

## Focal Buíochas

Sincere thanks to our teachers, our SNAs, our secretary, our caretaker, the Board of Management, Parents' Association and all who have helped in any way with the running of our school over the past year. Special thanks to the Parents' Association and everybody who organised and contributed to our activities e.g. fundraising, Book Fair, Bingo Night, Cake sale and also helping with Celebrations, Open Day and Graduation Mass.

## ST Brigid and Grandparents' Day

On the first of February we celebrated St Brigid's Day and Grandparents' Day. 5th and 6th class led a prayer service in the hall for the special occasion. The hall was full of parents and grandparents alike and the school was beautifully decorated by the St Brigid crosses made by the students. The Grandparents enjoyed the singing and tin whistle playing by the 5th and 6th classes and the younger children loved seeing their grandparents at school. Overall it was a great day for the students, parents and grandparents and as it was such a special occasion that night we got no homework!

By Meabh O Sullivan Darcy and Ellen McSweeney



## Letter Writing

We learned the correct format of how to right a letter using Microsoft Word. We got to pick who we wanted to write a letter to. Stephen sent his to Paul O'Connell, the former Munster and Ireland rugby player. David wrote to Randy Orton, a WWE American wrestler. Brian wrote to Shane Long, the Southampton & Irish player. Jack wrote to Brian Johnson the lead singer of ACDC. Paul wrote to Paul Pogba, the Man United player. I wrote to Seamus Coleman, the Everton & Irish soccer captain. I was lucky enough to receive a reply letter with photography with his autograph on it. We all hope he makes a quick recovery and gets back playing for club and country as soon as possible!

By TJ O'Sullivan, 5th class

## Powerpoint Presentations

We each researched and created individual PowerPoints on people of interest and pastimes. I created my PowerPoint on the rules of pitch and putt. Stephen created his one on "apes", T.J. on American football and Jack did a PowerPoint about the achievements of cyclist Chris Froome.

By David O'Donoghue, 6th class

## Me and my Girl

On the 22nd of March 2017, the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes went to see 'Me and my Girl' in the INEC. The play was about a man from Lambeth and a family of a higher class that owned 'Hareford House'. (They were a very wealthy family and this showed in their house.) The main characters were Bill (a.k.a William), his girlfriend Sally, the Lords and Ladies of Hareford and their staff. Bill finds out that his dad was a lord and he is to inherit Hareford House. This is a big change for Bill and his girlfriend. The moral of the story was that people of different classes are really all the same. The live orchestra was great and there were lots of funny jokes. The singing, acting and dancing were all brilliant. Overall we enjoyed it very much.

By Clodagh Lucey, Jessica Fuller, Clodagh Doolan, 5th class







*2-2-3 Club*



*Christmas Parade*



*Easter Egg Hunt*



*BINGO!*



*Eclipse Centre Kenmare Class Trip*



## Basketball Competition

The School Basketball Competition was on in the Aura on the 30th of November. We entered four teams in the competition. There were three boys' teams and one girls' team. On the girls' team were Caelyn O'Grady, Niamh O'Donoghue, Sue O'Donoghue, Jessica Fuller and Clodagh Lucey. They came second in the Girls' Cup. They were defeated by the Mercy in the final.

On one of the Boys' teams Conor Gammell, Cillian Courtney, Rian Kelly, David O'Donoghue and Sam Benson made it to the quarter finals but got knocked out by Fossa in the Boys' cup. Our second Boys team was Sam Norton, Jack O' Sullivan, T.J O' Sullivan, Paul O' Donoghue and Cillian O' Connor. This team made it to the semi finals of the shield but got knocked out by Fossa. The other Boys' team was Brian O' Sullivan, Conor O' Shea, Caelan Sheahan, Stephen Walsh and Daniel Murphy. They made it to the final but lost to Fossa. We all had a lot of fun and look forward to next year's tournament.

*By Sam Benson, 6th class*

*Sam Norton, 5th Class*

*Conor O' Shea, 5th Class.*



## Cumann na mBunscoil

### Football County Semi-final

On Wednesday the 26th of October 2016 we were very proud to represent Loreto NS in the football county semi-final against Aghatubrid NS.

The match took place in Laune Rangers pitch in Killorglin. We travelled to the match with our parents, Mr Looney and Mrs O'Sullivan. We were very excited and looking forward to the match. At 1 o'clock we were warmed up and ready to go.

Aghatubrid scored 2 goals and 4 points in the first five minutes. Loreto responded with a well taken point from Cillian Courtney. Aghatubrid continued to be stronger and even though Loreto rallied well, the half time score was Loreto 2 1 Aghatubrid 3 6. At half time we had an encouraging team talk from Mr Looney and Mrs. O'Sullivan.

In the second half we tried hard but we had an up hill battle against a very good team. We were unlucky not to get 3 more goals. The final score was Loreto 2 8 to Aghatubrid 4 11. We were disappointed but our teachers and parents were very proud of our performance against an excellent team who went on to win the County final. Our captain Rian Kelly congratulated Aghatubrid and wished them the best of luck in the final.

*By Daniel Murphy and TJ O'Sullivan, 5th class*



## Debate

On the 18th of January the 6th class girls, Caelyn O'Grady, Sue O'Donoghue, Liadh Beazley, Beatrice Klasauskaite, Sarah Reidy and Niamh O'Donoghue went to Tralee to represent our school in the Debate. The motion was that "the school day should be made shorter". We were opposing the motion. We were debating against Blenerville National School. Our captain was Beatrice. Our second speaker was Liadh and our third speaker was Sarah. Our two time keepers were Sue and Caelyn and our chairperson was Niamh. The adjudicators congratulated us on a very close debate. We would like to thank Mrs. O'Sullivan for all the hard work that she put to prepare the girls for the debate. The girls did a very good job and everyone was really proud of them.

*By Beatrice Klasauskaite*



# Walsh Brothers Shoes

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**Left-Right:** Patrick Mac Sweeny, Cillian Healy, Richard Zhu, Fionn Mc Monagle.



**Left-Right:** Leah Doolan, Rebecca Healy, Caitlín Lucey, Ava Conroy, Ruby Greene.



**Left-right:** Ethan Clarke, Seán Lyne, Colm O' Sullivan, Darragh Lucey, Lucas Colman.



**Left-Right:** Matthew Myles, Martín Vila, Cathal O' Sullivan D'arcy.



**Left –Right:** Sophie Kelliher, Olivia Murphy.



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**Halloween Party 2016 - 5th & 6th Class**



## Girl's 5-Aside Soccer County Finals

On the 3rd of May 2017 the 5th and 6th class girls participated in the Kerry County Finals of the FAI/Spar Primary 5-aside soccer tournament in Mounthawk Park Tralee. We went by bus with the pupils from Knockanes N.S and Fossa N.S. It was a beautiful, sunny hot day. We arrived at the pitch in Mounthawk at about quarter to ten. We were so excited about the day as we were changing into our gear. We had practised a lot in school for this day.

Our first match was at half past ten against Clahane N.S and Liadh Beazley was our captain. Our team layout was Beatrice in goals, Sue and Liadh in the backs, Caelyn midfield and Sarah in the forward. Our subs were Niamh, Ali, Clodagh and Jessica and at half time Niamh came on for Sarah. We had a great game and drew with Clahane with a score of 0-0, so we were still in with a chance of getting to the final. Our next match was against Nohoval N.S at eleven O'Clock. We had the same layout in this match; the only change was that at half time Clodagh



came on for Niamh. It was a tough match for both teams as we both defended well with the final score of 0-0.

Our third match was against Glenderry at 11:45a.m. In this match we had a great game and had a marvellous win, with the winning score of 1-0. Our goal was scored by Niamh O'Donoghue. Winning this game meant that we were through to the final. Our last match (the final) was against Glenderry. We were very nervous and excited for this match. Sadly we didn't pull off a win. We lost 2-0 to this very strong Glenderry side.

Overall we had a very good day and we wish good luck to Glenderry as they go on to the Munster final. It was a great achievement for us to reach the county final and we were very proud to represent our school.  
*By Caelyn O'Grady and Sue O'Donoghue, 6th class*

## Kerry minor visit

On the 29/11/16 we had a visit from the successful all Ireland Kerry minor team. Kerry have now won 3 in a row. We had four past pupils on the team, Billy Courtney, David Naughton, Cian Gammell and David Shaw and we took pictures with the Kerry minor team and the cup. Billy Courtney along with a few others made a great speech. We gave them a very warm welcome. We are very grateful and thankful to them for taking time out of their day to speak to us. They encouraged us to never give up. They gave us no homework. Hopefully Kerry will have many more all Ireland's to come.

*Cillian Courtney, Cillian O'Connor and Conor Gammell, 6th Class*



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*3rd & 4th classes School Tour visit to Black Rock Castle & The Mardyke Centre*



*Advent Prayer Service*



*Christmas Shoebox Appeal*



## School Swimming



This year 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes had 6 swimming lessons at the Gleneagle Aquila Club. 5th and 6th class started their lessons after Christmas and 3rd and 4th class started their lessons after mid-term. The lessons were great fun and we really enjoyed them. Our swimming improved greatly. We would like to thank our instructors, Mark, Gordon and Eoin. We hope the lessons continue next year.

*By Liadh Beazley and Sarah Reidy, 6th Class.*

## Tourism project

We started a tourism project on the eight main tourist attractions in Killarney. We each had our own individual PowerPoint presentation and our own personal favourite eight locations. Such locations included Muckross House, Torc Waterfall, Dinis Cottage and the National Park. We all enjoyed creating and presenting the presentation. We might get a job working for Fáilte Ireland one day.

*By Jack Ryan, 6th class*

## Model of Ross castle

Ross Castle was built in the late 15th century by local ruling clan the O'Donoghues Mór (Ross). Ownership changed hands during the Second Desmond Rebellion of the 1580s to the MacCarthy Mór. He then leased the castle and the lands to Sir Valentine Browne, ancestor of the Earls of Kenmare.

We decided to build a model of Ross Castle. The people who constructed this epic Ross castle model were, Stephen Walsh, David o Donohue, T.J o Sullivan and Jack Ryan Brain. It took us a couple of weeks to build but it turned out great and thanks to Mr. O Sullivan we got it done.

*By Stephen Walsh, 5th Class.*

## Confirmation Class 2017

We congratulate the 6th Class pupils on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. These are the following pupils of the 6th Class, Liadh Beazley, Sarah Reidy, Caelyn O'Grady, Sue O'Donoghue, Beatrice Klasauskaite, Niamh O'Donoghue, Sam Benson, Rian Kelly, Caelan Sheahan, Conor Gamell, Cillian Courtney, David O'Donoghue, Scott O'Meara and Jack Ryan Brain. Firstly the class had their Service of Light on the 21st of February. This was a beautiful ceremony held in our own classroom. Fifth class came to add to the choir. Fr. Kieran led the service and we all sang accompanied by Mr. Looney. Our Confirmation was on the 10th of March. A few children were doing jobs and readings on the day. Sam Benson was doing the First Reading, Rian Kelly was doing a prayer, Sue O'Donoghue and Scott O'Meara were bringing up two candles and Beatrice Klasauskaite was bringing up the gift of Reverence. We had a brilliant day and I'm sure we will be looking forward to a new school year in secondary school.

*By Sue O'Donoghue, 6th class*



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# Quiz Time!



- 1** Portugal are the Euro 2016 winners. They won how many matches in 90 minutes exactly?  
A) 3  
B) 0  
C) 2  
D) 1
- 2** In the movie "Back to the Future" what is Doc's dog's name?  
A) Brainy  
B) Tiny  
C) Einstein  
D) None of these
- 3** What is the capital of Syria?  
A) Damascus  
B) Herrari  
C) Ankara  
D) Tripoli
- 4** How many out of 45 Presidents of U.S.A were assassinated?  
A) 0  
B) 17  
C) 4  
D) None of These
- 5** What is the capital of Peru?  
A) Lima  
B) Kingston  
C) Santo Domingo  
D) San Juan
- 6** What country is famous for tulips?  
A) Holland  
B) Ireland  
C) Zambia  
D) Argentina
- 7** In what year did John Lackland become Lord of Ireland?  
A) 1111  
B) 1176  
C) 0943  
D) 1177
- 8** How many different coloured balls are there in snooker?  
A) 7  
B) 4  
C) 8  
D) 9
- 9** What planet owns the tallest mountain in our galaxy?  
A) Mercury  
B) Mars  
C) Earth  
D) Uranus
- 10** In Roman numerals how do you say 174?  
A) CLXXIV  
B) CLXYZI  
C) XLCXVI  
D) XYZ
- 11** How many Oscar Awards did the 1997 movie "Titanic" win?  
A) 3  
B) 10  
C) 7  
D) 11
- 12** Which Pokémon can transform or shape shift into any other Pokémon?  
A) Darkria  
B) Ditto  
C) Bulbasaur  
D) Diglett
- 13** What was the only football team to win 5 world cups?  
A) Germany  
B) Argentina  
C) Brazil  
D) West Germany
- 14** What age is Romelu Lukaku?  
A) 23  
B) 21  
C) 24  
D) 22
- 15** Which person that had disabilities and was champion of the Olympics apparently shot his girlfriend?  
A) Oscar Patorious  
B) Nikko Tracy  
C) Hugo century  
D) David Alba
- 16** 1980's band "Queen", what song did they create that was voted the best song ever?  
A) Bohemian Rhapsody  
B) Sound of Silence  
C) Killer Queen  
D) Stitches
- 17** What does 'TLC' stand for?  
A) Tiny loser chamber  
B) Turtle loving cannibal  
C) Tom, Luke and Craig  
D) Tender, Loving and care
- 18** Who is the richest man in the world?  
A) Jeff Bozes  
B) Bill Gates  
C) Roberto Baggio  
D) Paul Pogba
- 19** What was the aggregate in the Barca v PSG clash in March 2017?  
A) 8-6  
B) 4-5  
C) 6-5  
D) 3-3
- 20** Which screen company was similar to another company that sponsored 1960's band The Beatles?  
A) Apple  
B) Banana  
C) Microsoft  
D) Warner brothers

ANSWERS: D, C, A, C, A, A, A, D, C, B, A, A, D, C, C, A, A, D, B, C, A, A, D, B, C, A

By Craig Leggate, Luke Courtney and Tom Benson, 4th Class

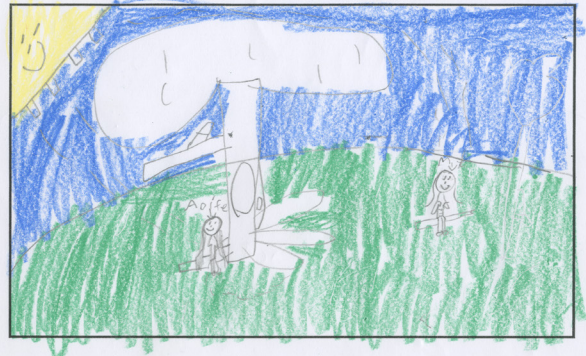


JESSICA



My favourite hobbies are playing with my dog because it gives me something to do. I go to sugars basketball with Rosin. I like training my dog. I like to train her because I teach her new tricks and I taught her how to catch a frisbee in her mouth up in the air.

Meadbh



My favourite hobby is playing with my friends. We play puppies and the swings and the slide and the cafe. It is so much fun.

Róisín



My favourite hobby is basketball. I see Jessica. I go for sugars. I like to make friends we play matches.

Gracia Shea



My favourite hobby is drama. I like it because we do a different play each year. I do it on a Thursday afternoon.



Emma Dowling



My favourite hobby is playing with my baby sister. I like playing with her because she is super cute and I love playing with her. We like to play chase with her.

Samuel/Samuel



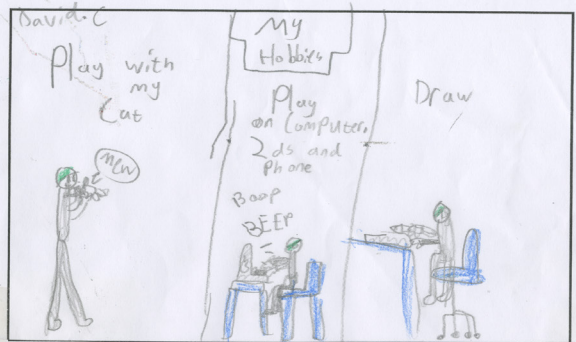
my favourite hobby is. Drawing because I like doing random pictures because it is fun. I like making trading cards so I can trade with my dad.

My favourite hobby



My favourite hobby is riding my bike. I ride my bike with my mom. The longest cycle I did was Dúnis to Muckross. My bike is dark purple. I like it.

David



My favourite hobby is to play with my cat because she is so cute and really. My second favourite hobby is to draw because it is so fun and random. And my 3rd favourite hobby is to play on the computer, 2ds and my dad's phone because they are really fun and there are millions of games.



jesse O'Connor U chyt'il

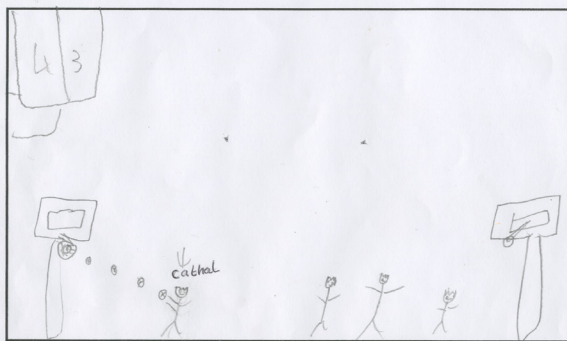


My favourite Hobby  
My favourite hobby is playing my violin.  
I like practising my violin so I can be better at playing the violin.  
I play at Killarney school of music.

Paddy My favourite hobby  
my tablet screen

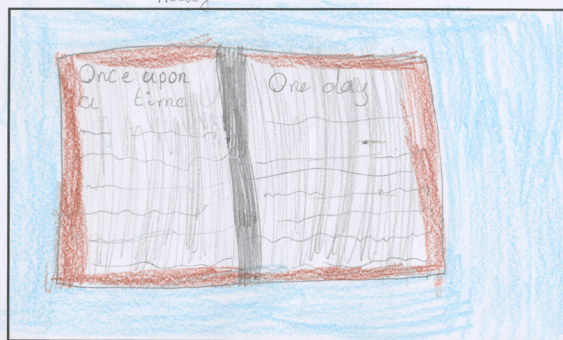


My favourite hobby is playing video games. I like it because I have great fun when my friends join my games such as Minecraft and Roblox. I like Minecraft because I build amazing structures. I like Roblox because there are millions of games.



my favourite hobby is basketball.  
I like it because I like to play on a team.  
I like to play matches against other teams. I like to play with my friends at basketball.

hanna Healy



My favourite hobby is writing stories on the laptop. I love writing stories because I print them out for my family to read them. The next story I write I might give it in to make it a real book. "♡☆"♡☆





*3rd & 4th classes School Tour visit to Black Rock Castle & The Mardyke Centre*



*Communion class 2017 Teachers Mrs O'Meara & Ms Clifford*



*Mary Moynihan retirement*



## The Gap of Dunloe Trip and Visit to St.Mary the Angels School

On the 17th of May 2017 we, the Loreto 6th Class went to visit the Children of Saint Francis Special School at Saint Mary of The Angels in Beaufort. At home we all prepared our lunches and backpacks for our journey. We were welcomed by the Principal Mr Twomey and the senior students of the school. We got to play some fun games with the children and had a great time. We presented the cheque to Mr Twomey and he thanked us on behalf of the whole school and they presented us with lovely t-shirts. Shortly after we played some tunes on our tin whistles and sang some songs. The children of the school really enjoyed our tunes.



After this visit to the school we got a bus to Kate Kearney's Cottage and started our walk from there up through the Gap of Dunloe. It was a beautiful walk and we saw some lovely scenery. On the way up we met a dog called Apache and he was a friendly husky. After a few miles we stopped for a well deserved picnic and then went back to our lovely journey. As we were making our way to Lord Brandon's Cottage we stopped off at the Black Valley Church where we prayed for our families and the children at Saint Francis Special School. After eleven kilometres we reached Lord Brandon's Cottage and had another bite to eat. We met our boatman Donal O'Donoghue down by the water.



We were off on our boat trip through the two rivers and three Lakes of Killarney. Our boatman told us some interesting stories and some nature facts. We travelled about 14 miles on the boat and gave a little stop at Innisfallen Island. We had a lovely going forth Prayer Service. After our stop on Innisfallen we hopped back on the boat and went to Ross Castle where our families were waiting for us. Our long brilliant journey had ended.

It was a great day out and it was a pleasure to meet the children of Saint Mary of the Angels. We learned to be grateful for our health and not to take it for granted. We also appreciated the beautiful environment we live in.

*By Caelyn O'Grady and Sue O'Donoghue, 6th class*

## The Christmas Celebration

On the 16th of December we had our Christmas Celebration Concert. Our hall was full to capacity with parents and grandparents waiting to see the show. Firstly the junior infants, senior infants, first and second class sang 'Go Tell it on the Mountain,' 'Away in a Manger' and 'Must be Santa'. They put on a great show.

Next Mrs Moore's class (assisted by Ms O'Brien) sang 'Silent Night' in English, Irish, Spanish and German. They played it on the tin whistle as well. They then sang 'Take a Risk and Go'. Overall it was a very impressive performance.

After that there was Mr Looney's 5th and 6th Class (accompanied by Jack Ryan on the drums and Mr Looney on the keyboard.) We sang 'Cheerleader' in Irish and 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree' with the Mannequin Challenge in the middle. It was a striking performance.

Finally, Mrs O'Sullivan thanked everybody for coming and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*By Clodagh Doolan, Jessica Fuller and Clodagh Lucey*



## The Mini Sevens Football Competition

The Mini Sevens was on Tuesday the 21st of March. We had 10 players on the panel. The players were Stephen Walsh in goal, Brian O'Sullivan and Sam Benson in the backs, Jack O'Sullivan and Conor Gammell in the middle of the park, Cillian Courtney and Rian Kelly in the forwards and our subs were David O'Donoghue, Cillian O'Connor and Scott O'Meara. In the first game we were playing St.Olivers and we won by 3 points and 3 goals. In the second game we played the Gaelscoil and we won by 3 points. Stephen suffered an injury and had to come off for a few minutes. He was in pain all day but he played on like a legend. Sam had to replace him in goal and Scott had to come on in the backs for Sam. David went on for Brian. We got some rest while St.Olivers and the Gaelscoil played either way we were going to the quarter final. We played Raheen in the quarter final and we won 8 goals and one point to 5 goals and 4 points. After 5 minutes we played Fossa in the semi final. We lost by 1 goal. After that Fossa went on to play Rathmore in the final and Fossa won by 12 points. We were very proud of the whole team and best of all we didn't have to go back to school.

*By Scott O'Meara, Brian O'Sullivan and Jack O'Sullivan*





## BAKE SALE

On Pancake Tuesday, the 28th of February we had a bake sale in our school, Loreto, to raise money for a basketball net for the juniors and board games. So one by one all the classes went in order to buy cakes. The order was Juniors., Seniors, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th then 2nd class. For the whole day we waited and waited and waited until around half past 12 we went to the bake sale. There were cookies, cakes, cupcakes etc. Everything was 50c and I [Ellen O Grady] had 3 euro so I could buy 6 things.

I bought 3 cookies, a bun and a brownie. Then I went down to the classroom and started to try a tiny bit of everything. I swapped a brownie with Rachel D for another cookie. When then I went home we were talking about the bake sale. I gave my Mom one of my cookies and my bun to my Dad. Then we started to make pancakes.

*Written by Ellen O Grady, 3rd class*



## KEEPING UP THE CONNECTION WITH LORETO

We are very proud to be a Loreto school and to keep up the link with the work of the Loreto nuns on their missions. Every year our school has a raffle to raise money to help our twin schools in Jicamarca Peru and in South Sudan. During Lent we bring our old toys and books.

We buy tickets for the raffle. We have a class raffle and a school raffle. Everybody wins something and goes home happy.

This year the winners of the whole school raffle were Jessica O'Conner Uchytel, T.J O'Sullivan, Cillian Courtney, Emma Dowling and Sarah Reidy. We raised £487 and we are delighted to present this to Sister Bridget.

*By Sarah Cooper and Beth Lucey, 4th class*

## Fionn's Jokes

1. How did the bird guess how big his house was?... he nestemated!
2. What is a pig's favourite movie...? STAR BOARS!
3. How did the pig get to the hospital?... the hambulance!
4. What is a pig's favourite villain...? SILVER SWINE!
5. What sickness did the bird get?... the flew

*BY Fionn McCarthy, 3rd Class.*

## Gymnastics

Lisa Kerfoot is coming into our school to teach everybody gymnastics. Each class will have five lessons with Lisa during May and June. This is a great opportunity for us and we are all looking forward to it.

*By Luke and Shane Doolan, 3rd class*

## How we became part of the Student Council and more

Mrs O'Sullivan invited us to write a letter stating why we should represent the school on the Student Council and how we would make the school a better place. Jenny Ellen and I, Molly were over the moon

to hear we were part of the Student Council. We took a big photo of the whole Student Council after it was announced. We had a meeting after we took the photo and we have a meeting every month. We go to Ms O'Reilly's room for all the meetings with Mrs O'Sullivan and Ms O'Reilly. We try to have great ideas for our school. We decided to have a bake sale on Pancake Tuesday to raise money for new basketballs and a basket ball hoop for the Junior side of the school which Ellen will tell you more about later. We continue to do our best to improve our school and make sure everyone is happy. The people on the Student Council this year are Bryan Walsh, Ellen O'Grady, Jenny Lucey & Molly Reidy from 3rd class, from 4th are Amy Healy, Elizabeth Fleming, Bryn Flaherty, Saoirse O'Sullivan, Craig Leggate & Daniel Fleming. From 5th are Ali O'Donoghue, Clodagh Lucey, Clodagh Doolan & Jessica Fuller. Lastly from 6th are David O'Donoghue and Rian Kelly.

*By Molly Reidy, 3rd class*



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## Killarney Area Sports Evening

The Killarney Area Sports Evening will be held in the Community College in May. Everyone is welcome to go and represent our school. Following trials in school our relay teams will do their best on the day. Every good luck to those who will qualify for the county finals.

*By Luke and Shane Doolan 3rd class*

## Our Spanish Classes

We have Spanish classes every Tuesday with Ms. Angela Healey after school. We have learned a lot of Spanish and we enjoy the classes. We learned our numbers in Spanish as well as the days of the week, food, all about houses, and everyday life. Ms. Healy taught us about Spanish traditions like bull fighting. She is very kind and brings us in samples of Spanish food e. g bread, meat, cheese, and even lollipops. We learned Spanish songs also. Since Spanish is one of the most common languages in the world, Spanish will be very useful for us and we are delighted to get a head start in Spanish for primary school.

*By Nicole Murphy, Sadhbh Stack and Leah Clarke, 4th class*

## Our Summer School Tours 2017

School Tours are one of the highlights of our school year. Third and Fourth classes have planned an exciting trip to Cork on the 31st of May. We will spend the morning at Blackrock Castle where we will take part in lots of activities including sending a message to space, making a rocket and visiting the dungeon. The afternoon will be spent at the Mardyke Arena partaking in sporting activities. The other classes have yet to finalise their tours at this point, but fun activities are being planned. Sixth class will also be doing the Gap Trip.

*By Amy healy & ciara sheahan, 4th class*



## PATRICK

We all arrived at school like it was a normal day but today nobody was tired, and today nobody complained. Today everyone was excited because today we were going to a play!

After Irish we saw the bus arrive, it was huge. After a five minute bus drive we arrived at the INEC. There were already lots of schools there. It finally started. It was amazing and the actors were great. It started off as a funeral for an Irish patriot and a man came up and to give a speech. After that the main character, Patrick joined the rebels. In a while Patrick went home from Dublin for his father's and brother's funerals but still returned to fight. I loved this play and the rest of my class loved it too. I learned a lot about 1916.

*By Elizabeth Fleming, 4th class*

## Nick's Jokes

- 1. How do you catch a rabbit?**  
Hide behind a tree and make a noise like a carrot!
  - 2. Why are there no roads in mine craft?**  
They would be blocked!
  - 3. Why are there no humans in dino times?**  
They would all be dino dinner!
  - 4. What is another name Jurassic Park?**  
Jurassic pork!
  - 5. Why is a T.rex called a T.rex?**  
He likes his tea!
  - 6. Why is Star Wars called Star Wars?**  
You fight the stars!
  - 7. Why did nobody play football with the pig?**  
He kept hogging the ball!
  - 8. When do ducks usually wake up?**  
At the quack of dawn!
- By Nick Clarke, Brian Walsh & Micheál Brickley jokes.*

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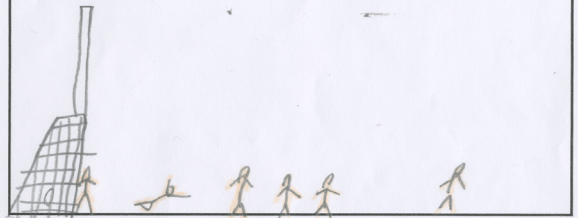


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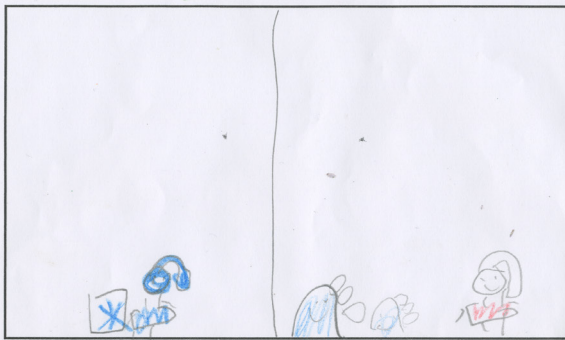
my favourite hobby is  
Playing with my 3DS. I like to  
Play on the 3DS.

Rian



My favourite hobby is soccer  
I play it every day and in  
school. My brother and me  
love it.

my



my favourite hobby is  
art because I like  
painting. I like playing  
with my friends.

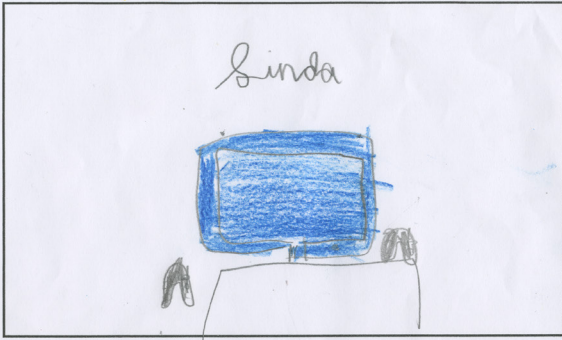
Luis



My favourite  
hobby is dancing  
because it is good  
for the muscles It is  
fun too.



Sinda



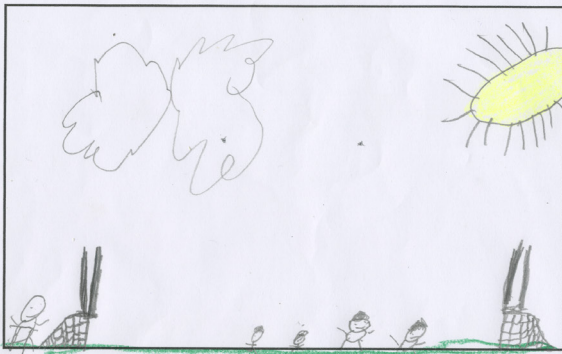
My favourite hobby is playing minecraft every day. I like minecraft because I have a castle and a village in minecraft and it is fun.

Alex



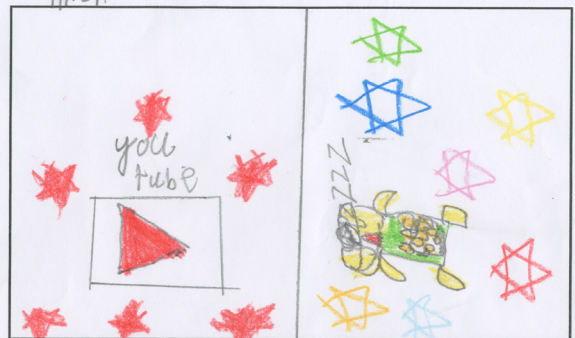
My favourite hobby is soccer. I really like soccer because it is fun and it is good exercise. I go every Friday and I go in the evening and I like it.

Finn



My favourite hobby is football. I go to football on a Saturday morning. I am good at football.

Mien



My favourite hobbies are sleeping and you tube. I like these hobbies because when I sleep I like to dream and when I watch you tube well I just like to listen to it. They are my favourite hobbies.



Greta ♥



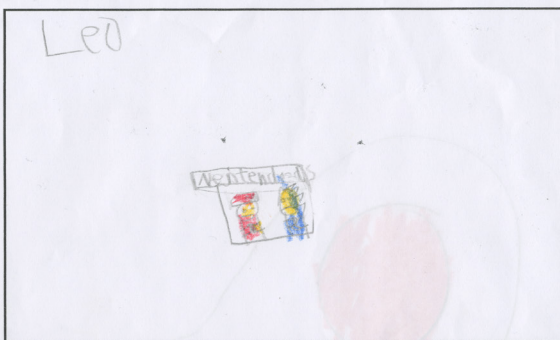
my favourite hobby is playing on my tablet and I play Roblox on it. I play sum nams with my friends. I have fun ♥

Libby



My favourite hobby is playing gymnastics. I like it because it makes me strong.

Leo



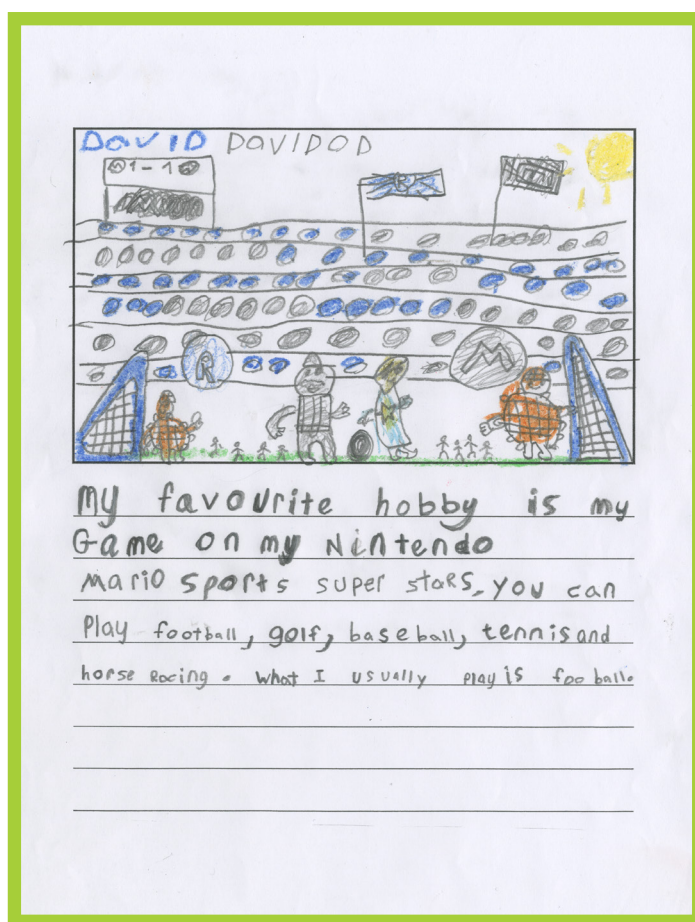
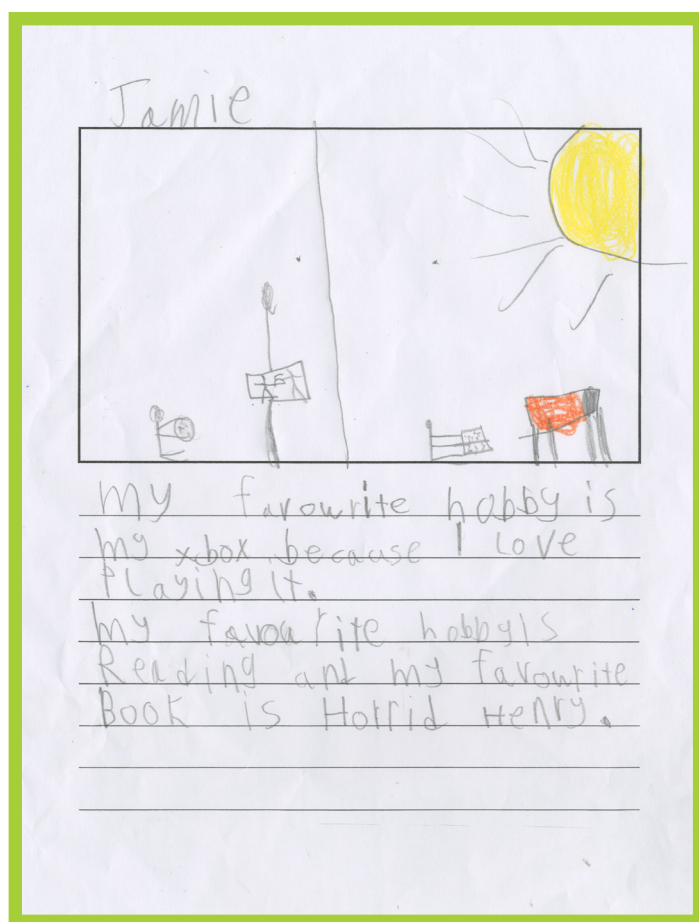
My favourite hobby is my 3ds. I got it with the game Mario and sonic at the Rio Olympics 2016. On it there is swimming, football, beach volleyball, golf, b.m.x., equestrian, table tennis, and more.

Noelia



My favourite hobby is reading because it is fun. my favourite book is a chapter book. it is about a kitten. I like it.





## GOD HAS NO COUNTRY

On the 2nd of February, 2017, 5th and 6th class from Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School, went to the INEC to see 'God has no Country'. The actor, Donal Courtney, is one of Kerry's most talented actors and he performed a one man show about Hugh O'Flaherty.

Although he was born in Kiskeam on February 28th, 1898, where his mother's (Margaret) family were from, in North Cork, Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty grew up in Killarney, where his father (James) was the steward of the old Killarney Golf Club when it was located in Deerpark. Hugh had two brothers (Jim and Neil) and a sister Bridie. He went to 'The Mon' and St. Brendan's College as his two schools. He lived in a family of four and was the eldest. Hugh O'Flaherty loved Killarney. He enjoyed going to Kerry football matches.

Hugh O'Flaherty moved to Rome when he was only a teenager. He went to college there and earned a degree in theology in just one year while studying in Rome. He was ordained in 1925 and continued his studies for a further two years, earning doctorates in divinity, canon law and philosophy.

When World War II was taking place, many people were killed. Others who were innocent got killed too. By the end of the war he had helped over 6,500 Jews and American and British Soldiers escape from the Germans. His activities earned him the nickname "Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican" as he became the master of disguises, evading capture from the Germans when he had to leave the security of the Vatican to go on his rescue missions.

In 1960, O'Flaherty suffered a serious stroke during Mass and was forced to return to Ireland. He moved to Cahersiveen to live with his sister, at whose home he died on 30 October 1963, aged 65. His death was mourned throughout the world, including a front page tribute in the New York Times. He was buried in the cemetery of the Daniel O'Connell Memorial Church in Cahersiveen. There is a monument in Killarney town and a grove of Hugh O'Flaherty Trees in the Killarney National Park.

Hugh O'Flaherty's famous saying is 'God has no Country' and I believe this means that God loves everyone regardless of where you are from.

It was an amazing show performed by Donal Courtney in the INEC. After the show, 5th and 6th class went down for their swimming lesson in the Aquila Club.

*Written by Ali O'Donoghue, 5th class*







*Mural with Ms Maria Buckley*



*Junior & Senior Infants Nature Walk with Ms. O' Reilly*



*Football with Vince Cooper*



## Sports Day

This year we are having a junior sports day and a senior sports day. Members of the Student Council will be helping with the junior sports day. We look forward to a great day of activity and fun. Sports Day is all about participating and having fun with our friends in school.

*By Bryn Flaherty & Daniel Fleming, 4th class*

## Spring Clean

On Wednesday 26th April our school took part in the An Taisce National Spring clean anti-litter campaign. We wore protective clothing. We picked up all the rubbish around the school and at the side of the road up and down from the school. We think people should not throw rubbish as it damages the environment. We live in a beautiful area and we should look after it and keep it clean.

*Joshua Williams, Eoghan McSweeney, Dara o'Sullivan, 3rd class*

## Visit from the fireman

On 28th of October, the day that we went to "Patrick" about 5 minutes after break a fireman came in to our classroom. His name was John O'Grady. At the very start he gave us a folder and in that folder was a deck of cards. The man explained to us how candles can be very very life threatening. The reason this can be so dangerous is because if left beside a curtain it can catch fire. He also told us that if you tangle up cables they can overheat and catch fire. If an iron is facing outwards instead of inwards a child can pull it down and can possibly die. If you put in too many plugs into an extension cable it can overheat and catch fire. If you leave a cigarette unattended and there is still a bit of life in it, it can catch fire to something. One of the most important things ever is not to play with plugs because if you stick in a metal object and wiggle it around while in the socket it can electrocute you. Also, if a frying pan handle is facing outwards a child can pull it down and scald themselves. We were very glad to learn about fire safety from the fire officer. It certainly was a busy day.

*By Craig Leggate, 4th class*

## The Gathering Tuesday 14th February

Today was the day of the Gathering. Saoirse and I brought in our instruments. I brought in my fiddle and Sorchá brought in her mandolin. When we got in we took out our instruments and we played "Is ar Eireann Ní neósfaínn cé hí", "Wednesday Morning" and "The Rattling Bog". Then it was time to go down to the hall. Everyone sat down and listened to the beautiful music. The musicians from the Gathering played the banjo, accordion and the guitar and a girl called Ciara danced. We started playing "The Foggy Dew" with the class who were playing tin whistle. The guitar player asked if anyone would like to sing. I went up nervously and unexpectedly to sing. Jack, Nicole and Sarah also sang. Then Ciara asked Scott to join her dance. We all enjoyed them. Sixth class danced a set to finish proceedings. It was time to go back to our classrooms. It was a great morning. THE END

**BY SORCHA BEAZLEY AND SAOIRSE O'SULLIVAN, 4TH CLASS LORETO NATIONAL SCHOOL**



## Our Acrostic Poem about our Teachers

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*By Keela, Rachel Fuller, Rachel O'Sullivan Darvy, 3rd Class.*

## By Keela, Rachel F., & Rachel D. (3rd) Riddles by Lucy Keane 4th class

**Q. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?**

**A. A clock!**

**Q. What is the easiest way to double your money?**

**A. Put it in front of the mirror of course!**

**Q. What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?**

**A. A glove.**

**Q. What has to be broken before you can use it?**

**A. An egg.**

**Q. What has a neck but no head?**

**A. A bottle.**

**Q. What gets wetter as it dries?**

**A. A towel.**

**Q. What goes up and doesn't come back down?**

**A. Your age.**

**Q. What belongs to you but is used more by others?**

**A. Your name.**

**Q. Everyone has it and no one can lose it, what is it?**

**A. A shadow.**

**Q. It's been around for millions of years, but it's no more than a month old. What is it?**

**A. The moon.**

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge on 16th March. We held a ceolchoirm in the hall. Every class took part, singing Irish songs, playing Irish traditional music and dancing the set and the "Walls of Limerick". Míle Buíochas do na múinteoirí a chabhraigh linn. Bhí lá iontach againn. Bhaineamar an -taitneamh as an lá.

*By Jack Ryan, 6th class*





## Patrick

On the 28th of October 3rd and 4th class went to a play called 'Patrick@'. We left on the bus at 10:27am exactly. We all got on the bus. We had so much fun on the bus, and then we arrived. We were walking in and we saw lots of the actors. Then we got in and I got my picture taken outside the office. Finally we got into the stage and sat down. A lot of people were talking and suddenly the lights turned off. The play had started. The story is set in Dublin in 1916. There was a funeral for a patriot named O'Donovan Rossa. Pádraig Pearce delivered a speech and they were all cheering for him.

The story was about Patrick O'Connor from Rathmore who was at the funeral. He joined the rebels.

He came home with presents for his family; He got his sister some lipstick and got his Mom a package." I have to go back to Dublin" said Patrick! "But before you go why were you were so late?" asked his Mom?" "I walked seven miles to get Irish matches" replied Patrick. Patrick set off on the train back to Dublin and joined the 1916 Rising. He was killed while fighting. His family were very sad.

The End

By Ellie Greene



## WORLD BOOK DAY!!

On Thursday the 2nd of March it was WORLD BOOK DAY. To celebrate WORLD BOOK DAY our class designed our own book covers. Some people did scary book covers and others did happy book covers. People all over the world celebrate WORD BOOK DAY in many different ways! How did you celebrate WORLD BOOK DAY?" Our book covers are on display outside our class room.

By Ella Barrett

## TESTING TONGUE TWISTERS

1. These ten tricky tongue twisters trip thrillingly off the tongue.
2. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?
3. One-One was a racehorse.  
Two-Two was one, too.  
When One-One won one race,  
Two-Two won one, too.
4. A big bug bit the little beetle but the little beetle bit the big bug back.
5. If you understand, say "understand".  
If you don't understand, say "don't understand".  
But if you understand and say "don't understand".  
How do I understand that you understand? Understand!
6. Betty bought butter but the butter was bitter, so Betty bought better butter to make the bitter butter better.
7. If a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose?
8. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck, If a woodchuck could

## Hurling Coaching

We were very happy when we were told we would have hurling coaching this year. Our coach was David O'Dea. He brought hurleys and helmets. We were delighted to get this opportunity and we hope to play with a club some day.

## SWIMMING

On the 2nd of March the 3rd and 4th classes started swimming. We went to the Gleneagle Hotel on a bus. Children were chanting and talking. After we finished changing we went into the small pool for 10mins. The class got divided into groups called Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, Gryffindor and Slitheren. 50mins later we finished training and went to play in the pool for 20mins. At 2:35pm our parents collected us. We had a nice day and we all learned something new

By Zhuoyi Chen 4th class

## Student Council/Book Fair

Every year in my school (Loreto) we have a Book Fair. It takes place in November. We go in to see the books the day before. They are all very great books. Then we write down the book we want to get and the price of it. There is other stuff too like rubbers and sharpeners. If our parents allow us to get something we do. Nothing is very expensive. Then the next day we go in and buy the books that our parents allowed us to get. The money that we spend goes to the company that sold us the books and the company gives a percentage of the price that we spent on the books back to us for us to get books for the school.

By Jenny Lucey 3rd class



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## Girls' F.A.I. 5-aside Soccer Competition

On the 3rd of April the 6th class girls participated in the 5-aside soccer competition in Trall. The 6th class team comprised of Sarah Reidy, Niamh O'Donoghue, Caelyn O'Grady, Liadh Beazley and Beatrice Klasauskaite. Unfortunately Sue O'Donoghue couldn't make it to the match.

In the first match against Cahir N.S., Niamh O'Donoghue scored the first goal and the final score was 1-0 to Loreto. We were battling against a very strong wind and were lucky to win.

In the second match against Aughascla N.S. the final score was Aughascla 2 Loreto 7. Sarah Reidy scored two goals, Niamh O'Donoghue scored 1 goal, Liadh Beazley scored a goal and Caelyn O'Grady scored three goals.

In the third game we played Causeway N.S. Sarah Reidy scored a goal, Niamh O'Donoghue scored a goal and Caelyn O'Grady also scored a goal. In our last game against Loughquittane N.S. Niamh O'Donoghue scored two goals and Sarah Reidy scored a goal.

Since we won our four games, we topped our group and we qualified for the county finals on May 3rd. We were thrilled to do so well despite the bad weather. We had a great time and fun was had by all. Thanks to our manager Mrs. O'Sullivan for her support on the sideline. We look forward to the finals.

*By Niamh O'Donoghue and Beatrice Kalasauskaite, 6th class*

## Girls F.A.I. Soccer 5aside - Team 1

On Monday, 3rd April, 2017 we went to Tralee for the girls' F.A.I. Soccer Competition. Our team was Clodagh Lucey, Jessica Fuller, Ellen McSweeney, Clodagh Doolan, Ali O'Donoghue, Meabh O'Sullivan Darcy and Sarah Mulligan.

We played three games overall. We lost our 1st game to Ballincrossig. The score was 2 goals to 1. Our second game was at 11 against Tiernaboul. We won this game by 2 goals to 1. At 12.30 we had our last game against Clahane. They beat us by one goal.

Meabh had some great moments in goal and did a fantastic job minding the net. Sarah and Ali worked really hard in defence. Jessica and Clodagh Lucey did well up front. Jessica and Ali scored a goal each, while Clodagh Lucey scored two goals. Clodagh Doolan and Ellen played in all positions during the tournament. We all had a great day even though the weather was terrible. It was cold and wet. We were managed by Christina. We would like to thank her for all her support from the sideline.

There was great fun on the bus with many songs sung. Our team looks very promising for the next year and we look forward to participating again.

*Report by Jessica Fuller and Sarah Mulligan, 5th class*

## The Réalta Programme

Fionn Fitzgerald, former past pupil and Kerry Football Star visited Loreto National School to help 5th and 6th class with SPHE. The Programme was called The Réalta Programme. We learned how to be Healthy, To Be Your Self, Be Expressive, To Be Kind, To Be Honest, To Be Determined, To Be a Team and how To Be a Leader. Fionn came back to see how our progress with the programme has been. He brought along the All Ireland Cup and his team mates. We would like to congratulate Fionn and his team on winning the All Ireland Final. We really enjoyed the Réalta Programme and feel it will benefit us greatly in the future.

*By Caelan Sheahan 6th class, Rian Kelly 6th class  
Jack O Sullivan and Paul O Donoghue 5th class*

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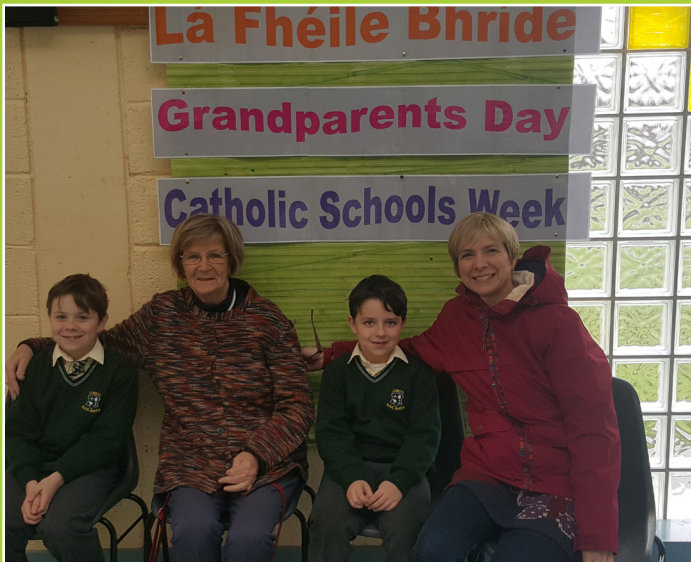
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*Grandparents day celebration*



*1st & 2nd St Patricks Day art*



*Grandparents day celebration*



*10 at 10 with Senior Infants*

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*Handwriting competition winners*



*Easter Raffle Winners*



*Thanks to Ms O'Reilly for bringing a Lamb to school to show the children.*



*Basketball Blitz November 2016*





*Primary Game Trials*



*Boys 5 aside soccer*



*Boys 5 aside soccer*





*INEC Me & My Girl Meeting Aidan O'Mahony*



*Thanks to Mr O'Sullivan and 5th class who performed a play for Kindness in action week*



*Gymnastics Class*





### **Confirmation Class 2017**

**Front Row L to R:** Sue O'Donoghue, Scott O'Meara, Bishop Ray Browne, David O'Donoghue and Cillian Courtney.

**2nd Row L to R:** Sam Benson, Rian Kelly, Caelyn O'Grady, Liadh Beazley, Beatrice Klasauskaite.

**Third Row L to R:** Mr. Edward Looney, Conor Gammell, Sarah Reidy, Niamh O'Donoghue, Jack Ryan Brain, Caelan Sheahan, Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan.

**Back Row L to R:** Fr. Kieran O'Brien, Fr. Niall Howard, Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue, Fr. Niall Geaney, Fr. Jim Lenihan.

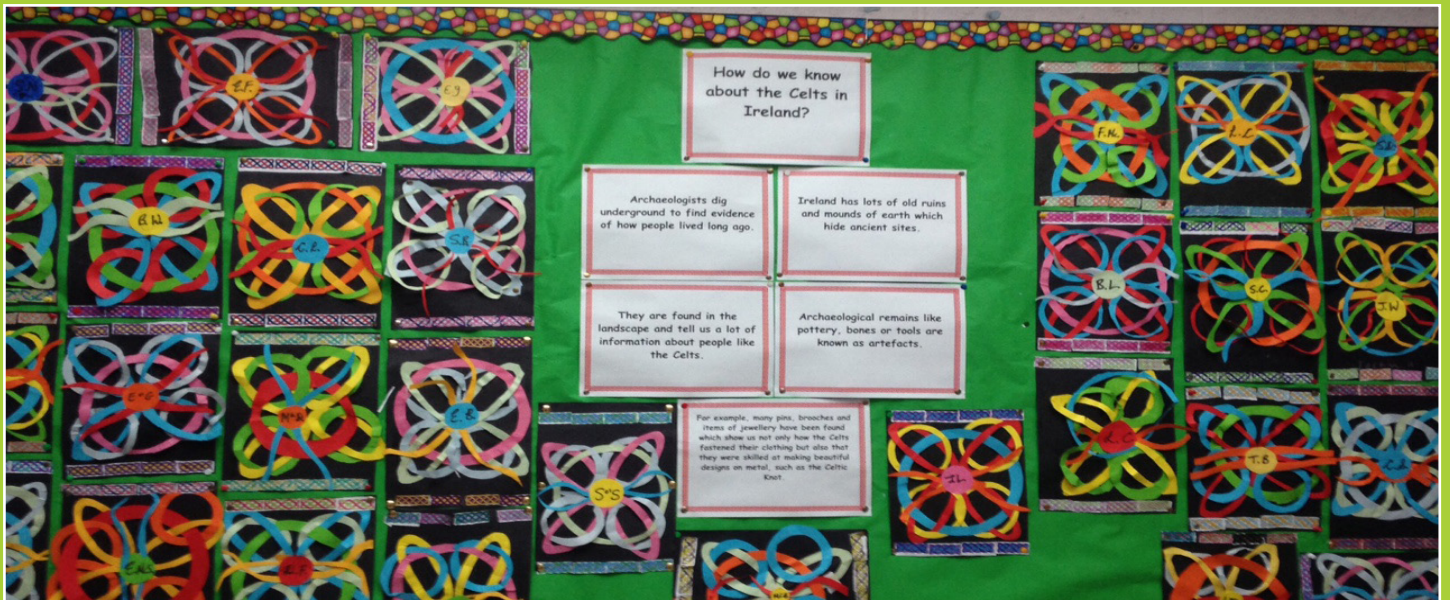


*Yoga 1st & 2nd Class*



*Basketball Blitz*









*Boys Relay Team*



*Yoga 2 Junior and Senior Infants Ms Evelyn O'Reilly*



*Student Council helping at Bake Sale*





*Ms Looney and 2nd Class make a presentation to Kieran Coffey*



*Girls Cumann na mBunscoil Football team*



*Making our customised bracelets*



*Science experiment*



*St Patricks Day art*