

End of Year Sports Review 2018-2019

Introduction

Physical Education and Team Sports play an integral role in our school life, helping to develop essential skills, such as leadership, discipline and teamwork along with physical and mental health benefits. Pupils experience this through our physical education lessons and also through our team sporting activities.

Our Physical Education (P.E.) curriculum is for pupils from Junior Infants to Rang VI. Physical Education lessons aim to develop the physical, mental and social competencies of every pupil in our school. Over the course of an academic year, our P.E. curriculum provides a balanced range of activities for children through the six strands:

- Athletics
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Games
- Outdoor and adventure activities
- Aquatics.

These activities contribute to pupils' overall development by helping them to lead full, active and healthy lives.

P.E. lessons offer challenges which are appropriate and seek to develop and progress pupils at a rate in which they feel comfortable but stimulated. We aim to instil in our pupils an enthusiasm for physical exercise and an understanding of its importance which they will take with them into adult life.

Team Sports

In addition to P.E. lessons, pupils at Barefield N.S. also get the opportunity to participate in a range of team sports.

The hard work of our Active School Committee, coaches and of course the commitment of our pupils to training and staying active has resulted in a wonderful sporting year. Our aim is not only to allow those who play sport with local clubs showcase their skills but also to facilitate those who may not be members of clubs outside school to access a wide variety of sports to both enjoy and to develop their own skills.

Senior Boys Football

Our Boy's Gaelic Footballers had a fantastic year, winning the Division 1 football title for the second year in a row. Preparations began early in Term 1 and wins quickly followed against Ennis N.S., Ennis CBS, Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosóg and Knockanean N.S. These wins set us up for a semi-final against Quin N.S., where the boys played very well and won comfortably on the day.

The final was played in early November against Cratloe N.S. in Cusack Park. Supporters travelled in to the park decked out in their school colours, to support the boys. They had plenty to cheer about on the day as Barefield N.S. produced a wonderful performance to win by 2.10 to 0.4 pts.

Our Mini 7's footballers also produced some excellent football this year. They topped their group and advanced to a semi-final date with Lissycasey N.S. In an exciting match they lost out by a single score.

Overall we had a most exciting year and over 50 boys from Rang IV, Rang V and Rang VI took to the fields and represented their school admirably. We are hoping to continue this progress next year as we try to keep as many of our youngsters involved with our Gaelic Games. Well done to their mentors, Mr. McMahon and Mr. Duggan.



Senior Girls' Football

Congratulations to our Rang VI girls who showed unbelievable determination and skill during a hard fought battle against our neighbours, Knockanean NS, in winning the Division 1 Clare Ladies Football Final. The match took place in a sun drenched Cusack Park and was a nail-biting encounter from beginning to end. Knockanean N.S. led at half time on a scoreline of 2-2 to 1-1. We came out strong in the second half and the game ended 3-04 to 2-04. Our captains, Lucy Power and Lyndsay Clarke, gave a wonderful speech and thanked Knockanean for an entertaining and fair game of football.

We are very proud of all that these girls have achieved this year. They have showed great commitment, determination and skill throughout the year. We hope that they continue to play football with their clubs and their new schools next year. Congratulations to their mentors, Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Quinn.



Senior Boys Hurling

Our senior hurlers showed incredible commitment throughout their Cumann na mBunscol Competition and always played with great spirit and determination. Having won promotion to Division 1, they had to play very strong and more experienced teams. It was a great campaign for the boys from which they gained invaluable experience. Congratulations to Sean Frawley's team for winning the Frank Burns Memorial Trophy. Well done to their mentors, Mr. Robert Murray and Mr. Seán Burns.



Indoor Hurling

The boys of Barefield N.S. had a wonderful year in Indoor hurling. Boys from Rang III and Rang IV took part in the annual Competition. The first round in Gurteen Hall came with 3 victories over Tulla N.S., Clarecastle N.S. and Crusheen N.S. The second round was another group stage in Gurteen where the boys had very hard fought wins over Quin N.S., Ennis N.S. and CBS. This meant that the boys qualified for the final round in Cratloe N.S. Three of the winning teams from all over the county came together. The boys had a brilliant win in the final stages over Clonmoney N.S. and this meant that the winners of the last match against Ballyea N.S. would be the champions of Co. Clare.

Unfortunately, a bad start in the final meant Ballyea N.S. raced into a 10-2 lead at half time. The Barefield boys didn't give up and a tremendous fight back in the second half had the score at 10-7 at the final whistle. Credit has to go to the courage the boys showed in never giving up and congratulations to them for reaching the final. The panel of players were Cillian Conway, Finan Sheehan, Martin Daly, Graham Ball, Colm Daly, Ben Talty, TJ Moore, Ciarán Sheehan, Adam Tariq, Dylan McGloin, Patrick Thynne and Niall O' Grady. The team was coached by Robert Murray. Well done to all who took part in this fantastic hurling competition.



FAI Boys Soccer

The FAI Clare schools 5-aside soccer qualifiers were held in Lees Road on 9th April, where Barefield N.S. won all three of their games against Inagh N.S., Newmarket on Fergus N.S. and Tulla N.S. to progress to the County Finals.

The County Finals were held in Lees Road on May 1st, where Barefield N.S. came out the wrong side of tight games with Killaloe N.S. and Clonmoney N.S. and came from behind to beat Knockanean N.S. in their final game. This was not enough to progress in the tournament but they bowed out with their heads held high. Killaloe N.S. went on to reach the final against St.Aidan's N.S. of Shannon who won out to represent Clare in the National Finals in the Aviva Stadium.

Squad: Cain Guilfoyle, Diarmuid Boyle, Eric McDonnell, George Quinn, Jack Dillon, Conor Daly, Iarlaith McIlroy, Eoghan Kilcawley and Frank Lynch.

Well done to their coach, Mr. Jim Chambers.



FAI Girls Soccer

Our Rang VI girls were very successful in the Spar National 5-a-side competition this year.

The girls played excellent soccer to top their group in the first round of the Clare competition.

The following week, the girls qualified for the Munster finals after overcoming very tough competition in the Clare finals.

The Munster finals were played in Corbally, Limerick. Our girls played excellent soccer on the day but were defeated in the semi-finals to a very strong Tipperary side. Congratulations to Ms. Woods for all her work.



Senior Camogie

There was great interest in senior girls camogie this year. The girls also participated in the Mini-7s and Cumann na mBunscol competitions. The team was allocated to very difficult groups on both occasions. The girls showed great fight in all matches and were wonderful representatives for our school. Well done to their mentors, Ms. Baker and Ms. Woods.



Swimming

Our school Swimming Team competed in the Clare National Schools GALA and we won best overall 'A' school for 2019. It was a fantastic achievement for our pupils. Well done to their mentors, Ms. Daly, Ms. McMahon and Ms. Kilcawley.



Junior Teams (Teams from Rang I, Rang II, Rang III)

Junior Girls Camogie team with their mentors Ms. Power and Ms. McMahon



Our Junior Boys' Hurling Team with their mentors, Mr. Adrian Frawley and Mr. Jim Chambers.



Our Junior Boys Football team with their mentors, Mr. Adrian Frawley and Mr. Seán Burns



Our Junior Girls Football Team with their Mentor Ms. Zelma Power (Absent: Ms. Raftery)



Junior Football training commenced for the girls of Rang I, II, agus III in early October. Training took place on Mondays from 3.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.. Ms. Sarah Raftery and Ms. Zelma Power enjoyed passing on and developing the wonderful skills of football to the pupils. The teachers organised an inter-school blitz in November in which the pupils took part. Participation was very impressive with more than thirty girls attending each session. All players achieved a medal for their excellent commitment in training. We encouraged the girls to join local clubs to continue to develop their skills further, to make friends and learn to play as a team in their local environment. Well done to all the girls involved.

Basketball

Our Girls Basketball team with their mentors, Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Keane.



Our Boys Basketball team with their mentors, Mr. McMahon and Mr. Duggan:



We also compete in cross-country, athletics, and tennis. We encourage as many pupils as possible to get involved, with participation and enjoyment being our emphasis. Through our Active Schools Week Programme, we introduce our pupils to as many different sports as possible.

Conclusion

The support we receive from our local G.A.A. Club, St. Joseph's, our Doora-Barefield Minor Club, our school community and especially our parents was outstanding during the year and we are very appreciative of this.

Is mise, le fíor-mheas,

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(Príomh-Oide)