

## **Iomáint sa Scoil ( Nollaig go Meitheamh 2018)**

Ta traidisiún saibhir agus stair iontach againn i Scoil Náisiúnta Ghort Lomáin san iomáint. Tugann na cluichí a n-imríonn na buachaillí agus na cailíní ardú croí do gach tuismitheoir is múinteoir. Drámaíocht, scileanna, paisean, níl anseo ach cúpla focal gur féidir liom a úsáid chun cur síos a dhéanamh ar iomáint agus camógaíocht inár scoil i mbliana. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh go léir sult agus taitneamh as an léamh seo.

The work being undertaken in promoting G.A.A. in Barefield N.S. epitomises the power of grassroots Gaelic Games. It is important to remember and to acknowledge the countless hours of unseen voluntary work and commitment being put in behind the scenes by our teachers. This is the foundation upon which all of our brilliant hurling and football successes we enjoy during the year is built upon. That's the spirit that inspires our pupils to give 100% effort on the pitches. That's the reason why so many of our pupils are playing our games. That's the secret for us being County Champions in both Football and Hurling for 2018.

Our G.A.A. in Barefield N.S is divided mainly into two seasons, football prior to Christmas and hurling after Christmas. Our football successes have already been outlined on our school website and also published in the St. Joseph's Christmas 2017 Newsletter. In football, we are delighted to have captured the Division 1 Cumann na mBunscol Football Title while our Mini 7's footballers also managed to win their County competition. The teams were trained by our teachers Leo Duggan and Peadar McMahon. Well done to all on these fantastic achievements.

To quote the great Ger Loughnane; "some people say hurling isn't very important in the scheme of things but to hurling people hurling is the scheme of things". Our school hurling and camogie training commenced in all seriousness after Christmas. We had training for our junior pupils from Ranganna I-III and also for our senior pupils from Ranganna IV – VI.

This year has been a great success for our Junior Camogie Team. There was a great response to the training and regularly had more than 20 girls at each session. The girls developed their basic camogie skills and played in small-sided

games. Thank you to all those who participated in training and thanks to their teachers, Aisling Daly, Shauna Woods, Rena McMahon and Zelma Power.



Our senior girls camogie trained every Monday from 3.00p.m. – 4.00p.m. after school. Our first outing was the camogie mini 7's competition. We travelled to Tulla where we played Crusheen N.S., Knockanean N.S. and Tulla N.S. The girls played three good matches and a lot was learned from these three encounters.

Our next competition was Cumann na mBunscol. We travelled to Crusheen on Monday May 21st and we played Feakle N.S. and Crusheen N.S. in very wet conditions. The girls were unlucky on the day being narrowly defeated.

Well done to our girls on a great year's work and to their teachers, Bríd Baker and Gillian Moore.





Our junior boys were coached weekly by Mr. Frawley and Mr. Duggan where they were taught basic hurling skills, with ground hurling and enjoyment being the main focus.



Our senior hurlers participated in the Mini 7s and Indoor hurling competitions. However their true grit and determination came to the fore during the Cumann na mBunscol Senior Hurling Campaign. At Cusack Park in Ennis on Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, Barefield National School Senior Hurling Team won the Seán Harrington Cup. The match was dogged from the start with Barefield a point down at half time. After finishing 2 goals 5 points a piece at full time, the team showed fantastic resilience and composure to dominate extra time and to overcome a fiercely tenacious Scariff National School side on a score-line of 2 goals 8 points to 2 goals 6 points. Francis Meaney, Team Captain delivered a rousing speech after receiving the cup from Mr. John O'Byrne, Cumann na mBunscol.

The path to the final consisted of hard fought group stage victories over Knockanean N.S., Kilnamona N.S. and Kilmaley N.S.

The semi-final took place in Newmarket-on-Fergus against a formidable St. Aidan's N.S. team. A brilliant second half performance secured our place in the final. Over the course of the year we had 29 boys training every Tuesday. On the run up to the semi-final and final, we trained twice a week. The attendance and effort at these sessions were fantastic. Congratulations to the boys and to

their teachers Robert Murray and Seán Burns on a fantastic year and well done on such a determined display of hurling in Cusack Park..



I would like to congratulate Megan Barry and Francis Meaney on being selected to represent our school at the Co. Clare Camogie and Hurling Primary Go Games Competitions. They were brilliant. Francis went on to play for Clare in Cusack Park and had a great game. I must also acknowledge the fact that our two teachers Leo Duggan and Seán Burns are Co. Clare Primary School Team Mentors.

It is fantastic to see our past pupils performing so well in hurling for Doora Barefield Minor Club.

Finally, we are grateful to St Joseph's Doora Barefield for providing us with the services of a coach, namely Liam Clancy over the past year.

An aidhm atá againn ná dul ó neart go neart san iomáint agus imreoirí den scoth a chur ar aghaidh go dtí ár gClub agus ár gContae. Níl aon amhras anois ach gur féidir a rá go raibh bliain thar barr againn ag imirt ár gcluichí Gaelacha.

Dubhsruth Gortlomáin Abú!

An Clár Abú!

Is mise, *Seán Ó Broin* (Príomh Oide)