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# BUNSCOIL FUN!

## THREE RED DAYS IN OUR SCHOOL!!!

September was a busy month. We had three red days! We got to wear our own clothes but we had to wear red clothes. We got to bring flags too. We were supporting the Cork hurlers in the All Ireland Hurling Final. On the first red day we had the band "Breaking the Mould" play their hit song in the yard! It was great fun. On Thursday October 3rd two girls from the Cork Ladies Football team brought the Brendan Martin cup". I got to get a picture with the cup. My teacher was on the stage and we sung the Cork song. I want to be in the Cork team when I am older and I hope I will come back with the Brendan Martin cup", said Sorcha! The names of the girls that came were Annemarie Walsh and Sarah Harrington. "Mrs. Carroll is first cousin with Sarah Harrington", said Jamie!

*By Sorcha Kilgannon & Jamie Lee (Mrs. Carroll's Second Class)*



We had to wear red on the sixth of September to support the Cork team in the All Ireland hurling final. The band called "Break the Mould" played the song "We are rebels". While they played and sang the children cheered and clapped. I really enjoyed their singing. We made art that looked like the hurlers that played. On the 3rd of October the girls football team visited our school to show us the Brendan Martin cup. The names

of the two girls that visited our school were Ann-Marie Walsh and Sarah Harrington.

*By Zuzanna Dominicxsk (Mrs. Coyne's Second Class)*

We had red day in our school to support the Cork team in the All Ireland hurling final. They were playing against Clare. The band called "Break the Mould" came to our school and played the song "We are rebels" on September the 6th 2013. We had no homework. We did art. The Cork girls' football team visited our school and showed us the Brendan Martin cup on October the 3rd. Their names were Ann Marie Walsh and Sarah Harrington.

*By Maja Bilnik (Mrs. Coyne's Second Class)*

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## WITCHES' WALK 2013

Our annual Witches' Walk will take place on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again for all your generous sponsorship! This event is our major fundraiser for the year. The funds are always put to good use, this year we will allocate funding to aid in the construction of a new lift to replace the outdoor lift. The new lift will be

encased inside the building. The details of the walk are as follows: The children will dress up in their costumes and walk from school to the post office and back. If you would like to come and see this spooky sight then the children will be leaving school at the following times:

**JUNIOR INFANTS TO 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS AT 10AM**

**3<sup>RD</sup> TO 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS AT 11.30AM**

*Please note if the weather is very bad children will do a walk-athon around the school instead.*

Thanks again for your support.

# A FEW WORDS FROM MR. O'NEILL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the evenings and mornings get darker we know the Hallowe'en break can't be far behind. At the moment we are busy organizing our annual Witches' Walk, which is our major fundraiser for the year. This year the money collected will help towards the funding of our new lift. You may be aware that our external lift is very unreliable and is often broken. Though we pay for a maintenance contract the location of the lift and the exposure of the mechanism to salt air and rain leads to corrosion and malfunctioning of the lift. It is proposed to put the new lift indoors underneath the hall and from there it will come out behind my office and to the corner of the stage. This will eliminate the damaging effects of the weather. As the school premises are only accessible by steps an efficient lift is essential so that all members of our school community can gain access to the school. The Department has given us a grant to help with the new lift but the Board of Management has to raise over €20,000 to cover the cost of a brand new lift. Once again I thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the school. It is gratefully appreciated.

We have been very busy this term

celebrating all of the sporting successes achieved by our own pupils and also celebrating football, rugby, hurling and camogie successes outside of the school. The boys are through to the Sciath na Scol football final after an incredible league campaign. The girls performed very well this season and we are very proud of all their successes and we wish them the best next year. We also had a huge haul of medals at the cross country running finals at Conna recently as is mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations to everyone who took part in all of these events and who participated so well. Keep it up!

We had a visit from Niamh Briggs who was part of the fantastic Triple Crown and Grand Slam women's winning rugby team. She was given a great welcome at Bunscoil with everyone wearing green on the day. Then we had Anne Marie Walsh and Sarah Harrington who brought glory to Cork with their record breaking All-Ireland Football Championship win over Monaghan. Red was the colour for that event and all the bunting was on display throughout the school. On Monday last we had the Youghal Intermediate County Champions in Hurling with us and also the successful Camogie Champions. So lots and lots of celebrating!

We hope to start very soon our Walk to school on Wednesday initiative (WOW). A letter was sent home explaining this exciting initiative which has been spearheaded by Ms. Kenefick up in Senior Infants. The children will be dropped off behind Clancy's and with teachers escorting them they will walk to school. This is to promote a healthy lifestyle amongst the pupils, as well as promoting environmental awareness and aiding to combat traffic congestion near the school.

I would like to thank all the SNA's and the teachers who are doing extra-curricular activities with the pupils. We have arts and crafts classes, cookery classes, knitting and badminton classes in full swing at the moment. I would also like to thank the cohort of parents who are helping the two fifth classes with cookery lessons and also the parent volunteers who are giving help and support to the Junior Infant classes Ready, Set Go Maths initiative. Maith sibh ar fad.

Guím gach rath oraibh ar fad. Enjoy the break and be safe as the mornings and evenings are very dark. Wear light coloured clothing and preferably a high visibility vest when you are outside and it is dark. Slán agus beannacht.

## A NEW ART-FUN CLUB

A new Art-Fun Club run by Ms. Osborne and Ms. Kenefick began on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October last. Sixteen students from fourth class are taking part and so far the art work has been amazing. Our first project has been a Halloween

inspired paper mache creation and after mid-term the students will be taught how to work with oil pastels. All works will be displayed outside Ms Osborne's resource room, so be sure to call up and admire our works of art!

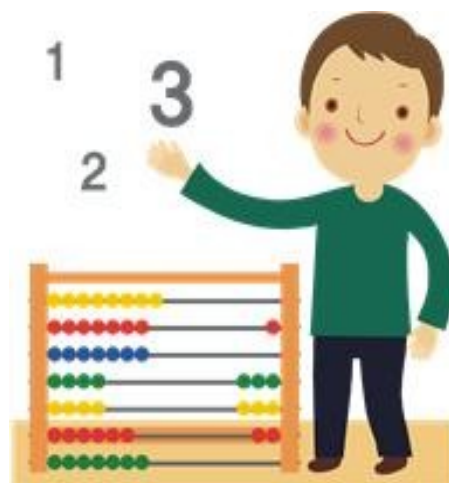


# A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE JUNIOR INFANTS

Both the teacher and pupils of Junior Infants would like to say THANK YOU to all the parents who have been giving their time to us for our Ready, Set, Go Maths programme. They have been a HUGE assistance to both class teachers and we really appreciate you all! You have helped to give more individual attention to all our learn-

ers which can only be of GREAT benefit to all. We would also like to thank all the other parents who have volunteered to help but have not been called upon yet. We promise we have kept all your names on file! Any other parent who feels they have a spare 40mins on a week day morning from 9:30-10:10 please feel free to give your

name to the office and let us know what days you are available. THANK YOU!



## FANTASTIC DAY OUT RUNNING FOR BUNSCOIL

We trained in Green Park before the big race. We were racing to see who would get through from our school. I always get through in the cross country running. Mrs. Carroll was our trainer for the running. We were up at the running and people were wearing spikes and all and it was scary. Then we started off and I was coming fourth until one and a half laps was left and then I was coming third and in the last part I passed them all and I beat them by a good bit. I didn't have

any spikes. I had blue soccer shoes like Dean's football boots. I got new purple, yellow and black soccer boots. I used to be in the Athletic club but I was too young. There were about 300 in the race! I got a gold medal and Avril came 4th and got a silver medal, Jake came 2nd and was beaten by three steps. We were running in the cross country. Our school did very well winning 19 medals altogether. We all got homework off but I got it off for two nights for winning

gold. Then I got homework off on Thursday for the rugby so I only had homework for one night!!!

*By Leon  
Hennessy (Mrs.  
Shelley's Fifth  
Class)*



**LEON WINS GOLD!!!**

## SCIATH NA SCOL BY MR. SAVAGE & MR. CORCORAN

We train on Wednesdays after school at the G.A.A. pitch. Our trainers are Mr. White, Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Hickey. Sometimes a trainer from the G.A.A. is there to help us. Ms. Murphy, Ms. Smith and Mr. O'Leary train the girls. We do drills like hand passing and kick passing. We jog around the pitch to make sure we are match fit. "My favourite thing about G.A.A. is playing the matches, I play mostly forward", said Conor. "I love the matches as well and the way we got to the final", said Jack. The classes who play are from 4th to

6th. We have been playing Sciath na Scol games for Bunscoil. We are in the final in football but we haven't played yet. We are hoping to win! We will be playing against Ovens. A good few boys and Kate, Avril and Cassie play from our class. " Luckily for us we get out of school to play matches", said Conor. " It is cool because we don't have to do work", said Jack.

*By Conor Savage & Jack Corcoran (Ms.  
Ryan's Fourth Class)*

A big thank you to all the girls and boys who took part in the Sciath na Scol compe-

tion. We wish our boys all the best in the final.



**Conor and Jack Training for  
Sciath na Scol**

# MAN OF THE MATCH MR. DEAN ROCHE!!!

I play soccer with Youghal United under 11's. Ardrath Park is our home ground. Our trainers are Emmet Perry and Alan Lyons. Alan is my friend Dylan's dad. We train on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm until 8pm and we play a match every Saturday morning at 10:30pm. I never mind playing in the sun or the wind or the rain. I follow Manchester United and my favourite player is Wayne Rooney. He is gone class this year, he wasn't as good last year. I liked Roy Keane when he played as well. When I am older I would love to be a professional soccer player and I would love to play with Real Madrid! My favourite player with

them is Ronaldo! I got new soccer boots, they are class Nike Mercurial blue ones. Our team jerseys are purple and blue. We played Everton and we won 7-1 up in Ardrath Park! I was playing centre back with Dylan Lyons. I play there all the time. It is my favourite position to play in. A lot of our fans were there cheering us on. The people who scored were Leon Hennessy; he scored four goals, Josh Persuad scored one goal and Aidan Perry scored two goals. First it was one nil to us, then two nil, then three nil, then three one, then four one, then five one, then six one and then seven one!!! At the end of the match when we were in the

dressing rooms we asked our coaches who got man of the match and he said 'Dean Roche'!!!! I was really happy and so were my team mates.

*By Dean Roche (Ms. McDermott's Fourth Class)*



Dean Roche in Action Against Everton

# SIXTH CLASS GET A PITCH AND PUTT LESSON!

We walked out by the beach. We paid a euro each to the pitch and putt club. When we got there Steven gave us a pitcher and a putter each. He gave us a golf ball, a tee and a marker also. We were split into three groups. We learned to chip onto the grass and to putt on to the green. We took shots from the tee box onto the green. We

got a 45 minute lesson. Some people got holes in one! We liked hitting off the tee box the most. Ms. Smith and Ann O'Regan brought us out. We really enjoyed our day. We went last year when we were in fifth class too so we had an idea how to play. Thanks to Peter and the other coaches and to Ms. Smith and Ann for bringing us. We

really enjoyed it!

*By Abbie Power & Sorcha Connelly (Ms. Smith's Sixth Class)*



# OUR FIRST TERM IN PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Today we were talking about our very first day in Junior Infants and how it felt for all of us. Teacher talked to us about how we all might have felt lots of different emotions and how it may have been a harder morning for some of us as we might have been feeling a little bit nervous.

"I was very excited" Grace said, "I was sitting in the yellow group and I liked all the songs." Mary-Kate added "I got to go colouring" and "I was colouring

too" said Lucy.

"I felt happy" Lauren told us, "I was in the green group doing puzzles". "I was in the green group sitting next to Alex", Hugh chimed in! "I was next to Brian and I remember I was going to be Goncalo's friend and then I was!" Jack B. informed us :-)

Oisín, Chloe & A.J. told us all how happy they felt coming to school & then Katie told us "I was feeling shy on my first day but when I saw the

toys on the tables I felt a bit better!"

We all agreed that our first day was really FUN & even though we might have felt a bit nervous to begin with we soon made lots of new friends that helped make us feel happier and like we really did belong!

*By The Junior Infants*



# MANY WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH!

There are many ways you can all keep in touch and up to date with all the WONDERFUL things that are happening in our school. Besides the newsletter you are reading right now there is our very own school website.

School: [www.bunscoilmhuireyoughal.com](http://www.bunscoilmhuireyoughal.com)

In addition to this website we have launched two new class based websites, one for Senior Infants and one

for Junior Infants:

Senior Infants:

[www.bunscoilmhureseniorinfants.weebly.com](http://www.bunscoilmhureseniorinfants.weebly.com)

Junior Infants:

[www.bunscoilmhuirejuniorinfants.weebly.com](http://www.bunscoilmhuirejuniorinfants.weebly.com)

We have also ventured into the world of Facebook with our very own page called: Bunscoil Mhuire, Junior Infants, Youghal. Here you can receive notifications, reminders and much more of

different events etc. that are happening in our school community.

We hope you will all take the time to check in with us regularly and see for yourselves all the FANTASTIC events and adventure that our children are enjoying on a daily basis.



## BRAIN'S BRIAN TEASERS

**Q:** Why can't the ghost tell lies to the teacher?

**A:** Because she can see right through him!

**Q:** Why are there fences around cemeteries?

**A:** Because people are dying to get in!

**Q:** What does a ghost call his

grandparents?

**A:** His Transparents!

**Q:** What is a vampire's favourite holiday?

**A:** Fangsgiving!

**Q:** What does a ghost put on his cereal in the morning?

**A:** BOOnanas and BOOberries!

**Q:** Why didn't the witch sing at

the concert?

**A:** Because she had a frog in the throat!

**Q:** What kind of make-up do goblins wear?

**A:** Mas-SCARE-al!

*By Brian Ronayne  
(Ms. Conway's Sixth Class)*



## OUR NEW AISTEAR PROGRAMME

This is a new and exciting curricular framework designed to deliver the infant curriculum through a fun and play based format. This year will be our first time implementing this new framework and we are very excited about it. We began this journey on Monday September 30th and we are really ecstatic. Our theme for October has been Autumn and each week we have

concentrated on a new topic for example; Hibernation, Trees, Harvest-Time and of course Halloween! We have had the opportunity to plant, investigate, play, become artists, read and explore books as well as going on Nature Walks and playing with sand. It has been a blast so far! We would also like to thank our special helpers Ann and Pat who have been popping into us over the last

few weeks so that the children have gotten to know them in an effort to make the children feel comfortable and at ease. Their help in the weeks





# FIFTH CLASS HEAD TO THE COUNTY HALL!

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October the Fifth classes went on a trip to the County Hall in Cork. First we had a music work shop based on Baroque music. We learned about the recorder, the cello and the harpsichord. It was very interesting as we had never seen or heard a harpsichord before. Natasha Hunter even got to conduct the classes. Then we had a tour of County Hall. It is a beautiful, modern building. Firstly we looked at the sculpture outside called 'Men at Work'. It's very famous. Then we got to read

books from the County Library. After that we got the lift to the 16<sup>th</sup> floor and then we walked up the stairs to the 17<sup>th</sup> floor. The view was amazing. We could see the whole city! After that we got to explore the Council Chamber. Councillor Barbra Murray joined us. In groups we discussed what we would do if we had one million euro to spend on Youghal. We came up with some great ideas such as reopening the cinema, opening a new shopping centre, fixing the town walls and opening a McDonalds. We had a great

day and really enjoyed our trip!  
*By John Landers and Natasha Hunter (Mrs. Shelley's Fifth Class)*



**A NEW CINEMA FOR YOUGHAL?????!!!!**

# SAFETY TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN!

1. When you are out 'Trick or Treating' always bring an adult with you.
2. Make sure your bag has no holes or you will lose all of your goodies.
3. Always walk on the footpath and never on the road.
4. Bring a torch with you to see where you are going in the dark.
5. Don't go near bonfires.
6. Stay away from fireworks when

people set them off.

7. If you are wearing a dark costume make sure you wear reflective bands so cars can see you when they are passing.
8. Make sure you keep your pets indoors, pets can get frightened when they see all the people dressed up and when they hear lots of noise.
9. Run away from Monsters!!!

10. The most important rule of all at Halloween is to HAVE FUN!!!



# NIAMH BRIGGS VISITS BUNSCOIL

On Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September our school turned green for the day to welcome Niamh Briggs and the Ladies Rugby 6 Nations trophy to the school. Niamh was part of Irelands historic Grand Slam victory earlier this year. Niamh talked about life as a Garda and how hard

they train during the season. We also found out that Niamh holds seven All-Irelands with Waterford in ladies football. There were some very good questions from the children who really enjoyed Niamhs visit with the trophy. A huge congratulations to Niamh and

thank you for visiting our school.

*By Mr. Hickey's Third Class*



# Bunscoil Fun!

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**Sciath na Scol Boys And Girls!**



## SCHOOL CLOSURES 2013-2014

### Halloween Mid-Term Break:

School will close on Friday 25th October at 2.45pm and will re-open on Monday 4th November.

### Christmas Holidays:

School will close on Friday 20th December at 12 noon and will re-open on Monday 6th January.

### Mid-Term Break:

School will be closed on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st of February.

### St. Patrick's Weekend:

School will close on Thursday 13th March at 2.45pm and will re-open on Wednesday 19th March.

### Easter Holidays:

School will close on Friday 11th April at 12 noon and will re-open on Monday 28th April.

### May Bank Holiday:

School will be closed on Monday 5th May.

### June Bank Holiday:

School will be closed on Monday 2nd June.

### Summer Holidays:

School will close on Wednesday 25th June at 12 noon.

