

Scoil Bhríde-Loreto National School newsletter

Hello everyone! This is our 16th issue of our annual newsletter and we hope you will enjoy reading all about the wonderful things we did throughout the year, and of course, all the hard work that we did during the year. As you will see, it was a very busy year for all of us.

Our 4th Green Flag

To achieve our 4th green flag all pupils worked tirelessly on the theme Travel. We organised & participated in Park 'n stride, safe cycling workshops, art & slogan competitions, An Taisce travel work shops and surveys, a fancy dress cycle & travel safety talks. Pupils carried out a number of whole school environmental reviews, including a survey on how children travel to school. The green school committee recorded these results every Friday. It was decided by the green school committee to encourage "greener" ways of travel within the school by allocating every Friday as Earth Day. On this day the children are encouraged either to park 'n stride, carpool or cycle to school.

On Thursday 17th of May, Ms. O'Mahony, Kate O'Connor, Oran O'Donoghue and Niamh Stack went to Cork to collect the Schools 4th Green Flag for Travel. At around 11.30am we went to Ballycasheen to get a bus. We travelled with the Mercy and Ballycasheen. When we got to Cork, we went to the conference which was held in the Silver Springs Hotel. After a while we received the flag. The day was a great success.

We were privileged to welcome Yvonne Quill to the school to raise the green flag. Yvonne has worked tirelessly to achieve the national overall 2011 Tidy Towns award for Killarney this year and is a great example to us all. All classes and staff in the school worked to achieve our 4th green flag but we would like to thank Ms. O'Connell, Ms O'Mahony and Seán Kelleher our Caretaker who spearheaded the campaign. We live in a beautiful environment. We must look after it for the future generations.

By Kate O'Connor 5th & Abby O'Donoghue 6th



Scoil Bhríde, Loreto would like to wish the sixth class every good luck as they go on to secondary school. Go dté sibh slán.



Award of Science and Maths Excellence

This year we took part in Discover Primary Science. All the classes took part in a number of experiments. 6th class designed a bridge and tested re-action times. Junior Infants, 2nd & 3rd class found out, what materials & place would be the best to keep ice-lollies cool. Senior Infants & 1st class experiment showed that eggs can bounce after been placed in vinegar after a few days. Catherine Daly visited the school to give all the classes a talk on furry animals such as badgers, bats, foxes and much more. 4th and 5th class designed a boat. The children were divided into small groups for this activity. Each group had to design a boat with plasticine that would float in water. When the boat was floating every group put in pasta shells to act as passengers. All the classes put together a portfolio of our work and experiments which was sent away to be adjudicated. Each class showed their activities/experiments to other classes. We also integrated maths in to our science work. We received a letter in May giving us an award for excellence in science and maths. Congratulations to all the children and teachers for this great achievement.

By David Culloty, Oisin O' Connor, Rachel McCarthy, Lorna Mulcahy 5th class .

7-Aside Boys Football

On the thirteenth of March the boys set off for Dr. Crokes pitch to play the 7- Aside Boys Football. Our hearts were racing in anticipation. Loreto had to win this match and the next to get into the Quarter final. The match was against St. Oliver's. The referee threw the ball up into the air and the game began. Ballycasheen used to be very strong but this year they were much weaker and we overcame them with ease, taking our points whenever we could. The final score was 1-12 to 0-0. The second match was against Lissivigeen. This match was much harder. At half- time they were beating us 2-1 to nothing. Mr Looney gave us an inspiring pep talk and we approached the second half with gusto. We fought hard, we took on all the challenges, and at the end of the second half we were level at 2-2 to 2-2. We did not have enough time to have a rematch so in the end there was a coin toss. Everyone was silent when the coin flew into the air and then landed in the palm of the referee. "LORETO" he shouted. We jumped in the air- victorious. However there was no time to play around. We had to focus; we still had to beat Firies in the Quarter final. This match was quite easy as well, as we won 6-3 to 0-3. We still fought hard and all the subs got a chance in this match to prove themselves worthy. We won easily. We poured onto the pitch with no break to rest our exhausted legs. Tiernaboul were our next rivals. We beat them with flying colours. The final score was 5-4 to 0-1. We were in the final now but they would not give us a rest. We went straight into the match against Knocknanes. We would have to pull out all of our energy in this match. We fought hard but this was not to be our day. Our team drooped with disappointment as the whistle blew. However we played well and had great fun. There's always next year! GO LORETO!!!

By Fiachra O' Connell & Robert O' Brien.

Cinderella Rockerfella

6th class had great fun producing and performing our Christmas play 'Cinderella Rockerfella'. We worked hard to create props and costumes. We especially enjoyed making and painting the limousine to bring Cinderella to the ball. We enjoyed learning the songs and our lines and performing it for the whole school and for our parents.

The Cast included:

Cinderella Saoirse O'Connor

Rockerfella Niamh Randles

Anastacia Abby O' Donoghue

Dan Deeny Oran Flaherty

P.R. Fiachra O' Connell (***manager***)

Buttons Luke Casey

Teaser the Dog Seán Courtney

Fairy nasty boots Emily Cronin

Fairy nuff Aoife Farrell

Fairy sjf Sarah Byrnes

Fairy godmother Aisling O'Mahony

Off Stage Inspector Robert O 'Brien

Monsieur Bun Le Baker Ciara Carroll

Town Crier Cian Gammell

Magazine Reporter Shannon O'Shea

Paparazzi Harry Allen

The Mirror / 1st Class Male Kevin Lavery

Footman Lorcán Mc Monagle

Limo Shannon O Shea & Harry Allen

WP1 Luke O Donoghue & ***WP2*** Darren Mulcahy

Warm Up Person 1 Luke O' Donoghue

Warm Up Person 2 Darren Mulcahy

By Saoirse O'Connor

Credit union Quiz 2012

On Sunday 5th February the Credit Union Quiz was held in the Gleneagle Hotel. Our school entered four teams, two teams under in the 11 category and two teams in the under 13 category. Representing the school under 11 were Dónal O'Connell, Aisling Reidy, Adam Walsh, Áine O'Connor, Emily Shaw, Zena Shine, Ruth Courtney and Laura Mulcahy. Under 13 were Cian Gammell, Luke Casey, Kevin Lavery, Aoife Farrell, Aisling O'Mahony, Caoimhe Kelly, Niamh Randles, Abby O'Donoghue, Darren Mulcahy and Sarah Byrnes. The quiz started at 2pm sharp. The under 11 category consisted of ten rounds of six questions while the under 13's had twelve rounds of six questions. We all had a great day and did very well. Unfortunately we did not win but we had the pleasure of representing our school.

By Aoife Farrell 6th class

East Kerry Cumann na mBunscoil 11-aside football

On the 6th of October Loreto N.S. booked their place in the semi-final. In the first match we played Faha. Cian Gammell, Seán Courtney, Luke O'Donoghue and Luke Casey all scored. Faha were a good side but in the end Loreto beat them 2-5 to 0-3. The next game was against Loughquittane. They were very strong. It was a very tight match but Loreto came out winners by 1-6 to 103.

Seán Courtney, Luke O'Donoghue and Luke Casey all scored in this match also. Our final game of the day was against Kilgarvan. We knew they were strong because we played them last year. On the day Kilgarvan were the better side and Loreto lost 2-3 to 0-7. Loreto were unlucky. We were missing Lorcán on the day and hope to have him back for the semi-final. The panel were Cian Gammell, Seán Courtney, Luke O'Donoghue, Luke Casey, Robert O'Brien, Fiachra O'Connell, Conor Lucey, Dónal Lucey, Daniel Lucey, Darren Mulcahy, Oran Flaherty, Kevin Lavery, Peter O'Sullivan, Tristan O'Donoghue, Gary O'Connor, Fergal Murphy, Oisín O'Connor. We enjoyed the day out and everybody got to play. We hope to progress to the County stages.

By Cian Gammell & Seán Courtney.

Cumann Na Bunscoil football Semi Final

We were excited to represent Loreto in the East Kerry Semi Final against Knockaderry on Thursday October 13th 2011. Our line up included our able goalie Conor Lucey, stalwart corner Lorcán, Fiachra, Darren and myself, speedy Cian and Sean in midfield, with valiant Peter, Luke O'D, Tristan and Oran F., as forwards. We also had an able team of subs including Harry, Gary, Oran O'D, Oisín, Daniel, Dónal and Fergal. Unfortunately Luke C, David and Kevin were unable to play due to injury. While the match started evenly with no score for 10 minutes; the first half proved disappointing for Loreto and ended with Knockaderry one goal and two points to Loreto's one point scored by Luke O'D. At the start of the second half, our wing back Darren scored an inspiring goal from the half way line. Our spirits lifted and Loreto got into the game with gusto. Luke O'D followed this with another goal. To our dismay Knockaderry responded strongly with a goal from the forward line. The match was hard fought as Loreto scored another 3 points this time from Cian, Sean and Luke O'D. Loreto thought victory was within our grasp, but Knockaderry were tackling hard. As the match reached its dying moments an excruciating goal from Knockaderry sealed Loreto's fate. It was a tantalisingly close finish with Loreto at 2 goals and 4 points to Knockaderry's 3 goals and two points – we were defeated by just one point. Our aim is that Loreto will fight back next year, build on its strengths and gain from the valuable lessons learned in 2011. Go Loreto!

By Luke Casey 6th class

Féilte

On the 13th of September 2011 sixth class were invited to appear on TG4's Féilte. Féilte is a television show about Irish life, culture and features many musicians. Sixth class were invited to be the audience for the musicians who were playing in the Dr. Crokes Club House. We were asked to wear our Kerry jerseys. The television show was aired on Friday the 23rd of September. While we were in the Dr. Croke's Club House we got an opportunity to play our tin whistles with the musicians. We played "The Dingle Polka" and "Maggie in the Woods". We all enjoyed watching Féilte and we had a great day.

By Aisling O'Mahony 6th class

Teen Spirit

Teen Spirit preformed in the I.N.E.C. on Tuesday the 6th of March 2012. 4th, 5th and 6th classes were privileged to attend.

Combining popular chart music from artists such as Coldplay, U2, Katie Perry and Foo Fighters, Teen Spirit also show cased some of the newest Christian music. These songs explore our relationship with God and how he values us and loves us in every single way.

We were inspired by the singing and the motivational and spiritual words. It was a great example of teen talent and Christian faith. We learned not to change who we are for anyone. God loves us with no end. We are God's hands and feet. God gave us talents- "to set the world on fire" and make a difference. Teen Spirit taught us to keep praying to God, who will always love us no matter what.

Teen Spirit was an inspirational experience hosted by talented teens. The old and modern songs they performed showed us that we are all unique and special. Teen Spirit was riveting and entertaining for all ages. I really enjoyed myself thoroughly.

Sometimes we lack confidence. We feel we're not good enough but "words can't bring us down we are beautiful". The songs were uplifting and meaningful and sung with respect. The whole show was inspirational and will help me to pray and to continue to express my faith.

By: Oran Flaherty & Kevin Lavery 6th class

Furry Animals

Mrs Catherine Daly B.Sc came to our school on Tuesday the 31st of January 2012. She talked to us about animals and how they survive in the wild. She also brought in

stuffed animals that are native to Ireland and some that were introduced a few years ago. Everybody could touch these but we had to be very careful not to damage them. She showed us antlers of the red deer, the sika and the fallow deer. We examined mink, two stoats, a male fox, a female fox and two young cubs. There was a badger, a grey squirrel and a red squirrel. We also saw real bats now dead in a glass jar. She also brought a hare, a leveret and a rabbit. We really enjoyed our session with Mrs. Daly. She supplied us with website details where we could learn more about these magnificent animals. We will follow up this work in class. We really enjoyed the workshop which was subsidised by Heritage Ireland.

By Caoimhe Kelly 6th class

Kerry Film Festival

On the 29/11/11, Edwina and Sinead came to our school to talk to 4th, 5th and 6th class about the Kerry Film Festival, movies and animation. She showed us three movies and in between them we got a work sheet to do. The first movie was called 'Pentecost' and was about a child who lived in Leinster. He did not like altar serving but loved football and supported Liverpool. He is under pressure to do well in a special mass. He ends up in a lot of trouble.

We then rated the film out of 5. We drew four of our favourite types of films.

The next movie was called 'The Monk and the Fly'. It was about a monk who was meditating and the same fly kept flying onto his face. He throws furniture at it but it still won't stop. After that a frog eats the fly but he gets annoyed with the frog as well.

We also rated this animation. We drew our own animation characters with their own names and personalities.

The next film we watched was a cross between an animation and a real life movie. It was called Signs. People jumped out of different signs. A girl and a boy fell in love but another character jumped out of a sign and kidnapped the girl. The boy travels through ups and downs to save her and eventually he does.

We really enjoyed the workshop and understand more about how films are made.

By Ciara Kelliher & Ciara Carroll 6th class

The Life Education Bus

On February 2012 6th class stepped into The Life Education Bus for the 8th and final time.

First we did a quiz about the body parts with electronic remotes connected to the T.V. It was very good. Next we saw a video where a boy named Jack was pressurised by two of his friends to take alcohol at his house while his parents were out. We learned how to be assertive in this kind of situation. After that Seamus showed us six dangerous foods and drugs. They were sugar, cannabis, caffeine, tobacco, solvents and alcohol. Then Seamus handed out paper with clues on them and we had to guess which food or drug it was. We were in groups of five or six. That was great fun.

Then Harold came out of the press in the corner to say hello for the last time. Just before the end we had a little disco and everyone was dancing. As usual it was all great fun! More importantly we learned not to use drugs and how to handle peer pressure.

By Darren Mulchay 6th class

Our visit to S.t Colmbanus' and Killarney Community Hospital

On the 17th of December 4th, 5th and 6th class went to St. Colmbanus' Nursing Home and to the District Hospital to sing for the elderly people. We sang lovely Christmas carols for them. We went around to the rooms and offered the patients sweets in both hospitals. They were delighted to hear us sing and the Glenflesk group sang and danced for them also. There we met some lovely patients that appreciated us singing for them. They also told us about how different life was when they were young. We learned a lot on our visit to the District Hospital and St. Colmbanus' Nursing Home. We enjoyed refreshments afterwards.

By Sarah Byrnes 6th class

The Mini Sevens Girls Football

On the 15th of March 2012, the 6th class girls of Loreto played in the Cumann na mBunscoil football mini sevens in the Dr. Croke's pitch. Loreto first played against Barradubh N.S. Barradubh came out strong but so did we. The pace was very fast and we battled hard. Unfortunately they got the better of us and won. Shortly after that we played the Gael Scoil. The Gael Scoil were good but we challenged for every ball. Our goalie was brilliant and our backs saved some unreal ball. Our midfielders were outstanding and not to forget about our forwards who got some points and a couple of goals. By half-time we were only down by three points. After half time we went out on to the field and gave it our all. Our substitutes replaced tired legs

and brought added energy and enthusiasm to the team. We got some great scores but unfortunately we lost, but only by three points. When we walked off the pitch we had our heads held high because we knew we gave it our all and we did very well. We did our school proud and we had a great day.

By Shannon O'Shea 6th class

The Sixth Class Debate

This year saw an interesting debate among members of sixth class on the motion: "That Young children Today Have a Hard Life". Team leaders Lorcán and Luke Casey valiantly lead their teams in battle and there were lively exchanges throughout. My team lead by Luke Casey, was against motion.

Our team pointed out the many benefits that young people have in the modern world. Emily dealt with the great advantages to young people resulting from modern technology. She explained how the availability of information through the internet has opened up new areas of knowledge for many young people. We challenged the other team's criticism of the social website "Facebook" and pointed out its advantages. My task was to point out the many opportunities for sports and pastimes young people enjoy now. I talked about the benefits of traditional sports such as gaelic football and rowing but also pointed out that young people now have a fantastic variety of sports to choose from in 21st century Ireland including – soccer, rugby, basketball, cricket, cycling, gymnastic, triathlon, swimming and cross country orienteering – all of which have become popular. I noted how young people have access to libraries and community centres and are encouraged to participate in clubs and activities in their communities.

The opposing team highlighted difficulties faced by young people today including stress, substance abuse and bullying. Our opponents mentioned problems which have developed in connection with technology such as bullying by texting and on internet social sites. They highlighted the stresses placed on young people from homework and exam pressure.

Lorcán made a very interesting contribution about the poverty experienced by young people in Africa and other countries and pointed out that not all young people live in first world countries.

We all learned a lot from our experience in the debate; not only were the opposing arguments interesting but we learned how to open a debate, how to persuade an

audience of our point of view and to challenge one another on important points. We learned to understand another person's point of view even if we did not agree with it. **By Robert O'Brien 6th class**

5 a-side Girls' Soccer Competition

On the 29th of March, the 6th class girls went over to Tralee to play in the 5 a-side girls' soccer competition. The sun was shining in the azure sky without a cloud in sight. We started off as crackers against Ballyduff, with Sarah as our goalie, Abby in defence, Niamh and Emily as midfielders and Aisling as striker. In the first half Emily scored two brilliant goals.

In the second half, Niamh came in with another two amazing goals. We won the game 4-0.

Game two was against Anascaul. We started off fresh and well rested. We gave Aisling a well deserved rest while Ciara came on as striker. Unfortunately Anascaul scored a lucky goal in the first half. In the second half we came on fighting. Ciara scored a strong goal. However soon after, Anascaul scored another goal. The final score was 2-1 to Anascaul.

We played Fossa in the third game. We ran onto the pitch with lots of energy. During the first half nobody scored. Abby's Mom, Bernadette and Mrs. O'Sullivan gave us encouragement at half time. We came on even stronger this time. Half way through the second half Emily scored a fabulous goal. We were then drawing with Fossa at the top of our group. They went through on goal difference.

We had a brilliant day. We will never forget it!!!

By Emily Cronin & Abby O'Donoghue 6th class.

School Raffle

This year our school had a fundraising raffle!! The prize was two stand tickets for the All Ireland Football Final, Two Return Train tickets from Killarney to Dublin, Overnight Accommodation in Dublin in the Mespil Hotel and two tickets for RTE's "Up for the Match".

The Draw took place on Thursday 15th September 2011 in the Tatler Jack Bar.

The winner of the raffle was Cathal Talbot. He was delighted with the prize. It was a great raffle and the school raised €5012.50. We all had great fun selling the tickets.

To celebrate our efforts in selling the tickets the parents association made a green and gold cupcake for every child in the school. A very special cupcake was presented to Luke Casey who sold the winning ticket.

We were disappointed Kerry did not win the all Ireland, but we are very proud of our sporting heroes.

By Emily Cronin 6th class

Sixth Class Choir

Our sixth class choir led the singing for the Killarney Parish Gathering in the Dromhall Hotel on 14th of May. They were accompanied by Helena Connolly on guitar. We also sang at the 6.15pm mass in the Cathedral on June 2nd. A big thank you to Helena and well done to everyone.

Killeggy Graveyard

Killeggy graveyard is the burial place of Henry Arthur Herbert who built Muckross House and Arthur Rose Vincent who presented the house and 11,000 acres to the people of Killarney. It is also the burial place of the Hilliards and Eric Raspe who created the adventures of Baron Munchausen.

Our Tour of Killeggy

On December 20th 2011 4th, 5th & 6th class set off on our local history and nature tour. We set off on the path to Killeggy. The plaque on Mr. Kelleher's house says H.A.H. 1879. This was the estate manager's house and was built by Henry Arthur Herbert. On the pathway up to Killeggy we saw the Churchyard yew and the bamboo tree which was often used to torture people in the Middle East. When we entered Killeggy the first thing we went to see was the big Celtic Cross which marks the grave of Henry Arthur Herbert. The Celtic Cross was erected by the people of Killarney to thank him for providing employment for them, building Muckross House during the Great Famine in 1845. In 1866 he died on a night out as a guest of Lord Adare. In 1892 his wife Mary died aged 75. She also is buried in Killeggy. She was a famous artist. From the cross we could see Mangerton Mountain, the Old Kenmare Road, Torc Mountain, the Eagles Nest, the Gap of Dunloe and the Purple Mountain. We saw the graves of Dr. Hilliard who died in 1972. When there was a suggestion that Muckross House would become a great Southern Hotel, he recommended that it be turned in to a folk museum. We also saw the grave of Toby Hodd who was a scientist and naturalist. He died in 2000. His headstone is made from natural limestone and his family planted foxglove and clover on his grave. We identified the grave of Arthur Rose Vincent who received Muckross House as a wedding gift. He died in 1956. Behind this grave we found the grave of John Ogilvy Vincent who died at three years of age. He died swallowing a piece of toy.

We also studied the Hilliard tomb. Richard Hilliard erected this tomb in memory of his daughter Jane who died at the age of sixteen. Richard founded Hilliard's boot factory, which was located at Hilliards lane off High Street in Killarney. On our way out of the graveyard we saw the mortuary Chapel which held the remains before burial. It has gothic archways and a belfry. There is a plaque inside the chapel dated 1714 which commemorates Mr. Maurice Hussey. We then walked down the hill to the old Muckcross Post Office. By Harry Allen

Muckross Abbey

On 20th December 2011 4th, 5th & 6th class visited Muckross Abbey, during our local history trip.

Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Moynihan, Mr. Looney and Margaret accompanied us.

Muckross Abbey was built by McCarthy Mór in about 1448 for the Franciscan Order. In 1542 King Henry 8th of England wanted to divorce his wife. He had already divorced five wives so the Catholic Church denied him a divorce. In retaliation he suppressed the monasteries. The monks had to leave, but came back in 1602. In the year 1655 they had to leave again, this time because of Cromwell's soldiers. They burned down the Abbey but the grave yard is still used. Some things we liked at the Abbey were the McCarthy Mór Tomb, and the grave of a past pupil of Scoil Bhríde who was tragically killed on his way to school in 1979. He was 10 years old at this time. We said a prayer for him and his family. In the Abby we saw a huge Yew tree and Gothic and Romanesque arches. We found a sundial which was carved into a stone wall.

By Luke O'Donoghue 6th class

Primary School Football Trials

- ⇒ Cian Gammell Represented Loreto at the football trials in Fossa on May 9th 2012 and was picked to go forward to the County Trials. Hopefully we will see Cian wearing the green and gold during half time at the Munster Final.
- ⇒ Lorcán McMonagle represented Loreto in the Fun game at half time during the Kerry Laois League Quarter Final in April.

The Girls 11 aside Cumann na mBunscoil Football

Quater final

On the 28th of May the Loreto girl's football team set off for Glenflesk for the first round of the 11 aside. First we played Gneeveguilla. Our team was Sarah our skilful goalkeeper, Saoirse and Abby our strong full backs, Niamh and Caoimhe our half backs, Kate and Aoife in mid-field, Emily and Ciara R. were our swift half forwards and Rachel and Eimear as our striking full forwards. The whistle blew and the game had started. In the first few minutes Kate and Ciara scored two points.

At half time the score was 2-2 to 0-0. Our subs all contributed in this game. Our motivational trainers, Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mr. Looney made some wise changes to the team and we were back on for the second half. By the end of the second half, Ciara R. and Emily had scored another two goals and Kate and Ciara R. scored two points. The finishing score was 4-4 to 0-1. We were delighted with our first win.

Our second match was against Kilgarvan. Five minutes into the first half Kilgarvan had scored a goal and a point. We had scored one point from Ciara R. After another two minutes we were drawing after Kate put a blazer of a ball in the back of the net. The score at half time was 1-1 to 1-1. We knew that it was going to be a very tough second half.

We stayed with the starting team. Ciara R. And Emily scored two amazing goals. We started to come up in scores as Kate scored two points, Rachel, Niamh and Emily scored a point each and Ciara R. finished it off with another two points. The final score was 3-9 to 1-3. We were ecstatic. We were going to the semi-final.

By Abby O'Donoghue & Niamh Randles

The Girls 11 a-side semi final

On the 30th of May the girls' 11 a-side football team set out for Beaufort for the county semi-final. Our esteemed opposition were Castlemaine. Unfortunately, one of our strongest players Emily Cronin sprained her ankle the day before and was unable to participate. It was Niamh's 13th birthday so Mr Looney appointed her as team captain. She led us in a meaningful prayer as we took on the challenge – Castlemaine. The starting team was Sarah in goal, Abby and Saoirse as our strong full backs, Niamh and Shannon as half backs, Kate and Aoife as our midfeilders, Ciara R. and Rachel as half forwards and Caoimhe and Eimear as full forwards.

The whistle blew and the game began. Castlemaine mid-fielders won the ball and quickly scored a point in the first few minutes but we came back strong and scored two points. Then Castlemaine scored a fluke goal before half time.

At half time we were losing by two points. We made a few changes in the team. The second half started and both teams played very skilfully and fairly. Castlemaine scored another two goals but our half forward Rachel rallied with a wonderful goal. In the end Castlemaine were the better team on the day and they deserved to win. We thanked them for a great game and we wished them the best of luck in the final. Overall we had a great day and we were delighted with our performance.

The Panel included:

6th

Abby O'Donoghue
Niamh Randles
Emily Cronin
Saoirse O'Connor
Ciara Carroll
Caoimhe Kelly
Sarah Byrnes
Shannon O'Shea
Ciara Kelleher
Aisling O'Mahony

5th

Kate Stack
Rachel McCarthy
Emily-Rose McAllen
Aisling Doyle

4th

Áine O'Connor
Ciara Randles
Zena Shine
Eimear Beazley

By Niamh Randles and Abby O'Donoghue 6th class

Our Trip to the Gap of Dunloe and St. Mary of the Angels

On the 18th of May 2012, the 6th class of Loreto set out on our annual trip to St. Mary of the Angels school and our trek through the Gap of Dunloe.

We had been preparing for this trip for a while. We were practising our hymns and reciting prayers for our prayer service on Innisfallen Island and we were training for the nine mile walk of the Gap of Dunloe by keeping up our fitness levels. We also had to practise our culinary skills as we were all baking something to share with our new friends from St. Mary of the Angels. We left the school all ready and warm as it was unfortunately a dull day at 9.15 am sharp. On the bus journey to St. Mary of the angels we talked about our day ahead of us. We were being supervised for the day by our teacher and school Principal Mrs. O'Sullivan and Lorcán's mom, Bernice who kindly volunteered to help out.

When we arrived at St. Mary of the Angels school we were greeted by the principal Mr Liam Toomey who introduced us to the children. Fiachra presented him with our small donation from our Confirmation money to the school. Mr Toomey thanked us kindly and we entered the school playground facility where we were free to play many games and activities with our new friends. We then organised a friendly game of basketball which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Later we put on a small concert where we sang and played our instruments. We had a great time with our new friends. Unfortunately they could not come with us on our walk through the Gap of Dunloe so we had to say goodbye to them at St. Mary of the Angels. As we all got on the bus which was taking us to Kate Kearney's cottage where we would start our walk, the children waved us goodbye.

We arrived at Kate Kearney's cottage and we stopped for a quick bathroom break before we set off on our journey. When we were all ready we started on our nine mile walk. As we walked, it started to drizzle lightly. We decided we would stop for our first break. We had something to eat and drink and we had a few minutes to relax and chat. We started walking again and soon it started raining down on us. We never gave up and kept walking up and down hills through the desperate weather. We then decided after another two miles to stop for our second break. This break was only a water break as we didn't have much time.

The rain started getting heavier as we walked but then started to lighten. Before we knew it, it was back to a light drizzle. Without the rain being blown into our eyes we could now see the beautiful scenery. We were overwhelmed by the wonderful nature surrounding us. Mrs. O'Sullivan then found shelter under a group of trees. Here we sat down on our bags and ate our lunch. We were half way there, only another four or five miles to go.

After our third break we set off again. We were starting to get very tired as we trekked through the long narrow roads of the Gap. On our way we noticed many mountain sheep and lambs through the green fields. After another two or three miles we stopped in a church to say a prayer for all those back home who were sick or who had passed away.

Before we knew it we had finished our walk and arrived at Lord Brandon's Cottage. There we could get tea, hot chocolate, coffee or a hot bowl of soup. There were small snacks like muffins, scones and chocolate

available also. When we were finished in Lord Brandon's Cottage we went down to the Upper Lake where two boats and two men were waiting for us. Half of us went in one boat with Mrs. O'Sullivan and half of us in the other boat with Bernice. The scenery surrounding the Lake was beautiful and mesmerising. We then went from Upper Lake into the Middle Lake which is also known as Muckcross Lake. The opening we went through was the only opening to get out of the Lake.

We stopped off in Innishfallen Island for our prayer service where we thanked God for our health after being with the children from St. Mary of the Angels. We sang hymns and we all had a prayer to say. After the prayer service we all played a few games around Innisfallen Island before the boats came back to bring us to Ross Castle. The boat men came and we sailed on Lough Leane towards Ross Castle. We arrived at Ross Castle and we all knew that this was the end of our journey. We got off the boats and waved a thankful goodbye to the boatmen who sailed away. Our parents were already waiting for us in the car park of Ross Castle. We thanked Mrs. O'Sullivan for a brilliant, fun and educational day.

By Niamh Randles 6th class

First Round of the 5 a-side Boy's soccer Competition

Game 1 Loreto vs Derryquay

We got off to a great start with a goal from the half way line from Seán. Then Derryquay came back to score two goals to make it 2-1 to Derryquay. We then got another two goals from Lorcán and a cracker from Cian. After this was a scissors by Oran followed by a goal from Lorcán. With another two goals from Derryquay we got a bit worried as we knew they were determined to win, but just before we finished Cian scored another goal from the half way line to make the final score 8-4. All our subs Luke Casey, Oran Flaherty and Darren Mulcahy made a great contribution and everyone really played well.

Game 2 Loreto vs Ballyduff

We started our next game all refreshed and ready. We all played great and won the game with a score 7-2.

Game 3 Loreto vs Kilcummin (Group Final)

We were all ready for our last game and very determined to win. We really wanted to get through to the next stage. We started with a great goal from Luke O'D. Then they got a penalty to make it 1-1 at half

time. We started the second half ready and set to make a come back and win. We got a great goal from Seán and another from Luke O'Donoghue who lobbed the goalkeeper to make the final score 3-1 to Loreto to qualify us for the next stage. We had a great day and would like to thank Mrs O'Sullivan for taking us.

By Luke Casey & Lorcán McMonagle

5 a-side Soccer County Final

When I say that our game against Clahane N.S. was our toughest, I think that the others would agree. Again it was neck and neck until the start of the second half when Clahane scored a fluke goal and won the match. We were disappointed but we were also happy because we were still in the final.

Our hearts were pumping as we walked onto the pitch for the final against Knockaderry. Mrs O'Sullivan, the subs and some of the parents cheered us on. We were in a good mood. However the defeat in our last game was counteracting that feeling and we knew we could not afford to be complacent. At half time the score was 1-0 to us. While receiving a pep talk from Mrs. O'Sullivan we thought about what lay ahead; if we won.....if we lost!

Hope was in our hearts as the whistle blew once again starting the play. Knockderry got an early goal to make the score a tense 1-1. Three minutes later Cian Gammell side – stepped many players to rattle the net. It was now 2-1 to us. Two minutes later we won a corner. Cian made a great run from the backs. Luke crossed in the ball and Cian scored a superb goal. One minute to go Knockaderry were awarded a questionable penalty and scored despite the best efforts of our goalie Fiachra. With our hearts in our mouths we were relieved to hear the final whistle. Loreto were county champions.

By Fiachra O'Connell & Oran Flaherty

5-a-side Soccer Munster Final 17th May '12

On the morning of the finals all the team gathered at the school at 8.30 am. We were very excited. We were all prepared and ready to go. We left school at 8.45am and headed to collect the Mon. They were also through to the Munster finals.

We got to Tralee and toggled out. We went to do our warm –up. Our first game was against Limerick. We got off to a bad start and we were down 3-0 at half time. However we came back with a great goal from Lorcán and another from Luke.

We needed to win our next game against Clare. They had already beaten Limerick but we still believed we could win. The game started and in the first half it ended 1-0 to Clare. In the second half we rallied with a goal from Luke and the game ended a few minutes later. We put up a good fight and tried our best. We were very disappointed after the last match because the loss meant we were out of the competition. However we had one more game. It was against Ardmore from Waterford who were also out off the competition. We wanted a win for consolation. The game started with a completely different line up. Luke in goal, Seán back, Peter and Oran midfield and Darren up front. In the opening minutes Peter scored a super goal 1-0 Loreto. Within minutes Ardmore struck back with a goal 1-1. We tipped off and passed it around, then the Ardmore striker intercepted a pass and scored to make the score 2-1 to Ardmore. This time when we tipped off there was no messing as Sean passed the ball up to Darren and on the half volley shot the ball into the roof the net 2-2. It stayed that score until half time. After half time they scored a goal past Luke who was having a great performance in goal. Ardmore came back and scored another goal making the score 5-2 to Ardmore. Lorcán came on and broke down the left side and crossed it for Seán who finished the goal off to make the score 5-3 with minutes to go. A minute later Seán scored another goal 5-4. We sensed a come back. In injury time Seán scored another great goal 5-5! Golden Goal!! About 30 seconds in Seán scored a header. We won the game 6-5. We all had a great day and thanks to Mrs O'Sullivan. It was a great achievement to reach the Munster Final. The panel included: Lorcán Monagle, Seán Courtney, Darren Mulcahy, Luke O'Donoghue, Luke Casey, Oran Flaherty, Fiachra O'Connell, Cian Gammell. Due to a dislocated shoulder Luke Case was ably replaced by Peter O'Sullivan for the Munster Final.

By Cian Gammell & Daren Mulcahy

The Garda 7 a-side Football Blitz

On Friday the 8th of June, 6th class boys and girls took part in the Killarney Garda Primary School 7-a-side blitz in Fitzgerald Stadium. Sixteen teams took part. We arrived at 9:30 am and went in to get ready in the changing rooms. Our first match was against Kenmare. In the first half Luke scored a goal, closely followed by two points by Cian and a point for Kenmare. Soon it was half time. Lorcán scored two points for us followed by

an amazing goal by Emily. Darren then scored a point against Kenmare. Unfortunately two goals got past our goalkeeper, Fiachra, but he quickly regained his composure. Lorcán then scored a goal followed by a goal and a point by Luke. Kenmare scored a point just before the referee blew the whistle. The final score was 4-5 to 2-2 in our favour.

After we had a break, our second match started. This time our opponents were Tiernaboul. Robert was captain for this match. Luke scored two goals and Lorcán scored one. Lorcán also scored a point while Tiernaboul got a goal and two points. In the second half, Lorcán and Cian both scored a goal and a point. Two more goals were scored by Tiernaboul. After the whistle blew we shook hands with the other team. The score was 6-3 to 3-2 to us. We proved the stronger team. By then it was time for our third match. The tension was palpable. If we won this match we had a chance of winning the group. This time Saoirse was captain. We were up against Fossa. Straight away Luke scored a goal. Then Cian and Saoirse both scored amazing goals. Luke and Cian also scored a point each. Fossa had scored a goal and a point. In the second half Cian scored and Lorcán scored. Cian then went on to score a terrific three goals and two points. Fossa also scored a brilliant goal and a point. The final score was 8-4 to 2-2 to our team. We were through to the semi-final. It was now down to four teams.

The next team we were up against was the Monastery. At the start of the first half Lorcán, Darren and Cian each scored a point. The Mon also scored three points. In the Second half the other team scored a goal and two points. Cian scored another point. We were just about to score again when the whistle blew. Sadly we had lost to a stronger team.

As we were getting ready to leave Mrs. O' Sullivan told us that we had one more match. We had the chance to come third if we beat Rathmore. In the first half Rathmore scored two goals and two points. Cian also scored two points. In the second half Cian scored a brilliant point followed by a skilful goal by Lorcán. Our team was exhausted by that point but they pushed on. Sadly Rathmore scored two more goals and a point. The whistle blew. We shook hands and walked off the pitch. We were happy to be runners up to Rathmore.

The medal presentation was a couple of minutes after the match. One by one we were called up to shake hands with the Garda Superintendant and receive our medals. Mrs O' Sullivan and some of the parents took

pictures. We all did our best and had fun representing the school. We will be very proud of our medals.

By Harry Allen 6th class

East Kerry and County Finals Boys Football Skills

On Tuesday the 1st of May, Seán Courtney, Darren Mulcahy and Lorcán Mc Monagle went to represent Loreto in the East Kerry skills competition.

It took place in the Dr. Croke's Pitch. We were paired with Faha N.S. for the competition. We started off with the punt kick for goal and we picked up 7 points there. We then moved on to the zig zag solo and then the kick from the ground. We got most of our points from these events. Once all the events were over we had a nervous wait until the results were announced. Finally when Vince came over he announced that we had won and that we were East Kerry champions. We would get to go to Fitzgerald's Stadium to compete in the county final the following Friday. This time we were paired with Kilgobnet N.S. and Anabla N.S. We got off to a bad start but we picked up the points after the punt kick into the goal. It was a great achievement to get this far, and was even better that we finished 4th in Kerry.

By Lorcán Mc Monagle 6th class

Gleneagle Swimming Gala

The 27th of May the Gleneagle swimming gala started at eleven o' clock with the under seven's front crawl.

There was determination in the air as well as chlorine and other harmful substances... Our moms and dads signed us in and then went for a cup of tea. We then realised that we would have to wait three hours until the under thirteens race

Other people from our school gradually started turning up. We waited a while until the under elevens and under thirteens were called into the baby swimming pool to get wet and warmed up. We were all a little nervous but more so excited. There were numerous awards given to the under sevens and under nines. Finally it was the turn of the under 11s. Margaret O' Brien, Treasa O' Sullivan, Charles O'Brien, Isabelle McAllen and Dónal O Connell were in this category. They all did very really well in our opinion, but we are required to put in their scores. Margaret won a gold in front crawl and silver in the backstroke Treasa drew with Margaret in the front crawl both getting the gold. Hugh got a silver in the front crawl and in the Back stroke. Charles acquired a bronze medal in the front crawl. Donál drew in the front crawl with Charles and got a bronze medal in the back stroke as well. Finally,

after hours of anticipation it was our turn .We shyly got out of the warm pool and into the bone chilling air. The excitement was palpable. Robert and Seán Cremin were in the first heat.We rushed off to a great start, with Seán Cremin beating Robert O’ Brien by mere inches. Kevin and Fiachra were in heat two with some other competitors. Kevin won with ease with Fiachra in close pursuit. Then we had a semi final with Kevin, Robert Fiachra and Seán Cremin advancing into the final along with another competitor. The whistle blew to start the tense race.

All five of us got off to a great start. We rocked down the lanes. On the second length we became tired. There was a bit of confusion but in the end Robert and Kevin came out on top with Seán Cremin and Fiachra O’Connell in third place.

Kevin and Robert also drew in first place in the backstroke. Kevin, Robert, Treasa and Margaret won the relay. It was a terrific day that we will all remember.

By Fiachra O’Connell , Robert O’Brien,
Kevin Lavery & Sarah Byrnes.

One of my happy memories at loreto

The class debate

One of my happiest memories at Loreto is the debate we had just before the Halloween holidays. It was a positive experience and happy memory because it taught me and my classmates to listen to other people’s points of view. It taught us to understand problems not just from our own perspective but also from the opposition’s point of view. It was good practice for the future too! Skill at public speaking will help us during our future studies, when we are in employment or when we take up other activities such as hobbies or sports. In the future we may need to address groups of people, to make a presentation of our work or make contributions if we are part of an audience. This debate gave us experience in standing before and addressing a group of people, in projecting our voices and in using effective techniques and language for our getting out points across. We learned to respond quickly to points made by the opposition and to think “on our feet”. The atmosphere was lively. We learned the value of careful preparation and also the benefits of spontaneous reaction. I noted in particular that use of humour can be very effective in a debate. It can make things livelier and keep the audience interested; it is a useful tool in public speaking. We also learned to work as a team and our leader Lorcán did a great job! The debate was a

happy memory for me, it gave us all good experience and it was fun. By Robert O’Brien

Athletics

On the 27th of April the Killarney area sports were held at An Ríocht track in Castleisland . (Girls) Liadh and Eimear Beazley both had brilliant runs winning their sprints. Ruth Courtney won her 200m sprint and not far behind was Margaret O’Brien coming in 2nd place. (Boys) Conor Gammel won the first class 100m sprint. Ryan O’Grady was third in his 80m sprint. In the third class 200m sprint William Shine came third and in the ball throw Jack Cooper came 2nd. In the 5th class 100m sprint Peter O’Sullivan came 1st and in the 5th class 600m Tristan O’Donoghue came 1st with Conor Lucey not far behind with a bronze medal. In the 6th class 100m sprint Cian Gammel came first and in the 6th class 600m Luke O’ Donoghue came 2nd. All our relay teams that ran came home with medals. Starting off with the 5th and 6th class boys was Peter O’Sullivan next was Tristan O’ Donoghue then Luke O’Donoghue and to finish Cian Gammel and our subs were Conor and Daniel Lucey. They won it by a fine margin. The 3rd and 4th class girls also came first. Eimear Beazley had a very good start, she then passed it on to Margaret O’Brien who passed it on to Emily Shaw and to finish Ruth Courtney. Our subs were Ciara Randles, Caoilinn O’Donoghue and Ailbhe Gammel. The 3rd and 4th class boys also did very well to earn themselves the bronze medals. The team was William Shine, Robert O’Shea, Owen Benson and Ryan O’Grady. The subs were Paudie O’Donoghue and Jack Cooper. The 1st and 2nd girls came 2nd and ran very well. The team who ran was Sarah Reidy, Caelyn O’Grady, Sue O’Donoghue and Liadh Beazley. Their sub was Beatrice Klasauskaite. Unfortunately the 1st and 2nd class boys were unable to attend the event. The team was Conor Gammel, Jack Greaney, Peter Walsh and Daniel Carroll. Well done to everybody.

By Ruth Courtney, Emily Shaw,
Tristan O’ Donoghue & Peter O’ Sullivan

Results of the County Primary Schools Track and Field Finals

1st class Boys 100m 2nd Conor Gammell

4th Class Girls 200m 1st Ruth Courtney.

3rd and 4th class girls relay 3rd Eimear Beazley, Ciara Randles, Emily Shaw, Ruth Courtney Subs:, Ailbhe Gammell.

5th class Boys 100m 3rd Peter O'Sullivan.

6th class Boys 100m 3rd Cian Gammell.

Boys 5th and 6th class Relay team 2nd Peter O'Sullivan, Donal Lucey, Luke O'Donoghue, Cian Gammell.

Well done to all who participated.

Senior School Tour

On the 3rd of May 4th 5th and 6th class went to Cappanlea Outdoor Education Centre. We left the school just after 8.00am. We arrived at Cappanlea at 8:45am. We went into the locker room and sat down and the instructors went through all the activities and the rules that went with them. Everyone got to do two activities out of kayaking, orienteering and rock climbing. We did kayaking first. We got our equipment and headed out. When we were out in the lake we played games, told jokes and also fell out of the kayak. This was great fun but we were frozen by the end of it. We had a hot shower before eating our lunch. After lunch we continued on with more great activities such as rock climbing orienteering. Our group went orienteering. We were divided up into small groups of twos and threes. Each group were given a map of the area and a stamp sheet. We did three courses. The first and second one were very easy but the third one was very hard. On the third and final course, we had to go around most of Cappanlea and had to stamp 19 boxes. For each box we stamped we scored some points. We had 45 minutes to fill in all the boxes. We all had a great day in Cappanlea.

By Aisling Reidy, Margaret O' Brien, Brooke O' Connor & Filip Korzec

Girls challenge match

On Friday 20th January 2012 . Loughguitane came to our school for a football challenge match. The girls that played on the day were Saoirse O Connor, Aisling O Mahony and Niamh Randles, Ciara Carroll , Sarah Byrnes

, Shannon O Shea , Aoife Farrell , Kate Stack , Abby O Donoghue , Rachel McCarthy , Emily Cronin , Ciara Kelliher and Caoimhe Kelly . It was a lovely day for a football game. The match started at 1:45 pm. Loreto had a great start to the game. The forwards got some great scores. In the second half Loreto pulled ahead winning the game with a few points to spare. It was great game played by both teams.

By Kate Stack and Ciara Randles

School Garden

On the 20th of April 2012, 3rd, 4th and 5th class planted onions, potatoes and lettuce in the school garden behind the prefab. First we had to pull out the weeds and sprinkle some compost and mix it with the soil. After that, we dug some holes in the earth and put the potatoes in and covered them up again with compost and soil. Then we planted some onions. We had to make a line with the back of the shovel but it wasn't too deep because if it was the seeds wouldn't grow properly .Mr. Looney handed around seeds to the children to plant. When we were dropping in the seeds we covered them up. We carefully put fertiliser on top of the soil. Mrs O' Sullivan's class planted potatoes, carrots and lettuce. We water them everyday. Now all we have to do is wait patiently and hope they will grow.

By Zena Shine, Eimear Beazley ,Aine O' Connor and Alanna Sheahan

Our History Trail

On Tuesday 20th December, 4th, 5th and 6th class met up at the Muckross Post Office. First we looked at Dan Kelleher's House, built in 1852 by Henry Arthur Herbert. Then we continued up the hill to Killeggy Graveyard. There, we learned about several people who were buried there. Henry Arthur Herbert was one of many who were buried in Killeggy. His gravestone is a big Celtic cross situated at the top of the hill. Legend has it, he chose his burial place at the top of the hill so he could look out at the beautiful scenery of Muckross. When we were finished in Killeggy, we made our way to Muckross Abbey. We arrived at the Abbey and ate our lunch. When we were finished we looked at the graves to see if we could find any relatives. A builder who was working on the Abbey, gave us a tour of the building and showed us what was behind the locked doors. There were big wooden doors, long spiral staircases, very small windows and tall arches in the building. We walked back a route called 'the funeral road', which was

the road Catholics used if a family member was to be buried as they didn't want to pass the Church of Ireland as it was against their religion. We crossed to the footpath at the other side of the road. We were collected by our parents and were brought back to school. We all had a great day and learned a lot about the history of Muckcross.

By Eve O' Donoghue and Kate O' Connor
5th Class

Basketball

Every Wednesday for 6 few weeks, Andrew Fitzgerald came to our school for basketball training. From juniors to 6th class, all participated. We have great fun each week and we learn lots of new skills and drills. We do all these drills in our hall as we have basketball nets. We really appreciate Andrew's time and effort. We hope that Andrew will come back next year.

By Kate Stack, Donal Lucey and Ciara Randles

Sports Day

This year our school sports day will take place towards the end of June. We had hoped that it would take place in May but the weather didn't allow that to happen. Here is a run down of the activities that will take place. There will be 6 teams of red, green, black, blue, white and yellow. All children from 1st to 6th class will take part in these non competitive events. We will have jumping hurdles , penalties, relays, basket ball and hockey. Also we will have an egg and spoon race and a sack race. The Junior and Senior Infants will also have a fun packed day of activities organised by their teachers. Each child will bring a healthy lunch and drink with them on the day. We are all hoping for great weather for our sports day.

We would like to thank Denise O' Connell for once again organising the HB ice cream day in aid of down syndrome Ireland. Every child brought in money for the ice cream. We raised over 200 euro on the day.

By Daniel Lucey, Fergal Murphy, Conor Lucey and Oran O' Donoghue.

Are We Nearly There Yet?

The 4th and 5th class school play took place in December . It was called "Are we nearly there yet". It was about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The Walker family of six were also on their way to Bethlehem. There

were songs like "Bumpy Journey" and Are we nearly there yet?". We put a lot of hard work into the play and it all came together in the end. Everyone in the class had a part in the play. We did a dress rehearsal for our school on the day before the actual concert. There was a great turn out of parents on the day of the concert. We finished up the concert with a selection of Christmas songs on the tin whistle.

By Emily Rose, Aisling Coghlan, Aisling .M.Doyle & Isobel Mc Allen

Fourth class football blitz

On Friday morning 25th of March, 4th class girls and boys were invited to a football blitz. There were 1 to 2 people on each team from each school. The Teams were Louth, Kildare, Wicklow, Carlow and Kilkenny. Our teacher Mr Looney was managing Wicklow. The schools that went were Loreto, the Monastery, the Mercy, Loughquittane, St. Olivers and the Gaelscoil. Each team had six games. The 4th class children from Loreto that took part on the day were, Aisling Coghlan, Ruth Courtney, Eimear Beazley, Isobel McAllen, Áine O'Connor, Ciara Randles, Alanna Sheahan, Emily Shaw, Zena Shine, Aisling Reidy, Thomas Cronin, Adam Walsh. The football blitz was held in the Spa pitch. We would like to thank our parents for kindly dropping us and collecting us from the pitch. All the people that participated in the blitz were given Juice, an animal bar and taytos. Everybody was very tired at the end of the day, but we all had great fun.

By Áine O'Connor and Aisling Reidy

Music classes with Mr .Looney

Every Monday evening throughout the year after school, Mr. Looney held a music class for children in 4th, 5th and 6th class. We learned a lot of great songs and tunes. The tin whistle is a very easy instrument to play. It was new to many children. We did a lot of singing too. We all would like to thank Mr. Looney for using his time after school for teaching us the tin whistle. Some people brought in different instruments to show to the class. The music class also took part in other school events such as school masses, the green flag ceremony and the communion. We have learned different types of songs such as reels, slides, jigs, airs and polkas.

By Eimear Beazley, Emily Shaw and Margaret O'Brien

Scott: What's a vampire's favourite sport?
Batminton!

Paul: What subject is a witch good at in school?
Spelling!

Sue: Why did the Cookie go to the doctor?
Because it was feeling Crummy!

Darragh: Why did the chewing gum cross the road?
It was stuck to the leg of the chicken!

Caelan: What do you say to a cow that crosses in front of your car?
Moo-ve over!

Rian: What would you call a sleeping bull?
A bulldozer!

Conor Gammell: Why do cows wear bells?
Because their horns don't work!

Liadh: What do mermaids put on their toast?
Mermerlade!

Brian: Where do cows go on holidays?
To the moo-ves!

Clodagh Lucey: What do ducks watch on t.v.?
Duckumentaries!

Jessica O'Connell: What goes oh, oh, oh?
Santa walking backwards!

Cillian O'Connor: What do you get when you cross a cow with a duck?
Milk and Quackers!

Conor O'Shea: Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they have honeycombs!

Sam: Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?
He had no body to go with!

Cillian Courtney: Why do golfers take an extra pair of socks?
In case they get a hole in one!

Beatrice: What do you call a gorilla wearing ear-muffs?

Anything you like, he can't hear you!

Jessica Fuller: Why do ducks watch the news?
To get the feather forecast!

Ellen: What do you call a blind dinosaur?
I - don't - think - he - saurus!

Caelyn: Why did the tap dancer retire?
He kept falling in the sink!

David: What did the banana do when the monkey chased it?
The banana split!

Clodagh Doolin: What do whales eat?
Fish and ships!

Niamh: Why did Tigger look inside the toilet?
He was looking for Pooh!

Daniel: What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?
Finding HALF a worm in your apple!

Katie: Why was the baby ant so confused?
Because all his uncles were ants!

Ali: What school subject are snakes good at?
Hiss-tory!

Meabh: Why did the girl take a ruler to bed with her?
She wanted to find out how long she sleeps!

Cormac: Why did the polar bear go to the South Pole?
To visit Aunt Artica!

Stephen: Who tells the best chicken joke?
Comedi-hens!

Sarah: What do little ghosts wear when it rains?
Boo-ts!

T.J: What do you call a flying skunk?
A smell-icopter!

East Kerry Football Championship



**Cup Cakes green & gold for Kerry's
All-Ireland Final made by the Parents Association**



Halloween dress-up

Junior Infants



6th Class Debate



Crokes win County final & visit school
with the Cup





French
Food
tasting



French
Food
tasting



Local History Trip to Killeegy Graveyard



Cinderella Rockerfella 6th Class Christmas Play



5th & 4th class Christmas Play



It's a Baby!! Junior Infants, 2nd & 3rd classes Christmas Play



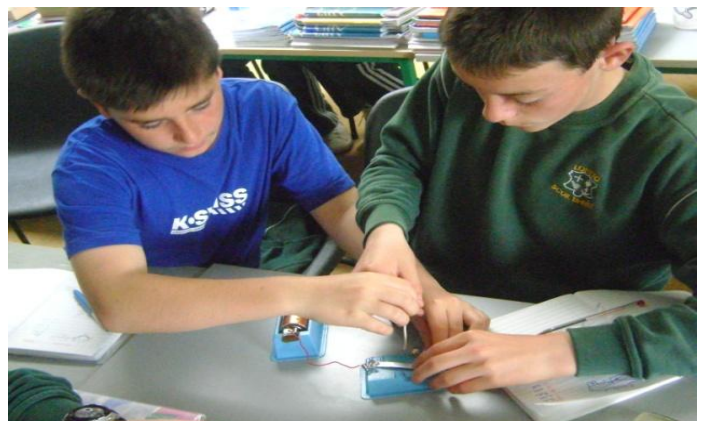
Grandparents Day



Easter Raffle which Raised €788.13 for 'Our Friends in Jicamarca, Peru'



Engineering Day with Scott



Our visit to St. Mary of the Angels



6th class Visit St. Mary of the Angels & walk The Gap

Gap Trip



Planting Our School Garden



Spring Clean Senior Infants & 1st class



Skills Darren Mucahy, Seán Courtney, Loreán McMonagle, Caoimhe Kelly, Sarah Byrnes, Aoife Farrell



Boys Soccer Team



Singing with Helena Connelly



School Tour Cappanalea 4th, 5th, 6th



Furry animals from Knockreer



Friends in Training





The Garda 7 a-side **Football Blitz**

Junior, Senior & 1st class school tour





Swimming
Gala

Girls 11 a-side Football '11-'12



2 2 3 Club with Patricia Quigley



1st Holy Communion Class May '12



3rd Class

