



BUNSCOIL FUN!

GREEN SCHOOL

This year we celebrated getting the Green Flag! We had a big celebration in the yard. The choir was singing and parents were allowed to come.

This year even though we got the litter and waste flag we still have to put everything in the right bin. The next flag we are trying to get is the energy flag which means we need to turn off the lights when we leave the room and turn off the computers. We got new committee members and some people left. We are still keeping wrappers off the yard. Even though we got our litter and waste

flag this year it doesn't mean we start taking bread and yogurt out to the yard and start littering.



Here are some tips to keep our school green:

1. Take your rubbish home and put it in a bin!
2. Use the compost bins in your class for pencil toppings and fruit peel-

ings and paper.

3. Try not to use more than one tissue when you are drying your hands and we will save paper.

4. When printing pages try to print on both sides of the page.

By Niamh Galvin & Shane Murphy (Mrs. Shelly's 5th Class)



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THE WITCHES' WALK!

This year's Witches' Walk will take place on Friday, October 26th. The town of Youghal will be a spooky sight as all the boys and girls dress up in their scary costumes and head down the Main Street. Infants to 2nd class will be leaving the school at 10am and 3rd to 6th class will be leaving school at 11.30

am. Rumour has it that some of the teacher's are organising some costumes of their own. The Witches' Walk has always been a really fun day in school and we hope this year will see the best year yet. Some children have been planning their costumes for weeks. Julia B and Julia K in Mrs. Leamy's class are

planning to be Vampire Pirates and Gráinne Hearty is going to dress up as a Skeleton girl! We wish to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship of our Witches' Walk each year. We hope to meet lots of Parents, Grandparents and friends along the way on Friday!!

Happy Halloween from Bunscoil!!!

A FEW WORDS FROM MR. O'NEILL

Dear Parents/Guardians,
boys and girls,

Where has the time gone? It is Halloween again and everyone will be dressing up and enjoying the break from school. The mornings and evenings are getting dark so please wear bright coloured clothing when you are outside and ask your parents to get you high visibility bibs if

you cycle or walk to school. Please be safe. Be seen!
Hopefully all the pupils will enjoy our witches' walk on Friday and please God, the weather will be kind to us. I greatly appreciate all the support from our school community especially as everyone is feeling financially strapped at the present time. All the funds raised go to benefit all the children in the school. We are nearly

finished all the new doors in the school and the new porches. Hopefully we will be able to keep the school warmer!

I wish everyone a safe and a happy Halloween and I hope everyone comes back well rested and ready for the run up to Christmas.

Sincerely,

Eoghan Rua Ó Néill

MR. HICKEY SHARES HIS RUGBY SKILLS!

Our rugby club is now underway in Bunscoil every Friday with Mr. Hickey and Mel. At the moment fifth and sixth classes are involved and throughout the year more classes will have a chance to get



involved so keep your ears open!!
I am playing rugby with fifth and sixth classes. Mr. Hickey and Melanie are in charge of it. We had our first session on Friday. First we did some warm-ups. When we were warmed up we played some games. We played

passing games. They were really hard. After that we did some drills. My friends Cian, John and Nathan were really good at them. Mr. Hickey is a good coach because he is a really good rugby player himself. There are a lot of good players at our rugby!

By Aidan Kelly (Mr. White's Fifth Class)

TEST YOUR BRAIN WITH THESE TEASERS!

Q. Imagine you are in a boat. Your motor breaks and sharks are circling you. One bites your boat and it splits in two. You stay on one side of the boat, but it sinks. You're floating in the water, with the sharks circling you. The sharks are getting ready to attack you. What do you do?



Q. If there are 74 fish in a pond and 6 of them drown, how many are left?

Q. How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything? There is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it back to you?

Q. You walk across a bridge and see a boat full of people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is this possible?

Q. T What comes next in this sequence? Fawn, bear, lion, mole, ???
Select from: seal, duck, stag, vole, wolf.

Q. Rearrange these letters to make a single word:
DRAGON LEWIS

Q. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

By Brian Ronayne (Mr. White's Fifth Class)



OUR TRIP TO YOUGHAL PITCH AND PUTT CLUB

On the 10th of September, our class, Ms Hickey and Ann visited Youghal Pitch and Putt Club. We wanted to learn to play. We walked from school to the Pitch and Putt course. When we got there we met Steven who gave us clubs. We were put into groups. We learned putting, chipping and chipping off a tee. It started to rain. We had to run in to the club building while teacher called a bus to bring us back to school. My favourite thing about the trip was chipping off a tee. My least favourite thing was chipping. I really enjoyed myself even though I got soaked.

By Triona Gardiner

On Monday the 10th of September my class, Ms Hickey, Ann O'Regan and I walked to Youghal Pitch and Putt Club. We were invited by Steven. We left at 11o'clock. Dawid was my partner. We en-

tered the parking lot where we met Steven. He gave us our clubs. After we entered the pitch we were divided into groups. Then we practiced putting for 15 minutes. After that we went chipping. Finally we were chipping off the tee. It started to rain. A bus came so the driver brought us back to school. The pitch and putt lesson was really good. I liked it but it is not a sport for me.

By Sebastian Pula

On Monday, the 10th of September, Ms. Hickey's 6th class were invited to play at the Youghal Pitch and Putt Club. We walked out there with our teacher and Ann.

We left school at around 11o'clock and walked to the club. We met our coach Steven. Then Steven gave us our clubs: a putter and a pitching wedge and we

headed onto the course. Next we got split into three groups. After that we started putting and Szimonetta was very good. We then moved onto chipping, but no one got a shot in the hole. Next we started chipping off the tee and on my first shot I hit the ball off the edge of the tee box and then it hit the trainer! Suddenly it started to rain so we ran inside the clubhouse and our teacher called a bus. Then we headed back to school. I really enjoyed it although it rained. I learned more about pitch and putt.

By Ronan Monaghan



Mé Féin (Aisling Hennessy)

Hi, my name is Aisling. I am 13 years old. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I have four people in my family; my Dad, Mam, Conor and myself. I have one dog and two hamsters. I like to sing, dance, swim, run and read. My friends are Szimonetta, Aoife, Meg, Victoria and Victoria. I am in sixth class. I go to school in Bunscoil Mhuire. My

teacher is really nice. My Mam works as a nurse in the nursing home outside town and my Dad works in the post office. Sometimes I visit my



Mam and Dad at work and I help them with what they need to do. At the weekend Conor and I sometimes visit my Nan and Grandad. I like going over to my Nan and Grandad's house because it is always fun.

By Aisling Hennessy (Ms. Hickey's Sixth Class)

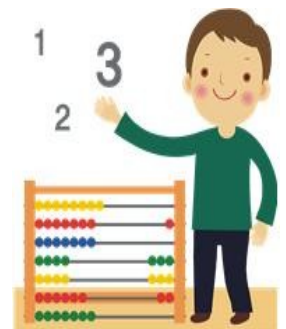
"READY, SET, GO MATHS"!

We are having fantastic fun in Junior Infants this year trying out our new maths programme. We are: making patterns with cubes, links and bottle tops. We are making shapes out of play dough and sorting shapes into different groups. Sometimes we get to sort shapes, teddy

bears, toys and animals into sets and one day we even got to sort out teachers washing when she got us to pair up all her socks! We are sooo busy "doing" that teacher says we don't even need a book this year! It is BRILLIANT fun. We especially LOVE counting back-

wards because when we get to zero we can sayBLAST OFF!!!

(By all the Junior Infants classes)



HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

In Ireland, the birthplace of Halloween, they still celebrate this holiday strongly. In more rural areas, bonfires are lit just as they were during the time of the Celts. Children then trick-or-treat around their neighbourhoods.

In Poland people often leave the windows and doors open to welcome the spirits and visiting souls into their homes on Halloween!

In China they celebrate the Halloween festival which they call Teng Chieh. Novelties, such as food and water are placed in front of the pictures of deceased relatives. Lanterns are then lit to guide the spirits home on Halloween

night. This ceremony has two purposes, the first being to remember the dead, and the second is to help the dead ascend to heaven if they haven't already done so.

In Japan, they have a holiday celebration similar to Halloween which is known as the Obon Festival. They celebrate the spirits of deceased relatives. They prepare special foods and decorate them with beautiful red lanterns. These are lit and set to float in the rivers.

In Spanish speaking countries such as Mexico and Spain the holiday is three days of happiness where families remember loved ones who have died. The

festivities begin on October 31, when the spirits of the deceased are said to return to their homes. Many decorate their houses with alters of flowers and pictures to commemorate their loved ones.



WHY I WANT TO BE A TEACHER!

When I grow up I want to be a teacher. It seems like a lot of work but I think it would be worth it. If I was a teacher I would change the amount of homework pupils get. I would give them much less—just two subjects per night. I would enjoy taking care of the children in my class. I would love to give them jellies as prizes in-

stead of stickers. I would hate doing yard duty! I would like to be a teacher and to meet new friends in the staff room. I would like to use the photocopier. I'd bring the children on special tours to Cork, Dublin and faraway places. I would love to do all sorts of projects with them as well and to read their work and to correct the mistakes

that they make. I might get tired of correcting their mistakes though! I can't wait to be a teacher!

By Shelly Hickey (Ms. Shelly's



MINI SEVENS FIRST BLITZ

We have been playing football for two weeks on Wednesdays after school. It has been great fun. We had our Mini Sevens first blitz two weeks ago. We played Gaelscoil Choráin, Kyle and Killeagh. The girls won all three matches but the boys unfortunately lost one of their

matches. This year it wasn't about how many matches you won, it was about how many points you scored. The girls won the blitz with 58 points but the boys came second so they are not going through to the next round.

BUNSCOIL ABÚ!!

By Aoife Farrell & Alice Flavin (Mrs. Fitzgerald's Sixth Class)



AWESOME LIFETIME LAB VISIT

Mr. Whites Rock the Awesome Lifetime Lab

On Monday morning Mr. White took our class to the Lifetime Lab in Cork city. We went on the official Lifetime Lab bus! There was a woman there for the day. Her name was Una. She was really nice. As we walked in the door there were lockers on the wall. We put our bags in the lockers. My bag was in locker 11. We followed Una into the little classroom. Once we were inside we took a seat on the benches or the little coloured pouffes on

the ground. Soon our first activity was well underway. We were split into groups of three. My partners were Lesley and Annabella. We were



trying to find certain things on the map like the River Lee. Then we tested our temperature with thermometers. My hands alone were 34 degrees Celsius! Then we tested water temperatures. The last thing we did was make solar ovens. Elly, Caoimhe and Kisandra made one and its final temperature was 56.4 degrees Celsius! The one that Lesley Annabella and I made only reached 34.7 degrees Celsius. Then we all went home on the Lifetime Lab bus. That was the best Monday ever!! It was better than doing maths!

By: Niamh Mc Grath (Mr. White's Fifth Class)

On Tuesday the 2nd of October we went to visit the Lifetime Lab in Cork. We left at 9:15. Norma, Mr. O'Brien and our teacher Mrs. Shelly came with us. When we arrived we met our tour guide, Una. Una explained

the experiments we would be doing that day. We put our bags and coats in lockers, just like they do at Pobalscoil! First, we made a compass, which would be very handy if we got lost. We looked at a large map of Cork and found Cork Airport, our school and other towns on it. Next we went into groups and did an experiment about temperature. It got quite messy when the butter melted and some people even tried to eat it! Yuck! Next we made solar cookers and tested them. We visited the cool playground and had lots of fun with the diggers and pulleys. At the end of the day, we did a quiz on everything we had learned. We really enjoyed the day!

By Steven Scully, Danielle Lewis & Sarah O'Connor (Mrs. Shelly's Fifth Class)

GREAT FUN IN MISS HICKEY'S JUNIOR INFANTS

We are enjoying our time in Ms. Hickey's Junior Infant class. This term we have used our handprints to make lots of things like Autumn trees and spines on hedgehogs! Some of our favourite things to do are going out to play in the yard, going to the halla, singing songs and saying rhymes. We love using the interactive whiteboard to

learn our Jolly Phonic's sounds and songs. We love maths time when we do lots of different activities. We like sorting things into sets, learning about 2D and 3D shapes and counting by using different games. We are looking forward to the Witches' Walk when we will dress up in our Halloween costumes! We hope to have a great

day!

(By Miss Hickey's Junior Infants)



COOKING, BADMINTON, ART & CRAFT CLASSES

Over the course of the school year the Special Needs Assistants in the school are running various after schools classes. The classes include cooking, badminton, art and craft. A number of children from all classes will get the chance to participate in



these classes. Melanie de la Cour and Ann O'Regan take fifth and sixth classes for cooking lessons. Norma Ledingham, Pat O'Neill and Ann McGrath take third and fourth classes for

badminton lessons. Maxine Brophy and Toni O'Mahony take first and second classes for Art and Craft lessons. Jackie McDermott and Lisa Walsh take Junior and Senior Infants for Art and Craft lessons.



BE SAFE FOR HALLOWE'EN!



1. When you are out 'Trick or Treating' always bring an adult with you.
2. Make sure your bag has no holes or you will lose all of your goodies.
3. Always walk on the footpath and never on the road.
4. Bring a torch with you to

- see where you are going in the dark.
5. Don't go near bonfires.
 6. Stay away from fireworks when people set them off.
 7. If you are wearing a dark costume make sure you wear reflective bands so cars can see you when they are passing.
 8. Make sure you keep your pets indoors, pets can get frightened when they see all

- the people dressed up and when they hear lots of noise.
9. Run away from Monsters!!!
 10. The most important rule of all at Halloween is to HAVE FUN!!!



HALLOWEEN JOKES

Why don't angry witches ride their brooms?

They're afraid of flying off the handle!!!

What do witches put on their hair?

Scare spray!!!

What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost?

Bamboo!!!

What does Tweety Bird say on Halloween?

Twick or Tweet!!!

Where do mummies go for a swim?

To the dead sea!!!

What did the skeleton say while riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle?

I'm bone to be wild!!!

What is a Mummy's favourite type of music?

Wrap!!!



HALLOWEEN ART LESSON WITH JACK KEANE

Well, first I painted one piece of the page with blue paint. Next I painted another part with red paint and I didn't wash the brush and it made purple. Then I painted the rest of the page with yellow paint and I didn't wash the brush and it made it orange. Then I painted

the tree brown with branches. I used a black biro to make dark dots for eyes and then I used a red one to make blood on the eyes. I took the stickers off the paper and put the eyes on the branches. The best part was making purple. I did it all by myself. I think I had the

best one in the class. Don't forget, I think Avril's one was the best too. I think teachers one was good but I won't buy that one.

By Jack Keane (Mr. Hickey's Third Class)



BUNSCOIL RUN AWAY WITH MEDALS

Trials for the cross country running began soon after we started back to school. Five qualified from my class and about fifty people went from the school. We left at 9.30am on the bus on Friday the 28th of September. It was a long journey to Conna and we were very nervous. Bunscoil Mhuire got off to a great start with the '06 girls as all three got medals in the first race. My race was much

longer than last year and it was very tough but I was lucky to win a gold medal. The races seemed to get longer and longer with huge numbers running in them. There must have been about one hundred running in my sisters race! We had our lunch in Conna before we got back on the bus to go home. It was a very happy journey home as we had fourteen medals. Our teachers were

very pleased with us when we got back to school.

*By Avril 'Speedy' Cashman
(Mr. Hickey's Third Class)*



*Speedy Cashman gives it welly
at Conna Cross Country Run*

BASKETBALL CLASSES GET UNDER WAY IN SCHOOL

Hi, I'm Alex. I'm in Ms. Fitzgerald's sixth class and I go to the afterschool basketball. Some people from each class go too! Every second week boys go and the other weeks the girls go. Altogether there are around 14 boys and 13 girls. Miss teaches us defensive stances and offensive stances. She knows everything about basketball. My favourite part is when we play knockout. The group is split up into two and each group has to try to get the ball into the basket before the person

behind them does. Miss says that on the last week the boys will play against the girls! Oh yeah, the basketball is on every Thursday but unfortunately is only open to sixth class unless a load of people quit. Then Mrs. Fitzgerald will open the basketball to fifth class! *By Alex O'Connell (Mrs. Fitzgerald's Sixth Class)*

The girls basketball is really fun. We've been doing basketball for seven weeks now. Mrs. Fitzgerald is our trainer. She is really good. She takes it in turns to

teach us, one week girls, the next week it's the boys. The three main types of passes are Chest pass, Overhead pass and Bounce pass. We learned how to do a layup and we are getting really good at it. Everybody says it's really fun.

*By Ciara O' Driscoll
(Mrs. Fitzgerald's Sixth Class)*



SPORTS NEWS FROM CIARA AND HANNAH

On Friday the 12th of October Mr. O'Leary and Miss Smith brought us to Killeagh for a blitz and we had three matches. We played against Kyle. We won this game. We also played Gaelscoil. We beat them as well. We won all of our matches. Niamh Galvin was in goal. She saved lots of goals. We had 56 points altogether. We will be play-

ing more matches some other day. The match was so much fun. Before the match we saw a frog when we were warming up. Mr. O'Leary was with the boys. They won all of their matches except one. Miss Smith was with the girls. On the way home it started raining. The boys were in the back of the bus on the way up and the girls were in

the back on the way home! It was a really fun day!

*By Ciara Kiely
& Hannah
O'Keeffe (Ms.
Ryan's Fourth
Class)*



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SHAUNA SINGS THE CHOIR'S PRAISES!

Hi my name is Shauna Whelan. I am in Mrs. Mulcahy's school choir. We are starting a new song in a different language to English! We are practising for a concert before Christmas. We will sing some songs for the children and staff in the school. My favourite song is 'When I was a Little Biddy Boy' even though I am not a boy! Mrs. Mulcahy is really good at teaching us. There are a lot of boys and girls in the choir. My friends; Ciara, Hannah and Ali are all in the choir. We practise on Wednesdays straight after big break. When I am older I would like to be in the Holy Family Choir. Mrs. Mulcahy teaches that choir too! She must be really busy!



SCHOOL CLOSURES SEPTEMBER 2012—JUNE 2013

Autumn Mid Term:

School will close on Friday 26th October and re-open on Monday 5th November

Christmas Holidays:

School will close on Friday 21st December at 12.00 noon and will re-open on Monday 7th of January 2013.

Spring Mid-Term:

School will be closed on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of February.

St. Patrick's Weekend:

School will be closed on Monday 18th March.

Easter Holidays:

School will close on Friday 22nd March at 12.00 noon and will re-open on Monday 8th of April.

Public Holiday:

School will be closed on Friday 3rd May and Monday 6th May.

Public Holiday:

School will be closed on Friday 31st May and Monday 3rd June.

Summer Holidays:

School will close on Wednesday 26th June at 12.00 noon.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN