

Fire Safety

One day two firemen came in to talk about fire safety. First they showed us some cards. There were good ones and bad ones. One good one was the planner, he made all the plans. One bad one was George Tuff who threw rocks at the firemen.

The firemen told us that you should not jump out the window because you could hurt yourself if it is a two storey house but it is safe to jump out of a bungalow. They also said you should never prank call the fire brigade because if there was a real emergency they would not be ready. If you cannot ring other people on your phone, you can still call the firemen. If there is a fire you should call 999.

By Billy Brennan, 3rd class

Visiting the Library

On Wednesday 15th of November, 1st and 2nd classes went to Abbeyleix library to see an author. Her name was Bridget Bhreathnach and she read one of her books for us. The name of the book was 'Ní Mise a Rinne É'.

After that we created our own character. It was a watermelon. His name was Pineapple the Watermelon. We came up with lots of ideas for our character. Then Bridget rolled out a big sheet of paper and we all designed 'Pineapple the Watermelon'.

Finally she gave us a book each and signed it for us. Then we went on the bus back to school. It was the best day ever!

By Barry Conroy, 2nd class.

First Holy Communion

Second class are preparing for their First Holy Communion. All the meetings were very good. We had a great time at the Enrolment Mass. I am going to have my First Holy Communion in May. We're going to receive Holy Bread for the first time.

By Patrick Doogue, 2nd Class

Gymnastics

The boys and girls from 1st to 6th class are taking part in gymnastics. A lovely woman named Sonia teaches us cartwheels, tumbles and handstands etc. It is incredibly fun! The event takes place in the Seomra Teachta le Chéile. There is plenty of space for us to do gymnastics. I hope we continue this activity in future.

By Tara Murray, 4th class



Confirmation Enrolment Mass

5th and 6th class had their Enrolment Mass on the 10th of December 2017.

We made commitments during the ceremony, such as to attend Mass every Sunday. At the end of the Mass everyone was given a scroll that they had made in school earlier that week.

It was a very successful day and we all cannot wait for our Confirmation!

By Caoimhe Moynihan, 6th class

Our Penpals

One day Mrs Moore told us about our penpals. Mr Crean got his second class to write to us. Then Mrs Moore told us to write back. My penpal is Colm. We wrote to them a few weeks ago. We are hoping to get a note back before Christmas. Our penpals are very nice. We are very lucky to have penpals. I love to find out about Kerry.

By Andrew Larkin, 2nd class.

Biz World

On the 24th of October 2017 Nadia came to our school to teach us about business. Nadia works in the Bank of Ireland and goes around to different schools to teach them about business. It is called Biz World.

We were separated into different groups. We all came up with different ideas to sell. They were the Slime Hut, Braille Books, Flash Dry (a shower), Kick and Customise and Bear Brush. Some groups really sold things and others made models. We learned all about how to run a business.

Nadia told us about the dragon and how to talk to

him. He judged our ideas and gave us biz-bucks, which is money. Then Nadia gave us different roles in the businesses and she told us how to talk to the dragons. The dragons' names were Ms Ní Leathlobhair and Jason Ryan. They asked lots of confusing questions but we knew most of them because Nadia was such a great teacher.

In the end the "Slime Hut" group got the most biz-bucks. We all got lovely bags with prizes in them. Nadia was very kind and we really enjoyed Biz-World.

By Ally McDonald and Gráinne Keane, 5th Class.

C.P.R.

On Monday the 4th of December Tom Lalor and Anthony Tynan from Abbeyleix Fire Brigade came and taught 5th and 6th class all the steps of CPR.

The first steps of CPR is to check if the area is safe, the second is to check if the person is breathing, third is to call 999 and get someone to get the AED. The AED is a machine that gives a person an electric shock and it starts their heart again. Our local AED is in Colt GAA clubhouse. The fifth step is to put your hands on the person's chest and push up and down at two beats per second. It gets tiring after a while.

There were three dummies that we were practising on. Tom and Anthony told us never to do it on a person that is breathing. They also told us some interesting facts and what the main causes of cardiac arrest are (a cardiac arrest is when a person stops breathing).

It was a very interesting morning. I hope someone in our class will do CPR and save someone's life.

By Aoife Delaney, 5th Class

GAA Coaching

Every Friday, a man comes into the school and does football training. Juniors to 4th class do football training. We do soccer and football. We dribble, hand pass and lots more. We play matches against each other. We also do drills. It gets everyone involved and we get lots of fresh air. I love football and soccer and I would love to do it again next year!

By Brid Delaney, 3rd class

The Boys Cumann na mBunscol

This year we participated once again in the Cumann na mBunscol (football). We trained every Monday and Friday from about 2-3pm.

Our first match was against Portlaoise Educate Together. We won but P.E.T. put up a great game.

Our second match was with Rushall. We won by the skin of our teeth.

Then was Barrow House and not long after Killeen. We beat both teams though it was a challenge.

Our next match was with Rosenallis. We tried our best but Rosenallis won. We were disappointed but we knew we could still make it into the finals.

The next week was the semi-finals and we had trained hard for this match. The weather was miserable. We were drenched by the time we got on the pitch. We were playing Rushall, a team we already played and beat but this time was different. When the final whistle blew, Rushall had won.

This was my last year but I'm certain the lads will do just as good or hopefully even better next year.

By Shay Lynn Brennan, 6th class