

Nature in New Quay

by Paddy Nolan , Chloe Fahy & Mia Farrell

On Thursday morning the 6th June, while we were doing our Irish test, Mary Clare Linnane and Ann Nolan came in with a worm like creature preserved in vodka. It was thirty eight cm. long. It looked like a snake. It was a slow worm.

On Thursday the 18th of June Mia Farrell and Chloe Fahy found an early purple orchid in the school yard. It was pale pink with a purple pattern on each petal.



Green School News by Gemma Moloney

We have now completed year one of our work towards our third Green Flag for travel. After completing a speed audit, we realized that the road outside the school was too dangerous for us to walk or cycle to school on. Rachel Daly and I wrote to Clare County Council. I wrote to Barry Keating, who is the Road Safety Officer. Ellie Farrell of the Parents Association wrote also. As a result we now have rumble strips and road markings on the road approaching the school.

As part of Bike Week some of us cycled to school on Wednesday and Thursday. It was a great experience.

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Burren Beo Graduation

by Ciara Loughman

On Thursday 30th May Rang 3- Rang 5 had their Burren Beo Graduation. The Vice-President of the I.N.T.O. (Sean Mc Mahon) came as a special guest. We performed two plays that we wrote ourselves, called *The Magic Mist* and *The Changeling*. We all told the audience what we learnt throughout the year. We were called up one by one and presented with our certs by Sean Mc Mahon. There was tea and treats for all afterwards.

School Closes for Summer

Thurs 27th @ 12 pm

School Reopens

Friday 30st August @ 9am



Sport by Keeley Mc Gann, Daniel Hunt & Orla O Dea

On Wednesday 29th May the girls football team played a Blitz in Lisdoonvarna pitch. We played two matches against Lisdoonvarna and Kildysart. We lost both matches. Lisdoonvarna beat us by 8 points. Kildysart beat us by 2 goals and 2 points.

They were tough matches but everyone had a good day.

On the 2nd May 2013 New Quay played Ennistymon and we won 1-12 to 0-2. On the same day we beat Liscannor in Kilfenora. On the 15th of May 2013 we played Lahinch and we lost to them 1-2 to 6-10 in Corofin.

We played the semi-final against Kildysart on the 29th May in Lisdoonvarna. We lost 3-12 to 4-18 so unfortunately we were knocked out.

On the 31st of May the girls and boys of Carron /New Quay played Doorus School in our annual challenge match for 'The Burren Cup'. The girls played first. Cian Linnane and Jack Mc Gann were the referees. It was a happy day for Carron/New Quay. The score was 6.9 – 1.3 to New Quay / Carron. Our captain Gemma accepted the trophy and said a few words. Doorus played great but we won.

The boys played next. The Doorus coach told Múinteoir Mary that he only wanted boys playing. Cian was also referee for the first half and the boys were up. Jack was referee for the second half. Doorus caught up and then Jack blew the whistle. The final score was 5.4 – 6.7 to Doorus. The boys were not happy. Good game Doorus. We hope to do better next time.

Junior School Tour

by Shónagh Farrell



On the 12th June, the Junior Room went on their school tour. They went to Turoe Pet Farm and had a great time. They arrived in the mini-bus and were very excited to try out the biggest bouncy castle in Ireland. It certainly lived up to their expectations!

Afterwards they went to the playground where they climbed, jumped and swung like animals. Next came the highpoint of the tour when they got to pet and feed the animals on the pet farm. Then they went to yet another playground. Highlights of the tour included: the animals and the bouncy castle.

The children were sad to go home but happy with their wonderful day.

Senior Class School Tour

by Ellie Nolan

On the 12th June 2013 at precisely 7:58 a.m. Rang a Trí, Ceathair agus a Cúig went on a school tour to Dublin. Our first stop was the Dáil. When we arrived the Dáil chamber was almost empty. Luckily, Enda Kenny, the Taoiseach was there. Soon after we arrived he left. Afterwards, we got a guided tour of the building.

Next we went to the European Parliament Office. We learned about Europe there and had a quiz. The National Museum of History was next on the agenda. There we were fascinated to see bodies that had been found in bogs. We couldn't stay long because we were behind schedule.

Last stop was the National Art Gallery where we were split into two groups. We saw some Masterpieces of the Collection including "Jesus in the house of Martha and Mary" "The Taking of Christ" and "The Opening of the Sixth Seal" (a painting about the end of the World).

Overall we had a great time but our favourite part was the ride back on the bus.



The Flaggy Shore Clean Up

by Dualta Mc Kee

The whole school went to the Flaggy shore on the 3rd of May 2013 to clean up the rubbish there. Our school cleans up the Flaggy Shore every year. We got a rubber glove each. We split into groups of twos and threes. Everyone walked from the beach to Lake Muree in search of rubbish. When everyone got to the end we took photos. Eammon McGann took the rubbish we collected to the landfill.



Celebration of European Day

by Óisín Keane

On the 26th of April we celebrated Europe Day with a European Food Day. We all had to pick a country in the European Union, and make food to represent their country. I chose the Czech Republic. I made potato pancakes and Czech potato salad. On the day there was a wonderful variety of beautiful food.

We also had a special guest, M.E.P. Marian Harkin. She told us about her job being an MEP. for the North West constituency. Her constituency runs from Donegal to Clare. She travels to Brussels for three weeks every month and spends one week in Strasbourg. At weekends she likes to take time out to relax and spend time with her family.

Holy Communion

by Tadhg Linnane

On the 21st April Tommy Fahy, Sinéad O Dea, Sara Shields, Caoimhe Kerin and Chelsea Nolan (who joined us from Gort this year) made their Holy Communion in New Quay church. Fr. Colm Clinton performed the ceremony.

All the girls wore lovely white dresses and veils and Tommy wore a fancy suit. The New Quay school choir sang lots of lovely hymns and played *Inis Oir* on the feadóg and violin.



Singing for the Confirmation by Megan O Halloran

St Colman's N.S was invited to sing for the Confirmation in Fanore church. On the 22nd of May Ballyvaughn and Fanore schools were making their confirmation. We accepted their invitation. One morning a week for three weeks Fanore school and Ballyvaughan school came to our school to practise for the confirmation. Their teachers Ms.Quealy, Ms.Grey and Múinteoir Eimear also came. Muinteoir Eimear taught us the songs and we learnt most of them quite quickly. Shónagh was picked to sing the Psalm with two children from Fanore. We sang lots of hymns and the congregation loved the music and the singing. Everybody had a great day. Ms. Queally gave us a card and two boxes of chocolates to thank us for singing.

Easter Fun Day

by Joey Droney



On the 31st of March there was an Easter Fun Day in New Quay N.S. There were lots of competitions including the best Easter bonnet. There were lots of great bonnets but Shónagh Farrell's was the best. Her bonnet was a hat on top of a hat, a straw nest with eggs inside it and a bird on the eggs. She won a huge chocolate chicken. There were lots of fun games like Penalty Shoot Out, Marble Rolling and the Spoon and Spud race. There was a chicken there and if you hugged him he gave you an Easter bunny.

There was a raffle for a huge chocolate egg and Peter Healy won it. There was a range of lovely cakes. Megan O'Halloran made cookies and Shónagh Farrell made rice krispie buns

Thank You!

The Parents' Committee would like to thank all who came, bought and baked!! €1180 was raised.

We would especially like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers who helped make this event a great success