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ST. SENAN'S N.S. KILRUSH SCHOOL NEWS



*Scoil Sheanáin Naofa
Cill Ruis*

2009-2010

School News

St. Senan's would like to welcome you to this year's edition of the school magazine. In keeping with our school ethos "children come first" most of the articles have been written and submitted by students in the school. We hope you enjoy all we have to offer.

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Thank you for your support and co-operation throughout a very successful school year. Once again the children enjoyed a huge variety of activities both sporting and cultural and will have benefitted tremendously from their wide ranging experiences.

Sr. Teresa Hogan and Mrs. Marion Brennan are retiring after many years of dedicated service to the children of Kilrush. We wish them health and happiness in retirement.

Thanks again for your wonderful support and may I wish you all a very happy and safe Summer.

God Bless,

Patrick J. McInerney (Principal)

Home School Community Partnership

The HSCL programme seeks to further the links between St Senan's and the wider community. Parents, as prime educators, are the central focus in bringing forward educational programmes that enhance family learning. During 2010, the Local Education Committee comprising parents', pupils' and mainstream educational interests organised courses in response to the concerns and needs of parents. Specific practical strategies were included in the design of courses such as 'Fun with Numbers', 'Fun with Science', 'Enhancing Your Child's Learning at School', 'Basic Computers for Parents', 'Grandparents' Day', 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' and 'Internet Safety Day'.

The Home School Community Liaison programme at St. Senan's recognises the complementary skills of parents in their child's education. St Senan's actively facilitates the vibrant interaction between home, school and relevant community agencies in enhancing the educational outcome for our young people.

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School Staff 2009 / 2010	
STAFF	CLASS
Mr. Patrick J. Mc Inerney	Principal
Sr. Teresa Hogan	Junior Infants
Ms. Helen O Brien	Junior Infants
Mrs. Marion Brennan	Senior Infants
Mrs. Aine O' Brien	Senior Infants
Mrs. Karen Hogan	1st class
Mrs. Linda O' Gorman	1 st / 2 nd class
Mrs. Avril Bolton	2 nd class
Mrs. Aoife O Malley	3 rd class
Ms. Majella Griffin	4 th class
Mrs. Grainne O Shea	4 th class
Ms. Michelle Eustace	5 th class
Ms. Clare Mac Namara	6 th class
Mr. John Mc Guire	6 th class
Ms. Lianne Harrison	LS/RT
Mrs. Mary King	LS/RT
Ms. Jean Keating	LS/RT
Mr. Kevin Clohessy	LS/RT
Mrs. Michelle Garrihy	LS/RT
Ms. Brid O' Mahoney	LS/RT
Mrs. Susan Young	LS/RT
Ms. Noreen Lynch	LS/RT
Ms. Danielle Lillis	Language Support
Mr. Tom Prendeville	H.S.C.L.
Ms. Deirdre Kenny	Sp. Class Multiple Disabilities
Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald	ASD Unit
Mrs. Deirdre Hehir	French

Special Needs Assistants

Monica Brennan, Teresa Carrig, Laura Crowley, Geraldine Grace, Roisin Coleman, Ailish Malone, Mary Murrinan, Regina Mannion, Carmel Ryan
Secretary: Bernadette Dillon Caretaker: Martin Burke

Soccer

County Champions 2010
Munster Finalists

In the beginning of March the boys and girls started trials for the school soccer teams. After a number of weeks sixteen players(boys and girls) were selected to represent our school in the Clare play offs. While the girls played very well they were unlucky but the boys won every match and proceeded to the Munster finals in Waterford.

After a long drive to Waterford we were beaten by the eventual winners, Cork. Even though we were disappointed for not progressing further we were proud to represent our school and our county.

BasketBall

St.Senan's Primary School have two basketball teams; boys and girls. The boys train on Tuesdays and girls train on Thursdays for an hour. Our coaches are Mrs. Young and Mrs. O'Malley. Its great to play basketball because it keeps us fit, it's fun and we get to play matches in different places and usually we are quite successful!

This year the boys team played and won three matches and were very unlucky to lose the semi final by just one basket.

The girls played and won three matches to reach the final.

Gaelic Football

County Champions 2010

Michael Cusack founded the G.A.A. and it now has evolved into a huge sport around Ireland. So this year once again St. Senan's have put together both a girls and a boys football team.

This year the boys played Lissycasey, Kilmurry Ibrickane, Ennistymon and Cooraclare. The girls played Moyasta /Kilkee to reach the final, It was played in Miltown Malbay on Friday June 11th and St. Senan's were victorious against Lahinch with a final score of 2 : 3 to 1 : 3.

Well done girls. Great achievement.

Athletics

West Clare Champions 2010

The athletics trials began in September with 10 children qualifying from each age category starting with under 8 to over 10. There were two training sessions after school each week. The West Clare stages of the competition were held in Kilmihil on September 29th . We were very succesful as we won the overall prize and there were also some individual winners. A few weeks later the North Clare V West Clare competition was held in Mullagh but sadly we were beaten by a few points in the overall.

French

Fifth and Sixth classes have had another fun filled year learning French.

We've learned how to talk about ourselves, our families, our school, hobbies, weather and so much more. C'est fantastique!

During the year we learned french songs and a traditional french dance. We even made up our own games and did P.E through french!

We made Christmas cards, Valentine cards, Mardi Gras masks and Easter cards all in french. J'adore le dessin. We also did an art display based on the work of Henri Matisse.

In February Ms. Mac Namara's class had a French Breakfast – chocolat chaud et croissants.

We also submitted entries to the Le Crunch Health Heroes Art Competition.

Vive la France! Vive le Francais.

Reading recovery

Reading recovery is continuing in the school. Children are finding it a very enjoyable means of learning to read. It is a very rewarding experience for both teacher and pupil.

Green Schools

It has been a very busy year for Green schools in St. Senan's N.S. In cooperation with Kilrush Tidy Towns Committee an ash tree was planted in the school grounds. We participated in An Taisce Spring Clean in April and the Tidy Town Community Clean up in June. The fifth class pupils have completed a mural which will displayed in the town. They also completed two entries for competitions on the theme of recycling.

Friends

My friend is very special
She always has time for me.

She listens

She talks

We go for walks.

That's why my friend is special.

We chat on the phone

We sometimes moan and groan .

She shares

She cares

That's why my friend is special..

Joke!

What do you call a witch who lives on the beach?

A SANDWICH!

Why couldn't the car play football?

Because it only had one BOOT!

A.S.D. Unit

We have reached the end of another successful School year in the A.S.D unit. We found each day a new beginning, bringing its own challenges, rewards and successes.

The children work on individual based programmes based on Primary School curriculum, embracing principles of T.E.A.C.C.H. A.B.D. P.E.C.S. and floor time.

The children participated in activities e.g. swimming, cooking, music therapy integrated P.E. programmes and yoga. They also benefited from cranial osteopathic treatment on a regular basis. Sincere thanks to Marie O, Leary D. O. who gave of her expertise so generously.

Our life skills programme include shopping at Supervalu, saving for school tour in the Post Office, developing reading skills in the Library and being part of the local community celebrating morning mass.

Tesco

Once again this year we have collected over 25,000 Tesco tokens. The school will now choose educational resources from the following categories : ICT, Sports and Health, Green Schools, Literacy and Numeracy. These resources are of great benefit to the children and thank you all for your help.

Eight Years

Junior Infants ,
Welcomed with a smile,
As you settle in ,
Tired for a while.

*After eight years ,
You'll be gone ,
Class is over ,
School is done.*

The tiredness will fade ,
Day after day ,
Don't worry ,
Everything will be ok.

*After eight years ,
You'll be gone ,
Class is over ,
School is done.*

When you reach fourth class ,
You will have advanced ,
Adding and subtracting ,
Don't stand a chance.

*After eight years ,
You'll be gone ,
Class is over ,
School is done.*

You're almost there ,
You've received Confirmation ,
Not long now ,
Until Graduation.

*It's been eight years ,
Now you're gone ,
Class is over ,
School is done.*

Christmas Concert

Every year St Senan's put on an amazing Christmas Show. All the classes perform, some sing songs, some dance and others do small dramas. Weeks of practice are put in by all the children in order to get the acts ready for stage .

What I liked about the Christmas Concert is the buzz of being on stage and the fun we have working together. I also liked arranging the costumes and getting make up and hair done. All the parents were invited and everyone said we did very well. The Christmas concert is a very enjoyable experience for all involved.

Easter Bonnets

Our school has an Easter Bonnet Parade. The children in 6th class create the bonnets and the children in 5th class model them.

It is great fun designing and making the bonnets and most of the work has to be done in school. As well as designing the bonnet you must also come up with a catchy title and make a sign for the model to wear. There are usually about four categories in the parade: traditional, sport, creative and topical. Each category gets a prize and there is also an overall winner.

We'll always remember making our Easter Bonnets ,

The Sacraments

This year 39 children made their Confirmation on the 27th of February 2010. I remember at Confirmation when Bishop Walsh blessed us with chrism oil. It is a very special sacrament and the Holy Spirit came down and made us full members of his church.

28 children made their First Holy Communion on 15th of May 2010. This is also a very special Sacrament when the children receive the eucharist for the first time. These days are great memories in our lives.

Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Bhí seachtain na Gaeilge againn arís i Scoil Sheannáin Naofa i mí Márta. Bhí seachtain suimiúil ag gach duine ag ullmhú agus ag féachaint ar na dramaí agus na páistí go léir ar an ardán gach lá. Bhí rudai éagsula ar siúl gach lá; amhránaíocht, filíocht, dramaíocht, tráth na gceist, agus ceilí mór. Ceapann a lán daoine go bhfuil comhrá Gaeilge ledránach ach nil sé. Bhí an- spóirt againn ag cleachtadh dramaíochta , ag seinm ceoil agus ag canadh amhráin.

Thaitin seachtain na Gaeilge le gach duine agus táimid ag súil leis arís an bhliain seo chugainn.

Charity: €6,459

During the year St.Senan's N.S have donated €6,459,09 to various charities as well as 500 phones to Jack and Jill and 300 boxes to Samaritan Purse .We have contributed to Regina House Cancer Care Unit ,Haiti , R.N.L.I. , West Clare Kidney Association, Sick Children to Lourdes Fund, School Children Fund in Ghana. and ASD Unit in our school. This money was raised by running various activities during the year namely: Bake Sale, Easter Egg Hunt, Non Uniform Day, Sponsored Walk, Confirmation and Communion Classes donations.

It's an excellent idea to give to charities because there are so many people throughout the world who are suffering and dying because of hunger, illness, disease and natural disasters.Contributing really makes you feel that you are making a difference to the people who really need it.

10 things to do on a rainy day!

1. Play a board game
2. Bake a cake, cookies or buns
3. Read a book
4. Write a story
5. Invent a drink
6. Paint a still life picture
7. Clean your room
8. Create a clay sculpture
9. Design a hat
10. Go to bed and pray for a fine day

Literacy Hour

This year Literacy Hour was continued in our school having been introduced to various class last year. Literacy Hour helps students with their reading, phonics, writing, comprehension, oral language , etc. Literacy hour is a great way for learning , it is never boring because there are always lots of activities e.g. speed reading, novel , interactive white board activities etc. Since last year we have become really good at our reading and we always know what is coming up so we're never worried or nervous. It is exciting , fun , helpful , enjoyable and liked by everyone.

Cheese Cake.

You need:

- 1 packet of digestive biscuits
- A tub of creamed cheese 5oz / 140g
- ¼ pint of cream 150 ml
- 1 packet lemon jelly & 1 lemon
- 2 oz / 50g low – fat margarine

Base:

Melt the margarine over a low heat and add the crushed biscuits and mix well.Press the mixture into a loose-bottomed 9" cake tin and place in the fridge.

1. Melt the jelly in 1 cup of hot water.Allow to cool but not set.
2. Add the juice of the lemon and the lemon rind to the jelly.
3. Whisk together the cream cheese and the cream.
4. Add this mixture to the jelly and blend well together.
5. Pour on top of the biscuit base.
Place in fridge until it is firm and set.

Book Review

Title: Peter Pan in Scarlet

Author: Geraldine Mccaughrean

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Petter Pan in Scarlet' is the sequel to Peter Pan and a very enjoyable book where dreams or nightmares of Neverland are disturbing former lost boys lives. The boys decide to go back and sort things out but when they come back they find that Neverland has changed and that the endless summer has turned to Autumn. Peter Pan after finding Hook's ship with the former lost boys begins to turn into Captain Hook and they all get dragged into the adventure.

This is a very intesting book with an imaginative plot for those who have or haven't read the book Peter Pan and is a worthy sequel to the famous book.

From Poland to Ireland

Last Summer I went to Ireland with my mam and two sisters to visit my grandparents and the rest of my family who live there. Grandpa took us to different places and told us about the wonderful country. Mam liked it but after two weeks she had to leave because she had to go back to work in Poland.

Two weeks after her departure Mam called me and told me that we would be staying in Ireland. I did not know what she was talking about but she explained to me that we would be living in Ireland for good. I was very happy with this news. Two months later Mam, my stepfather and my younger sister returned to Ireland.

I wanted to go to school mainly to learn english. When September came I was very nervous but after a while I calmed down. After two weeks into term a teacher came to my house with a translator and suggested I go back to primary school. My mother did not object , she knew that this was the best solution but I did not like this solution because I did not want to start all over again. Over the weekend I thought about it The new school I liked and now refuse to regret that day. In St. Senan's Primary School I made very good friends and met the best of teachers.