



### Scór na bPaistí

Congratulations to Ruairí O'Sullivan who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Scór na bPaistí county final. Ruairí performed in the recitation category.

### Hip Hop dancing

Pupils enjoyed learning and performing hip hop dance routines this year with UltraFlex dance.



### Firebird

On the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the West Midlands Theatre Group came to Cloghroe N.S. to perform their theatrical production of the "Firebird".

### School of cards

Mrs. McSweeney's fourth class brushed up on their card playing skills during a rainy day recently. We loved playing games which have been around since our parent's time and before! As the saying goes 'Every cloud has a silver lining!'



### PowerPoint projects

Recently 4<sup>th</sup> class have been working with Ms. Brosnan in the computer room. We are learning how to do Powerpoints in preparation for project work. We are learning how to make slideshows and putting colour onto the text. Pupils created their own projects and presented them to their class.

### Chess workshop- 6th class



Liam Murray gave 6th class pupils a workshop for a day. They developed their logic and mathematical skills and we have some budding chess masters in our midst. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed this experience.



### Cór Fhéile na Scol 2014

Over the years, Cloghroe N.S has a long tradition of Cór Fhéile entries. First class pupils took to the stage on March the 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and performed a short variety show entitled "GRÁ MA CHROÍ" with a selection of songs and poems. They entertained a large audience and were rewarded with a thunderous round of applause on the night and proved to be a big hit! We are very proud of our superstars and look forward to seeing their talents developing for the coming years! Comhghairdeas a phaistí agus a mhuinteoirí as ucht an obair dian a rinne sibh don taispeántas seo.

Leanaigí ar aghaidh leis an obair mhaith.



### Comenius

In June 2014, teachers from Cloghroe N.S. visited All Saints Primary School, Manchester as part of the Comenius project. The trip enabled us to exchange pen pal letters, acquire a new school mascot named Fergie and expand our range of teaching methodologies. Pupils in Cloghroe N.S. can look forward to completing projects such as creating a European cookery book and participating in skype sessions with our European friends.

### 6th class

Congratulations to 6th class on receiving their Confirmation. We wish them every success in the future!



### Cloghroe N.S. Parents Association

Thank you to the pupils, teachers and parents for all their support of the Parents Association annual events of carol singing, the 'dress-down' days and the class photographs which generated further funding for the school. Many thanks to Fergal, from Soundstore, who organised the professional photographs of each class this year. The Parents Association supported some school events, including the open night for the parents of the Junior Infants class, a talk on Internet Safety by Maureen Griffin, a talk by Sean O'Dwyer (Community Garda) and also refreshments for the winning Sciath na Scol team. The First Holy Communion refreshments at the school hall worked out wonderfully. Thanks again to all who donated food and those who gave their time to help on the day. Without your help, the day would not be a success. In recognition of the huge effort of the pupils and staff with the Comenius Project, we were de-

lighted to organise an ice cream van to call to the school with ice cream for all. The AGM will be held in Oct/Nov 2014 where details of the finances will be outlined. It is also an opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal and direct the activities of the association for the following year. We would encourage all to come along with any suggestions or requests. Good luck to our sixth class pupils with their move to secondary school. We hope you all enjoy the summer break.



# St. Senan's Cloghroe N.S.

## Cloghroe National School Newsletter - Bringing Us Together



As we approach the end of the school year, we once again welcome the opportunity to include you, the wider community, in the many and varied happenings here in Cloghroe N.S. over the past few months. We would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Summer.

### Cloghroe N.S. Website launch

In today's world of technology, we all appreciate the value of instant access to information. We were delighted to launch our school website on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2014. We trust that pupils (past and present) staff, parents, board members and the wider school community will make time to connect with us through the website. Our aim is to allow you, the visitor, accompany us on a journey through school life, and in so doing, feel your children's education is in safe hands. Please visit the website regularly. [www.cloghroens.com](http://www.cloghroens.com)

### Art Attack!

### Winners in the Cork Summer Show

Congratulations to Mrs. Maria Riordan's Art Club who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Cork Summer Show craft competition! The 6<sup>th</sup> class art club have been very busy in recent weeks working on their sheep named "Summer". The judges for the competition were *Hector Ó hEochagáin* and *Franc*, from Brides of Franc. Comhghairdeas!



### Camogie – Sciath na Scol Final - 2014.

On Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, our girls Sciath na Scol panel travelled to Páirc Uí Rinn to contest for the Roinn 1 camogie final against Carrigtwohill. The girls had a great start with Ellen Murphy and Claudia Keane winning possession in midfield. Áilis O'Sullivan then scored a brilliant goal. Straight away Caoimhe Buckley and vice captain Anne Marie Coleman scored three fantastic goals between them. Cloghroe got another three goals before half-time. The crowd went crazy as Cloghroe were winning 4:03 to no score.

In the second half, Carrigtwohill came out strong, but with good defending by Ciara Doyle, (Cloghroe's captain), Katie Lordan, Jodie Sullivan, Aoife Babington and Aoife Quigley they were able to clear the ball. Soon, Cloghroe scored two more amazing goals, one after the other by Elizabeth O'Connor and Caoimhe Buckley. Carrigtwohill then retaliated with two excellent points. With Claudia Keane and Ellen Murphy still working well in midfield and the newly introduced substitutes working well too, it led to another great goal by Áilis O'Sullivan. Not long after, Ellen Murphy got the ball and whacked it into the net. Carrigtwohill then got the ball and were in for a goal chance but Cloghroe's goalkeeper Hannah O'Leary made a fantastic save. Immediately after that, Amy Corkery got a brilliant goal and then the referee blew his whistle leaving the score at 9:03 to 0:02 to Cloghroe. Well done to all involved. *Report by Stephen Riordan, Cian Connolly, Neil Vaughan and Caoimhe Buckley.*



### Cork City Sports

Our athletics' team did the school proud in this year's Cork City Sports on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014. After weeks of training, our athletes were in top shape and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Particular



congratulations to our three relay teams who won prizes on the day and all the children who won individual awards. A big thank you to Mrs. A. O'Connell and Mrs. N. O'Connor.

### Cake Sale

With the help of Ms. McSwiney, 6<sup>th</sup> class girls organised a fund raising cake sale to support the annual rounders competition. Well done to all who supported this event.







Junior and Senior Infants in Fota Wildlife Park, 2014.



6th class exploring Ballyhass lakes on their recent school tour, 2014.

## School tours 2014



4th class water sports in Kinsale on May 26th, 2014.



6th class local history tour of Inniscarra on Tuesday, June 10th, 2014.



5th class activity day in Kinsale, 11th June 2014.



Pupils visit Inniscarra Dam, another point of interest on the local tour of Inniscarra.

## Sporting stars



Winners of the in school Hurling League, 3rd and 4th class.



Winners of the in school Camogie League, 3rd and 4th class.

## Fun & Games



Rounders Fun Day which was held on June 18th 2014 in Saleen.



2nd class enjoying the egg and spoon race during their recent Sports Day.



Pupils participated in a Ceilí mór in the school yard to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

## Discover Primary Science & Maths Awards.

This year all three 5<sup>th</sup> classes took part in the Discover Primary Science and Maths Awards of Excellence project. A lot of work went into this and we were lucky enough to achieve our award at the end of May. Five different areas needed to be focused on to achieve the award and we also had to put together a scrapbook showing our efforts. We took part in the Greenwave initiative which involved looking for signs of spring and recording the weather. We then had to do some experiments in the areas of Energy & Forces and Materials. We paid a visit to the Lifetime Lab for a workshop on forces. As well as this we showcased some of our Science experiments and investigations to some of the other classes. Finally we had to show how we used ICT in the project. Everyone learned a lot by taking part in this project and we are proud of our achievement.



## Butter making

Second class made delicious butter and enjoyed it on fresh brown loaf. The children learned what an emulsion is and got great exercise shaking the cream in order for the fat globules to mix.

## Go Green!

The green schools committee in Cloghroe National School has been busy working towards acquiring their fourth green flag. The theme this year is on transport, where pupils and parents are encouraged to leave the car behind and travel by foot or find other means of transport to slow down carbon emissions. To make this a fun activity, children were encouraged on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 to dress up in "GREEN" and walk to school. Over 500 boys and girls walked to school all dressed in green, to celebrate the upcoming of St. Patrick's Day and also work towards the Green Flag. We would like to thank members of the Gardaí from Blarney who helped out on the day to ensure that everything ran smoothly & that children arrived safely to school.



## Green Fingers!

Throughout the month of May, fifth class designed and made scarecrows for the vegetable garden. We brought in lots of materials and straw to stuff and dress the scarecrows. Fifth class hope Mr. Keady (former teacher) will be pleased because we put a lot of effort into them. We wish to sincerely thank him for coming back to our school again this year and continuing with the sowing of vegetables and potatoes. Pupils visit the garden to plant seeds and see the plants growing and getting bigger until it's time to harvest them! Mr. Keady's green fingers are working their magic again this year! Mile buíochas!



## Fire safety!

The Ballincollig Fire Brigade visited the school to "put out" a large oil fire in the school yard. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to see the real danger of fire and learn new fire safety skills.



## Sow and Grow

Our school has joined more than 600 other schools in "Innocent GIY Sow and Grow Project". This project encourages all our budding gardeners to roll up their sleeves, get out their spades and grow their own fruit and veg. Our 3rd class pupils were delighted to use their green fingers and get growing. Each child uses a kit of compost and seed packets to grow a variety of vegetables including beetroot, cress and runner beans. All our boys and girls gave their plants plenty of TLC and took them home to be grown them outside. All the children were fascinated by the discovery of where our food comes from and how plants grow.

## First Holy Communion 2nd Class

Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> class pictured below who received their First Holy Communion on May the 17<sup>th</sup> 2014.

