



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2015

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR N.S.



Welcome to our summer edition of our school newsletter. The summer holidays have finally arrived but before we go our separate ways, we would like to show you some of the fun activities we have been up to this past term!! We've had lots of special visitors to the school. We hope you enjoy this jam packed edition!!

School Tours

This year Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed their annual 'Teddy Bears Picnic' in Ballingarry Park. 1st and 2nd class enjoyed a great day in Stonehall Farm and Curragh Chase. 3rd and 4th class had loads of action in the Aquadome and Active Kingdom Centre in Tralee. Finally, 5th and 6th class visited Croke Park and did the Viking Splash Tour in Dublin. Special thanks to the Parents Council for kindly sponsoring the cost of all buses for this year's school tours which greatly reduced the cost of the tours.



Josh and Darragh enjoying the Viking Splash Tour in Dublin!!



5th & 6th class at the podium in Croke Park

Mobile Farm Visits the School

Gerard Cleary and his mobile farm visited the school in June. This was kindly sponsored by the Parents Council. All pupils from Junior Infants to 6th class got to experience the animals and had great fun getting to know them!!



Local History Exhibition

Pupils in 6th class prepared local history projects on the school iPads and created 3-D models and posters. We held a Local History Exhibition to show the younger classes and parents our projects on Knockfierna, The Mustard Seed, De Lacy Castle, The History of Ballingarry Post Office, to name but a few of the wonderful projects. Special thanks to all the parents who visited our exhibition.



Christ the Saviour N.S. GAA Blitz Day

On Friday the 12th of June last the pupils from Christ the Saviour N.S., Ballingarry, took part in the annual GAA blitz that is jointly hosted by both the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club and the Granagh/Ballingarry Camogie club. This is the third year that such an event has taken place and is proving to be more and more successful every year.

The boys and girls from Juniors to 6th class headed over to the GAA field in Ballingarry at 11am on Friday morning for a couple of hours of action packed games and activities. All the boys and girls had the opportunity to play either a camogie or hurling match as well as take part in various fun games and a penalty shoot-out. All these matches and games were refereed and organised by members of both clubs. Furthermore, the boys and girls from 3rd to 6th class played their league finals which these pupils had been taking part in, during school hours, over the last couple of months. These hurling and camogie finals were refereed by pupils from 6th class.

To complete the day all the boys and girls were presented with a medal and some nice goodies for taking part in the various matches and games. These medals were presented by two local sporting idols Donal O'Grady, captain of the Limerick Hurling Team and member of the Granagh/ Ballingarry hurling team, and Rebecca Noonan, All Ireland Junior camogie medal holder and current member of the Limerick Senior camogie team and Granagh/ Ballingarry camogie team. All children were delighted to see their local idols come to present their medals and get an opportunity to take a photograph and get an autograph.

Additionally, those pupils who represented the school on the various West Primary School GAA teams were also acknowledged and thus were presented with a trophy from the school and a personalised jersey from the two clubs. Those pupils who represented the school were Darragh Casey who was on both the Sarsfield Cup and Mackey Cup team, Josh Mulcaire Quille who was on the Mackey Cup team, Ciara O'Connor and Molly Cagney who were on both the Larkin Shield and Eithne Neville teams and Maeve O'Connor who was on the Eithne Neville team. We would like to extend a big well done to all these pupils who represented their school in such a fantastic way. It is such an honour to be able to represent both your club and school in this way. We are very privileged in Christ the Saviour N.S. to have such a big representation on these teams.

Finally, Christ the Saviour N.S. would like to extend a big well done and thank you to both the aforementioned clubs and especially to those that attended and helped in different ways on the day and for organising such a memorable and well organised event. We would particularly like to extend a big thank you to Graham Russell who played a massive role in arranging and organising this event. We would also like to thank all the boys and girls, from both clubs, that took the time to help referee the various games and also to Donal O'Grady and Rebecca Noonan for presenting the various medals. It is very much appreciated. We hope that this will continue to be an annual event in Christ the Saviour N.S.



Lanna Frawley and Emma Condron enjoying some acrobatic fun at the GAA Blitz!!

Knockierna Field Trip

On Monday 22nd June, pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th class went on a field trip to Knockierna. We met with local historian Patrick O'Donovan who spoke to the boys and girls at the Rambling House and he accompanied us to the Marian Cross where we had a picnic. We saw the potato ridges, the famine houses and famine rock. We learned a lot about this wonderful local amenity. Special thanks to Patrick O'Donovan for his time and for sharing his vast knowledge on Knockierna with us. 6th class donated the 3-D models of Knockierna and the Famine Houses to the Rambling House.





Frances O’Keeffe Visits the School

Frances has just returned from a period of time in South Sudan as part of her work with Concern. She spoke to pupils in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th and gave a fascinating talk about her experiences there. She shared with us the extreme poverty and difficulties in South Sudan and the important work that Concern does to give hope and improve living conditions. We really appreciate Frances visiting us and sharing her important story. Frances is an inspirational role model for us all!!



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Greetings from the Parents' Council

Looking back at the school year just passed it is time yet again to express our gratitude to everyone who helped us. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, pupils and local people who supported all our fundraising events. Thank you to the teachers and the pupils of our school for their assistance in making all our activities successful and enjoyable. Thank you to the parents who give up their time to attend the Parents' Council meetings and without whom none of these events could have happened. Since September 2014 the money we raised from our annual Cake sale and Raffle at the Christmas concert was used to pay for all the transport for the school tours and the Mobile farm which visited the school. We also held a Halloween event where the children created unique Halloween costumes and each class carved pumpkins earning every child in the school a goodie bag and prizes for the winners. Our annual reception for the new visiting Junior Infants was another success where the parents enjoyed refreshments in the supper room while passing the time before collecting their excited boys and girls. We are hopeful that Aisling's talk on the work of the Parents' council might encourage new members. Our last activity for the year was when we assisted Sylvia Hartigan, photographer, who attended the school to take the childrens' photographs. From fetching the children from their classrooms to straightening ties, our team was kept busy. The result was an efficient, non-disruptive two days and beautiful photographs. We have great plans for next year so come along in September to our AGM and join in the fun.

- Aisling Frawley, Secretary of the Parents' Council.

6th class Graduation



'The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams' – Eleanor Roosevelt

Congratulations to our 6th class pupils who celebrated the completion of their 8 years in National School on Thursday 25th June. A special mass was held in the General Purpose room to mark this important occasion. Thank you to Fr Lane for such a lovely mass and also to all of the parents and relatives who attended the ceremony. Well done to all of the boys and girls who did readings, sang and played musical instruments to enhance the mass. We wish our 24 pupils the very best of luck as they begin their secondary school education.





Best Wishes to Miss Tangney

The Board of Management presented Miss Emma Tangney with a special gift to mark her upcoming wedding in August. We hope Miss Tangney enjoys the final preparations for her special day and we wish her all the best in her married life.

Farewell to Miss Casey and Miss Curtin

The Board of Management and staff would like to say a special thank you to Miss Curtin and Miss Casey for their hard work and dedication during their time with us in Christ the Saviour N.S and wish them all the best in their future teaching career.

The staff and Board of Management would like to wish all pupils and their families a happy, safe and sun-filled summer!! School will re-open on Monday 31st August.

Bainígí taitneamh as na laethanta saoire!!

