Breeda on **087 2353717** if you are interested.



you have some time free on a Tuesday to help out it would

Volunteers are also needed to help with cookery for the 5th classes. If

be very much appreciated. Please contact Margaret on **087 2366567** for more information.



YOUGHAL IN 50 YEARS!

This month Mrs Shelly's 5th Class wrote essays about what Youghal will be like in 50 years. We came up with some great predictions!

Sorcha thinks that in 50 years there will be no more restaurants or food shops because people won't be eating meals anymore but will instead just take a pill each morning and be full for the day. Shelly thinks that cars won't exist and that people will use hover-boards instead to get around.

Dean thinks that cars will exist but they will be able to fly. Mrs. Shelly can't wait to be able to fly over the tunnel in the morning! Ethan thinks that Youghal will become a major tourist attraction so much so that the Olympics will be held here in 2066.

Natalia thinks that the train service from Youghal will reopen and bring you to destinations all over the country. According to Holly technology will improve so much that we will

be able to use holograms in daily life. Patrick doesn't like doing housework so he predicts that by 2063, robots will take over all daily chores. Eoin agrees with this and thinks that robots will take over the jobs of waiters. Leah thinks that Youghal will be completely powered by windmills out in the sea.

Finn imagines that Ireland will be connected to Europe and the U. K. by underwater tunnels. Niamh thinks that a beautiful marina will be built in Youghal and tourists will come to stay there and cruise ships will dock there. A.J. thinks that ski lifts will carry people up Cork Hill.

Jake thinks that Youghal will become a huge empire and take over the towns of Castlemartyr and Killeagh. Mary thinks that we will have a new currency by then and Brian thinks that we will be able to travel back in time in a time-machine. Kayla can't wait for transporters to be invented so that she can travel wherever she wants.

Our class predicts that Bunscoil Mhuire will still be opened in 2063 but that the school will have changed a lot. Margherita thinks the school will have a canteen by then and that all pupils will use electronic tablets instead of books. We also think that teachers will have been replaced by robots! We are looking forward to an exciting future in Youghal!

By Danielle Lewis & Mary Sarkunaite (Mrs. Shelly's Fifth Class)



Emperor Jake of Youghal

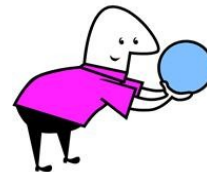
KYLE AND FILIP GO BOWLING!

Hi, my name is Kyle and we went bowling about a week ago. It was really fun! We had to walk out and I was Sean's partner. We were talking about soccer and rugby. When we got to Perks a woman was at the door waiting for us to come inside to go bowling. We were playing with Mrs. Leamy's class. We went up and took off our coats and our shoes and then we told the woman our shoe size and she gave us the shoes to go bowling. I didn't get any spares or strikes but I still came second! *By Kyle Roche (Mr. Hickey's Third Class)*

Hi, my name is Filip and last week on Wednesday

we went bowling. We walked to Perks and I was a partner to Greshu. We were singing songs. We were singing Mine craft songs. When we arrived a woman opened the door for us and then when we walked in I saw Mrs. Leamy's class at the bowling. Then we all had a sup of drink and we got into a queue for shoes. I had size 3 and Kyle had size 4. Then we started bowling. On my second go I got a strike and I was against Liam, Greshu, Kyle, John, Sean and Leon. I was first in lane 7. Then we went to a woman and she was giving prizes and I got a red car. Then we went to our partners and I was with Kyle and we were

talking about Black Ops. *By Filip Szweczyk (Mr. Hickey's Third Class)*



Filip 'The Great' Szweczyk



Kyle 'The King' Roche

BRAIN TEASERS WITH BRIAN & JORDAN

Q. What did the Easter Bunny say to the carrot?

A. "It's been nice gnawing you!"

Q. What has a ring but no finger?

A. A telephone

Q. What has holes but holds water?!

A. A sponge

Q. A woman is on the beach, a bell rings and she dies! How did this happen?!

A. There was a bell to signal when the water got too deep to swim in. The woman was

deaf and went swimming and she drowned.

Q. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

A. Johnny!

Q. A clerk at a butcher shop stands five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?

A. Meat!!!

Q. If there are 3 apples and you take away two, how many do you have?

A. Two

Q. There were 6 people and 6 eggs in a basket. Each person grabbed an egg but there was still an egg in the basket. How is that possible?

A. The last person took the egg and the basket!!!

By Brian Ronayne & Jordan Carroll (Mr. White's Fifth Class)



The three sixth classes in our school are taking part in "Faith Friends". The transition year students from Pobalscoil na Tríonóide come down to Bun-scoil Mhuire to help us to prepare for our Confirmation. This happens on Tuesdays after our small break. We are split into

FAITH FRIENDS

three classes and then into two groups. We do a bit of art and we play a game too. Children from Clonpriest sixth class come to our school as well to take part in this. We enjoy doing Faith Friends very much. Next week we are going to have a party because it's the last week of Faith Friends. We would like to say a BIG 'THANK

YOU' to all of the transition year students for coming down and helping us to prepare for our Confirmation.

By Ronan Monaghan & Triona Gardiner (Ms. Hickey's Sixth Class)

Obrigado!



A FEW CHUCKLES WITH THE CLASS CLOWN!

Q: What do you call a pig doing karate?

A: A pork chop!

Q: What do you call a woodpecker without a beak?

A: A head banger!

Q: What day do fish hate?

A: Fry Day!

Q: What do you call a crate of ducks?

A: A box of quackers!

Q: What do you call a bird that's out of breath?

A: A puffin!

Q: What is the fastest vegetable?

A: A runner bean!

Q: Why shouldn't you tell an egg a joke?

A: Because it might crack up!

Q: What's the worst thing about being an octopus?

A: Washing your hands before dinner!

Q: What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cement mixer?

A: A brick-layer!



Liam 'The Joker' Fitzpatrick!

WELL DONE TO CIARA O'DRISCOLL!!!

Hi, my name is Ciara. Many schools around Ireland were asked to write a fantasy story. There were very few prizes to be given out nationally, even though thousands of kids were entered into the competition. Last week, the principal was teaching us about Picasso (a famous artist) when suddenly my teacher gave him a letter she received during that day. I was delighted when he announced that I had received a Certificate of Excellence in the John West Fantasy Writing Competition for my story "Love and Blood". My story is about a girl

called Kami who gets knocked out and when she wakes up she is in an underwater city called Atlantis. She was taken on a journey home by a really cute boy called Jared. In the end, they both die. I first had to write out my story. After that my class gave their story to their partner who wrote positive comments and a "wish" to improve the story. That night we had to improve our stories for homework. The next day we went to the computer room and typed out our stories. Our classmates edited each others stories. We read over them again

and once they were perfect we sent them off to Dublin. I hope you liked my story.

By Ciara O' Driscoll (Mrs. Fitzgerald's Sixth Class)



FIREWORKS FOR THE CHOIR AT POPS ORCHESTRA!

On Thursday the 7th of February the choir went to the Cork Pops Orchestra. We went up on a bus. We had to go in pairs. When we got there we ate some of our lunch. Then the show started. There were lots of different instruments. When they were playing they put videos up of what the music was based on. A lot of different people sang. They were really good. During the show a gorilla came out and he started dancing. While he was dancing his tu-tu fell off!! It was really funny. Then he joined the band. At the end of the show everybody sang "Firework". Then it was time to go home. I loved the Cork Pops Orchestra. It was really fun!! *By Sinead O'Brien (Ms. Ryan's Fourth Class)*



On Thursday the 7th of February all of the school went to Cork City to see the Cork Pops Orchestra. We went on a bus. Everybody had a partner to go up with. Everyone talked the whole way through! The trip took about a half an hour. When we got there we lined up outside the bus. Then we went into the building, up the stairs and onto the balcony. We sat down and we ate for a while. After a short while it started. There was a projector and it showed the notes: d, r, m, f, s, l, t, d. Everyone yelled out the letters instead of saying do, re,

mi, fa, so, la, ti and do. It was funny. Then they played a few songs. After that they had a break. After that they did some fun things. A girl from The Sound of Music play in Cork came and taught us a song. There was a gorilla playing the cello! After that a girl from the orchestra sang "Firework" by Katy Perry. After a few more songs we went back on the bus and sang songs the whole way home. I had great fun and I hope to go again next year. *By Julie Bourke (Ms. Ryan's Fourth Class)*



DON'T FORGET ABOUT EARTH HOUR!

Every afternoon at around 2 o'clock me, Tommy and Adam check the electricity meter. We take readings and record them on the tracking sheet. It gives us information on how we use energy in school to see which days we use the most/least electricity. We use least on Fridays. The average we use is around 294 units a day. It is enough to run an electric shower for 49 hours!! *By Nicole Murray (Mrs. Fitzgerald's Sixth Class)*

The Green Schools are aiming to cut down on energy we use this year. The Green Schools Committee did an environmental review around the school. We checked out how we use elec-

tricity around the school. Lights, laptops, computers and CD players were all included in the survey. We investigated how well we save energy on heating like closing doors behind us, closing windows and turning down the heating. Mrs. Fitzgerald's class made charts to show the results. The results are in the playpen and will be up soon on the school website. Next we are going to create an action plan with all the things we need to cut down on energy use. *By Leslie Cashman (Mr. White's Fifth Class)*

The whole world will be saving energy this Saturday the 23rd of March. EARTH HOUR 2013 will take place from 8.30—9.30 pm wher-

ever you are in the world. So save the date and check out EARTHHOUR.ORG to see how you can join the rest of the world in protecting the planet. The Committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the families who helped us to carry out our Energy Questionnaires. Classes are working on data charts to show the results in their maths classes. *By Miss Power*



A VISIT FROM REENA BUCKLEY!

Reena Buckley visited our school a little while back. Reena came to show us her trophy that her and her team won at the Cork ladies Senior football Final. Reena was really nice her achievements are amazing. The cork team have been really successful over the last few years and to see her in person was inspiring. Reena

spoke to us a little bit about her trophy. Reena also talked to us about the importance of joining G.A.A clubs and that it was great fun and a great place to make friends. She also talked to us about keeping fit and eating the right healthy foods like vegetables and fruits. I sat next to Emilia and Amy my two best

friends. Bunscoil Mhuire had a great day when Reena Buckley visited our school. Up The rebels!!!

By Sarah Morley (Mr. White's 5th class)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY BY THRID CLASS

St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th of March. There is a special parade on the 17th of March for St. Patrick because he chased the snakes away from Ireland. There is a bell at the National Museum of Ireland that was made around the time St. Patrick. There is no evidence St. Patrick owned the bell but the Irish have believed the bell belonged to St. Patrick for 1400 years. There are lots of people in the parade. I like the parade and I always go to see it. St. Patrick's Day parades are held all over the world. People dress up for the parade. We have a day off school for St. Patrick's Day. *By Julia Bilnik (Mrs. Leamy's Third Class)*

St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th of March. Also on that day it will be my birthday! We have a parade and everyone dresses up in funny clothes and you walk in the parade. This year I

am walking with the Youghal Musical Society. St. Patrick was sent away to be a slave, he had to mind sheep and pigs in Co. Antrim. After six years Patrick had a dream and what happened was a voice said "Leave this mountain, a ship is waiting to take you home" and so he went home. On St. Patrick's Day we get a day off school. When I was younger I thought the parade was especially for me, but then when I got older I found out that it was not for me. I love St. Patrick's Day! *By Erin Ahern (Mrs. Leamy's Third Class)*

On St. Patrick's Day we celebrate the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick has a bell in the national museum. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green, white and gold. Sometimes we hold flags up with a stick on the end of it. Some people paint their faces in the colours green, white and gold. St. Patrick's Day

is celebrated all over the world. We have a lot of people in the parade and trucks and cars too. Some people throw out sweets, lollipops and chocolate too. This year I hope the shops have lollipops in the colours green, white and gold. St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th of March. St. Patrick got the snakes out of Ireland. St. Patrick came from Wales to be a shepherd in Ireland. St. Patrick taught people about God with a shamrock. That is why a shamrock is St. Patrick's symbol. St. Patrick died in 461 AD. *By Coran Smith (Mrs. Leamy's Third Class)*



CONFIRMATION FOR SIXTH CLASS

We, the sixth class pupils of Bunscoil Mhuire will receive The Sacrament of Confirmation in the Holy Family Church on 17th of April 2013 at 11:00. We will receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. As part of our preparation we will do a project on our Confirmation name, this name should be a saint's name or a name from the bible. We

will be confirmed by the new bishop of Cloyne, Bishop William Creen.

We have been practicing our hymns with Mrs Mulcahy for the past few weeks. Fourth years from Pobalscoil have been doing Faith Friends with us also. Clonpriest NS came to our school to participate in Faith Friends too. These secon-

dary school students have helped us greatly as we prepare for our Confirmation. We are enjoying the preparation for our Confirmation Day.

By Benjamin Donovan & Megan Dalton (Ms. Smith's Sixth Class)



WE BELONG TOGETHER SAY SENIOR INFANTS!

Our dance is called 'We Belong Together'. It is from Toy Story 3. The song is about loving your friends. 'My favourite part is the end when we kneel and wave' says Aisling. We do our dance classes with Ruth Hayes. 'She is our favourite dance teacher' says Ronan. We really appreciate and enjoy the dance classes. Some-

times we practice in the school hall and sometimes we practice in a spare classroom. We do lots of warm-ups and we learn dance steps. We are excited about performing for our families next week. We will be wearing dance costumes. We will smile and dance really well! Thank you Ruth for teaching us to dance!

By Aisling O'Sullivan & Ronan Haskett (Ms Conway's Senior Infant Class)



GREAT EXCITEMENT IN SECOND CLASS!

I had my First Penance a few weeks ago on Tuesday 26th February. My job was to hold up a picture and give it to the teacher. Penance is about asking God to forgive you when you did something wrong. Fr. Murphy, Canon Browne and Fr. Winkle celebrated the mass. We had to sing really nice songs. For our penance I had to go up to the priest and say the things I wanted to be forgiven for. We were doing the story of the Good Shepherd. Some people were reading and holding up pictures. I held up a picture when it was Fionns turn to read. At the start of mass people were bringing up candles and a book for the Entrance Procession. Breeda Whyte played the guitar for our mass. I went to Fr. Winkle for my Confession. *By Keely Hennessy (Ms Conran's Second Class)*

My First Penance took place in the Holy Family Church. It was on the 26th of Feb-

ruary. I had to draw a good shepherd picture. My Mum came with me to my First Penance. I had to practice a lot in the church. I got to bring up the Holy Bible. I went to say my sins to Father Murphy. He was very kind. At the start of my First Penance I was very nervous but when I sang all the hymns I wasn't nervous. I was very happy. Adam brought up the bible with me. I had a good time at my First Penance. The End. *By Aleksandra Gorniak (Mrs. Coyne's Second Class)*

My first penance took place at 7pm on the 26th of February in the Holy Family Church. This is the story of my first confession. I had no job at first but then I got a job. It was holding art in the first confession. It was a small job but I got a job. Fr. Winkle was very organized. He had everything ready for us as Fr. Winkle is really nice. I got to go up to Canon Browne for my

confession. I am ready now to prepare for my First Communion. I had a great time at my confession. *By Alex Cashman (Mrs. Carroll's Second Class)*

My first penance was on Tuesday February the 26th. It was in the Holy Family Church. We went up to the church four times. We practiced our songs and our prayers. Our prayers were the Act of Sorrow and the Prayer for Forgiveness. Our songs were My Shepherd is the Lord, The Way to be and I'm Sorry God. I went up to Father Murphy. I had to say the Act of Sorrow. I didn't have to say "Thanks to Be To God". *By Sean O'Brien (Mrs. Carroll's Second Class)*



MISS HICKEY'S CLASS MADE BUTTER!

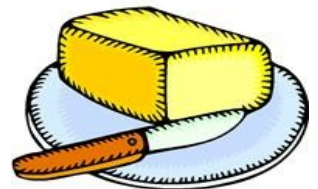
We learned a lot about St. Bridget. We listened to lots of stories about her. Our favourite story was the one about Bridget giving her last tub of butter to a poor, old lady.

On Friday the 1st of February we made our own butter! First we put some cream into a jar

and then we shook it really hard. Ms. Hickey helped us as our arms were very sore! We drained out the whey and then we were left with the butter. We spread the butter onto some salted crackers. We really enjoyed eating them.

They were delicious! Yummy, yummy!!

(By Miss Hickey's Junior Infants)



GET DOWN AND BOOGIE WITH JUNIOR INFANTS!

Ms. Hickey's, Ms. Murphy's and Ms. O'Leary's classes have spent the last few weeks learning a dance routine with Ruth Hayes. We have really enjoyed our classes and have had great fun practising our dance moves. Each class is doing a different dance and we have been re-

hearsing a lot. We are really looking forward to going on stage down in the halla to show the whole school and our Mammies and Daddies all of our hard work. We hope you really enjoy our show.

By Junior Infants



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2013



Public Holiday:

School will be closed on Friday 31st May and Monday 3rd June.

PLEASE REMEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12
NOON FOR THE EASTER
HOLIDAYS!

Easter Holidays:

School will close on Friday 22nd March at 12.00 noon and will re-open on Monday 8th of April.

Public Holiday:

School will be closed on Friday 3rd May and Monday 6th May.

Summer Holidays:

School will close on Wednesday 26th June at 12.00 noon

