

Sr. Orla Treacy, Loreto Order, is presented with the Hugh O'Flaherty Humanitarian Award by the Mayor of Killarney

Congratulations to Sr. Orla Treacy on winning this great award. We in Loreto are so proud of her achievement. We are delighted to keep up the connection with Loreto and it is an amazing coincidence that we in Scoil Bhríde, Loreto, Killarney are twinned with her primary school in Rumbek.

Every year we run a raffle to support our sister school in Rumbek. Our children are very conscious of the traditions of Loreto, the legacy we have been left, and the wonderful work Loreto sisters do around the world. It is indeed very humbling. We walk on the shoulders of giants.

We are delighted when Sr. Brigid visits the school, keeping us up to date with developments, particularly in Rumbek in Sudan and Jicamarca in Peru.

We are very privileged to enjoy the beautiful environment around our school. As we play in our fields, we will not forget this priceless legacy we received from the Loreto Order.



Sr. Orla Treacy

On the 4th of November I attended the Hugh O'Flaherty Award Ceremony at the Killarney Avenue Hotel. Sr. Orla Flaherty received the Humanitarian Award for her work in Loreto Secondary school in Rumbek, Sudan. Sudan is in the north east Africa. Its population is almost 39.58 million, the numbers are always decreasing. Sudan is a very poor country.

Sr. Orla, made a speech when she accepted the award. She told us a story, a very sad story of a boy aged 10 who died the day she received the message about her great prize. Many children die when they are born and others before the age of 5 from starvation.

Sr. Orla is currently principal in the Loreto Secondary School which has 500 students-girls and boys. Sr. Orla Treacy is a very brave lady who is doing wonderful work in our twin school in Rumbek in Sudan. I was proud to represent my school on the night and I am very glad we are continuing to help the work of the Loreto sisters and that we keep up contact with them. We realised how privileged we are to live in a peaceful country with plenty of everything, able to enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

By Amy Healy 5th class

The Hugh O'Flaherty Award

On Saturday the 4th of November I attended the presentation of the Hugh O'Flaherty Humanitarian Award to Sr. Orla Treacy.

When I first arrived at the Killarney Avenue Hotel Mrs. O'Sullivan, Amy Healy, Sr. Brigid, Sr. Orla Treacy and many others were there. We were introduced and we started talking

to people. Soon Mr. Ó'Súilleabháin Principal of the Mon and Oliver who represented the Mon, arrived. They were very nice. After a while Ms. Moore, Principal of the Presentation Secondary School and Lauren Looney who represented their school arrived. When they did we all swiftly moved into the dining area. We all sat down half on one table and half on another. On our table was Mr. Ó'Súilleabháin, Oliver, Lauren Looney, Ms. Moore, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Hugh O'Flaherty's niece and the two people that organised the Hugh O'Flaherty Humanitarian Award.

After a while we ordered and the soup came. It was really nice. We chatted as we ate. Soon after that we got a huge dinner. The man called Bez bet five euro I would not finish my dinner but I did! After dinner we went into a different room. The Gleneagle Band played classics from World War 2 like Marching Tucedo and Tundra. Afterwards the Mayor of Killarney and the man who nominated Sr. Orla spoke. Finally Sr. Orla made a speech about her work in Sudan. Amy and I got our photo taken giving Sr. Orla a Loreto Pen, school magazine and a cheque with the proceeds of our Loreto Raffle.

Amy and I were very proud to be third generation Loreto pupils representing our school on the night. My grandad began working for the Loreto sisters when he was sixteen years old and we have been friends since. Sr. Orla is doing very important work and we are delighted that our school is twinned with hers.

By Daniel Fleming 5th class

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1st & 2nd class Prayer Service



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4th & 5th Hockey



4th & 5th Class



5th & 6th class visit Muckross House



5th & 6th Class Nature Trail

Loreto Christmas Celebration 15/12/17

It was a wonderful celebration. Ms. O'Reilly, Ms. Clifford and Mrs O'Meara's classes: Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First and Second classes put on a great show to start off the concert. Then Mr. O' Sullivan's second and third class sang wonderfully. Ms. McCarthy's fourth and fifth class sang and they also recited a lovely poem. Mr. Looney's fifth and sixth class played the tin whistle and sang. We would like to thank all the staff for the time and effort they put into preparing this great event and for making this school such a happy place for us all day every day.

By Daniel Murphy and Paul O'Donoghue



Cumann na mBunscoil

Our team was Stephen Walsh in goals and our full backs were Cormac O'Donoghue and Conor O'Shea. Our half backs were Brian O'Sullivan and Daniel Fleming. Our midfielders were Jack O'Sullivan our captain and TJ O' Sullivan. On the half forward line we had David O'Brien McSweeney and Cillian O' Connor. Our full forwards were Bryn Flaherty and Sarah Cooper. The subs were Daniel Murphy, Ali O' Donoghue, Paul O' Donoghue and Clodagh Lucey.

In the East Kerry blitz, for our first game we played Coolick. It was a tight game but we came out with a win. We won by two points. Then we played Loughquittane. We beat them by a few goals. We played those matches in Spa. We played Castlemaine in the county quarter final. Unfortunately we didn't win this game. They beat us by 1 goal and two points. We qualified for the semi final of the shield competition. In this game we performed very well against Barradubh and won the game which put us into the county final. Our final was against Fenit National School. The final was played on the 15th November in Austin Stack Park Tralee under lights. It was a great honour to play on such a wonderful pitch. It was a very tight contest. We hit the woodwork on 5 different occasions. Fenit were the better team on the night and were deserving winners. Jack O' Sullivan gave a speech at the end of the game and thanked Fenit for a great game. It was a great experience and we were all very proud of our team.

By Stephen Walsh, Cormac O' Donoghue, Jack O' Sullivan, Bryn Flaherty



Debate

Chairperson, Adjudicators, parents and friends, we would like to sum up our debating experience. Firstly let us introduce ourselves. Our extraordinary chairperson was Clodagh Lucey, our outstanding first speaker and captain was Ali O' Donoghue. As our second speaker we had the one and only Ellen Mcweeeney and last but not least our marvellous third speaker Jessica Fuller. Our time keepers were the incredible Clodagh Doolan and the wonderful Méabh O'Sullivan D'arcy.

Our first debate was on the 5th of February against Spa Tralee. We were opposing the motion that 'Ireland is the best country in the world to live.' For this debate our 3rd speaker was Méabh. Unfortunately we lost this debate but there were 18 teams and if you do your equations right that would give 9 teams going forward. This is an uneven number. So the highest scoring loser went through to the 2nd round.

We were chosen to go forward. We started working hard again for the next debate on the 7th of March. We decided to change things up and tried out Jessica as our 3rd speaker. This debate was against Knockaderry N.S. and this time we were proposing the motion that 'Children under 14 should not be allowed on social media.' Our whole team put on an amazing performance and fortunately we won! Hallelujah. (Knockaderry got the highest loser and went through as well).

We were delighted to get through to the quarter final which was on the 16th of April against Scoil Eoin Tralee. We were proposing the motion that 'Young People today do not care about the problems of the Developing World.' As we are invincible legends we won, AGAIN! Hallelujah.

We were super excited to be in the county semi-finals which were on the 1st of May. We were against Blennerville and were opposing the motion that 'Zoos should be abolished.' We did our best but, unfortunately we were unsuccessful. We had an amazing experience and lots of fun. In the final Blennerville beat Knockaderry.

In conclusion ladies and gentlemen, we would like to thank: Tralee Education Centre for organising and hosting these debates, the adjudicators, 5th and 6th classes for the practice debates, Mr Looney, Noreen and our parents. We would also like to give a big thank you to our Principal Mrs. O' Sullivan for putting so much time into preparing us for each debate. We rest our case. Thank you.

By Clodagh Lucey, Ellen McSweeney, Ali O' Donoghue, Jessica Fuller, Méabh O' Sullivan Darcy, Clodagh Doolan.

School Debate

In November 2017 we had our class debate in our hall. Every pupil in 6th class took part. The motion was that "Young people today have a hard life". On the proposing team were: Méabh Darcy, Daniel Murphy, Brian O'sullivan, T.J. O'sullivan, Filip Tvrtkovic, Conor O'Shea, Ellen McSweeney and Jack O'sullivan, On the opposing team were: Ali O'Donoghue, Cillian O'Connor, Clodagh Lucey, Paul O'Donoghue, Clodagh Doolan, Cormac O'Donoghue, Jessica Fuller and Stephen Walsh. The adjudicators were Ms McCarthy, Mr Looney and our S.N.A Noreen. It was a very tight contest. There were only 4 points between the teams in the end. The winning team on the day were the Opposing team.

By Filip Tvrtkovic and Conor O'Shea

Tigers

Tigers are fierce but you can't give them a pierce.

They hunt their prey sometimes during the day.

Tigers are scary and also so hairy.

Tigers are big but they don't eat fig.

Tigers.

by Rachel O' Sullivan Darcy 4th class

Gap Trip

On the 31st of May 6th class went to visit the children at St Mary of the Angels School in Beaufort. We left school at 9:30am and arrived at the school at 10:00am. We were welcomed by the principal and staff members and the children sang us some songs. We played games such as egg and spoon race, a sack race, relays and basketball. After that we played the tin whistle for the children. Jack presented our confirmation contributions to the principal and Clodagh Lucey said a few words on behalf of the class. We all enjoyed our time there.

At 12:00am we set off to Kate Kearney's cottage to start our walk through the Gap of Dunloe. It was a beautiful walk with lovely scenery. We took plenty of breaks and enjoyed the view. We stopped at the echo rock and had a lot of fun shouting and listening to the echoes. We stopped off at the Black Valley Church where we prayed for our families and the children we met that day. After a long but amazing walk we reached Lord Brandon's cottage where we had another bite to eat.

Unfortunately it started raining just before we got on the boat but it was still enjoyable. There was a lovely dog on the boat named Charlie. We learned lots of facts about the geography and history of the lakes. We stopped at Innisfallen Island to have a prayer service in the old monastery. Though it was raining it was still enjoyable.

After the prayer service we got back on the boats to go to Ross castle where our parents were waiting. We arrived at around 6:00pm. Our journey had ended. It was an amazing experience that we all enjoyed. It was a pleasure to meet the children of St. Mary of the angels and we have learned to be grateful for our health.

By Ellen Mcsweeney and Clodagh Doolan.



Grandparents' Day

On the 1st of February we celebrated St. Brigid's Day and Grandparents' Day. We had a Prayer Service led by fifth and sixth class and every class participated with some lovely songs and music. We made St. Brigid's Crosses and displayed them in the hall during the prayer service. After the mass our Student Council took the grandparents for a tour of the school. They visited their grandchildren and told some stories. Then they went back to the hall for tea and biscuits. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Ellie Greene, Ella Barrett and Sadhbh Stack.



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County Final



First Holy Communion



Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Junior Entrepreneur Programme

This year 5th and 6th class participated in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. It all began in January when we were brainstorming ideas. We thought of three ideas which were Tick Kits, Bath Bombs with lip scrub and Book Marks. Since we had three ideas, we held a Dragons Den event in our school on Tuesday 30th January to decide which idea would be chosen for the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. Our judges were David Rae, Celtic Steps, our Principal Mary O' Sullivan and Noreen Shanahan our SNA. We would like to thank our judges and in particular, David Rae, who offered excellent advice on setting up a business. We went forward with the idea of the "TICK KIT". Thanks to the Parents' Association and everybody who helped out with our school fundraisers during the year including the Book Fair, cake sales and help with promoting the "Tick Kit" Project.

On 13th March, 2018 our pupils Ali O' Donoghue, Amy Healy and Daniel Murphy went to the Muckross Community Alert Meeting about Lyme disease. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our project and we sold a number of Tick Kits. The meeting gave us lots of information about Lyme disease and it was an enjoyable experience.

Our Junior Entrepreneur Programme Showcasing Event took place on Friday March 23rd at 11.00am. We presented our project in our class room to a large audience. The storytelling team presented a very interesting PowerPoint about our project. Once their presentation was over, our sales team were busy taking orders from people who kindly bought Tick Kits and supported our project.

We wanted to advertise our product and all agreed that we should contact local newspapers about including an article about our Tick Kit. We were overwhelmed by the support and interest our project received. We were delighted to see articles in the Killarney Advertiser, Killarney Outlook, Kerry's Eye and The Kerryman. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Ali invited Deirdre from Radio Kerry to come and interview us about our Tick Kit. This took place on 17th April and was great fun. You can listen to our podcast if you would like on the following link - <http://www.radiokerry.ie/lyme-disease/>.

Following Deirdre's interview, we have received a number of enquiries. These included Transition Year students from the Presentation School in Tralee who visited our school on the 9th of May to learn about our project. They were impressed with our presentation and the Tick Kit.

On Sunday 20th May we had a stall at St. Brendan's College Fayre Day. We had great fun selling our Tick Kits and speaking about our project to the wider community of Killarney.

Bishop Ray and Sean Coffey, Principal of St. Brendan's College, supported the project and agreed to be in a photo with the Tick Kit team.

We are also hoping to have a visit from Michael Healy-Rae, T.D. in the coming weeks.

Ali, Amy and Daniel are attending the Junior Entrepreneur Showcase Day which takes place on Monday 18th June in the R.D.S and we have been invited to present our project

at this event. This will be a special day for us all and we are looking forward to seeing all the other project ideas and meeting some celebrities also.

Finally we would like to thank especially our teacher Mr Looney for his patience, encouragement and support. We would also like to thank our principal, Mary O'Sullivan, our SNA Noreen Shanahan and school secretary, Margaret O'Sullivan, who have been hugely involved with the success of the Tick Kit project. We hope that the Tick Kit will be a successful fundraiser for Scoil Bhríde in the future and that we have raised awareness about ticks and Lyme disease in our community and beyond.

Written by Ali O'Donoghue, Amy Healy and Daniel Murphy

Congratulations to Fr. Kieran O'Brien, Chairperson of the Board of Management

We congratulate our dear friend Fr. Kieran O'Brien on 25 years of priesthood. We thank him for his dedication to our school and his kindness and consideration to staff, pupils and parents always. Go mBeannaí Dé Ort Ciarán. We pray for health and happiness for you for the future.



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Quiz Time!



- 1 What is the largest freshwater fish in the world?
A) Red Bellied Piranha C) Arapaima
B) Saltwater Crocodile D) Wels Catfish
- 2 What is the capital of Qatar? Doc's dog's name?
A) Damascus C) Seoul
B) Doha D) Lima
- 3 What is the Michael Morpurgo book out of these?
A) *Twist of Gold* C) *Twist of Bronze*
B) *Twist of Silver* D) *Twist of Emotion*

- 1 What number is Messi?
a) 9
b) 10
c) 11
- 2 What number is Ronaldo?
a) 11
b) 7
c) 10

by Micheál Carey Brickley 4th Class

- 4 Which horror film out of these was originally a Stephen King book?
A) *Alien* C) 4
B) *The Exorcist* D) *Halloween*
- 5 Which Demon did the Fellowship encounter on the bridge of Khazad-Dum in 'The Lord of the Rings'?
A) *Balrog* C) *Sauron*
B) *Valurde* D) *Uruk - Hai*

- 1. Why could the pirate not play cards?
Because he was sitting on the deck!
- 2. What did one plate say to another plate?
Dinner is one me!

by Eoghan McSweeney 4th class

By Craig Leggate and Luke Courtney, 5th class

1 - D, 2 - B, 3 - A, 4 - C, 5 - A



- 1. Why couldn't the bear eat a sandwich?
Because he was stuffed!
- 2. What do you call a sleeping bull?
A bulldozer!

by Shane Doolan 4th Class

- 1. What's a chips favourite day?
Fri-day
- 2. Why did nobody play football with the pig?
Because he was hogging the ball
- 3. What did the toilet say to the other toilet?
You look flushed!!
- 4. What type of crisps can fly?
Plane!

Jokes by Nick Clarke, 4th Class





When I grow up
I would like to be a
traveller. Travellers
Travel around the world.
I would see cool places.

Marsin



When I grow up I would
like to be a vet. I like
animals and I want to
help them. I like to watch
programmes about animals
and that's why I want to
be a vet.

NOELIA



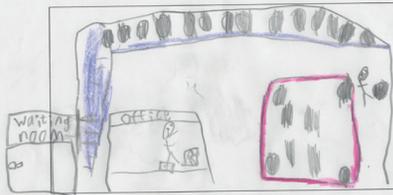
When I grow up I would
like to be a taxi driver.
I would like to collect people
and drop people off.

Ethan



When I grow up I would
like to be a traveller. Travellers
Travel around the world.
They explore different countries.
They go with their friends or
their family.

Colm



When I grow up I would
like to be a mechanic.
I would like to fix tyres
and reverse out cars and
do all of that stuff in
the shed. I would bring
out old tyres. I like cars
and the smell of diesel
and petrol.

DARRAGH



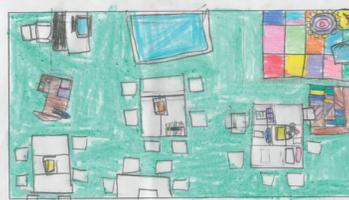
When I grow up I would
like to be an archaeologist.
I would like to be an
archaeologist because history
is my favourite subject because
the stuff is really old. I think
old stuff is amazing.

Rebecca

MIREN



When I grow up I want to be a teacher
I want to teach second class in an all girls
school. I would like to be a teacher because
I would teach to them teach them maths
(in a fun way) and teach them how to read
and write. At break I would do an egg hunt
and on St. Patrick's day I would do fun art.
On Christmas I would do an egg hunt
maybe even have a stall in school. I would bring
in a small Christmas tree everyone would get
a decoration and put it on the tree. And that's
why I want to be a teacher.



When I grow up I would like
to be a teacher because you can
do art with the class and PE,
Irish and English. You can do
science and you can also read books
to the class and help them learn.
You can do fun activities too.

LINDA



When I grow up I
would like to work in a
furniture shop. I like
putting things in place.
I would like telling people
what type of leather it is
and where I think it should go.

Ruby



When I grow up
I would like to be
an archaeologist
to find more about
things. I would like to
travel around the world
to discover different things.
Leah



When I grow up I would
like to be a dancer
because I can express my
emotions and explore different
dances such as Irish dancing,
hip hop and many more.
Olivia

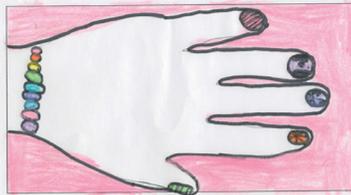


When I grow up I would
like to be a solicitor.
I would like to help people.
I would like to work in an
office. I like to work
with a judge.
LAUREN

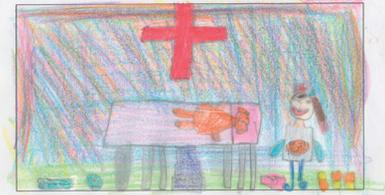


When I grow up I would like to be
a teacher. I would love to read stories
and play with all the other children.
I would also do art with them and
I would also teach them a lot of things.

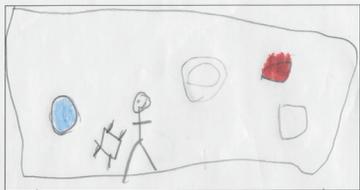
IVY



When I grow up I
would like to be a
nail polish girl. I would
like to put diamonds on
people's nails and put glitter on their nails.
Liam



When I grow up I
would like to be a
vet. I would save animals
and make sure they are
ok to go back to their
family or the wild and make
sure they are not hurt.
CAITLIN



When I grow up I would
like to be a blacksmith
and want to make
horse shoes. My Grandpa
was a blacksmith and he
made horse shoes.

Cathal



When I grow up I
would like to be a
youtuber because I
could play lots of
games.

LUCAS



When I grow up I
want to be a traveller
so I can travel with
my friends and family everywhere
and buy an apartment in a
hotel and fly on an aeroplane.
Matthew



Ava

when I grow up
I would like to be a
dentist because I like
taking peoples teeth
out. It would
be fun being a dentist.



My Name is Lucht.
I am 6 years old.
I like shopping.



My name is
millie.
I am 6 years old.
I like playing
on my leaf
i pad!



My Name is Sarah.
I am 6 years old.
I like picking
flowers.



My name is Ruadhán.
I am 6 years old.
I like football.



My name is cillian.
I am 7 years old.
I like football.



My Name is Marie Claire.
I am 7. I like sharing.



My Name is Patrick.
I am 7 years old.
I like football.



My name is Elio.
I am 5 years
old.
I like husky
dogs



Halloween Dress Up



Internet Safety Talk



May Prayer Service

Karate Classes

Every Monday and Wednesday from 6pm to 7:15pm there are karate classes in the school hall. These karate classes are for adults and children. Each class costs seven euro. Adults and children learn self – defence and discipline.

On the 2nd of May 2018 there was a karate demonstration for 1st class to 6th class in the school. The children at the school really enjoyed it. We learned about how to defend ourselves and learned about pressure points on the arm and also learned about different types of karate moves. We got to watch professional black belts do karate moves. At the end of each class, the children got to play karate games.

Written by Leah Clarke & Lucy Keane.



Muckross Christmas Community Variety Show

The Muckross Community Variety Show was a great success and we are very proud of the pupils from Mr.Looney's 5th and 6th class who performed on the night. It was a wonderful celebration of music, song and dance. The show was for a great cause. It was organised to raise funds to purchase four defibrillators, which will be located at the following locations within our community – one each at Loughquittane and Loreto national schools, one at Muckross Church and one at the Community Centre. These defibrillators will be available to all people living in the area.

TJ O'Sullivan, Cillian O'Connor, Brian O'Sullivan



Magic Christmas Parade

On Saturday the 25th of November our school participated in the Killarney Christmas Parade with all the other schools in Killarney. This year we had a huge turnout of about 25. Our float this year was Toy Story. We all love this float because we are free to dress up as any toy we like. This year we had ten children in Christmas jumpers, four cowboys, three adventurers, two Christmas trees, one homemade Little Bo Peep costume. Five of our younger siblings came with us too. It was cold but luckily it did not rain. We finished the parade at the Bank of Ireland and all went home. I think that night everyone had the fire on.

BY Amy Healy



Muckross House

On February 28th 5th and 6th class went to Muckross Park for a guided tour of the house. We got a detailed recount of the history of Muckross house. They told us of the wealth power and splendour of the previous owners. However we must not forget the ordinary people that worked there and maintained the beauty of Muckross House.

By Nicole Murphy, Elizabeth Fleming

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SCHOOL TOUR

The 5th and 6th class left school at approximately 8:30am. We were all excited going to the Eclipse Centre in Kenmare. We arrived at 9:30am. We got off the bus and received a warm welcome from Athos, Jerry and Sonny our instructors who showed us where the dressing rooms were and where we would be enjoying our lunches.

We grabbed a snack and set off on our orienteering hunt girls vs boys. Each team held a compass and set off to find their riddles. When we were finished we all met up back at the barn. After that we started team building exercises. We were split up into three groups one boys group, one girls group and one mixed group. Each group had a different name.

All of the teams travelled around a field doing a few different exercises such as lifting each other over a wall and helping each other down again, swinging over a pond on a rope hoping we wouldn't fall in, hanging on monkey bars for as long as we could, rolling a ball around a maze that had holes in different places, pulling a teammate up a hill and around a cone in a tyre, and much more fun activities.

Next we did the sticky bog run. It was a tough course. Most people got stuck and others ran through it. We had to go through tunnels and climb over logs too. The 5th and 6th class teacher Mr Looney joined us as well. It was very tiring but it wasn't over yet.

The sharks and fish game was next. The sharks were on the raft and the fish were spread out in the kayaks. Athos kicked a ball out into the lake and then it was fishes against sharks. They all battled to get the ball back to Athos safely. The sharks were able to jump off their raft and on top of the kayaks and capsize them. Don't worry we all had our life jackets and helmets on. After we put away the kayaks we hurried to the other side of the lake to the pier and we all jumped off. Some people left to shower. Others stayed longer, perfecting their jumps.

We all had lots of fun. We were very tired on the way home and we are hoping to go back to the Eclipse Centre again.

By Sarah Cooper, Saoirse O' Sullivan and Ciara Sheahan



TORC MOUNTAIN

On the third of October 4th, 5th and 6th class climbed Torc mountain. We all met at Torc car park at 9:15am. The teachers put everyone into pairs. The teachers who came with us were Mr. Looney, Mrs. O' Sullivan and Ms. Collins. We were very lucky with the weather on the day. We stopped half way to have a small snack. When we arrived at the top we had our lunch and enjoyed the view. We all made it back down the mountain safely where our parents collected us.

By Sorcha Beazley and Beth Lucey



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Adieu to our Principal

It is with sincere congratulations and best wishes that we bid a fond adieu to Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan who is retiring after serving 22 years as the Principal of Scoil Bhríde, Loreto. When the Loreto nuns left in 1996 Mrs. O'Sullivan eased the transition of the school to a lay school while continuing the Loreto ethos and traditions. She oversaw

many developments in the school. Mrs. O'Sullivan organised the decanting of the school to rented premises for a year, culminating in the renovation and extension of the school in 2008, creating a new sports hall, a computer room, modern classrooms, a staff room and a library. The school website was launched in 2013 and an "Almost All Weather Pitch" and Running Track were added in 2014.

Mrs. O'Sullivan who is a native of Kilkenny, began her teaching career in the Presentation Convent in Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny and spent her final year there as the school Principal. In 1996 Mrs. O'Sullivan was appointed as the Principal of Scoil Bhríde, Loreto and has spent the last 22 years as a teaching Principal here.

The wellbeing of everyone in the school was always her primary focus and concern. Mrs. O'Sullivan is a team player who believed in partnership and shared leadership. This empowered staff and parents to work together for the children in a positive environment. Her aim was, not just that the children would reach their potential academically, but more importantly, that they would learn to be kind, responsible, tolerant young people who could think independently and cope with life. She wanted everyone who entered the school to feel they belonged, were valued and made a difference.

Mrs. O'Sullivan recognised the importance of constantly encouraging students to become involved in a wide range of diverse activities helping each student to realise his/her potential. From the beginning she started the tradition of debating in the school with every child taking part. This developed critical thinking in the students and the ability and confidence to speak to an audience. When debating became a competition at primary level in recent years, she guided school teams to many successes.

Mrs. O'Sullivan recognised the importance of children being involved in team sports and athletics. She coached the school teams through many encounters and memorable victories and taught the children to be gracious in both victory and defeat. Her aim was that every child would represent the school and proudly wear the school jersey. She also encouraged the students' creativity through the production of school plays, musicals and dramas. She is very proud of the annual school magazine, which she established in 1996. It continues today to record the day to day history of the school, with every child contributing to it. A lover of the Irish language, Mrs. O'Sullivan also promoted traditional Irish music, dancing and culture in the school.

Mrs. O'Sullivan promoted the ideals of the founder of the Loreto order Mary Ward, 'Empowering young people to build a better future for others'. She encouraged the children to raise funds, through the yearly Easter raffle, for our twin Loreto schools in Jicamarca, Peru and Rumbek, Sudan. She also encouraged the students to interact positively in their community and instilled in them the importance of giving back to others, e.g. the visits to entertain in the local hospitals at Christmas.

Mrs. O'Sullivan shared with the children her appreciation of local history and the flora and fauna in the beautiful environment that surrounds us. She enjoyed taking pupils on nature and history trails locally. They could be found climbing Torc or Mangerton, exploring Killeghy Graveyard or Muckross Abbey, and visiting Ross Castle or Muckross House.

Mrs. O'Sullivan taught 5th and 6th class for twenty years preparing the pupils for Confirmation. One of the most memorable outings for those pupils takes place prior

to their departure from the school. Past pupils have particularly happy memories of the annual 6th class visit to St. Francis' Special School in Beaufort and The Gap Trip, and the "Going Forth" Prayer Service on Innisfallen Island. Past pupils are always welcomed back to the school with open arms. There is always some photograph or memorabilia to show them to mark their passing through the school. They are not forgotten. Some of her parting words to every 6th class pupils were, 'Be kind', 'Have a mind of your own and a strong back bone', and 'Have the good word and if you can't have the good word, have no word at all'!!

Mrs. O'Sullivan is not only an amazing teacher but also a loyal colleague and friend. She earned the trust of all who came into contact with her and was willing and eager to involve staff, parents and children in making decisions and plans for the school. The formation of the Students' Council ensured that the voices of pupils were heard. Her kind, caring approach and her understanding of the needs of each child will be remembered fondly.

Mrs. O'Sullivan, You worked hard, were dedicated to your task, sincere to the core and able to remain calm under pressure. It was a pleasure to work alongside you over the years. We are sad to say goodbye, but we will treasure the many good times, the laughs and all the happy memories.

On behalf of all the staff, pupils and parents of Scoil Bhríde, Loreto, we wish you every happiness in the future and a long and healthy retirement. We appreciate your guidance, support and friendship and will greatly miss your sense of humour, knowledge, experience and your enthusiasm for the school.

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My name is Sophie.
I am 6 years old.
I like my pug.



My name is Seobhna
I am 5. I like
swimming.



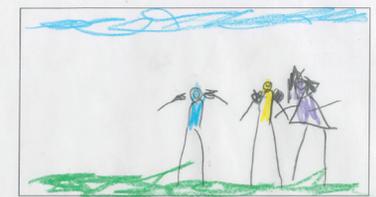
My name is Emma.
I am 5 years old.
I like my dog.



My name is Mairead.
I am 6 years old.
I like
playing pass the
ball.



My name is Elodie.
I am 6 years old.
I like playing.



My name is Luke.
I am 5 years old.
I like football.



My name is Lynn.
I am 6 years old.
I like picking flowers.



My name is Richard.
I am 7 years old.
I like playing football.



My name is
Dhateilla.
I am 6 years old.
I like dogs.



My name is Emily.
I am 5 Years old.
I Like Ballet.



my name is Evie.
I am 5 years old.
I like playing
outside.



My name is Lucas.
I am 5 years
old.
I like playing
football.



My name is Fiona.
I am 6 years old.
I like playing football

Topic: the EGYPTIANS



- 1 the topic I enjoyed most in history this year was the EGYPTIANS.
- 1 I learned that The EGYPTIANS lived close to the river Nile because it was fertile.
- 2 Cleopatra killed herself with a snake.
- 2 Cleopatra killed her MURDERER Father, and Sister and brother.
- 3 Some EGYPTIANS liked to compete in chariot races when a Pharaoh died over 300 slaves died to accompany him to afterlife

By Eabhal Ó Súilleabháin

Topic: The Egyptians



The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was the Egyptians

- The Egyptians lived 5000 years ago
- They held a kind of cat to protect themselves from the snakes (Pharo)
- They used the enemies as slaves
- They lived near by the river Nile because the desert is poor of water
- The pyramids of Giza are the highest in the world.

By Luis Vela

Topic: The Egyptians



The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was the Egyptians I loved that the Egyptians lived near to the River Nile because the land was fertile (good for farming)

- A Pharaoh was an Egyptian King & never let their hair show as they wore a headdress called a Nemes
- Pharaohs were meant to be men but some Pharaohs were women so they had to wear a false beard & even skirts
- The Egyptians were using pictures called Hieroglyphics
- Rich Egyptians ate duck, roasts, goose, stews, fish, grapes. A type of antelope called a gazelle was served in milk & the poor Egyptian ate bread, onion & salted fish.
- The Egyptians played a game called Senet.

By Emma Dowling

Topic: Tom Crean



The topic I enjoyed in history this year was Tom Crean

I learned that

- The first time sold on the ocean was in 1901
- Cape Evans is the name of the base
- camp,
- Tom saved Edgan Evans life
- Tom was awarded the silver medal of life saving.

By Paddy

Topic: Tom Crean



The topic I enjoyed most this year in History was Tom Crean. I loved that...

- In 1901(02) Tom joined the crew of the Discovery.
- Tom Crean had to lie about his age in order to join the navy
- Tom Crean was known as the "Ice Goat" as he was quite a tall man
- Shackleton said that while they were sailing on the James Caird Tom always sang when he was steering and nobody discovered what he was singing but some how it was cheerful.

By Sonia Uchitel

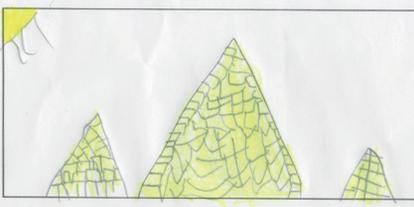
Topic: The Wooden Horse of Troy



I learned all about Ancient Greece King Menelaus and his city of Sparta. There was a long war fought between the Greeks and the Trojans. The Trojans were tricked by the Greeks they gave them a present of a wooden horse but there were soldiers inside it!

By Kenneth O'M

Topic: The Egyptians



The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was The Egyptians. I learned that...
 • It took them 20 years to build a pyramid.
 • Cleopatra killed herself by getting a snake bite.
 • Herma had a husband both Roman leaders.
 • King Tut had a bump on his head.
 • The Egyptian nose is gone.

By Sam Ryan

Topic: Christopher Columbus

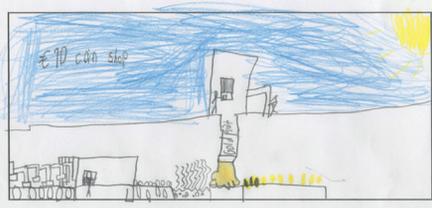


The topic I enjoyed most in History was Christopher Columbus. I learned that...

- the three names of his ships which were NINA, PINTA and SANTA MARINA
- He got the money from the king and queen of Spain to build the ships
- Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa in Italy in 1451 AD
- Everyone thought the world was flat but Columbus proved them wrong
- They were stuck on sea for a month and they all wanted to head back and know CHRISTOPHER COLOMBUS OVER BOARD.

By David O'Donoghue

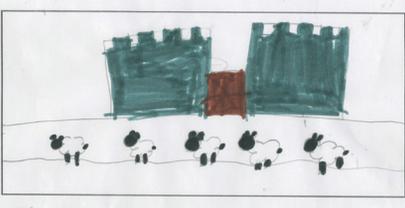
Topic: Saint Brendan



The topic I enjoyed most this year was the story of St. Brendan. St. Brendan found America. St. Brendan was a great navigator. When St. Brendan got up he became a priest. St. Brendan thought a whale was land so they were blown back and made a €10 coin celebrating St. Brendan.

By Brian McCarthy

Topic: Life in Norman Ireland

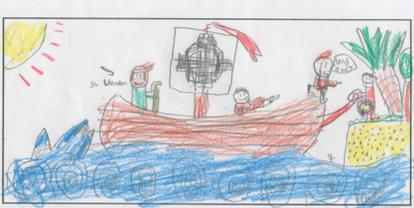


The topic I enjoyed the most in history this year was the life in Norman Ireland.

- 1171 AD monks to build Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin is begun
- 1169 the Normans arrived in Ireland
- 1066 AD William the conqueror invaded England
- 1202 AD Arabic Numerals are introduced Europe
- Gothic building style begins in Europe e.g. Notre Dame Cathedral France.

By Roisin Beazley

Topic: St. Brendan



The topic I enjoyed most in History this year was St. Brendan.

- St. Brendan was born in Kerry in 484 AD
- St. Brendan became a priest in 512 AD
- In 2017 St. Brendan and his ship was on a 10p coin.
- There was a college named after him in Killarney.
- There is a statue of St. Brendan on Fenit pier near Tralee.

By CONN

Topic: The Stone Age



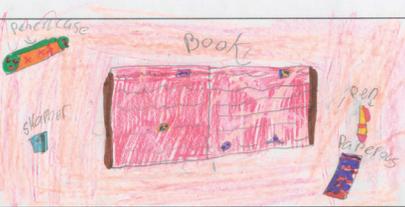
The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was the Stone Age.

I learned that.....

- The Stone Age came to Ireland at around 8000 BC.
- It could be chilly in Stone Age times, so people rubbed animal fat onto their skin to keep out the cold.
- When they wanted to cook something the Stone Age people dug a pit in the ground. They lined the pit with waterproof animal skins and they filled the pit with water. (Fulacht Finn)
- The Stone Age built Newgrange for Neolithic.
- On December 21st the sun shines through the passage at Newgrange.

By Laura Healy

Topic: School & Education?



The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was school & education. I learned that.....

- Before the first school was built we had to learn from these parents.
- A scroll was a roll of papyrus, which was used like a piece of paper.
- During the middle ages, poor children were only educated at home or in a field.
- The children of 100 years ago learned many of the same subjects that you learn today.
- ONLY BOYS were educated in the sixth century.

By Meadh

Topic: Tom Crean



The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was Tom Crean.

- He was born in 1877.
- He lived on a farm when he was small.
- At that time children left school when they were 12.
- When he was 15, he met an officer from a British Navy.
- You had to join the Navy when you were 16, so he lied about his age.
- The first ship he sailed on was the Discovery.
- On the Discovery, he sailed to Antarctica.

By Leo Keane

Topic: School and education



The topic I enjoyed learning this year was school and education. I learned that...

- Before the first schools were built, children learnt from their parents.
- National schools were first built in Ireland in 1831 AD.
- Sometimes there was 100 children in a classroom.
- In some schools they had to bring a bag and coat, but each day to keep them warm.

By Grace O'Shea

Topic: Tom Crean



The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was Tom Crean.

1. Tom crean was born in 1877 AD.
2. His mom and dad were farmers.
3. He got a job to join Captain Roberts crew.
4. He reached the coast of Antarctica in January 1902.
5. They arrived back in New Zealand in 1904.
6. On December 29th 1911 they were halfway across the plateau.

By Tadhg O'Shea

Topic: Tom Crean



The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was Tom Crean. I learned that...

- He was born in 1877.
- In 1901 Tom Crean joined the crew of the Discovery.
- Tom Crean was known as the "fish God" as he was quite tall.
- Tom had to be about his age in order to join the Navy.
- Shackleton said that while they were sailing on the James Caird, Tom "always sang when he was sleeping, and nobody ever discovered what the song was...but somehow it was cheerful."

By Grace Healy

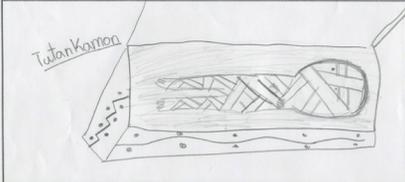
Topic: The Salmon of Knowledge



The topic I enjoyed most this year was the Salmon of Knowledge. I learned that... it is about a fisherman who went to visit an old man called Finnegan. Finnegan was fishing the river home for the salmon of knowledge. When he caught it he put it on a spit over the fire and told Finn not to touch it. Finn saw a spider and burst it and now he was the smartest person in the world.

By Alex

Topic: Egyptians



The topic I most enjoyed this year in history was The Egyptians.

- Tutankhamon was the youngest Pharaoh.
- It took 20 years to build a pyramid.
- Cleopatra killed her family.
- For the Egyptians the cat was a special animal.
- Flour contained hard labor in Ancient Egypt.

By Maddy

Topic: Storr and the fanna



The topic I enjoyed most in history this year was fanna and the fanning. The fanning fanna went to visit a man called Finnegan. He caught the salmon of knowledge. Finnegan told Finn not to eat the salmon. Finn burned his thumb on the salmon. He sucked his thumb. He tasted the salmon of knowledge first.

By Finn O'D

Topic: The Egyptians



The topic I really enjoyed the most in History this year was the Egyptians.

I learned that...

- The Egyptians lived close to the Nile river because the land was fertilized.
- It took 20 years to build the pyramids.
- Cleopatra had 2 roman husbands "Julius Caesar" and Mark Anthony.
- Cleopatra died of a snakebite.

By David

Topic: Egyptians



I enjoyed most in history this year was the Egyptians. I learned...

- It took 20 years to build a pyramid.
- The Egyptians lived near the Nile because the land was fertile.
- Most of the Egyptians' cloth were made of linen.
- The children enjoy swimming, dancing and music.
- When a pharaoh died his body was mummified.

By Jessica Leggate

Topic: Egyptians



The topic I enjoyed most in History this year was The Egyptians...

- BES was the dwarf god of happiness and protection of the family. The night Howard Carter died in Cairo the city lights faded and plunged the people into darkness.
- At the same time, Khepri, his dog, let out a howl and died. When King Henry XIV of France died in 1715 his heart was mummified as the King had instructed.
- Mark Antony heard that Cleopatra had killed herself. He was so upset he got on his sword and tried to kill himself. He failed. Then he heard Cleopatra hadn't tried to kill herself! She was alive! He had himself carried to her... Then he died because of his wound. Cleopatra was so upset she really did kill herself.

By Lavinia, Maddie & Laura



Seachtain na Gaeilge



Snow Day



Spring Cleaning

Animals

The Viper strikes his teeth into the Mouse's throat.
The Tiger hunts with his magnificent fur coat.
The Seals watch by the icy bay
While the Killer Whales don't come to hunt for the day
Hunting in the depths where it is very very dark,
A big hunting killer, a big Great White Shark!
A Tiger Shark eats scraps, a Great White eats fish,
Sharks of the ocean just never finish their dish!
Fish of the ocean are really spectacular,
Just say that to a Deep-Sea Angler!
Now moving on land we got quite a show,
With Lions and Tigers and even Flamingo's.
Starting with Bears, Polar and Grizzly,
Moving to the Apes, Gorilla and Chimpanzee.
Then the smallest, a Giant Anteaters prey,
But in the Bug's world, there is a different display.
The Assassin Caterpillar, with venom that's deadly
And the Tarantula, with legs so hairy.
The Praying Mantis gets ready to pounce
As the Grasshopper gets ready to bounce.

Now with the birds you may like to see,
From the tiny Robin to the huge Cassawary.
The Ostrich runs at a very high pace,
But the Peregrine falcon is much faster with its chase.
Now back on land, where the Grey Wolves hunt.
With Wild Boars and sometimes with a baby runt.
The Cape Buffalo and Bison, two horned beasts,
And the Giant Panda, with its bamboo feast.
The Hippopotamus, stomping on water and land
As the Rattlesnake slithers away into the sand.
Then of course , the Honey Badger, with its huge jaws
And the Sloth Bear, with its amazing claws.
The Manta Ray with its monumental size.
And the Stingray, with its stinging rise.
The Atlantic Sailfish, with its sword-like beak,
And the Elephant, with its thundering streak.

All the animals I have just named....
Is only a little the Animal world has claimed.
By Luke Courtney, 5th class



What did the dog wear when he was hot? Nothing! He's a hot dog!

- Dara O' Sullivan 4th Class

Differences between school in Australia & Ireland

In Australia, my school was much bigger, it was four stories high and there were 1,000 pupils in the school with 80 pupils in 5th class alone. In Loreto, we have two massive football fields whereas in Australia we had one basketball court for 2nd to 5th Class. There was also an astro turf for Junior Infants to 1st Class. In school we learned a lot about Australian History and we had couches in our classrooms instead of tables and chairs. As it is so hot in Australia, we had lots of water fountains in our school. Here are just some of the differences between school life in Australia and Ireland.

By David O' Brien Mac Sweeney, 5th Class

Rugby

On March 20th ,the 4th,5th and 6th class girls took part in a rugby tournament in Killarney National Park with all the other schools in Killarney. Mrs O' Sullivan and Ms. McCarthy accompanied us. We had all been learning Rugby skills with Dan in school for 4 weeks. That day, we played games and learned some more rugby skills with Dan and other rugby coaches. It was a great day out.

by Norah McGlynn

School soccer

In March, 5th and 6th class boys took part in the FAI soccer competition in Killarney Celtic. Mr. Looney and Noreen accompanied us. We all got to play and some of the games were very close. Once we had all finished, we took a team photo, changed into our school clothes and went back to school. It was a fun day out!

By Daniel Fleming/ David O' Brien Mac Sweeney 5th Class

Loreto Poem

Loreto is the best,
It's better than the rest,
So come to this school,
But remember to stick to the rules!
We get lots of work done,
And still have lots of fun,
So come to Loreto,
It's better than a cornetto!
by Grace Browne Murphy 4th Class

School Poem

September is the best,
With no more time to rest,
We stand in line,
At ten past nine,
But only if the weather is fine!
New school bags and new school books,
Add to our happy looks!
By Jenny Lucey, 4th Class

Píosa Gaeilge

Uxue is ainm dom
Táim aon bhliain déag d'aois,
Tháinig mé go hÉireann an samhradh seo chaite.
Táim i mo chónaí i gCill Áirne anois.
Is maith liom a bheith ag súgradh, ag léamh agus ag imirt
cispheile.

le Uxue Etxeberria, 4th Class

FRIENDS

Friends are the best there can be,
They are like a big family,
How many you may have
1, 2 or 3,
They are all so special to you and me,
Where ever you may go together,
Whatever you do for each other,
Everyone knows and loves,
Friends!

By Rachel Fuller, 4th Class

Thoughtful
Educational
Amarzing
Caring
Helpful
Exciting
Really
Smart

By: Ellen O'Grady 4th Class

Relaxing
Exciting
Amarzing
Dreams come true
Inspirng
Not boring
Great

by Keela O' Connor, 4th class

Thoughtful
Education
Always kind
Cool
Helpful
Excellent at teaching
Really nice
Super

By Molly Reidy, 4th Class

Using Technology in 4th and 5th

We use technology to research information and play games like Reading eggs. Reading eggs is an educational game online where one can play activities and read books to earn golden eggs.

We also use a child friendly search engine called 'Kiddle' when we want to research interesting topics in History and Geography. We also use iPads in class to play fun, interactive online quizzes on an app called 'Kahoot'.

This year we started using 'Seesaw'. This is an app where the teacher sends photos and videos to our parents so they can catch up on what happens during school.

By: Zhuoyi Chen

Loreto Poem

Scoil Bhríde Loreto is a little school,
Where you learn so much which is really cool.
Teachers are kind, breaks are fun,
And when it's not break, we get our work done.
English, Irish, Maths and History,
We're even reading a new story!
by Uxue Etxeberria, 4th Class



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Mrs O' Sullivan with all the children from Loreto



Luis makes his First Holy Communion with his friends



Loreto pupils that came fourth at the interschool competition at the Cork summer show

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Girls Football Team, missing from photo is Clodagh Doolan



Girls Soccer



Parents Association Bake Sale



Environmental awareness workshop 5th 6th class



St. Vincent de Paul hampers



Torc



Student Council



Working Hard



St. Brigid's Day

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History Trail



Tick Kit Presentation to Muckross Community Association



Environment Awareness Workshop
5th & 6th Class



Journey Sticks



Junior & Senior Infants



Loreto Trail



Tim Burkitt taking to the 5th and 6th class children about the deer in the national park



Torc



Rugby



Kicking up our heels in the daisies!



Confirmation Class 2018

Front Row L to R: Jessica Fuller, Clodagh Doolan, Brian O'Sullivan, Bishop Ray Browne, Méabh O'Sullivan Darcy, Ali O'Donoghue and Paul O'Donoghue

2nd Row L to R: Philip Tvrkovic, Corcmac O'Donoghue, Cillian O'Connor, TJ O'Sullivan, Daniel Murphy and Ellen McSweeney

Third Row L to R: Mary O'Sullivan, Stephen Walsh, Conor O'Shea, Jack O'Sullivan, Clodagh Lucey, Noreen Shanahan

Back Row L to R: Father Niall Howard, Father Jim Lenihan, Father Kieran O'Brien



The O'Sullivan Siblings



Feeding the birds



Friends playing football in the sun



Boys Mini Sevens Team



Debating Team



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Keeping fit!



5th & 6th Class School Tour



Soccer Stars





Jessie O'Connor Uchtyl being awarded 3rd place for poetry - Dan Keane competition at Listowel Writers week