



The Parents' Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our Easter fundraiser—
A total of €1,757.50 was raised!

European Day by Tadhg Linnane



On the 26th of May our school celebrated receiving our 2nd Blue Flag award by having a European day. We invited Senator Martin Conway and Councillor Pat Hayes to raise our flag. Afterwards we had a European food day where every pupil from 3rd class to 6th class were assigned a European country. We then all brought in a dish from that country for everyone to taste. Second class brought in food from Ireland including smoked salmon, brown bread and apple tart. It was a super day all round and we really enjoyed sampling all the different dishes.

Summer Holidays
26th June— 1st September
Have a lovely holiday



Summer 2014

New Quay news

St. Colman's National School

Community Tree Planting at BOEC
by Keeley Mc Gann



On Monday the 9th of June we went up to the Burren Outdoor Education Centre to plant trees. These trees are community trees. Jess Buckley was there to help us. She had obtained the trees for us in early Spring. They had been growing in a big hole in the school waiting to be planted.

After the excitement we took part in a quiz. We had an A team and a B team. There were 6 schools taking part in the quiz. The team from Carron school won. There was a rock-climbing wall which we all had a turn to climb on. It was a tall wall with spaces to put your feet in and it was great fun. All in all we had a super day out. We look forward to seeing the community trees growing in the coming years.

SPORTING NEWS

Burren Cup for New Quay School

by Joey, Dualta & Oisín



It was a Wednesday morning at about 11am. All the children in New Quay school from 3rd class to 6th class went to Gleann Chiosóg to play Doorús in our annual challenge matches for the Burren Cup. The boys match was played first. The boys won 5-8 to 4-9. It was then the turn of the girls and they easily won their game. The score was 6-3 to 2-6.

After the two games, the Doorús coach, Mr Mac, presented the boys cup to Joey Droney. The two captains Joey & Gemma had to make a small speech. They thanked the teams from Doorús school for two great games.

All the children would like to thank the parents for bringing and supporting us at all our games. We would also like to thank Múinteoir Mary for organising these games and being our manager.

Close Call for Boys Football Team by Daniel Hunt

On Monday the 9th of June we played a football final against Ennistymon in Milntown. We had played them before and they beat us by one point. Over the course of the match Joey Droney, Megan O'Halloran and Aileen O'Reilly played great in midfield. The forwards and the backs played well too. Oisín was excellent in goals but sadly in the end we lost by two goals. The score was 7-6 to 5-6 and Ennistymon were delighted with their victory. I was disappointed and so were the team but we did get consolation medals. The medals weren't gold this year, they were silver. Hopefully next year we will be champions.

We then travelled to the Cliffs of Moher where we went on a boat tour. It was really cool to see the Cliffs from a different angle. After that we ate lunch and then went to Lahinch for a surf and a swim. Our Surf teachers were called Nick, Olly and Cian. We surfed for about 2 hours and it was great fun. We sat outside on the wall and some of us ate our lunch and the others ate ice-cream. Then we went home.

We had a fantastic day and it was a great memory to have as I leave 6th class.



Junior Class Tour

by Shónagh Farrell

On the 23rd of June the junior room had their school tour. They went to the Burren Nature Sanctuary in Kinvara. They were very excited. The Burren Nature Sanctuary has a nature trail, a playground, a café and an indoor fun area. In other words, paradise for kids! Much thanks to their teacher, Múinteoir Mary and Ann Shields for bringing them there.

When they got to the Sanctuary they went on the nature trail. They had lots of fun feeding the goats and taking Norman the pig for a walk. After that they had their lunch in a tent. Then they went to the playground. After playing outside, they went to the indoor play area. Next, to their delight, everyone got ice-cream. Then, the junior room were disappointed to hear it was time to go home, but they were satisfied with their day out.

Green Flag News

by Ciara Loughman



On Tuesday 17th of June the newest addition to our green flag collection was hoisted. We worked really hard to get our travel flag. Our slogan was: *'Walk to school to keep the globe cool!'* Many children walked, cycled, carpooled or 'parked and stride'. Clare person of the Year 2012 and TG4 Gradam award winner 2014 Chris Droney was there to raise the flag. Keeley McGann sang our green school song 'A new world in our hands' After the flag was raised everyone went inside and ate and drank to their hearts content.

We would like to thank our green school co-ordinators Imelda McGann and Jennifer Linnane for all their hard work and helping us to achieve our fourth green flag.

Senior Class Tour

by Megan O Halloran

On the 20th of June the senior room went on their school tour. We left our school at 9:15a.m. Brian Farrell was our bus driver. We first went to the art college in Ballyvaughan, where the round tower is. Brian gave us a small tour of the castle. After we drove to Lisdoonvarna and drank some sulphur water at the bath house- it tasted like eggs and smelt even worse.

Basketball Blitz

by Dualta Mc Kee

On the 18th of June, children from Ballyvaughan and Carron schools came to our school for a basketball blitz. Our coach Eileen was there and Kenneth Hannsbery came to referee the game. Kenneth has won the U23 best player of the year 2013 and 2014. First our school played the Ballyvaughan team and we beat them by 18 points to 0. Afterwards we were all put into eleven teams of five for the blitz. Team 1 and team 5 were in the finals. Joey and Caoimhe were in team 1. Shónagh and Sara were in team 5. Team 5 beat Team 1 by a score of 14-4. We stopped for lunch and relaxed by playing a game of football.

After lunch we played a dribbling game where you had to knock the ball out of the other player's hand. Carron and Ballyvaughan had to go and we waved them goodbye. We played the final of the dribbling game the next day at school. Dualta won the final.

Girls Glory at Football Final

by Gemma Moloney

A couple of weeks ago, the girls from our school played against two teams, Mol an Oige and Kildysert. We beat both teams and we went straight through to the final. Between the two matches and the final we played Doorus National School. We won that too! We were presented with a trophy and were delighted. Then on the 19th of June all the girls went to Cusack Park to play against Kildysert again in the final.

It was a fantastic match with great performances and we won. I was the captain and I received the cup. The final score was 5-9 to 1-8...

What a win and what a day!!



Art in our School

by Orla O Dea

A few weeks ago we received a visit from the Doolin coastguards. They came to talk to us about safety and they said they were having an art competition and the winning pictures were going to be hung up in the new Doolin Coastguard Centre. Only recently we got the news that Ciara Loughman, Mia Farrell and Lile de Eyto's pictures were to be hung up. We were happy for them. It will be nice to see pictures from our own school displayed in the Doolin Coastguard Centre. Congratulations to all. Their prize was a t-shirt which was presented to them in school by one of the coastguards.

We would also like to congratulate Mia Farrell. Mia was awarded a Certificate of Commendation in the 60th Texaco Children's Art Competition. Well done Mia!

Finally we would like to offer our thanks to David Skinner who gave us a talk and guided us in an art class. The children used many different art techniques using the beautiful local scenery as inspiration.

Farewell Miss Noonan

Dear Miss Noonan

We wrote this letter especially for you because you're leaving. L We just want to say thanks for putting up with us for the last 7 years. You have the patience of a saint! You are the best maths teacher we have ever had. You are good at explaining things we don't understand. We love your style. J You were always very cheerful, happy and kind. Good luck in Northampton and come visit us soon.

We will miss you!

From everyone in New Quay (Your favourite school)



First Holy Communion Celebration by Ellie Nolan

On the 11th of May, many people gathered at Saint Patricks Church to celebrate the first Holy Communion of Lisa Shields and Thomas O'Halloran. The church was packed with their family and friends. They all said prayers (even Lile, who will be making her Holy Communion when she is older but who still participated in the event). Lisa sang beautifully as well. The mass was accompanied by the 3rd-6th class children from the school as the choir. The sun shone down on the children as they left the church. A great day was had by all and we would like to congratulate them on a great day.



Confirmation by Oisín Keane

On the 21/05/14 the 6th class of New Quay and the 5th and 6th class from Carron made their confirmation in St Columbus Church in Carron. Fr Colm Clinton and Bishop Martin Drennan concelebrated the confirmation Mass. Seventeen children altogether were confirmed. The children's sponsors sat on the right of the church while the children sat on the left. There were many hymns sung by the choirs of both schools. After mass all the children got their pictures taken by Willie Riley with their parents and the Bishop.

At 6 o'clock the New Quay children went to Quasar, there were three rounds and two teams. Joey, Gemma, Dualta and myself were in one team and the rest were the girls excluding Gemma. Next we went bowling, there were two teams of four and the winners of each group went on to play each other. Afterwards we had a quick meal in Supermacs and we went to the cinema to watch Godzilla. We ate popcorn, sweets and had drinks. Thank you Brian Farrell for talking us.