

Art Attack

by Tomás Peavoy Kass



In school recently, we've been doing a lot of art competitions, including the Credit Union art competition and the Farmers Market. Lile in 3rd class represented the school in the Credit Union competition and came in 2nd place. She put a lot of work into her art and it looked amazing. For the Farmers Market the theme was the 12 days of Christmas. I drew the ten leaping lords. I put a huge amount of effort into my art, and so did everybody else. I hope someone in our school wins! Next month we will be taking part in the Doodle for Google.

Green Schools

by Tadhg Linnane

After achieving our fourth green school's flag for travel we immediately moved on to the biodiversity flag. Biodiversity means all life on earth and the circle of life. To get this flag we will build a butterfly garden and a bug hotel and we are going to learn all about biodiversity. We would like to thank Barbra Walker for giving us our bird-bath and Cian Linnane for his hard work preparing the garden for planting. We are delighted to welcome Karen Roland and Jess Buckley to our Green Schools Committee.

Christmas 2014

New Quay news

St. Colman's National School

New Arrivals

by Chloe Fahy

**Upcoming
Events**

**School
Holidays
Friday 19th Dec**

**School
Re-opens
Wed 7th Jan**



On the first of September we had some new arrivals in the school. The new juniors this year are: Noah Farrell, Amelia Fahy, Maud de Eyto and Grace Kerin. Their favourite thing about school is playtime.

We are delighted to welcome back Miriam Roland and Tomás Peavoy Kass. After spending a few years in Dubai, Miriam has come back to Ireland. She is now in first class with Hannah Shields and Sarah Anne Sweeney. They are all happy at school.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all

Smiles for Christmas

by Ciara Loughman



A member from "Team Hope" (Maddy) came to our school and explained all about Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox appeal and why it is so important.

In countries like Africa and Eastern Europe there are children who wake up on Christmas morning with no presents and no Christmas tree. That is why Team Hope have put a Shoebox Appeal in place to make sure that children in the places listed get one enjoyable shoebox full of gifts. Your box must contain at least one of the following: Wow Wear Wash Write. These are your guidelines for a perfect gift!

The pupils from our school sent a stunning 18 Shoeboxes to Team Hope.

Budding Baker

by Mia Farrell



On Monday the 3rd of November two AIB members came to New Quay NS to judge who would advance to the finals of the AIB children's baking competition. The three participants were Ciara Loughman who baked carrot cake with Nolan's carrots, Chloe Fahy who baked chocolate beetroot cake with Celtic Salads beetroot and I baked apple and raspberry crumble with Maureen O'Brien's apples. Sadly only two participants could get through. Ciara Loughman and I got through. Afterwards all the school got to have a taste of all three and they were all equally delicious!!!

On the Sunday the 7th of December all of the finalists for the AIB bake off went to the Spanish Armada hotel for their dishes to be judged. The participants had to be there for 2:00pm. They gave their dishes to the staff which then put it in a room with the judges who tested them for a long time. While they were testing there were cooking demos and there were stalls for testing and buying products like Linalla ice – cream , Burren smoke house ,wild sea vegetables and St tola cheese. Then a special guest Marty Morrissey came and announced the winners with Podge Collins .

We were very happy when our Ciara was declared winner. Heartiest Congratulations Ciara!

Thanksgiving Lunch

by Rachel Daly

On the 27th of November Karen Roland cooked a delicious Thanksgiving meal for us with turkey, sausage meat stuffing, homemade cranberry sauce, corn, mashed potato, sweet potato and green beans. For afters we had pumpkin pie and candy corn. Keeley recited a poem called *Twas the Night of Thanksgiving* and Miriam told us all about Thanksgiving and the pilgrims. Karen Sorensen and Oisín McGrady. Americans living in the area joined us for the celebration. Thank you Karen for your generosity!



Music to our ears

by Kayleigh Shannon

On Sunday 14th of December second to sixth class in New Quay N.S will be joining third to sixth class in Carron N.S and Kilnaboy N.S in a concert in Carron church at 6.30pm. This is part of Music Generation. Music Generation is Ireland's national Music Education Programme.

Mia, Keeley and Shónagh went to Glór Ennis on the 7th of November to represent the school in the opening concert of Music generation. They sang Feet of a dancer with special guest star Maura O Connell and Yenamanoa. They were invited to sing Beidh Aonach Amarach and Believe with the Burren Children Choir. Afterwards they took a selfie with Marty Morrissey.

Every Friday a girl called Sharon comes to the school to teach us songs for the concert. We are singing songs such as Star Carol, Three quotes by Mark Twain, Yenamanoa and Engine Engine. We also got to choose a song and we chose Somewhere Only We Know by Lily Allen. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Cross Country

by Paddy Nolan



On the first of October we took part in the Killnaboy Cross Country races and for the first time in years it was not raining.

For the second year in a row Ciara Loughman was outstanding as she came in 13th place. Sara Shields also did very well coming in 20th place. As Ciara was one place away from a medal she was really disappointed so we cheered her up with her own special medal and both she and Sara also got t-shirts donated by Dr. Liam Glynn of Ballyaughan.



Division 4 Football

by Daniel Hunt

In the first round of the boys' football we played Caherea /Clondrinagh and we won that one. The captain was Sean Macnama-ra from Carron. At the end of the first match I got injured and couldn't play in the second match. Unfortunately we lost the second and third match against Doora and Holy Family NS and we didn't qualify for the semi-final but we all did our best.

Victory in Division 2

by Keeley Mc Gann



In the first round of the girls' football we met Corofin and Lahinch in a blitz. We came out top of our group and went straight to the semi-finals where we met Stonehall. After a very tough match we had a narrow win of one point. We played Holy Family in the final and had a great win of 7 points. Ciara Loughman was the team captain and top scorer. I was very pleased with myself after I saved a penalty but sadly they scored in the end. The best part was celebrating at Mc Donalds and the return to school with the shield.