



Incredible Years (I.Y.) This year the staff at St. Senan's were trained in the Incredible Years programme. The goal is to prevent and treat young children's behaviour problems and promote their social, emotional, and academic competence. Staff also undertook training in Child Protection and Anti-Bullying.

Sport: Participation in sport at all levels is a very integral part of life in St. Senan's. We encourage all the children to be active and we aim to foster a positive attitude toward exercise and sport. We have fantastic sporting facilities and these include: A Gym, Running Track, Sports Field, BB Courts, large play areas and access to a swimming pool. During the year the children received professional coaching in football, hurling and rugby. Every second year children have the opportunity to be taught swimming and this year the 1st, 3rd, and 5th classes travelled to Ennis for 6 weeks swimming classes. All classes have very active PE classes every week and also participate in—

Athletics: Winners of West Clare, North and West Clare Cross Country Competitions.

Basketball: Boys and Girls Teams. Congratulations to the girls on reaching the semi final of The Marian Keane Tournament.

Soccer: Boys and Girls Teams : Girls were runners up in the Clare Schools Soccer Blitz.

Gaelic Football: Boys and Girls Teams.

Primary Games : Congratulations to Amy Flavin and Mark Bonfield who represented the school in the Munster Primary Game on June 11th.

Sport's Day: The culmination of our year is our annual Sport's Day held in June .

Swimming Gala Congratulations to our school team who came second in the gala.

10@ 10 is a whole school exercise programme to promote the well being of all the children.

Banna Cheoil Sheannáin Naofa is very active in our school practising every Monday, entertaining the school and visiting local hospitals. This year children have continued learning concertina and guitar through Music Generation. The band played in the Seinn na nÓg Concert in St. Senan's Church and also performed in Teach Cheoil.

Tribute to Ms. Síle Callinan B.Ed.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the untimely passing of our friend and colleague Síle Callinan in March of this year. R.I.P. Síle visited our school 2 days a week since September and worked with a number of children. She was a valued member of the school community with a great dedication to her work, always smiling, interested in the children and the school activities.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dilís.

School Programmes : The children in our school participate in lots of educational programmes to enhance and improve their learning . For more information on any of these programmes please log into our website.

Stay Safe The revised Stay Safe programme was implemented in all classes Juniors Infants —6th class.

Give Racism a Red Card: 3rd class—6th class.

Aistear: Learning through play—Infants.

Reading Recovery: Senior Infants and 1st class.

Maths Recovery: 1st and 2nd class.

Literacy Hour : Senior Infants, 1st class , 2nd class.

Accelerated Reader: 3rd , 4th and 5th classes.

Team TSI : Fifth and sixth classes.

IZAK9 a unique, radical and innovative maths resource is used in senior classes.

Lego building in association with Stem Solutions and Lego Education continues in 5th class.

Stream Scapes Aquatic & Biodiversity Education—6th.

Seashore Safari Initiative in conjunction with the Marine Institute.— 5th class.

Helping Others: Our school community is very aware of the needs of others and strives every year through fund raising to help those less well off . Our fund raising events this year were:

Christmas Shoeboxes in excess of 100 boxes.

Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale raised €970 which goes towards subsidising school events e.g. buses etc.

Confirmation children gave €440 to Happy Feet Happy Minds & Simon Community.

Holy Communion children presented €215 to West Clare Cancer Care.

School Walk The children in 5th & 6th classes raised €2338.85 in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland.

Thank you to all who support our fund raising events throughout the year.

Green School: Our school was extremely privileged this year to be invited to take part in One Tree One Child Project by Kilrush Tidy Towns. Kilrush school are the first in Ireland to be participating in this project, each child in our school planted a tree which they will be able to watch grow and hopefully show to their children in the future. Remember for the Summer: "Water is a priceless treasure, save it with your pleasure"



Rainbows

St. Senan's Primary School is a centre for Rainbows which is a peer support group for children coping with loss through separation or death. Further information contact Gráinne : 089 4616491

Friends for Life which aims to give children the strategies to become more confident and brave in dealing with stressful situations continues in 4th class.

News from the Parents Room 2016/ 2017

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, Fun Science, Wellbeing Week, Maths Week, Window Painting for Halloween and Christmas. Halloween, Christmas and Easter Flower Arrangements, Fun Maths/Science, Grandparents' Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Intergenerational Dancing, Gardening Group, Parent and Child Cookery Classes, visits to Mowlam Nursing Home. Elle Marie O' Dwyer in association with Clare Co. Council's Traditional Singer in Residence programme worked with children from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes. They had an amazing opportunity to learn some traditional songs and the history behind traditional singing. Following on from this 5th and 6th classes will be recorded for a CD to be launched during the Fleadh Cheoil. The following courses were run in conjunction with Clare V.E.C. Story Sacks, Stain Glass and Mindfulness. Looking forward to another busy year starting in September. Linda

Special Class /ASD We have had a fantastic year this year in the MDSC and Autistic Unit. We enjoyed activities such as swimming, horse riding and cooking. The children really enjoyed experiencing functional reflex therapy for the first time. During the last term we welcomed some new members to our room - Mayo, Zury, Dory and Princess the fish. The children enjoyed and gained lots of knowledge on our trip to Ennis to buy our fish.

The Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP) aims to help children recognise enterprise and entrepreneurship therefore empowering them to start, think and act with initiative, creativity, independence and ideas that are invaluable in the modern world. 6th class designed bookmarks and had them printed. They also hand made some more. These were then sold at pop up shops which proved to be a profitable and very successful experience.

School Reopens Friday Sept. 1st 2017

Parent Association

This has been our third year as St. Senan's Parent Association. The Parent Association helped out with the Christmas Concert, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Junior Infant Introductory Morning, painting Buddy Benches, Gardening, Sports Day and the Graduation Mass. This year we hosted Steve Goode who gave presentations on 'Supporting Parents to Support their Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing' and the 'Transition from Primary to Post Primary School'. We gave special bookmarks to the First Holy Communion Class and to Sixth Class. The Parent Association will also contribute towards ice-creams for the whole school on Sports Day. We would like to thank all the parents who helped out with these events and we would like to invite all parents to contact us if interested in helping out in the future. If any parents would like to hear particular speakers or have any ideas, then we can be contacted at stsenankilrushpa@gmail.com. We wish you a happy and safe summer holiday. See you in September.

Achievements: Every year the whole school community works very hard at all areas of school life and the children experience success in lots of different ways both in and out of the classroom. Below is a selection of the awards presented in our school :

Principal's Award: Presented monthly to winners in each class.

Attendance Awards: Christmas and June.

Classroom Awards : In each class.

Debating: This year our team were joint winners of The Clare Schools Debating Competition.

Science Award STEM Excellence award received from Science Foundation Ireland.

Quiz teams participated in Kidney and Credit Union Quizzes.

Sports See Sports Section.

Art Congratulations to Laura on winning at National Level in Credit Union Competition.

Spelling Bee: Well done to Evan Power who represented our school in this event.

Theatre: All the children participated in The Christmas Concert and Seachtain na Gaeilge where the concert performances were of an excellent standard and enjoyed by all. Two drama productions - 'Diarmaid and Gráinne' and 'The Legend of the Golden Dragon' were enjoyed by our students.

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Please check out the website for lots more information, photos, school calendar etc.