



# BUNSCOIL FUN!

## GET BIZZY FOR IZZY

We, in Senior Infants have been getting very "Bizzy for Izzy".

We enjoyed creating beautiful pictures for the Art Exhibition that were displayed in Pobalscoil na Trinóide on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of March for the Family Fun Day! Lots of the boys and girls in our class went to the family fun day and we had fantastic fun! Kelly Flavin was very lucky on Sunday; she won two tickets for the 'One Direction' concert this May! We have bought

little "bizzy bees" from Ms Conway. They are beautiful! She knitted them herself, she is very talented! All the boys and girls in Izzy's class miss Izzy a lot, we sent Izzy a video singing 'Happy Birthday' for her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was on 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. We also learned Izzy's favourite song at the moment which is 'Happy' by Pharell Williams. We love this song too, it's in the film 'Despicable Me 2'. We continue to keep Izzy in our

thoughts and prayers every day and wish her every success with her treatment.

Get well soon Izzy!!

Lots of Love from everyone in Senior Infants and Ms Conran!

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## Green Schools Low Energy Day

This year the Green Schools committee held their Low Energy Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Mr O'Neill announced the switch off over the intercom at half past nine. We switched off computers, laptops, whiteboards, CD

players, lights and heating. Some members of the Green Schools Committee dressed up in clothes from the past and went around the school showing children artefacts from the past. We had old ink bottles, an abacus, a school bell, an oil

lamp and an old Master's hat. We also had a storyteller visit our school and tell us poems and stories. It was a really enjoyable day.

*By Brian O' Driscoll (6<sup>th</sup> Class)*

# A FEW WORDS FROM MR. O'NEILL

Easter Newsletter.

Dear Parents and Guardians and pupils, I wish everyone involved with Bunscoil Mhuire a very Happy Easter! The second term is drawing to a close and it has been once again a very busy time here at Bunscoil. We all celebrated Catholic Schools week by visiting the Strand Church for morning mass with different class groupings attending on different mornings. We were given a lovely and a warm welcome by Fr. Winkle, at all the masses. It was lovely to hear all the positive comments back from the parishioners who took the time to contact the school to compliment our pupils on their excellent behaviour and decorum during the masses. This reverence was also on display during the First Penance ceremony last week and all the children involved are to be congratulated.

We took part in many activities in the school recently as we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge. This has always been a great success and very popular with the pupils. We thank all the teachers for getting involved and for their dedication in making our National Language more meaningful to your children. Bainigí úsáid as na cúpla focail sa bhaile agus bainigí sult as!

The children and staff and parents continue to participate in the Walk to school on Wednesday initiative. Now that finally the clocks have gone forward and the weather is improving, I

would encourage more pupils to get involved in this healthy and alternative way to start their Wednesday morning.

Our dance classes with Ruth Hayes are coming to an end and I would like to thank Ruth for her work with the classes. Parents will be able to enjoy a performance very soon highlighting the benefit of these classes for their children. All the classes have been working very hard in preparation for their performances.

We have had a lot of sad things happen over the last while and we keep all the children and families affected by tragedy and sadness in our thoughts and prayers. We had a wonderful night for Izzy on Saturday last and I would like to again thank everyone involved for being so generous with their time and talents and for giving so generously to the benefit fund for Izzy. The choir from the school performed three beautiful songs on the night and they were a credit to their parents and the school. All the organising and the hard work behind the scenes and on the night itself were a phenomenal testimony to the generosity and goodness in people. Maith sibh ar fad! We wish Izzy and her family all the very best wishes for the long road, which is ahead of them still. I am extremely proud of all of the children and of all of the talented and dedicated staff, here at this school and how hard they worked for this event.

We hope to start shortly with the construction of our new lift. As you may know the old external lift has always been very unreliable. It has been broken now for some time and is really unsatisfactory and not suitable for the exposure to salt sea air. As a result the Board of Management has secured funding to put in a new lift in the room underneath the Halla that will be internal and will come up near the stage and the medical room.

Though we will lose some of the stage this was the only feasible area for the construction of the new lift. It will cause some disturbance while it is being constructed but will be well worth it when it is in place.

The pupils and teachers involved in our application for our second Green Flag are working hard and I commend their effort. The application has gone in and we will keep our fingers crossed. We had a great low energy day recently with storytelling and no power or interactive whiteboards in use in the school.

We held our Open Day for the parents of the new infants recently. Enrolments are currently closing for next year so any applications need to be sent into the office immediately.

Guím gach rath oraibh ar fad. Bíodh Cáisc mór maith agaibh ar fad.

Eoghan Rua Ó Néill.

## PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Fifth class cooking lessons have been going really well, so far this year they have enjoyed making scones, scrambled eggs, ginger bread men, pizza bread, pancakes and chicken curry. The pupils are all enthusiastic and we thank the many parents who give their time to make this possible. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big congratulations and well done to the

teachers, staff and parents who were involved in the **Get Bizzy for Izzy** fundraising events over the past few weeks. To Izzy and her family we want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this trying time. The annual Flag Day is approaching on **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. We would like to hear from any parent who could give just **one** hour of your time to help out with this our major

fundraiser of the year. If you can, please contact **Breeda 0872353717**. This year funds raised will go towards installing a new lift for Bunscoil from the yard to the first level as the current one is no longer fit for purpose.

**Happy Easter! May it be filled with lots of love, joy and of course chocolate!**

# FAITH FRIENDS WITH TRANSITION YEAR

Faith Friends is a fun activity we do every Tuesday. It started on March the 4<sup>th</sup>. The transition year students from Pobalscoil come down to do Faith Friends with us. Clon-priest also attend for Faith Friends. We do lots of fun stuff including Religion, Art and prayers. The 6<sup>th</sup> classes are split up, we either go to Ms. Smith's class, Ms. Fitzgerald's class or Ms. Conway's class. Overall Faith Friends is a lot of fun, we really enjoy doing it and

we look forward to having it each week.

*By Sarah Morley & Margherita Barilla (Ms. Smith's Sixth Class)*

Every week some of the students from Pobalscoil come down to our school to do activities with us. We do really nice things like art and craft. We had to decorate a picture of a fruit and put in it what our favourite fruit of the Holy Spirit

is. Out of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience and Kindness, I chose Love. I feel better about my Confirmation now as we know more prayers and we are looking out more for each other.

*By Abbie Power (Ms. Smith's Sixth Class)*



# WE CELEBRATED WORLD BOOK DAY 2014

On World Book, last Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Ms Fitzgerald's sixth class made posters and researched our favourite quotes about why we love to read. Fifth and sixth classes dressed up as characters from their favourite books and performed short dramas for our class. On the day, the two favourite performances were from Matilda and the Twits by Roald Dahl. Sarah and I were the Twits. We went to every

class in the school including to Mr. O' Neill and the play school. We had a really fun day and by the time we came back from acting out our scenes we started to watch a documentary on how to be a good author, how to keep your readers guessing and how illustrators draw their pictures. It was really interesting. On that day, we also had DEAR time which stands for Drop Everything and Read. We did that for 15

minutes and even Mr O'Neill and everyone in the school left what they were doing to read a book!!!

*By Holly Preston & Sarah O Connor (Ms. Fitzgerald's 6<sup>th</sup> class)*



# ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We had a great time making our "Mr. Shamrock". We coloured him green. Then we cut him out and stuck him together. It was lots of fun. Teacher told us a story all about St. Patrick and how he used the shamrock to tell all the people in Ireland about Holy God. At the weekend our Mam's and Dad's took

us to see the parade. It was FANTASTIC! There were lots of people there and everything was GREEN. We saw the Rugby Club walking in the parade. The G.A.A. were there too. Lots of other people were walking in it too. We saw the Musical Society on a float and they were all dressed up in clothes

they wear for the show. There were lots of tractors and the fire brigade was there too. Some people had ice cream and sweets. It was great fun.

*By Junior Infants*



# SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE 2014

Bhí spraoi againn i rang Ms. Conway i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhíomar ag canadh amhrán don Seachtain na Gaeilge. We were singing "Wake Me Up" by Avicii, "Hall Of Fame" by The Script & will.i.am and "The Cup Song" by Anna Kendrick in Irish. We sang a medley of the three songs. We wore special clothes for the performance and all the classes came to see us perform. We were practising all week for the medley and we put loads of effort into our performance. Bhí gach duine ag gléasta don seó. Jake O' Brien and Dean were boxers fighting each other. Niamh and Denise were

scientists! Brian was a tiger and Caoimhe was a lion!!! Our class learned how to do the Cup Song. We did actions for our songs so people knew what we were singing about. Elly, Caoimhe and Shane sang the first verse of the Cup Song solo. They sounded really good! We performed on Thursday don gach rang sa playpen. We had great fun and it was a great last Seachtain na Gaeilge for us!

*By: Lesley & Brian (6<sup>th</sup> Class)*

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge againn i rith mí na Márta. Bhaineamar taitneamh as.

Bhí céilí againn sa halla. Bhí rang a trí go dtí rang a sé ag damhsa le chéile.

Chuir na ranganna postaeir suas timpeall na scoile. Bhí frásaí as Gaeilge le feiceáil ar na mballaí anois!

Chaith na ranganna a lán ama ag canadh amhráin Gaeilge agus ag staidéar filíocht Gaeilge.

Is bréa linn Seachtain na Gaeilge i mBunscoil Mhuire!

*By Ciara Hanna (Ms. McDermott's 4th Class)*



## MOVIN' AND GROOVIN' IN BUNSCOIL MUIRE!

We have been going to dance every Tuesday for the last 10 weeks. Our dance teacher's name is Ruth Hayes. She is very nice and



has taught us lots of new dance moves. This week for our final dance session we put on a performance for all the parents. The song we danced to was A Star is Born. The girls wore black leggings and pink tops and the boys wore bright coloured t-shirts and black pants. We really

enjoyed the performance and we hope the parents did too. A big thank you to Ruth for all her hard work and we're already looking forward to dance class next year.

*By Mrs. Hegarty's Second Class*

## MEETING OUR NEW PUPILS!

Last week Ms. O'Leary and Ms. Murphy got a chance to meet all the new boys and girls who will be starting school next September. They had lots of fun exploring the classrooms and colouring in pictures. They also made some jigsaws and played with some beads. It was SUPER FUN! We really

hope that they enjoyed themselves just as much as we enjoyed meeting them. We are looking forward to meeting them all again after the Summer holidays. There is great fun to be had in Junior Infants. Every year we all go on a fantastic school tour! At Christmas Santa Claus visits the school and there is

a great big grotto. Everyone gets sweets from him and sometimes he has presents! The school choir put on a great show for everybody too! In the summer the Junior Infants get to bring in their favourite teddy bear and everyone goes on a teddy bear's picnic! It is great fun!



# A LESSON IN TAEKWON-DO FROM LEAH

I'm going to be telling you all about Taekwon-do. Taekwon-do takes place in the Community Centre on Monday and Thursday. You have to be over four years old to join. You also make lots of friends in the group. You get to go to tournaments in different places. Mary Sarkunaite, Sorcha Connelly and Leah Keating (Me!) went to a tournament in Cork. Mary won a

gold medal and a bronze medal and I won a silver medal and a bronze medal. It was very hard but, as always we tried our very best. We would like to say thanks to our trainer Mr Mark Buckley.

*By Leah Keating*

*(Ms Fitzgerald 6<sup>th</sup> Class)*

Taekwon-do is a Korean martial art. It combines combat

and self defence techniques with sport and exercise. Taekwon-do is an Olympic sport too. There are many Taekwon-do clubs around Ireland now. There is also an Irish Taekwon-do Association.



# SCIATH NA SCOL TRAINING

We recently started playing hurling and camogie in the Sciath na Scol. Our trainers are Mr. White and Mr. Hickey from the school and Billy and Johnny from the G.A.A club here in Youghal. We have played two matches already and the girls were unlucky in both

games. The boys have won one match and they drew for the other one, which puts them in a strong position to qualify for the final. The girls are trying their very best and are having great fun playing camogie. Hurling and camogie are great fun and it is a great way to make

friends and get fit. Up the Bunscoil Mhuire boys and girls!

*By Hannah  
O Keefe  
& Ali O'  
Callaghan.*



# BUNSCOIL MHUIRE CHESS CLUB

We have been playing chess since last September. We play against our friends and try to beat each other. We record our scores and we get one point if we win and zero if we lose and a half point if we draw. We love to play against new people each week. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> class play chess. On Tuesday and

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> class play chess and on Wednesday and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> class play. Some of 6<sup>th</sup> class help with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We show them ways to checkmate each other and give them tips. We also play outside and Lesley, Elly, Niamh, Kisandra and Caoimhe from Ms. Conway's 6<sup>th</sup> class put out the big chess pieces.

We love playing chess and going to competitions!!!

*By The  
Bunscoil  
Mhuire-  
Chess Club*



# OUR FIRST PENANCE

For our First Penance my class and I were preparing and practising hard for it. We learned prayers and hymns. Our First Penance was on Thursday March 27th at 7pm. Fr. Winkle and Fr. Murphy came to the Holy Family Church to give us our First Penance. I brought up the bible. Eimear, Lorna, Karlo and Jamie brought up the candles. Ryan, Wesley, Darragh, Zoe, Mary and Sean were reading The Good Shepherd. Miss Mulcahy was playing the guitar. I was very nervous. People from our class and people from Ms. Carroll's class were all singing different songs. My mum, dad and my brother came for my first penance. I wore my light blue top and my new pants. I am very happy now!

**By Kellie Cahill (Ms. Coyne's 2nd Class)**

We were learning prayers and singing hymns for our First Penance. We went to the Holy Family Church to practice. Mrs. Mulcahy picked singers for the songs. She picked me!

We had a party after. Fr. Winkle and Fr. Murphy were at our First Penance. I was nervous. I was singing with Adam in Ms. Carroll's class. I was singing the last verse of Sorry God. My friend Zuzanna was doing the prayers. We had to go at 7pm to the church for our First Confession. My mum presented me to Fr. Winkle.

**By Shinta Joseph (Ms. Coyne's 2nd Class)**

My First Penance took place at the Holy Family church on Thursday the 27th of March. I said my prayer in front of people. I shook Fr. Murphy's hand and blessed myself and said my prayer. We all sang lots of songs. Mrs. Mulcahy and Breeda helped us with our songs. Fr. Winkle said some prayers too. I had a job of saying a prayer. After the church Carlo, Mika, Mam and I all went to the Chinese restaurant together. Then we had a cup of tea and biscuits and then we went to sleep. The End.

**By Kavan O' Sullivan (Ms. Carroll's 2nd Class)**

Our First Penance was on Thursday the 27th of March in the Holy Family Church. Mrs. Mulcahy and Breeda played songs. They were lovely songs. The church was decorated with our Good Shepherd art. We went up to Fr. Murphy to do our individual confession. There were lots of jobs. Sorcha and I were singing 'The way to be'. Fr. Winkle practiced with us for four days. I can't wait until our First Holy Communion. Carlo and Jamie Lee were holding candles for Fr. Winkle. The next day in school we had a treat, we had popcorn, chocolate and we watched a movie!

**By Mary Adetunji (Ms. Carroll's 2nd Class)**



## ART AND CRAFT CLASSES WITH MS. OSBOURNE

Third class did an art club with Miss Osborne and we did really cool art. Miss Osborne made it easy by doing the art step by step. For the first week in art club we made St. Valentine's Day cards for a special someone to make them happy on St. Valentine's Day. For week two we made Pharaoh Masks. We talked about Tutankhamen's death mask and created our own. We used chalk to draw half the face, then folded it over and rubbed the chalk and we then had

the entire face, after we painted it. On week three we made 3D Lizards by cutting out lizard shapes. Then we used oil pastels to draw designs on them. We then painted over them to make the oil pastel stand out better. On the fourth week we looked at a Spanish painter called Pablo Picasso. We looked at his cubism work and made faces. Half the face is looking sideways and the other side is looking forward. St. Patrick's Day was coming close on the fifth week so

we made St. Patrick's day t shirts. We had to bring in a white t shirt from home. We designed the t shirts with shamrocks and wrote March 2104 on them. On the last week we made erupting volcanoes. We made them with oil pastels, paint and chalk pastels. When they were finished they looked really cool. Art club was really fun. Everybody loved it! **By Sarah & Niamh (3<sup>rd</sup> Class)**



## WALK ON WEDNESDAY

Walk on Wednesday has been running on Wednesday mornings for the last few months in Bunscoil Mhuire. We all meet up at 9:25 a.m at the back of Clancy's unless the weather is too bad to walk. The classes are all trying to win the Golden Boot trophy, which is the prize for walking to school. A re-

cord is kept of the children who walk to school and the class with the most walkers win the prize. The last class to win it was Ms. Smith's sixth class for the month of February. Well done to Ms Smith's class! Before that Mr. White's class won the trophy. We wish the very best of luck to all

the rest of the classes in the school.



# HOPPY EASTER FROM BRIAN RONAYNE

Q. How does a rabbit throw a tantrum?

A. He gets hopping mad.

Q. What kind of stories do rabbits like best?

A. Ones with hoppy endings.

Q. How do rabbits travel?

A. By HAREplanes.

Q. What kind of music do bunnies like?

A. Hip Hop.

Q. What do bunnies do when they get married?

A. Go on a bunny-moon!

Once there were two chocolate bunnies and one had their ear bit off. One said, "Happy Easter." "Huh?" Said the other.

Q. What's the best way to send a letter to the Easter bunny?

A: Hare Mail.

Q: What did the bunny want to do when he grew up?

A: Join the Hare Force.

Q. How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape?

A. He does HARE-obics

Q. Where does the Easter Bunny go to get a new tail?

A. The reTAIL store!

*By: Brian Ronayne (Ms. Conway's 6<sup>th</sup> Class)*



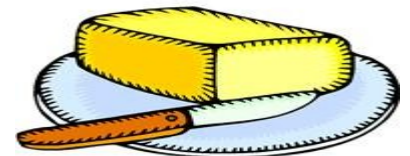
# WE MADE BUTTER JUST LIKE ST. BRIGID!

The Junior Infants had great fun at the beginning of February making butter just like St Brigid. This is what they wanted you to know: First you need to gather together your cream, a container with a lid and some Tuc crackers. Then when your ready you pour the cream into the container and make sure the

lid is on VERY tight.....otherwise there could be a BIG mess. You must shake the container for a long time and soon you end up with curds and whey. You must pour out the whey and what you are left with is the butter. Spread it on the Tucs and eat it. It is DELI-

CIOUS! GO ON TRY IT YOURSELF!

*By Junior Infants*



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

During Catholic schools week the whole school went to the Church. We went to Our Lady of Lourdes church in the strand. The classes didn't all go on the same day though. We each had a partner to walk to the church with. It was a nice day with no rain luckily for us.

My partner for the walk out was Conor Savage. We had the same partners on the way back again. When we were at the church we sang songs. Fr. Winkle was talking to us about Jesus Christ. People went up to the altar to talk to us by reading passages from the bible. On

the way back we talked the whole way along! People who were at mass that day told the teachers we were excellent in the church.

*By Leon Kenneally (Ms. Ryan's 4th Class)*



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## FOOD DUDES COME TO BUNSCOIL!

475 pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Classes in Bunscoil Mhuire in Youghal have been learning to like new fruits and vegetables by being given the opportunity to eat them four times over 16 consecutive days. A survey in the school has shown what a success the programme has been with 57% of children saying they now like and eat different fruits and vegetables that they disliked before. Cucumber and red and yellow peppers being highest on the list of pupil palate turns. Ms Fitzgerald's sixth class have been helping to keep spirits high by dressing up as superheroes and giving children a daily fun fruit fact or vegetable vital stat when making their daily fruit and vegetable deliveries. They have been enthusiastically encouraging pupils to "feed the force" to help increase their superpowers. These brave superheroes also fought off an attack by General Junk and Master Disaster who were on a mission to rid the school of all the healthy fruit and vegetables. For phase 2, all children have been given cool fruit and vegetable containers so they can continue to bring in their

own favourite fruits and vegetables from home each day. Do it Dudes!!

Food dudes was a great experience because we learned how important fruit and vegetables are and we got to encourage everyone else in the school to eat all their fruit and vegetables. I am really sad that the first phase is over but we just got two handy boxes so we can pick out our own fruit and vegetables and bring them to school each day. I really enjoyed doing the drama for the classes to show them they must "feed the force" and if they don't eat their fruit and vegetables, General Junk and Master Disaster will take them away! *By Mary Delaney*

Food dudes was great fun! The food I didn't like before and would buy now would be peppers, carrots and cucumbers. I really enjoyed dressing up as food dude superheroes and going into the classrooms delivering fruit and vegetables as the children were always so excited to see us. I loved watching the cartoon episodes and the prizes that we got were really cool! *By Shelly Hickey*

I think that the food dudes programme helped us a lot because for me, for example, I get some carrots now when I am playing on the computer or I always eat an orange when I watch TV. The worst was the cherry tomato, it was disgusting, but I have learned to like carrots, cucumbers and peppers. My favourites were the carrots and raisins. *By Szymon Trojanowski*

I think food dudes were a great experience for everyone in the school. I loved trying everything! It was great fun dressing up in cool costumes for the other pupils. They loved seeing us every day. My favourites were the mandarin oranges and the cherry tomatoes. Even at home now I eat a lot more fruit and vegetables than I did before food dudes started and when my Mam goes shopping, I always ask her to get lots of fruit and vegetables. Do it dudes!!

*By Leah Keating*



### Easter Holidays:

School will close on Friday 11th April at 12 noon and will re-open on Monday 28th April.

### May Bank Holiday:

School will be closed on Monday 5th May.

### June Bank Holiday:

School will be closed on Monday 2nd June.

### Summer Holidays:

School will close on Wednesday 25th June at 12 noon.