

The Scratch Competition by Tómas Peavoy Kass



Scratch is a free programming and online community where you can create your own interactive stories, games and animations. We have been doing Scratch in the school for a number of years. This year Steve Holmes from Gort came to do a scratch project on the Burren with fifth and sixth class. He entered it in the Scratch competition.

Imagine our surprise when we heard that we were one of 25 finalists in the schools section. On the 30th of April 2015 Tadhg Linnane and I went up to Dublin to represent our school.

Once we got to Dublin City Castle after our journey up from Clare, we set up all our posters, computers and info about the project (creators, time taken, what we could improve etc.). We got a few nice visitors to our stand before the judges came to our table. After the judges watched the video we explained why we made it and how we did everything. The judges then left our table and went to talk to the others. We waited for another while, talking to people, seeing other projects. After that all the participants went into the awards room to receive the trophies.

In the end we didn't win but we got to the finals and that was much more than we expected when we made our project.

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Art Exhibition

by Rachel, Kayleigh & Tadhg



On Friday the 26th of June we had an art exhibition in the school to display all the afterschool art we have made over the past year. We painted Impressionist pictures with dots and dabs, classical pictures, Renaissance paintings, and Still Life. We made clay tiles, which were amazing. Cate King and Ellie Farrell put all the pictures up.

On that day all the children made cakes and delicious treats such as an Oreo cake, a cookie monster cake, marble cake, cookies, muffins, biscuits and brownies.

Parents and friends were invited to come and enjoy the art and the cakes!!

Holy Communion

by Daniel Hunt

On the 17th of May Euan Farrell made his Holy Communion. Everyone looked lovely. The choir sang a lot of hymns and Paddy and I were serving.

It was a lovely mass.

Euan said the Prayers of the Faithful, the first reading and he sang Do Not Be Afraid. He sang excellently as did the choir.



A winner for Farm Safety

Congratulations to Sínead O Dea who won in the Michael Mc Namara Farm Safety Competition.

Well done Sínead!

Basketball

by Mia Farrell

On Monday the fifteenth of June, third to sixth class from New Quay N.S and Ballyvaughan N.S had a basketball blitz. The Basketball blitz took place in our basketball court.

When Ballyvaughan School arrived at one o'clock we all gathered on the court. The fifth and sixth were separated into three teams: The Blues, The Yellows and the Greens and were then sent up to the other side of the court while third and fourth stayed where they were.

Both sides of the court played games for a while and when the school day was almost at its end third and fourth joined into the three fifth and sixth groups for a final relay race. Afterwards crisps, fizzy drinks and smarties were given out and then everybody went home.

The day was great fun and very enjoyable!!!!

Boys' Football

by Ciara, Daniel & Keeley

On a sunny day in May we played our first match against Liscannor in Gleann Ciosóg and we had a good win. The second match we played was against Clouna /Furglan in Kilfenora. When we beat them we went to the semi-finals against Kildysart, which was played in Clarecastle. Unfortunately we didn't make it to the finals. We would like to thank Múinteoir Mary for coaching us.

Doorús Challenge Matches

by Chloe Fahy

On the 16th of June we played the Doorús Challenge Football matches.

We played the mixed match first. It was a close match but in the end we won. The score was 2-6 to 2-4. After that we played the girls match without the 6th class girls. Again it was a very close match and we won. The score was 5-1 to 4-0.

The "players of the match" from the mixed match were Oisín Mc Namara and Roisín Mc Namara and the women of the match for the girls' match were Rachel Daly and Lisa Shields.

It was great fun and we brought back the trophies for yet another year.

Girls' Football

by Keeley Mc Gann

The girls' football team made their way to the final by beating Lisdoonvarna and Lahinch. We met Lissycasey in the final. The game was played in Claracastle GAA pitch. Our team New Quay/ Carron / Fanore played their hearts out, but unfortunately we lost by 4 points. Chloe Fahy got woman of the match (she played great!!!) We were delighted that we made it to the finals.



Hurling / Camoige

by Paddy Nolan

Every Tuesday we continued to do our hurling/camoige training and on the odd day we had a game !!!

One day in June our camogie girls along with Tubber and Boston girls played a Blitz. They won a match, drew a match and lost a match. They made it to the semi-final against Killaloe but sadly they lost.

Our boys also played a Blitz. We won all three games and we went straight to the semi-final. Whitegate could not field a team on the day, so we went straight to the final. The final was in Cusack Park against Ballycar. Pappy Taaffe opened the scoring with a free. Matthew Rosengrave was the captain and he scored 4 goals and 12 points. We had a great goalkeeper in Tommy Fahy as he made a great number of saves. We won by 17 points.

Confirmation

by Daniel Hunt

We made our Confirmation on the 21st of May in Ballyvaughan church. There were 5 people from our school, 5 from Fanore, 8 from Ballyvaughan and 1 from Seamount, making a total of 19 children. We all wore beautiful clothes, but our school looked the best by far. The Bishop could not make it so Father Conor Cunningham confirmed us.



Enjoy the Summer holidays!

School reopens on 28th August.



As you probably know by now, our school is working towards our Biodiversity flag. On the 3rd of June we borrowed an incubator from Shane Linnane and we filled it with eggs. We had to be very quiet in the room with the incubator because loud noises could kill the chicks. We tended to the eggs for 3 long weeks by making sure the incubator had plenty of water. The due date (the 24th of June) finally arrived. We were so excited and we watched and waited all day. At last our patience was rewarded when we saw one of them ACTUALLY hatch. So far we have 9 chicks and we are looking for good homes for them.

On the subject of birds a bird expert named Susan O'Donohoe came to our school to talk to us about birds and bird watching. She brought the small class into the green room and there were nests on the table and there were all different kinds of bird wings too. She had the wings and feet of the fastest bird in the world called a Peregrine falcon. We got to touch the feathers and nests. There were different shaped nests for different birds. She taught us about foods that birds eat. She also taught us which beaks were used for which types of food.



On Wednesday the twenty-seventh of May, we had our Music Generation concert in Kilnaboy school.

The songs we sung included *Birdcatcher*, *Streetseller*, *Mo ghile mear*, *Abiyoyo*, *Si njay njay njay*, *somagwaza*, *We go together*, *Pages* and **SUMMER SONG**. The other schools that participated were Carron and Kilnaboy national schools.

SUMMER SONG is a song that was composed by our very own third, fourth, fifth and sixth class here at New Quay National School.

We had a brilliant time, and we would like to thank Sharon Howley for teaching us all of the songs and also helping us to write **SUMMER SONG**.

Sixth Class 2015

by Keeley Mc Gann

This year we say good bye to Ciara Loughman, Daniel Hunt, Tomás Peavoy Kass, Keeley Mc Gann and Tadhg Linnane. They remember some of their earliest memories of school:

Everyone would count how many seconds it took Daniel to drink his milk (record 7 seconds).

Tadhg picked leaves off the hedge and used them for money for his imaginary cake shop.

Tomás rolled down hills until he got dizzy and couldn't walk in a straight line.

Ciara and I would play mermaids and argue about which one of us would get the pink tail.



Go N-éirí an bothar libh!!

She took the senior students to the turlough to do some birdwatching. We saw mallard, teal and coote. We had a great time and learned lots of new things. Susan was really nice and we enjoyed her trip to the school."



As part of our biodiversity flag, we also filled our bug hotel this term. We used leaves, wood chippings, carpet pine cones and much more to create a suitable habitat for the bugs.

BOEC Quiz

by Ciara Loughman

On Friday the 29th of May our school sent two teams into the Burren Outdoor Education Centre Quiz (BOEC). On our first team was Mia Farrell, Cloe Fahy, Kayleigh Shannon and myself Ciara Loughman. On the second team were Keeley McGann, Rachel Daly, Tadhg Linnane and Paddy Nolan.

When we arrived at the Centre each team got their own table and we were given a practice sheet and a question booklet. We participated in a practice round to get our minds ready. Our second team (the Brainboxes) got a great score of 43 out of 60 but our first team (New Quay 1) topped the table with a score of 58 out of 60 and won a great prize of half a day of activities at the Burren Outdoor Education Centre for all of our class.

We went on the 29th June (free of charge) and had a great time kayaking in Dooneen despite the wind!

SCHOOL TOURS

Junior Room Tour

On the 24th of June the junior room went to the Galway Atlantic Aquarium on their school tour. They learnt a lot about the sea and all the fishes that live in it and had a great time.

There are fish such as sting-rays, crabs, clown fish, sharks, shellfish and many other kinds in the Galway Atlantic Aquarium. One of the juniors said they saw one of the second biggest whales in the world.

Afterwards, they went to the playground to have a picnic and play games. They had a great day.

by Kayleigh Shannon



Senior Room Tour

by Rachel Daly

On the 23rd of June the senior room went on their tour to Limerick. First we went to King Johns Castle, it was fun and educational at the same time. We dressed up as people from the past, watched a short film about the castle and we also did a treasure hunt around the castle courtyard and towers. I thought that was the best part.

Next stop was the Printmakers. We got oil based paints rolled them out and made a picture. After that we begged Múinteoir Carmel to go to Subway and she agreed but only if we paid for it.

On the way back Paddy sent in a request for Samsara to Spin South West. Brian surprised us at the end with a trip to the playground in Crusheen. It was a great day out and we had a ball.



A big THANK YOU to the Parents' Committee for Funding this year's tours!! We really enjoyed them!