

St. Senan's Primary School

Newsletter 2014—2015

2014 - 2015 school year was a busy and rewarding year for the entire school community at St. Senan's. Every day the children worked hard in their classes while also participating in many other activities including sports, drama, concert, school band, parade, Seachtain na Gaeilge and much more. Our newsletter gives a snapshot

of life in our school over the past year. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Principal's Awards

117 children received a principal's award this year. Well done to all and looking forward to more awards next year.

Write A Book Award

Well done to all the children who took part in this competition. Congratulations to the prizewinners

Mikey Downes,

Molly Mc Kenna and Jack Flavin.

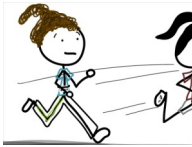
The 34th School Walk by children from 5th and 6th classes to raise funds for The Sick Children to Lourdes fund took place in June. This included a musical recital in the Vandeleur Walled Gardens.

Theatre: Two drama productions - 'George and the Dragon' and 'Oisín in Tír na nÓg' were enjoyed by our students during the year.

Athletics started off with great success in the Cross Country where we came first in the West Clare Championships. Following this we were successful in the North v West Clare Competition held in

Cooraclare and finally 12 of our athletes proudly represented the school

at Lee's Road in the North v West v East Clare Schools .



Soccer was the next sporting event in which a boys and girls team represented the school in the Clare Schools Soccer Blitz, held in Ennis.

Congratulations to the girls who came runners up in the competition.

Basketball is alive and well in St. Senan's and our school was very well represented by the boys and girls teams who played in the Marian Keane Tournament in March.

Swimming this year was enjoyed by the children in 1st, 3rd and 5th classes. They travelled to Ennis pool for six weeks of lessons.

The Special Class and A.S.D. Class went swimming to the pool in Quilty.

They also enjoyed horse riding in Kilrush.

Gaelic Football was the final team event of the school year. This year we had a mixed boys and girls team and an all girls team.

G.A.A. Coaching was enjoyed by all the children from Junior Infants to Sixth class.

Lisanne O'Brien Hennessy represented our school in the Clare Primary Game held in Cusack Park during the Clare Limerick game.

Run a Mile began this year with the children in 2nd class who trained from January to April on our new track and then ran to Cappa accompanied by the children in 4th class. The whole school trained for the main event in June and it's great to see all the children running and getting fit.

Sports Star Visitors

Bernard Dunne a former Irish professional boxer and a former WBA, and European Super Bantamweight champion came to St. Senan's in December

Tony Kelly and Podge Collins visited us in May. Both are All Ireland Hurling Champions and All Stars.

Catherine O Loughlin All Star Camogie player also visited us.



Sacraments

30 children made their Confirmation in February and donated almost €300 to Regina House .

45 children made their First Penance in December and received Holy Communion in May . The children donated € 365 to West Clare Cancer.

165 shoeboxes were donated by the families at St. Senan's to The Shoe Box Appeal at Team Hope to bring Christmas to children not as lucky as we are.

Quiz, Debating, Bake Off Children from 4th , 5th and 6th class took part in the Credit Union Quiz. Congratulations to the U11 team who won the Kilrush Division.

6th class came runners up in the Clare FM Quiz and in the Clare Debating competition

5th and 6th participated in the Kidney Association Quiz and the Junior Bake Off .

The Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale were once again very popular with all the children and € 980 was collected in total.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to all the children who had full attendance for the year.

Attendance

When your child just misses

1 day every week =	37 days a year =	2 months a year
2 days a month =	20 days a year =	1 month a year

Give your child every chance to succeed

Every day counts



St. Senan's Primary School is a centre for Rainbows. Rainbows is a peer support group for children coping with loss through separation or death. This year 25 children from West Clare benefitted from Rainbows.

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News from the Parents' Room 2014/2015

This was another busy year in the Parents' 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, including -

Coffee Mornings, Share a Story, Jolly Phonics, Fun Science, Mental Health Awareness, Maths Week, Window Painting for Halloween and Christmas, Halloween & Christmas Flower Arrangements, Christmas Card Making, Fun Maths, Grandparents' Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Intergenerational Knitting, Parent and Toddler Group, Gardening Group, Kid's Talk, 5th Class Book Club, Cookery Classes.

Susanna Anker worked with the children to create a beautiful wall hanging.

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

Story Sacks and Knitting Group.

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.

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Welcome

- W**hen you
- E**nter this
- L**arge school
- C**onsider yourself
- O**ne of the special
- M**embers of a group who
- E**njoy learning together

Junior Infants 2014/2015



6th Class 2014/2015



A Thought for Summer

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why we call it 'The Present'.
E Roosevelt

Graduation

- Graduating
- Remarkable memories
- A amazing friends
- Different challenges
- Unbreakable bonds
- Adventurous times
- Talented students
- Impressive achievements
- Opportunities await
- Never forget us

Parent Association

This has been our first year as St. Senan's Parent Association. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and teachers for their support. The fundraising efforts of the Christmas cards and Easter egg raffle were a great success. This helped fund our first guest speaker Paudie Butler, the 1st Communion bookmarks, Graduation bookmarks for the 6th class students and also towards a yummy ice cream treat in conjunction with the school for the children on Sports Day. The Parent Association was able to help with events in the school throughout the year: Christmas play, St Patrick's Day parade, Junior Infant Introductory morning, Graduation Mass, Sports Day and others. A special thanks to all the parents that helped us with these events.

When we return to school in September we will have a schedule of events etc. then details will follow. We look forward to **Maureen Griffin's speech on Internet Safety Wed 21st October**. If you have any ideas, suggestions or can help in any way please let us know at stsenankirushpa@gmail.com. We wish you a happy and safe summer holidays, see you all in September.

**School Reopens on
Tuesday Sept. 1st 2015**