



*St. Senan's N.S.
Junior Infants 2011/2012*



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Sixth Class 2011/2012*

St. Senan's R.S. Kilrush

School News

COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2012



Scoil Sheanáin Naofa

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Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends,

As we come to the end of another eventful year it's my pleasure to recommend our "School News" to you.

We hope you enjoy reading through it, you will see that the children participated in a wide variety of academic, sporting and cultural activities during the year.

I thank you most sincerely for your co-operation and support during my first year as Principal and wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer.

Avril Bolton,
Principal



Green Schools

On the 9th of March this year our Green flag was raised and it now flies proudly over the school. This year we established a school vegetable patch in the infant yard. Gráinne O' Shea (HSCL) collaborated with the local Youth Reach Project. Their teacher Diarmaid Whelan and pupils designed and constructed the raised beds. The Tidy towns Committee, staff from Vandeleur Gardens and parents helped to fill the beds with top soil and compost. All pupils in the school have participated in planting, weeding and harvesting our vegetables. Children have enjoyed many new experiences during this project. There was great excitement when our first potato crop was harvested last week. We have also continued our ongoing work on the themes of Litter, Waste and Energy. We greatly appreciate all the help support and co-operation which we receive at all times.

Sunshine Poem

S; Sounds of children playing
U; underneath trees
N; noising about
S; swimming in the seas
H; having lots of fun
I; I think I will join in
N; nothing to worry about
E; ever, ever again.

School Staff 2011 / 2012

STAFF	CLASS
Mrs Avril Bolton	Principal
Mrs. Aoife O' Malley	Junior Infants
Ms. Helen O' Brien	Junior Infants
Ms. Jean Keating	Senior Infants
Ms. Lianne Harrison	Senior Infants
Ms. Noreen Lynch	1st class
Mrs. Linda O Gorman	1st / 2nd class
Ms. Danielle Lillis	2nd class
Ms Majella Griffin	3rd class
Ms. Michelle Eustace	4th class
Mrs. Michelle Garrihy	5th class
Mr. Kevin Clohessy	6th class
Ms. Clare Mac Namara	6th class
Mrs. Mary King	LS/RT
Mrs. Susan Young	LS/RT
Mrs. Áine O' Brien	LS/RT
Ms. Brid O' Mahoney	LS/RT
Mrs. Ashlene O' Gorman	LS/RT
Ms. Michelle O' Connor	LS/RT
Mrs. Karen Soffe / Hogan	LS/RT
Mrs. Gráinne O' Shea	H.S.C.L.
Ms. Deirdre Kenny	Sp. Class Multiple Disabilities
Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald	ASD Unit
Mrs. Deirdre Hehir	French

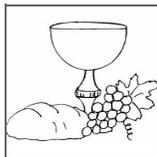
Special Needs Assistants

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

School Enrolment Forms may be downloaded from our website at www.kilrushns.ie

The Sacraments

We began the School year with Mass celebrating the opening of the school year and in October we welcomed the Eucharistic Congress Bell to our school. In February we celebrated grandparents Day, St. Brigid's Day, Feast of St. Blaize and Candlemas Day.



The Sacraments this year were celebrated in March and May. 41 children made their First Confession on 7th March and their First Holy Communion on 12th of May. 45 children made Confirmation on the 26th of May. Fr. Martin Blake officiated at the Communion ceremony and Fr. Sheedy confirmed the children. Following both ceremonies refreshments were provided in the Community Centre by the parents of the first and fifth classes respectively. Bishop Kieran O Reilly visited our school before the Confirmation and met all the children making Confirmation.

On May 2nd 6th class attended Regina House and together with the residents and staff mass was celebrated and Our Lady was crowned.



Aistear is the curriculum framework we follow for children in Junior and Senior Infants. Aistear supports parents as their children's primary educators during early childhood, and promotes effective partnerships

between parents and teachers. Aistear is applied through all the curriculum areas including:

Maths: Children sort, categorise, compare and order items during their natural play. Also there is lots of counting, identifying numbers on telephones and cash registers. In Junior & Senior Infants we also follow the Ready, Set, Go maths programmes.

SESE: Children create, elaborate, develop and sequence stories in socio dramatic play (small world, role play, but also other areas too—sand, water marla - wherever children begin to develop imaginative play). Also SESE skills: exploring, thinking, investigating, recording, discussing, mapping etc.

SPHE: co-operating, discussing feelings, conflict resolution, role play, developing an understanding of families, friendships, parts of the body, growing and changing.

Visual Arts: Construction (lego, blocks, etc.), Fabric and Fibre (making dolls clothes etc.) drawing—recording their play, designing their buildings etc.

An Meaisín Am



Lá breá brothallach a bhí ann. Bhí mé ag obair go dian sa bhothán. Chaith mé cúig sheachtain ag obair agus bhí mé críochnaithe ansin. “Tá sé go hiontach! “Mo mheaisín am!”, arsa mise agus bhí brodúil an domhain orm. Rith mé amach an doras agus rug mé ar mo mhála mór. Chuaigh mé isteach sa bhothán arís. D’fheach mé ar mo mheaisín am, dhún mé mo shúile agus bhrúigh mé an cnaipe dearg.

Thosaigh an talamh ag crith agus d’oscail mé mo shúile. Chonaic mé an ghrian ag pléascadh agus scoilt an talamh ina dhá leath. Bhí mé ag croith le heagla ach díreach ansin bhuail an meaisín am an talamh.

D’oscail mé an doras, shiúil mé síos trí choiscéim agus d’fhéach mé timpeall. Chonaic mé na duilleoga ag damhsa ar chrann mór, éin ildaithe ag canadh agus ag eitilt sa spéir gorm agus ainmhithe difriúla ag siúl timpeall. Go tobann chuala mé “RWARRR”. Chas mé timpeall agus chonaic mé dinosaur! Rith mé isteach sa theach déanta as clocha beaga. D’fhan mé ann cúpla noméad agus nuair a d’fheach mé amach an fhuinneog chonaic mé an dinosaur ag teacht i mo threo. Thosaigh mé ag rith arís ach ní raibh fhios agam cá raibh mé! Chas mé timpeall agus chonaic mé an dinosaur ag teacht! Bhí mé ag rith nuair a thit mé ar an dtalamh, rug an dinosaur ar mo mhála agus bhain sé é. Go tobann, phléasc an ghrian agus scoilt an talamh ina dhá leath arís. Dhún mé mo shúile.

“Dia duit!”, arsa an múinteoir, “An bhfuil tú i do chodladh?”. “Níl, ach bhí mé sa ___”, arsa mise. “Ná d’inis leithscéal domsa. Ní raibh tú ag éisteacht agus mar sin tá obair bhaile breise agat anocht i matamatic. Bí ag éisteacht as seo amach”, arsa an múinteoir. “Ceart go leor”, arsa mise, “Tá brón orm a mhúinteoir.”

Ní dhearna mé meaisín am arís!!!!

Ode to Parents

Wonderful parents,

You gave us the joy of our lives,

You gave us the reason to live.

All the attention you gave to us,

All the problems you solved with us,

WE LOVE YOU!

Girls' Basketball

Once the Spring arrived the girls in St Senan's were eager to get the basketball started. In our regional blitz we came out on top playing Drumdigus and the Gaelscoil. It was a nail biting final with just one point to spare over Moyasta NS. The girls were delighted to advance to the quarter final, where we had a convincing win over Toonagh NS. The scene was set for an exciting home finals day. The sun shone and the final four teams battled it out for the coveted prize. We drew Gaelscoil Mhichíl Cíosóg in the first semi and the girls played so well that they secured their place in the final against Clarecastle. It was a great game to win but a hard one to lose and just by a single point our hopes were dashed. The whole school were so proud of our great girls. Well done all!

Boys' Basketball

The boys were very excited to play in their regional blitz against Gaelscoil Uí Choimín and Drumdigus. They had two convincing wins and beat Moyasta by a point in the final. They had a bye in the quarter final so they eagerly awaited the finals day in Kilrush. Unfortunately they were beaten in the semi final by Cree who eventually went ahead and won the competition out. Hard Luck boys, you did us proud!

Soccer:

The boys and girls went to Lees Road , had a great day and recorded wins and losses . They did us proud and showed some excellent soccer skills.

G.A.A.– St. Senan's Girls County Final Champions !

It was a great year for girls football in St Senan's. They came out top of their qualifying blitz beating Doonbeg, Lahinch and Miltown NS. They travelled to Cusack Park in Ennis to play Miltown in the Division 3 final. It was a fantastic game to watch! We trailed by 2 pts at half time and 7 goals were scored between the two teams in the second half. St Senan's came out victors on a scoreline of 4:6 to 4:8. We arrived home to a welcoming crowd of proud St Senan's staff and children Well done girls! Well done to Chantel Burke who represented Clare and St Senan's in the Munster Primary game.

Boys football:

The boys had mixed fortunes this year. They secured a great win over Kilmihil NS and lost to Cooraclare NS. The win secured them a place in the quarter finals against Kilmurry Ibrickane. It was a tough game but our lads gave everything to the end and were very unlucky.

West Clare Cross Country :

2012 was a very successful year for St Senan's runners. They trained hard and won various prizes in Kilmihil. They qualified for Mullagh and again represented the school well. A great effort by all involved.

Sparán Caillte



Breithlá Eimear a bhí ann, bhí sí aon bhliain déag daois. Bhí áthas an domhain uirthi mar fuair sí fiche euro ón a mamaí agus daidí agus fuair sí sparán ón a deartháir. Chuaigh sí agus a cara Siobhán go dtí an t-ionad siopadóireachta. Bhí mamaí ag tiomáint an charr. Ar an mbealach chonaic said na héin ag eitilt sa spéir, na hiasc ag snámh san uisce agus na caora ag léim sa pháirc.

Nuair a shroich said an t-ionad siopadóireachta léim an bheirt acu amach as an gcarr agus chuaigh said ó shiopa go siopa. Chonaic said éadaí galánta agus bróga deasa. Tar éis tamaill chuaigh said go dtí siopa ceoil. D'fhéach siad timpeall agus bhí dlúthcheirnín maith i ngach áit. Chonaic Eimear dlúthcheirnín iontach agus shiuil sí suas go dtí an cúntar chun íoc as an dlúthcheirnín ach ní raibh aon sparán aici. Bhí an sparán agus an fiche euro caillte aici!!! Bhí diomá an domhain uirthi. D'fhéach an bheirt acu in ngach áit ach ní fhaca said é in aon áit.

Chuaigh said go dtí an café agus fuair said cupán seacláide te agus nuair a bhí said críochnaithe chuaigh siad abhaile . Tar éis cúpla seachtain, rinne Eimear dearmad ar an sparán.

Cúpla mhí ina dhiaidh sin fuair Eimear glaoch ón t-ionad siopadóireachta agus dúirt siad go bhfuair siad an sparán. An lá dar gcionn chuaigh Eimear ar ais go dtí an t-ionad siopadóireachta agus bhailigh sí an sparán. Dúirt sí, “go raibh maith agat” agus chuaigh sí abhaile go sona sásta.

Sa deireadh níor cheannaigh sí an dlúthcheirnín in aon chor!

An Scoil.

Chuaigh mé ar scoil
Agus chonaic mé mo chairde sa
chlós
Thosaíomar ag imirt cispheil.

Go tobann bhuaile clog na scoile
Shiúil mé isteach sa seomra
ranga

Shuigh mé síos agus thosaigh mé ag
obair. Rinne mé Béarla agus Gaeilge-
Matamaitic, Ceol agus Stair .

Chuir mé mo chóta orm.
Dúirt mé slán le mo chairde.
Ar mo dhroim bhí mó mhála gorm
Bhí an lá scoil críochnaithe.

My Primary School Memories.

My primary school memories! I have so many! There were so many good times I am sure I will never forget. My times in St Senan's N.S. are my best moments yet. I cannot wait for Secondary school to begin but I am very sad to leave behind my old teachers and helpers. My life will change along with my uniform!! I am getting older and most things will be different.

I remember in Junior Infants my teacher was Sr. Ann Marie. I remember also all the children I was sitting beside. I have good memories of acting in our Christmas plays and performing in our concerts. In Junior Infants I played 'Mary' and my mother, grandmother and many other friends and family members were there to watch our production.

Throughout the eight school years our parents, teachers and classroom helpers were there for us. They have helped us with the easiest and more difficult tasks. When we went on school tours and trips we had so much fun and everybody was there to make sure we were happy and safe and to look after us.

We have had so much fun in this school and have been through lots together. But this is only the beginning of our lives and I am sure there is so much more happiness and adventure ahead of us.

A verse on my new country

Living in Ireland, oh it's so much fun,

Rain comes down but sometimes out comes the sun,

Playing around with some friends we run,

Now we go inside to have a nice currant bun.

Life in Lithuania was different by far,

For starters it's too far to travel by car,

It may be sunny all through the Summer,

But I'm happy here in this country of wonder.

A Selection of the Visual Arts experiences in St. Senan's	
Art Gallery Seanfhocail	Seanfhocail competition is run during Seachtain na Gaeilge and winners are displayed in Art Gallery.
Window Painting Credit Union Poster White Christmas Tidy Towns	Children from all classes participated in many competitions during the year and we had many successful entries.
Easter Bonnets	Bonnets are designed by children in 6 th class and modelled by children in 5 th class.
Scarecrow	1st Class created our very own Scarecrow for our school garden and his name is Bressie Mc Dougal.
Cookery	Children in the ASD Unit are introduced to new and different foods each week and they bake their own scones.
Needlework	Many ladies from the Community helped the children in 6th class to knit and sew every Friday for a number of weeks.
Music Banna cheoil Choir	Banna Cheoil Sheannáin Naofa Practiced every Monday afternoon and performed at all celebrations during the year. They visited the Community Hospital, Regina House and Riverside Nursing Home. The School Choir performed for both the Holy Communion and Confirmation and all school Masses and celebrations .
Music Therapy	Children in the ASD Unit experience music through rhythm, different instruments , textures and materials.

News from the Parent's Room

This was another busy year in the Parent's Room. The Home School Community Liaison Co-ordinator continued to foster links between Home, School and Community.

Coffee Mornings – For Parents of all classes during in September and October

Fun Science –with parents & children from 3rd& 4th with Dipankar Clare VEC

Window Painting for Halloween and Christmas with Martina

Halloween Candle Flower Arrangement

Christmas Centre Pieces for the dinner table

Fun Maths – Parents playing Fun Maths games with their children in 3rd Class

Grandparents Day - Junior Infants & 6th Class

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Intergenerational Knitting and Sewing Grandparents teaching our 6th Class

School Vegetable Garden– continued with the help of Parents, Green Schools,&

Tidy Towns. To mark the Famine Commemoration all classes planted potatoes

Kids Talk :J. Infants – 2nd Class Parents & Children took part in Literacy activities

Healthy Eating Talk - for all Parents with a Nutritionist from Caranbol

5th Class Book Club: 5th class, parents and local community read together.

Áine Ni Flathearta from Seed Savers planted the Famine potatoes – Lumpers

The following courses were run in conjunction with Jenny from Clare VEC

Story Sacks - Parents from Junior & Senior Infants made beautiful Story Sacks

Cookery Classes - we ran two, six week Cookery Courses for Parents

Computer Course –Beginners

Our **Local Education Committee** which comprises HSCL co-ordinators, parents, students and interested members of the community also had another busy year that saw the launch of our Rainbow Mural in Kilrush Community School. We also ran a six week course of Badminton for 4th Class children which was coached and supervised by Parents.

The involvement of you, the parents, has contributed greatly to making each of the above activities a huge success. I greatly appreciate the giving of your time and talent and look forward to another exciting year in September.

A Selection of Activities in St. Senan's N.S. 2011/2012

Sport	Basketball	Lunchtime Leagues for boys and girls School teams for boys and girls	
	Football	Training Wed. & Thurs. 1st —6th Boys and girls teams Lunchtime leagues	
	Soccer	Boys and girls teams	
	F.A.I.	Soccer coaching and games skills with Trevor for all classes Infants— 6th.	
	Playground games	Senior classes play games with the Junior Infants during lunchtime	
	Yoga	Children in the ASD Unit have Yoga classes to experience relaxation tech- niques	
	Charity	Shoebox Appeal	192 boxes donated by the children from Junior Infants to sixth class to children in need
		No Uniform Day	€290 - Zambia Appeal
		Easter Egg Hunt	€260.65 - Local Charities
		Bake Sale	€465– Local Charities
Art and Craft Sale		€1016.63 - Zambia Appeal	
Trócaire		€134.17	
School Walk		€1843.65– Children to Lourdes Fund Kidney Support Fund	
Confirmation Donations		€543.80-donated to Regina House Palliative Care Unit by 6th class	
Quiz		Credit Union Quiz	4 teams participated in this Quiz held in the Community School
		Tráth na gCeist	Children from 5 th and 6 th classes took part in an all Irish table quiz during Seachtain na Gaeilge.
Handwriting	INTO	Many classes participated in Co.Clare Competition Winner in 4 th Class	

A Selection from St. Senan's N.S. Yearly Activity Calendar		
Performances: Christmas/ Seachtain na Gaeilge/Parade		Field Trips / Tours
J. Infants	Nativity Play Dramaí beaga Puppet Shows	Fire Station, Considine's Bakery, Garda Station, Millenium Park, Post Office to post Santa's letter, Witches Walk, Library, Vandaleur Woods. Farm in Corofin
S. Infants	Snowman at Chtistmas Dánta & Rannta Dramaíocht	Fire Station, Millenium Park, Marina Library ,Vandaleur Woods, Lahinch Seaworld
M.D.Class ASD Unit	Reeling in the Years Amhráin & Dramaíocht Rince Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours Ceol, Damhsa agus Amhráin	Horse Riding, Swimming, Witches Trail, Vandaleur Walled Gardens, Marina, Post Office, Library, Supervalu, Marina, Millennium Park St. Senan's Church, Shannon Leisure World Clare Leisure World in Ennis
1st / 2nd class	Christmas with the Aliens Haka Gaelach Amhráin & Dánta	Garda Station, Court House, Library Vandaleur Woods, Millenium Park Clare Leisure World in Ennis
3rd / 4 th Class	Reeling in the Years Amhráin & Dramaíocht Rince	Scattery Island, Wetlands, Dolphin Centre, History trail of Kilrush Garda Station .R.N.L.I. Station Shannon Leisure World
5th / 6th Class	Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours Ceol, Damhsa agus Amhráin Na Trí Mhuc	Library, Wetlands, Tour of Kilrush, Shanakyle graveyards , Vandaleur Woods and Walled Gardens, Cappa, Shannon Leisure World St. Patrick's Day Parade

Literacy and Numeracy Initiatives in St.Senan's N.S.	
Literacy Lift Off	Literacy Lift Off continued this year with first class. It continues to be very beneficial for all students, with each child reading and writing at their own level. It is a great way of learning for the children because there is lots of activity. Each group of 5 - 7 children move every 15 minutes to a different station so there's lots of reading and writing done. It is most enjoyable, great fun and everyone loves it.
Reading Recovery	Reading Recovery continues in our school. The daily lessons are tailored to each child's learning needs, incorporating a variety of reading and writing tasks which will ensure success for the child.
Literacy Hour	2nd, 5th and 6th classes continue with literacy hour. This involves a programme which includes reading, phonics, writing, comprehension, oral language etc. The children benefit greatly, it promotes success and improves self esteem for all.
Numeracy— Maths	This year fifth class were provided with a daily math lesson of 45 minutes to one hour by the mainstream class and learning support teacher. There was significant focus on oral maths and problem solving. Activities were then completed and corrected in groups.
Mata sa Rang	All children in First class have worked on a specific maths programme called Mata sa Rang. Mata sa Rang offers a unique approach to extending children's number knowledge, understanding and strategies. The programme offers an extremely detailed assessment of pupils and provides a framework for individual, group and class-based instruction. The children have increased their knowledge and understanding of number in a positive and interactive setting. Well done to all involved.



Congrats to ASD Unit and MD Class Tidy Towns Winners



Making pancakes



**Got Ya!!!
Potiphar questions Joseph**



Walking in the woods



A trip to the Wetlands for Biodiversity Day



Gardai in waiting



More Pancakes



**Chontae an Chláir
Firefighters in the making**



**Look Out !!!!
The witches are here**



Knitting and sewing is fun

Jedward come to St. Senan's

