

## The Write-A-Book Project

All the students in each class did Write a Book. Some books got highly commended and merits. Only myself in second class and Molly in Juniors, Ava in 4th class, Oisín in 6th class went to the awards night in Portlaoise. We got an Easons €10 gift card on the night. The people who were highly commended got bookmarks, pencils and a certificate in school. The story teller Niall de Búrca was there to give us our certificates and he told us a story about Cú Chulainn. He was very funny. Everyone had a great time. I am glad our school did Write a Book. I think everyone had fun coming up with their own stories.

By Éadaoin Moynihan, 2nd Class

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In April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class started writing their own book for Write-A-Book Competition. First we started planning out our stories. Then we wrote out our stories and the teacher edited them. We got to make own book covers and decorate them! It was a lot of fun! We sent our books to Laois Education Centre and they sent it to another school to be marked. Some of the things you get marked on is neat hand writing, presentation and illustrations. We also got sent some books from other schools. They were very interesting and I really enjoyed reading them. It was so much fun!



A few weeks later we got our books back. The room was filled with excitement!!! Everybody was wondering who had won. The runners up were Bríd Delaney, Tom Coleman, Isabella Troy, Harry Bland and Chloe Beere and the winner was me! We all got pencils and a book mark. I was so happy. My story was about a girl who had a nightmare and horrible things happened to her. At the end she met a ugly woman who told her she was stuck in her nightmare! She helped the girl get out of her nightmare and the ugly woman was set free too.

I got to go to the Midlands Park Hotel to go to the presentation of the certificates. I got an Eason's voucher and I also got my picture taken. The woman who was calling out all the different schools to collect their certificates called me up on stage and asked me some questions.

I loved taking part in the Write-A-Book Competition IT WAS SOO MUCH FUN.

By Ava Coleman, 4<sup>th</sup> Class

School Closes on Wednesday 27th June.

School re-opens on Thursday 30th August.



## Judy Walsh Debating League

From May to June, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in the Judy Walsh Debating League. 12 teams competed in the league, with only two teams making it to the final. Camoihe, Ally, Aoife, Seána and Bríd on team 4 and Lucy D, Oisín, Myself, Michaela and Paraic on team 6. Team 6 won but team 4 put up a great fight. Judy Walsh's husband Pat came into our school and presented us with the cup. The final took place in the Seomra Teach Le Cheile at 2 o'clock. 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class watched the final and some parents came. Well done to all the teams that took part in the league. Thank you Ms Hayes for judging us all through the league. We all had great fun and really enjoyed the league.

By Isabella Troy 4<sup>th</sup> class.

## Engineering Exhibition

In May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> went to the Dunamais Theatre to learn about the science of engineering. We learned about some people with SUPER POWERS. These people did not really have super powers but like super heroes they used their engineering skills to help people, like super strength and flying, even mind control. The man there showed us how to make a small bridge. Bridges have to be very strong. He asked three people to come up and make a small bridge out of foam blocks. They made the bridge and the man asked them to stand on the bridge. They all stood on the bridge and it didn't break. Even he stood on it and jumped on it but the bridge was still standing! There was five pieces of foam blocks all held together in an arch shape. We were amazed that something very small could hold a grown man even when he is jumping. The next thing we learned about was telekinesis. Telekinesis is where you can move something without touching it. He brought a girl up to hold a ball. Then he brought out a leaf blower. He held the leaf blower under the ball and turned it on. It went all around the room and the leaf blower did not even touch the ball. Lastly there was mind control. He got a lazer and a radio connected to some wires. He hid the radio under the table and focused the lazer in the wires, and suddenly we could hear the bat man theme tune. We all we amazed. We all enjoyed the Engineering Exhibition and had a great day.

By Jane Phelan, 4<sup>th</sup> Class

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## 5th Green School Flag Raising

On the 15th May 2018 we rose our fifth Green School Flag. We were delighted to welcome back Timmy, the former care taker of our school from 2003 to 2018, to rise the flag. We would like to thank Timmy for all his help over the years in attaining all our Green Flags.

On the day every class sang a song. Unfortunately it was raining. We earned the flag by learning about and taking care of plants, animals and our vegetable patch. The band played a few songs while the flag flew high. Everyone had a great time at the event.

By Darragh Maher 3<sup>rd</sup> class.

## Most Enterprising Student

Congratulations to Tiernan Donovan for winning the award of Most Enterprising Student. Tiernan received his reward from Seamus Doran of Laois Enterprising Board. Tiernan was thrilled with his award. Tiernan was shocked that he won an award, he was not expecting this. He deserved it after all his hard work. Well done Tiernan.

By Aoife Hennessy, 5<sup>th</sup> class

## Zeeko

On May 26th, a lady came to our school to talk about Internet Safety. She talked to pupils from 1st to 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Internet Safety. A girl posted a picture of herself and it was sold to an ice-cream company who put it on the side of a bus. She explained how quickly messages and pictures can spread. It was a very enjoyable day for all in the school. There was also a workshop for teachers and parents, who also learned a lot on that day!

By Leah Bergin and Orla Colley, 5<sup>th</sup> Class

## Farewell

Although our time here was great,

It's now time to celebrate,

We've been here eight years,

We've had laughter and tears,

We've played games with our friends,

Now it's come to an end,

We'll go our separate ways,

As we enter the new days.

## By 6<sup>th</sup> class

We wish our Sixth Class, Amy, Lucy, Catherine, Gavin, Joanne, Tiernan, Oisín, Colleen, Shay, Adam, Kaja, Caoimhe, Sarah and Niamh the best as they move on from Tobar an Léinn. Always remember your 'Tús Maith' in Tobar of Léinn as you continue to blossom into bright stars of the future.

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■ We would like to  
■ wish a warm wel-  
■ come to our new  
■ caretaker Con  
■ who has settled in  
■ very well. We  
■ hope he enjoys  
■ his time with us in  
■ Tobar an Léinn

■ We have to say  
■ farewell to Ms.  
■ Hickey who has  
■ been with us since  
■ September. We  
■ were very lucky to  
■ have her. We wish  
■ her all the best in  
■ her future career.



## Our First Holy Communion

On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2<sup>nd</sup> Class made their First Holy Communion. The First Holy Communion children did a procession in the church. Then we presented the symbols to Fr. Kelly. The choir sang a song and we said some prayers. Finally it was time to receive the Bread of Life. We held our hands in a special way and said “Amen” at the end. After that we sang “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”. It was a lovely song. We took loads of photos. When we went home we each had a party. It was a lovely day. We all enjoyed it.

**By Barry Conroy and Aaliyah Troy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class**

## Health Promoting Schools

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey on how to make a school healthy. The whole school community got involved and as a result we have been working hard at making improvements. Feedback from pupils, parents and staff helped us to make an informed choice on our actions. We have begun to improve our healthy eating and have taken part in a greater variety of sports this year. Next year we hope to raise awareness of mental health in our school too. Hopefully next year we will achieve Health Promoting School Status.

**The Healthy Promoting Schools Team**

## Our Garden

We setup a garden centre for Aistear in our classroom. Then we bought and sold things from the garden centre. We learned about the lifecycle of a plant and how to grow plants. Then we planted our own plants in a mini-tunnel outside in the garden. We water our plants every day and we are looking forward to taking them home for the summer.

**By Rebecca Peake and Molly Donoghue, Junior Infants**

## Food Dudes

We have done Food Dudes in school for the past few weeks. Food Dudes is where we eat fruit and vegetables. We ate carrots, grapes, apples, green beans, oranges, cucumber, bananas and peppers. At the end of each week we got prizes. We also got lunchboxes saying fruit and veg on them and we bring our own fruit and veg in them. Now we have a wall chart of Food Dudes. At break time, teacher goes around with the wall chart. If we bring enough fruit and veg we will get a bronze, silver, gold or platinum certificate. Pauric and Andrew have their gold certificate and they are heading for platinum. We have got our bronze and silver but Pauric and Andrew are the only ones with their gold. They have brought in lots of fruit and veg. Hopefully, they will get their platinum.

**By Claire Tierney and Patrick Doogue ,2<sup>nd</sup> Class.**

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> History projects

In May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class got split up into seven different groups of four. We all had a decade to make a project from 1940 to 2000. On the day of the presentation, the 1980s, 1970s and 2000s groups presented their projects but there was no time for the others. So the groups 1960s, 1950s, 1990s and 1940s had a little longer to do their projects. Everyone did really well and put lots of effort into making them. All the projects looked amazing and it was a very hard choice for Ms. Hayes and Ms. Campion. The runners up team were the 1980s and in first place was the 2000s. Well done to everyone and good luck to fourth class next year.

**By Grainne Keane and Orla Colley, 5<sup>th</sup> Class**

## School Tours

### Junior and Senior Infant School Tour

We went on our school tour on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June to Nore Valley Farm. First, we went on a tractor ride. We enjoyed playing in the hay also. We fed the donkeys, Jim and Tom some oats. We also got to see some deer. We played in a 3-D maze and it was very difficult but it was also amazing. Everybody in Junior and Senior Infants had a great time in Nore Valley Park and we would like to go back some time soon.

**By Cian Conroy and Ellen Conroy**

### 5th & 6th Class School Tour

On Monday 25th June pupils from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class travelled to Dunmore East on their school tour. They attended a sports and water activity centre for the day where they will took part in five different activities. These were aquapark, kayaking, paddleboarding, climbing and archery.

### Vikings of Dublin 1st and 2nd Class School Tour

Last Thursday 1st and 2nd went to Birr Castle. We were given a tour of the science museum and the Great Telescope. We also saw an oak tree that was almost 500 years old. After that we played in the tree house and the bouncy pillow. It was a great day.

**By Dáire Keane and Beth Phelan, 1st Class**

### Donaghmore Famine Museum

In May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class went to Donaghmore Famine Museum. We went there because we wanted to learn about the Great Irish Famine. We all got to see what life in a workhouse was like. Our tour guide was a very kind woman. In the children’s boy ward we saw a mannequin dressed up in a uniform. The uniform was ripped. The mannequin was lying on the floor. A sack was used for the children’s pillow. We learnt that if you disobeyed the head master three times you would be put into a room with

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class School tour

On 19<sup>th</sup> of June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> went on their school tour. They went to Glasnevin Cemetery and Aqua Zon. They loved it. It could not have happened without their amazing teacher Miss.Hayes.

The Bus Ride.

First they went to Glasnevin Cemetery. The bus ride was loud and crazy! Boys were throwing food and singing a song called ‘Something in me nappy’. Finally we made it. We got off and some felt sick and some kids legs were very sore.

Gasnevin Cemetery.

When we got there we met someone called Christopher. He was very kind to us. We got to see many famous peoples graves like Micheal Collins, Daniel O’ Connell, Eamon De Valera. James Plunkett was captured the day of his wedding but they let him and his fiancé Grace get married before his execution. They spent 5 mins together in Jame’s cell. Our tour guide says that if you touch Daniel O’ Connell’s coffin you get good luck so we all did that. His dying words were 'My body to Irland, My heart to Rome, My soul to Heaven.'

Aqua Zone.

Aqua Zone was everyone’s favourite. There was slides, lazy rivers, waves and surfing. There was a slide called the black hole it was pitch black, there was a big slide that you go down in a float and there was a big hump at the end. There was an open slide it was very fast. We spent about two hours there but like all good times, it had to end.

**By Aine O Neill, 3<sup>rd</sup> class.**

**By Michaela Dunne, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class**