



School Football

Our boys played in the West Football Championship against Ballyhahill and Courtney Boys, Newcastlewest. Despite a lack of success they represented the school very well and enjoyed the games.

Halloween Party

Our Parent's Council once again organised the Halloween celebrations. There were lots of scary costumes to be seen and we even had a Chilean miner and an American Air Force pilot. Each class was treated to a party in the school hall with lots of games and amusements and they all received goody bags as well. Leon the Magician enthralled the boys and the teachers with his amazing magic tricks and there were lots of very willing volunteers helping him with the tricks. Thanks to our Parents Council for all of their hard work in preparing **a very spooky hall** and for helping out during the day.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair was a huge success this year and as a result the school was able to add a lot of great books to our school library. Thanks to Sadie Neville for organising and running it and to all our parents for your generous support.



Transition Year

During the term we had a pupil from Coláiste na Trócaire, Ashlee Kennedy, with us for one weeks work experience. We would like to wish her well with her future studies and we hope she enjoyed being here for the week.

Ard Scoil Rís Hurling Academy

Once again our boys were invited to the Árd Scoil Rís hurling blitz which was held in early September. Well done to all of the boys who took part and who helped to show-case the talent we have here in the school.

Interactive Whiteboards

We recently added two more whiteboards to our classrooms bringing the total now in the school to four. They have greatly added to the learning experience for the boys and the teachers and introduced them to the many benefits of modern technology in the classroom.

School Extension

The refurbishment/extension work is now well under progress with a finish date for early in the New Year. When completed we will have a new classroom for German and English to Non-Nationals and an upgraded staff room and administration/reception area. Thanks to everyone for their co-operation and apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Staff News

Congratulations to Stephanie Callinan and her husband John on the birth of their daughter Charlotte, a sister for Emma.

Congratulations also to Deirdre O’Riordan on her recent marriage. We would like to wish Deirdre and Kevin the best of luck in their life together.

Welcome to Robert Browne who is covering Maternity Leave for Stephanie Callinan.

West Football Team

Well done to Óran Collins and Luke Mackessey who were selected for the Sarsfield Cup team.

Soccer Blitz

Well done to the boys of 4th Class who took part in a soccer blitz in Roxboro. They played brilliantly for 3 games and finished with one win, one draw and one loss. Congratulations to the whole team!

Live Crib

The boys spent a lot of time preparing hymns and carols for the Live Crib under the musical direction of Julie-Ann Dinneen and Stephen Lavin. Unfortunately due to the inclement weather and Health and Safety concerns the Crib was cancelled this year.



Christmas Mass

A special Christmas mass was celebrated in the Holy Trinity Abbey on Tuesday 21st December by Fr. Cuthbert (Michael) Brennan of Glenstal Abbey who is a past pupil of the school. One of our parents, Julie-Ann Dinneen sang Christmas Carols and Hymns and was accompanied beautifully by the boys with Mr. Lavin on guitar. Fr. Brennan then came back to his old school to visit each of the classes. The sixth class boys will be visiting Glenstal Abbey in the New Year on a visit hosted by Fr. Brennan.

School Holidays

The school will close at 12.30p.m on Thursday 23rd December and will re-open on Monday 10th January 2011.

National Game Playing Day

On the Friday after the Halloween break we had a Board Game Playing Day. All of the classes in the school played games all day. Every person in the school brought in a game. One of the pupils in 5th class said it was great and one of the pupils in 3rd class said it was great fun. The Juniors and Seniors had a great day and really enjoyed playing and sharing their games and the teachers love to see the games being played and used again and again. The pupils in 1st and 2nd said it was really enjoyable and fun. Our game playing day raised €223 for local charities. The charities chosen were Rehab in Patrickswell and Cystic Fibrosis.

Cathal and Luke – 6th Class



Shoebbox Appeal

We collected 71 boxes for the St. Vincent de Paul which were distributed by them to underprivileged children in the region. Thanks to all of you for your support.

Recycling of old clothes and phones

In October we collected both clothes and phones and earned €95 for school funds.

Santa Visit

A very important visitor came to the school to visit the boys on Wednesday. It was none other than Santa Claus who took time out of his very hectic schedule to come and see the boys and let them know that everything is on track for Christmas Eve. He brought toys for the classes and sweets for everyone. He told the boys that the elves are working morning, noon and night to ensure that everyone gets what they asked for and thankfully the reindeers, especially Rudolph, are in fine fettle and rearing to go. Thanks to Santa for dropping in to see us at his busiest time of the year.



Juniors and Seniors letters to Santa

All of the Juniors and Seniors are looking forward to Santa coming and will be in bed early, so have the fires put out and a snack left out for Santa and Rudolph!

Please Santa can I have a teddy, a ball and a surprise.

Ronan

Santa can I have a Night-Night Timmy, Crazy Stunt Rory and a surprise.

Oisin

Please Santa can I have a teddy bear, a clock and a cow.

Wiktor

Santa, I would love some Lego, a Wii game and some sweets.

Sam

Santa, I would like Transformers, Power Rangers and a surprise.

David



Day at the Races

We went to Limerick Race Course in October and we were introduced to Andrew McNamara. He told us about his wins and his injuries. After a while we met a horse called “Alabama Banjo”. He has casts on his legs because if the jockey braked suddenly the horse could hurt his legs. Then we were shown a horse simulator and some of us got to go on it. It was great fun. After a while we went out onto the racecourse and the man told us about the fences and how he has to keep the racecourse in shape. Then we had our lunch and after that we went home. All in all it was great fun.

Eric and Jack – 6th Class

German Trip to Mary I

As part of the Modern Languages in Primary Schools initiative, Fifth and Sixth class were taken to Mary Immaculate College for a German play. We had been learning German the year before and the play was a huge boost to our education. We saw the play and we got to act out parts in a little drama. We believe it inspired many of the boys to continue learning German.

Michael and Conall – 6th Class

Upcoming Events

The Parents Council will be organising the annual Fun Table Quiz (which is our main Fundraising event) in the New Year. There will also be the Beetle Drive which is a fun event for families.



We really appreciate your support throughout the year and of course the pupils are the main beneficiaries of your generosity. The staff in the school welcome your input and if you have any constructive ideas they would be delighted to take them on board.

Thank you to the Board of Management for all of the hard work and their input throughout the year.

A big thank you to the Parents Council under the leadership of their new Chairperson, Carmel Hanrahan. We would like to welcome Carmel to her new role and we look forward to working with her during the year. The Parents Council give of their time to organise various events and projects throughout the year for the good of the school and its pupils. We are very appreciative of all their hard work and efforts throughout the year.

*A Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous
New Year From All of the Staff at Scoil
Naomh Iosaf*