



St. Senan's Primary School
Junior Infants 2012/2013



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Sixth Class 2012/2013

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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 the year and wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer.

Avril Bolton,
Principal

History and Aims of St. Senan's

The History of Primary Education in Kilrush began in the 1800's when the Sisters of Mercy and the Christian Brothers first came to the town and began educating the children of the area. Education continued throughout the years and in 1996 the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of Mercy Schools amalgamated and the Co. Educational school St. Senan's Primary School was established.

Our school is a modern, progressive primary school committed to a working and learning environment where respect, co-operation and responsibility are essential to positive learning experiences. The educational facilities in the school, which are of a very high standard are continuously monitored to ensure that they are always in line with recent developments in education.

Today in the year 2012/2013, the Principal is Mrs. Avril Bolton and there is a staff of 20 teachers and 6 Special Needs Assistants, catering for the diverse needs of our 300 pupils.

St. Senan's Primary School aims to create an atmosphere in our school where all strive

- a) to cultivate good relationships based on respect
- b) to equip children to progress to further levels of education and to prepare them for future life in society.

School Staff 2012 / 2013	
STAFF	CLASS
Mrs Avril Bolton	Principal
Mrs. Susan Young	Junior Infants
Ms. Helen O' Brien	Junior Infants
Ms. Jean Keating	Senior Infants
Mrs. Áine O'Brien	Senior Infants
Ms. Noreen Lynch	1st class
Mrs. Karen Soffe/Hogan	1st / 2nd class
Mrs. Linda O Gorman	2nd class
Ms Majella Griffin	3rd class
Ms. Danielle Lillis	3rd class
Ms. Michelle Eustace	4th class
Mrs. Michelle Garrihy	5th class
Mr.K.Clohessy/Ms.F.O'Brien	6th class
Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald	LS/RT
Mrs. Mary King	LS/RT
Ms. Brid O' Mahony	LS/RT
Mrs. Aoife O Malley	LS/RT
Ms. Clare Mac Namara	LS/RT
Mrs. Gráinne O' Shea	H.S.C.L.
Ms. Deirdre Kenny	M.D. Sp.Class
Ms. Lianne Harrison	ASD Unit

Special Needs Assistants

Mary Murrinan, Ailish Malone, Regina Mannion, Róisín Coleman, Teresa Carrig, Monica Brennan,

Secretary: Bernadette Dillon **Caretaker:** Martin Burke

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

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: The children discuss and explain mathematical activities through play. They discuss problems presented concretely, pictorially or orally. 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 programme.

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). Children use the following 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.

Special Class /ASD Unit

Both classes have had a fantastic year since September. Swimming, music therapy and art therapy are just a few of the many activities we were involved in. We've had lots of fun!!

We welcomed two new students to the MD class in April. They are Erin and Rebecca. We wish them all the best in St. Senan's.

Green Schools

This year we have been working on the theme of energy and our Green School Code is:

We are cool. We know the rule. Let's save energy in our school.

The children have planted potatoes, onions, carrots, turnips, beetroot, spring onion and celeriac in our school garden and in our herb patch we are growing tarragon, sage, parsley and chives. We are looking forward to harvesting our vegetables in September. Our Junior Tidy Towns Committee has planted a flower tub at the entrance to Plouzanne Car Park. Let's look forward to a summer of colour.

An Maistín

Bhí Ewan agus Leo ag imirt sacar sa chlós. Go tobann, tháinig buachaill ó rang a sé amach sa chlós. Harry ab ainm dó. Chaith sé an liathróid suas ar dhíon na scoile. D'inis Leo an scéal do Ms. Garrihy. Ghlaigh Ms. Garrihy ar Harry. Thug an múinteoir íde béil do Harry. Thosaigh Harry ag gol. Ansin, dúirt sé le Leo agus Ewan go raibh brón air. Fuair an feighlí Martin an liathróid agus thug sé do Leo é. Bhí Leo agus Ewan sásta ansin. Bhí fearg ar an maistín ach níor chaith sé an liathróid suas ar dhíon na scoile arís.
Leo

Summer

So it's summer again
"Swimming with Ben!"
Run and shout
Til' the day is out
Trying to squirm about
In the froth and foam
In the Aqua Dome.

Emily



What is the Parthenon?



The temple of Athena Parthenos, the patron deity of Athens, is regarded as the supreme example of classical architecture. The building has had many uses serving as both a Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic church, as well as a Mosque. The architect, a Greek called Iktinos, a master of perspective, was the one to design the great, beautiful building.
Eve

5th Class Book Club.

Hi I'm Deirdre and I'm here to talk about our book club. Every Thursday for six weeks fifth class have been involved in a book club. Some of the children in our class brought in their parents to read a book called "Under the Hawthorn Tree", by Marita Conlon McKenna. We would read four chapters each week and the following week we would tell the group about the novel. We would also do some fun activities connected with the novel. There are two more novels for us to read independently, "The Wildflower Girl" and "Fields of Home". I really enjoyed the book club and all of fifth class did too.

Deirdre

Girls' Basketball: The boys and girls basketball teams were picked and the children were very eager to start training. After weeks of training and great effort both boys and girls were looking forward to the regional blitz. The girls were first up and they performed very well on the day. They were very unlucky not to advance to the next round but they all enjoyed the experience representing their school on the basketball team. The boys basketball team was full of strength and experience this year. They played their regional blitz but were unfortunate not to come out winners. They won two games and lost two games, only by a point. We will miss the 6th class children for their commitment and talent but as always in St Senan's we have very talented classes coming up along.

Soccer: This May, the 5th & 6th Class boys & girls competed in the FAI Primary Schools' Soccer Competition at Lees Road in Ennis. Both teams secured wins in their groups but came up against some tough opposition in some of the games. The boys were very unfortunate to be denied a place in the playoffs losing out on goal difference.

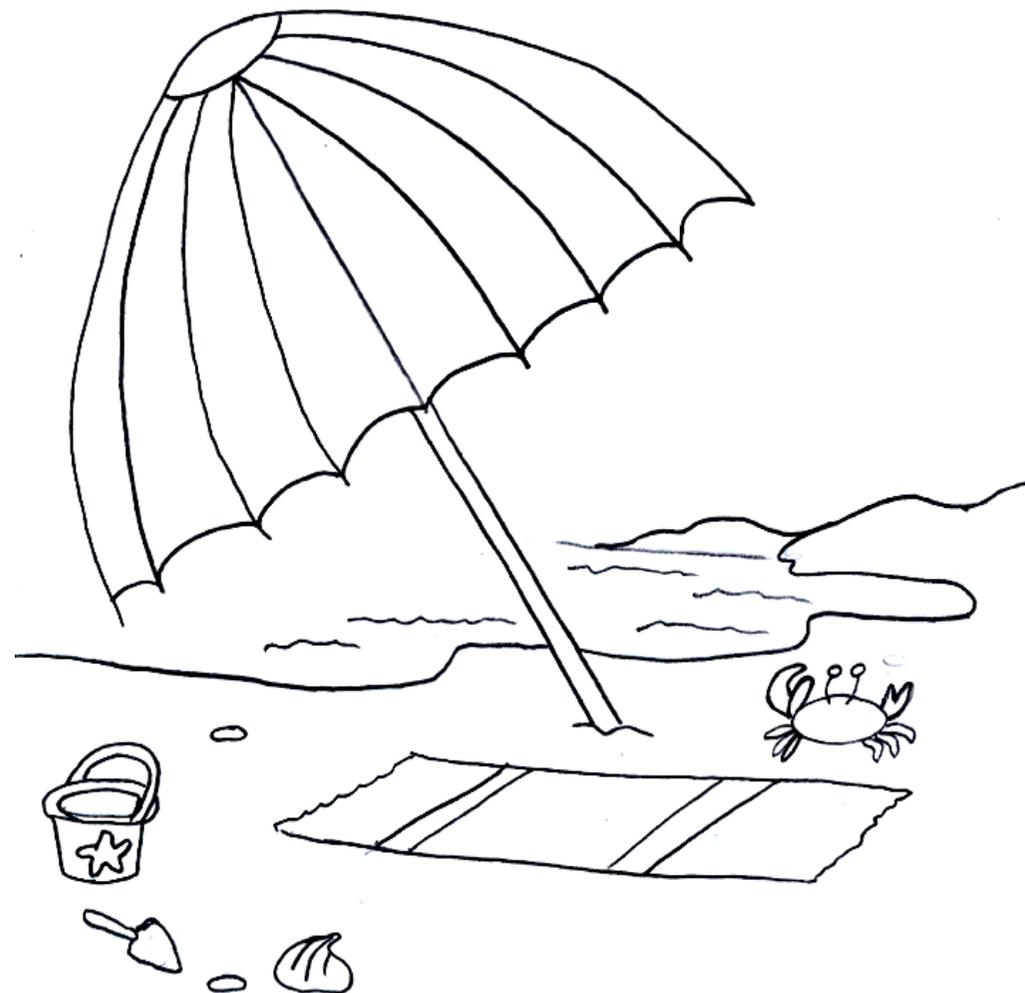
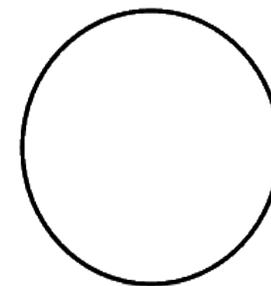
G.A.A. – Girls Football: St. Senan's Girls Football team once again represented the school very well this year. They trained hard and showed great determination and heart in their games. Unfortunately they did not have success in the games. Well done girls, you all did the school proud.

Boys' football: The boys commenced their football campaign by earning a tremendous draw with Knockerra/Burrane, from a deficit of eleven points at half time they showed wonderful character and determination to draw level with the equalising point in injury time, calmly slotted over by Nigel Carmody. The remainder of the games were unfortunately not as successful but the addition of some girls to the squad from 4th, 5th & 6th added great strength and depth to the team. Some other highlights in the sporting year included the selection of Danny Clancy in 6th class to play for the Clare Primary Schools' Team against Cork at half time in the Clare v Cork Munster Football Championship game at Cusack Park. Also congratulations to Martyna Baar, Ian Dobson & Danny Clancy who competed in the Clare Football skills Final in Ennis and were very unlucky not to qualify for the Munster Final.

West Clare Cross Country: Athletics:

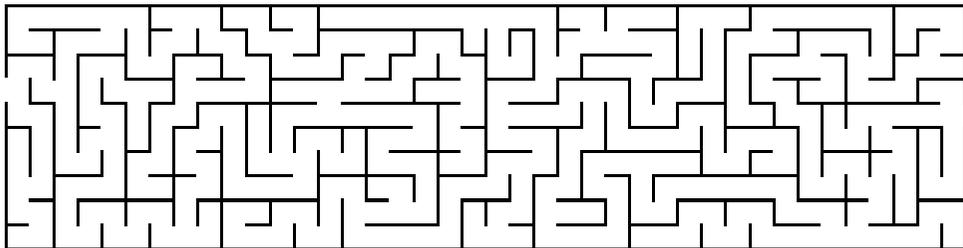
2012/2013 was a very successful year for all involved in St Senan's athletics. They performed excellently in Kilmihil and won prizes at all levels. With most qualifying for the North vs West Championship in Mullagh, the children continued to train hard. Their hard work paid off when we were crowned the **BEST RUNNING PARISH for 2012**. A huge effort was put in by all the children this year. Congratulations and well done.

THE BEACH



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D R G U W F N T T A A I N F E cappa
 B L C H O G O A Q S K O Z X J cricketfield
 M N E X B W L S W D L G A N G football
 K A Y I N U H Q X W C U I B J marina
 L P R H F O N A B B O Q H O V school
 V O A I P T V A N D E L E U R shopping
 Y L O P N V E S K I L R U S H stsenans
 L J I H M A T K K M Q J C C T townhall
 G N O P C S J H C Y Y V A P F vandeleur
 G C W I E S S R B I B X P C V
 T Z S N S E P J S R R Y P D B
 V F A F O O T B A L L C A L D
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My Memories of School

I am writing about my primary school memories because I am moving on to secondary school and my primary school journey is reaching its climax. My first day of school was one of my favourite days of all time. The very first time I walked through those doors and into my Junior Infant classroom I knew I was going to like it here. One of my fondest memories of Junior Infants was my teacher, she was the nicest teacher I have ever had in all of primary school. When I went into Senior Infants, it was a split class between Senior Infants and First Class. My Senior Infant teacher was one of the best teachers, she always took us on walks to lots of different places. Another year passed and I found myself in First Class. This was the first time I left school at three o'clock. It was pretty scary at first but then I got used to it. It was also the first time we got homework. In first class there were only six of us surrounded by lots of Senior Infants. Second class had to be one of my favourite years as that was the year that I made my Holy Communion. In third class, the best part for me had to be the school tour. We went to U.L (University of Limerick). It was lots of fun and we had a blast. In fourth class we did a big mural symbolising sports and recreation. It took us most of the year. Our teacher helped us and we coloured and painted it. It is currently hanging in Moore Street in the window of an old building. The best thing about being in fifth class was moving into the big yard and being one of the seniors in the school. Now I am in sixth class and just recently made my Confirmation. I am enjoying sixth class and in a couple of weeks will be leaving and continuing my educational journey into secondary school.

By Luke

Famine
 Famine
 Death, Hunger
 Praying, Weeping,
 Starving
 All over Ireland
 Terrible
 Criodhe

Famine
 Hunger
 Emptiness, Pain
 Dying, Crying, Starving
 Dying over blight
 Famine
 Grace

Famine
 Eviction
 Out, gone
 Kicking, screaming,
 shouting
 Nowhere to go,
 Nothing to eat
 Unfair
 Molly

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. We had many exciting activities ongoing throughout the year,

Coffee Mornings	Parents of all classes during September and October
Fun Science	Parents & children from 3 rd & 4 th with Dipankar Clare VEC
Window Painting	Halloween and Christmas with Martina
Flower Arrangement	Halloween with Martina
Grandparents Day	Junior Infants – Sixth Class
Christmas	Centre Pieces for the dinner table
Fun Maths	Parents playing Fun Maths games with children in 3 rd Class
Seachtain na Gaeilge	Rannta agus amhráin do gach rang
Knitting and Sewing	Intergenerational – Grandparents teaching 6 th class students
School Garden–	Parents, Green Schools and Tidy Towns sow vegetables
Kids Talk	Infants – 2 nd Class Parents & Children taking part in Literacy activities
Healthy Eating	Talk - for all Parents with a Nutritionist from Caranbola
Book Club	5 th class, parents and local community read together
Seed Savers	Aine Ni Flathearta planted the Famine potatoes – Lumpers

Courses were run in conjunction with Jenny from Clare VEC

Story Sacks	Parents from Junior & Senior Infants made Story Sacks
Cookery Classes	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.

Snapshot of St. Senan's Primary School 2013/2014

Sacraments

First Penance was celebrated on December 5th 2012.

Holy Communion was celebrated on May 18th by Fr. Martin Blake. 37 children made their First Confession and received First Holy Communion.

Confirmation was celebrated on April 20th by Bishop Kieran O Reilly. 25 children were confirmed.

Charity events

- Shoe boxes were sent to children in parts of Eastern Europe, Former Soviet Union and Africa.
- Non Uniform Day: €290 donated to children in South America .
- Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale proceeds of €800 towards school projects .
- School Walk: €1600 in total was donated to RNLI, Kidney Association, Lourdes Fund and a presentation of an altar cloth was made to Regina House.
- Communion children donated €277 to Kilrush M.S. Association .
- Confirmation children donated €260 to Crumlin Hospital.

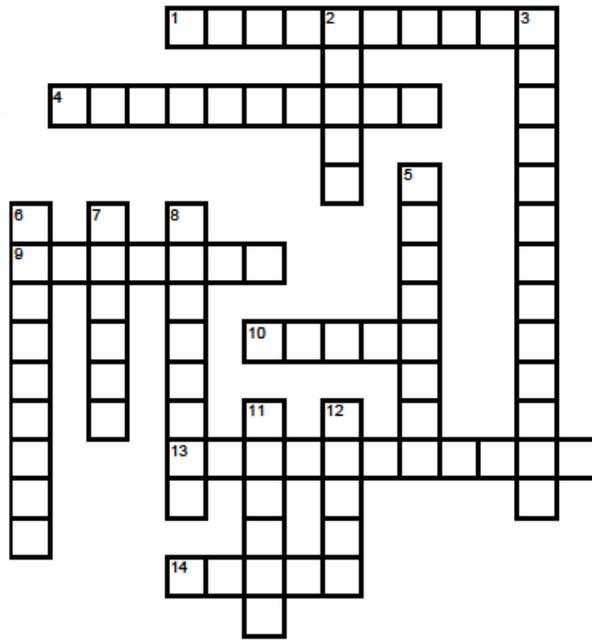
Highlights

- Christmas Concert:** All classes performed in our annual Christmas Concert which was very well supported and very enjoyable.
- Sight Savers :** Ava Cullinan and Dylan Gillmartin from Fourth class were crowned Munster prize winners for their Art Work and represented our school at the All Ireland in Dublin.
- Irish Aid :** Fourth class project 'Education for All' has been shortlisted for the All Ireland prize on June 18th.
- Write A Book :** Adam Clohessy in Fifth Class was awarded a prize for his book in this competition.
- Credit Union Quiz:** 2 Quiz Teams took part in this year's competition and represented the school very well.
- St Patrick's Day Parade:** 5th class represented our school in this year's parade. The theme was 'The Famine'.
- Famine Artwork** in conjunction with the Artist in Residence scheme, children from 3rd-6th Class created a piece of art work to mark the famine Commemoration with local artist Carmel T Madigan.
- Rainbows** Our school has become a Rainbows Site. Rainbows is a peer support group for children coping with loss through separation or death. This year 11 children from West Clare benefitted from Rainbows.
- Banna Cheoil Sheanáin Naofa** entertained both the school community and the wider community again this year with their wide repertoire of tunes. They performed in the local hospitals, Teach Cheoil and St. Senan's Church .



JAPAN

Japan

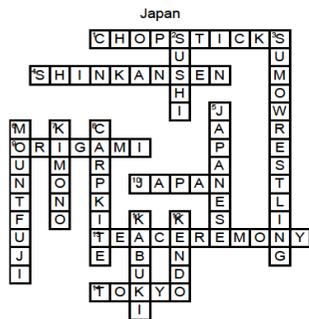


Across

- 1. Two sticks for eating
- 4. Japanese name for the "bullet train"
- 9. Art of folding paper
- 10. An island nation in East Asia
- 13. A special event for making and serving tea
- 14. Capital city of Japan

Down

- 2. Popular Japanese food made of raw fish and rice
- 3. Popular traditional Japanese sport
- 5. The language spoken in Japan
- 6. Sacred mountain in Japan
- 7. Japanese robe
- 8. Traditional decoration used on Children's Day
- 11. Traditional form of Japanese theater
- 12. Japanese martial art using wooden swords



School Programmes 2012—2013

Literacy Lift Off : Literacy Lift-Off is a whole-class intensive intervention aimed at increasing each child's competency in oral language, reading and writing. During each Literacy Lift-Off session, children experience four activities: 1.Familiar Reading 2. Magnetic-Letter / Word Work 3. Writing 4.New Book. Literacy Lift this year continued with the children in first class and Senior Infants. It has been found that children make significant progress at the end of the literacy intervention period.

Reading Recovery : Children meet individually with a Reading Recovery teacher, 30 minutes each day for an average of 12 to 20 weeks. Reading Recovery lessons provide a balanced, structured approach so that literacy develops along a broad front and students can apply skills in reading and writing. The following components are integrated across a reading recovery lesson carefully tailored to the needs of each child 1. Phonological awareness 2. Visual perception of letters 3.Word recognition 4.Phonics/ Decoding skills 5. Phonics / structural analysis.6. Fluency 7.Comprehension.

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.

I.C.T. St. Senan's recognise the importance of computer technology in today's world and the use of computers and I.C.T. is an important and vital part of the curriculum.

All children are encouraged to develop positive attitudes towards ICT. They are helped to develop confidence and enjoyment in, and an understanding of the potentials of computer applications.

These are some of the I.C.T initiatives at work in our school.

- Interactive Whiteboards and visualisers in all classrooms.
- Weekly timetabled use of laptops.
- Digital camera.
- School web site.

Junior Infants go walking in the wood



Halloween 1st & 2nd



St. Senan visits 5th class

Active school walk—3rd



3rd class walk in the woods



2nd Class celebrate Chinese New Year



Junior Tidy Towns Committee planting flowers

Knitting in 6th



Senior Infant School tour to Moher Hill Farm



Heading off for our weekly swim



Junior Infants at P.E.



Cross Country winners celebrate their victory