

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

Principal's Summer Address

Tá deireadh na scoil-bliana buailte linn arís agus sinne ar fad ag súil le Laethanta Saoire an tSamhraidh agus le haimsir mhaith. Sa Nuachtlitir seo, léifidh tú faoi roinnt de na h-imeachtaí a bhí ar siúl inár scoil ó Cháisc go Samhradh. Bain taitneamh as an léamh seo.

This term has been jammed with educational, religious, sporting, musical, fun and interesting activities. All classes have enjoyed school tours and our school teams have performed very successfully and with distinction on the pitch, with our priority in sport being for each child to experience the joy of wearing the jersey, the feeling of inclusion and active participation in their chosen sports. Well done to all their trainers.

At this time of year, I wish to express my personal thanks to the Board of Management, Parents' Association, Students' Council, Green Schools Committee, Active Schools Committee, all teachers, special needs assistants, secretaries, caretaker and extra-curricular staff, who work so conscientiously together to make our school a welcoming place to visit and a 'heart-beat of learning and activity' in our community. My congratulations to all staff members, who give so generously of their free time to help our pupils achieve their full potential. Many thanks to Fr. Jerry Carey for his invaluable religious guidance to pupils. We also have Canon Caimín O'Carroll in our thoughts.

Congratulations to all our pupils on their hard work and excellent behaviour during the year. I wish our Rang VI pupils every success in their secondary education. I wish each of you the very best of luck in your future. Whilst we bid farewell to one class,

we warmly welcome our Junior Infants classes, who will commence their national education on August 28th. Congratulations to our First Holy Communion and Confirmation pupils...you were all so wonderful on your Special Day! We are delighted to be opening our new class for children with autism, thus celebrating the inclusive nature of our school in catering for children of all abilities.

During this term, both Middle Management and Board of Management reviewed administrative, organisational, legislative and regulatory policies. Hardcopies are available at the school office, on request.

Please enjoy reading the various interesting paragraphs in this Newsletter written by our Rang VI pupils from Ms. O'Connor's class. Also, I invite you check out our school website, www.barefieldns.com to view photographs, policies, videos and articles relating to school events and activities.

School re-opens on Wednesday, August 28th after the summer holidays.

Thar aon rud eile bímis sábhálta thar an tsamhraidh. Is deis í seo dúinn ar fad scíth a ligint agus am a chaitheamh le chéile, lenár gclanna ag déanamh rudaí deasa. Bí cúramach in aice na farraige nó abhainn, faoin ngrian agus go háirithe ar an bhfeirm má táimid ann. Beimid ag súil le gach éinne a fheiscint ar ais linn ar an gCéadaoin an 28ú Lúnasa.

‘Sé mo ghúí go mbainfidh sibh go léir taitneamh, spórt agus sult as Laethanta Saoire an tSamhraidh. Rath Dé oraibh go léir.

Seán Ó Broin(Príomh-Oide)



Graduation Night

The Rang VI Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 27th in the school Halla. It will include a Gymnastics display, the Debating finals and a Graduation Mass celebrated by Fr. Jerry. The children will be treated to a barbeque afterwards organised by the Parents' Association. We are all looking forward to a great night.

By Aisling & Aoife Millington

Junior Induction Morning

The Junior Induction Morning took place on June 18th last. The parents gathered in the Halla while the children went to the Junior classrooms and got to meet their new teachers, Ms. Keane and Mr. Duggan. The Choir performed a song called "Under the Sea" and Mr. Burns spoke about all the various school activities. The Parents' Association provided refreshments. It was a great morning!

By Jack & Emily

Autism Awareness

Barefield National School is proudly establishing a new ASD class for children with autism called "The Blossom and Bloom Room". Ms. Quinn will be teaching the class assisted by SNAs Vanessa and Gloria. Six students will be enrolled in this class. We all hope that the Blossom and Bloom Room will be a big help to students with autism. We look forward to welcoming these children to our school.

By Eimear & Aisling

Confirmation

The 2019 Confirmation took place at St Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Ennis on April 13th. A total of 54 pupils were confirmed by Bishop Fintan Monaghan. The choir sang some beautiful hymns. Everyone looked spectacular and had an enjoyable day.

By Hannah & Katie

Bag Packing

Our recent fundraiser took place in Dunnes Stores on May 10th and 11th. Overall we collected a total of €2,223.27. We thank all of the parents and volunteers who helped out on the day. The school will be now able to buy some necessary supplies for our school including kitting out our ASD class.

By Leyla & Orla

Sea Safaris in Quilty Beach

Our Rang IV and Rang III pupils recently took a Sea Safari trip with Carmel Madigan to Quilty Beach. They discovered many different sea creatures including starfish, crabs, shrimp and hermit crabs. Carmel informed us about every creature we found and we all learned so much.

We all really enjoyed the trip and learned how precious sea life is. Many thanks to Carmel Madigan for leading our trip and making sure we all had a great time.

By Lucy & Amelia

Visit from Bishop Fintan Monahan

Bishop Fintan Monahan visited our school on Thursday, June 13th. We had a lovely day with him. We held a special assembly for our bishop in the morning. He answered all of our questions and enjoyed listening to the poems and songs we prepared. He admired our artwork from World Oceans Day in the Halla also. Bishop Fintan finished the day by visiting the classrooms.

By Katie & Jamie



Our Ocean, Our Future



World Ocean Day took place on Wednesday June 12th. Everyone wore blue on this day. The Green Schools Committee worked very hard to organise this amazing and fun-filled event. There were lots of special visitors from Clare including Joe Queally (RNLI), Roisín Garvey (An Taisce), Carmel Madigan (Explorers Education Programme Marine Institute) and Hugh O'Malley (Achill Oysters). The choir performed a lovely song from The Little Mermaid called "Under The Sea". Parents and children enjoyed visiting the wonderful Art Exhibition in the Halla during the week. Thanks to Ms. Power, Mr. Chambers and the Green Schools Committee for all their hard work in organizing the day.

Alisha & Eimear O'S

Visit of John Spillane

The acclaimed Irish singer and song writer, John Spillane, visited our school on May 3rd. It was a memorable experience not alone for all our pupils but also for our staff. He sang old Irish favourites, such as Báidín Fheilimí, Trasna na dTonnta, Maidrín Rua and many more. It was a very enjoyable occasion for all.

By Seán & Lauren

First Holy Communion

The pupils from Rang II received their First Holy Communion on May 18th in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield. The church was beautifully decorated with artwork completed by the children. Thank you to the teachers and SNAs for helping the children prepare for their special day. We thank Ms. Quinn for playing the organ during the ceremony and the Parents' Association for organising refreshments at the school afterwards.

By Aoife Mulqueen & Leyla



Swimming Gala

On May 10th, 40 students took part in an annual swimming gala in the Ennis Leisure Complex. Each team was very successful as we got a place in every race. We ended up winning the overall prize. It was a very enjoyable day for everyone who took part.

By Lauren & Iarlaith

Marion Keane Basketball Tournament

Both boys and girls school basketball teams had a very successful year. The boys played Gaelscoil Mhichíl Ciosóg, CBS and Quin N.S. in the first round of the Competition and were successful against all the teams. In the semi-final, the boys were unfortunate to be beaten by Cooraclare N.S. They played a great game and showed tremendous spirit.

In the first round the girls defeated Ennis Educate Together and Crusheen N.S. In the second round they beat Knockanean N.S. and Ennis N.S. The girls got to the final but despite their best efforts unfortunately lost to a very strong Cree-Clohanbeg National School team. Both the boys and girls played with skill and determination and we are very proud of their achievements.

By Emily & Jack

Active Schools Week

Active Schools week took place from June 5th to 7th. Lots of visitors came in to school to share their knowledge and skills with the students. We had soccer, hockey, tennis, skipping, athletics, rugby, yoga, cycling and aerobics. Thanks to the Active Schools Committee and all the parents and friends of the school for helping out.

Rang VI took on the challenge of climbing the 12 O'Clock Hills as part of Active School Week. Rang VI will climb Clare's highest peak later in the month.

Indoor Hurling League

During the last two months an Indoor Hurling League took place involving the boys from Rang III and Rang IV. There were 7 teams taking part. 46 boys played during the league. The Final between Team 1 in red and Team D in blue will take place on Sports Day. Well done to Mr. Murray for organising the matches and a huge well done to the boys who participated in the competition.



Clare FAI 5-a-Side Soccer

On May 8th a panel of eight girls from Rang VI participated in the FAI 5-a-side girl's Competition in Lees Road. They won all their matches and qualified for the Munsters. The team then travelled to Limerick. It was an exciting day and the girls were excellent but were unlucky not to qualify for the final. We are very proud of them.

The boys also entered the competition winning all three games on the first day. Despite some great performances they came out the wrong side of some tight games the second day. Well done to Ms. Woods and Mr. Chambers for training the teams.

By Amy & Lucy

Girls Senior Football

The girls' football had a very successful term. The Mini Sevens team was up against Knockanean N.S. and Toonagh N.S. in the first round of the competition. They progressed to the final day, which was held in Gurteen. They beat Crusheen N.S. and Parteen N.S. but were beaten by a very strong Cree Clohanbeg team in the final. The Rang VI team took part in The Clare Ladies Football Board competition. In the first round they beat Knockanean N.S. and Gaelscoil Mhichíl Ciosóg. The final was held in Cusack Park on June 10th. They girls were victorious by overcoming our fellow parishoners, Knockanean NS, on a scoreline of 3-4 to 2-4. We are very proud of our wonderful team.

By Elisha & Isabelle



Senior Hurling and Camogie

The Barefield senior hurling boys have enjoyed a good year. They moved to the Division 1 Hurling championship. Well done to the whole panel of 30 players for such a great year and to their coaches Mr. Robert Murray and Mr. Seán Burns.

The senior girls camogie team also had a good year. They played a blitz in May against Feakle N.S. and Clooney N.S. Unfortunately they did not progress to the next round. Well done to the large panel of girls who trained and played hard this year and well done to their coaches Ms. Baker IV and Ms. Woods.





Many buses have pulled up outside the school to take children on exciting school tours over the last few weeks. This year Junior Infants went to The Farmyard in Corofin. Senior Infants visited Turro Pet Farm. Rang I visited Delta Sports Centre in Limerick. They had a fantastic time. Rang II had a brilliant time at the UL Activity Centre. Rang III had a great day at the Let's Go Camp and had an amazing day outside doing all the activities.

Rang IV travelled to Lahinch Beach to do surfing, rock climbing and archery. Rang V drove to Bay Sports in Athlone and had lots of fun on the inflatables at the water park. Rang VI travelled to Killaloe to the Adventure Centre. They had a marvellous time and to top it off they went to the Shannon Shopping Centre.

By Arife & Jamie

Ardnacrusha Trip

Rang III went to Ardnacrusha Hydro Generating Station on May 28th. Everyone had a great day and learned a lot from the tour guide. They learned how water can generate electricity and power. They saw how everything works and the role of each person. They all enjoyed the day out and thought it was very interesting. Thanks to Paul Whitmore, Ms. Rena McMahan and Mr. Seán Burns for organizing this trip.

By Hannah & Lauren

Jersey Day for Féile

We held a Jersey Day recently to raise money for St. Joseph's Doorra-Barefield hurling and football teams that played in the Féile down in Cork. Everyone wore their favourite jersey to school. We raised a lot of money and everyone had lots of fun wearing their jerseys. We collected a total of €673.85 for our parish Féile teams.

By Seán & Lauren

Visit from St. Flannan's College

Teachers and students from St. Flannan's College kindly visited our school in May to inform us about their space project called Terra Star. They won a competition and their prize is a trip to NASA in June. They 5th Year students held a poem and poster competition to raise money to go to NASA. They selected a group of winners from each class. They all received a prize for their amazing work. Congratulations to the following people; Junior Infants: Emily O'Brien, Rang I: Seán Daly, Maeve Carden, Hadia Ijaz Ghaz, Rang II: Laoise Moore, Katie Lahiffe, Elena Berduque, Rang III: Leah O'Connor, Cáit McCarthy, Tara Moroney, Holly Sheerin, Rang IV: Fatima Ijaz Ghazi, Rang V: Molly Cahill, Haris Ihsan, Rang VI: Aisling Blake, Ella Casey and Elisha Rowland. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Competition. Best Wishes to St. Flannan's College on their journey to NASA.

By Ella & Amelia

Mathematicians of the Month

Every week Mr. Burns puts up a Math Problem on the board in the foyer and encourages all children to solve the problem. Ciara and Amelia from the Students' Council announce the winners each week. If a child wins the mathematical problem they get a small treat from Mr. Burns at our monthly Assembly. This is to encourage kids to be more involved in math. The most recent winners of the Mathematical Problem of the Week were Kadi Farrell (Rang VI), Meda Liauksminaitė (Rang IV) and John Lyons (Rang IV), Amilee Cleary (Rang IV), Philip Coyne (Rang IV) and Sara Teodorowicz (Rang III). Every child in IV to VI is encouraged to enter the Mathematical Problem of the Week.

By Cian & Orla



This Summer Newsletter was written by

Ms. O'Connor's Rang V1.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Please check out our website

www.barefieldns.com

for photos of all our school

activities throughout the year.

