

Present Board of Management 2011-2015

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Parents Association

Once again our hardworking P.A. have organised some very successful fundraising events. The money raised will now be used to repaint the infant yard with games and activities. We are also looking at the possibility of resurfacing the stop/drop area.

Continual Professional Development (C.P.D.)

The staff have been involved in many different activities as part of the Croke Park Hours. The focus of our work this year is on literacy and numeracy in keeping with the Dept. of Education and Skills policy.

After School Activities

Chess

The chess class is held every Wednesday with Jamie Flynn. The inter-school chess blitz will be held in our school after Easter.

Speech and Drama

Ms. Cuisle Hehir teaches Speech and Drama every Thursday. 2nd class also benefit from her expertise in school from 2-3p.m.

Music

Traditional music is taught by Sheila Cagney every Monday from 3-4 p.m.

Choir

The newly formed children's choir practice every Wednesday from 3-4 p.m.

Irish Dancing with Brendan Croghan is on Tuesdays from 4-5:15.

Sport

Hurling 3rd-6th Boys: Tuesday 3-4p.m. League matches to commence after Easter.

1st-3rd Boys : Wednesday 3-4

p.m. Challenge matches arranged for next term.

Camogie: 2nd-6th Thursday 3-4 p.m.

FAI School Soccer

On the 6th March, we competed in the FAI 5 aside soccer tournament in Corbally. 5 teams from 5th/6th attended. Two teams were successful in progressing to the next round on the 15th March. We played great soccer and got to the final playoff game for a place in the county final. Our opponents were St. Michaels. In a closely fought affair we were defeated 3:2 in a sudden death penalty shootout. Thanks to Gary Feeney for his coaching. It was a very enjoyable experience. *By Séan Feeney*

Our Football Experience

The year started with our first match against Knockea. We had wins and losses and although we didn't win the league we really improved and enjoyed ourselves. We went on to play Mini 7's against Doon, Cappamore and Killinure, progressing to the final against Doon. We lost that game but came 2nd overall. We would like to thank Breda Ahern for giving up her time to train us and for our parents who drove to matches and supported us. *By Aoife O' Halloran*

Our boys football team had a very successful year progressing to the East Limerick A Final beating Doon, Donoughmore and Creora along the way. Unfortunately we lost the final to Roxborough in a close fought encounter. We improved from game to game and enjoyed the experience. *By Robert Holmes*

Lenten Physical Activity Challenge

6th class took up a running challenge for the 6 weeks of lent. The goal was to run steadily for at least five minutes by Fri 30th March. Everyone is making a great effort and getting fitter too!

A Great Day on the Mulkear

Fifth class pupils helped to finish the new MulkearLIFE mural at Annacotty. They sketched and then painted their preferred fish, birds, invertebrates and mammals. They were praised and thanked for their great work, adding great colour, life and vitality to the overall mural.

Credit Union

In the school we encourage the children to save and the local Credit Union visit the school every Wednesday. All pupils are welcome to join. The annual CU Quiz was on February 5th. We practiced during lunch time. Our U11 team came 2nd and our U13 team came 4th. It was great fun.

By Warren Daly

Swimming

1st and 2nd classes are attending swimming lessons in UL for a period of seven weeks. So far they are progressing well.

GAA Coaching

A GAA coach Dan Morrissey has begun coaching sessions in the school on Fridays. At present he is coaching Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd classes in hurling.

Upcoming Events

A **Skip-hop** workshop takes place on Friday 20th April. Each child has an opportunity to take part during the day. The aim is to encourage children to skip for health, fun and fitness whilst introducing traditional skipping games back into the playground.

Kathleen Turner from the National Chamber Orchestra will visit the school and do her workshop 'Singing for Fun' with the children on Wednesday 9th May.

6th class will participate again this year in the cycling safety training programme on Monday 11th June.

Congratulations to Ms.Coughlan and Ms. Power on the birth of their babies. Congratulations are also due to Kelly Ryan (Past Pupil) who won the All Ireland Scór na nÓg solo singing. Well done Kelly on your fantastic achievement!

Reminder: To ensure effective communication with the school please notify us if you have a change of address or mobile phone number for text-a-parent.

Easter Holidays

We look forward to a happy and restful Easter Holiday. We will re-open on Monday 16th April 2012.