# Tobar Léinn

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### ON OUR BIKES!! - (Cycling Safety Course a Huge Success)

Girls and boys from 3rd, use the braking tech- more complicated. Mr Tan-4th, 5th and 6th classes all nique that we were sey showed us how the went through a cycling safe- shown in the first ses- rules of the road apply to ty course that cost only €3 sion. We had to be able cyclists and what cyclists per pupil. The course lasted to stop dead at a cer- must do at certain signs. six weeks with one session per week. All the bikes and helmets were supplied by our instructor, Ruairí Tansey from The Cycling Safety and Skills School in Kildare. The first session we stayed inside the classroom and Mr. Tansey showed us some tips about the bike and how to use it, such as which brake to pull first, how to prove that your bike belongs to you and many other things that would help us for our next session, which was actually cycling the bike.

Our next session took place in the school yard. Mr Tansey arrived in a van full of bikes and had a bag full of helmets. We had to be able to put on our helmets, ad-

Lá 'le Pádraig - St. Patrick's Day.

This week is one of our special Irish weeks

in school. Many events are taking place

around the country. Use any words/

phrases you may have and encourage your

kids to use the Irish language. Hope every-

body had a "Lá 'le Pádraig iontach"

tain point in the playground. The session after that, he showed us how to do a left hand turn, when to look over our shoulder and to signal when making a turn.



Our next session

focused on making a was a few things extra do it all again!! to do when making a right hand turn and a left hand turn. We also had to cycle in a line and stop on a line at the same time. The just the seat and be able to next session was a bit

Our last session took place

inside the classroom. Mr. Tansey showed us a D.V.D. that had tons of tips about cycling, bike checks and how cyclists can stay safe. At the end of the D.V.D, Mr. Tansey gave us a cycling quiz to do which was great fun!!

All in all we had a great time and learnt loads on cycling that many of us didn't know. I would like to say a special thanks to right hand turn, and Mr. Tansey for doing such believe it or not, there a great job. I would love to

> By:- Eoin O' Sullivan-6th Class

### We congratulate

Miss Kirwan on her

recent marriage.

Congratulations

She is now Mrs. Griffin

> and we are trying our best to get used to it!

> Best wishes to the happy couple.

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### The "Gooch" Drops In

er Bunny

Colm "Gooch" Cooper visited our school on

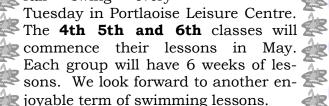


the 20th of March 2013. Colm who is widely regarded as being the greatest Kerry footballer of all times spent the afternoon talking about his football career, answering questions and demonstrating some vital football skills. Everybody had a very enjoyable and

memorable experience.

### BABABABABABABABABABABA **Swimming**

Swimming lessons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes are back in full swing everv





### Our School Choir

5 We are very proud of our wonderful school choir. The chila dren from 1st to 6th class practise every Wednesday with the s expert guidance of John - Hosey—the school choir sings hymns and songs to help us celebrate special occasions..



### **Competition Time**

Tráth na gCeist do rang a 3, 4, 5 agus 6.

- 1. Cé mhéid seachtain i mbliain?
- 2. Cén abhainn ar a bhfuil Baile Átha Cliath suite?
- **3.** Cén cluiche a imríonn Colm Cooper?
- 4. Cé mhéid imreoir a bhíonn ar fhoireann sacair?
- **5.** Suimigh 12 + 10 + 8?

Tabhair do chuid freagraí ar phíosa páipéir le d'ainm agus do rang do do mhúinteoir roimh an Aoine an 22ú de mhí Márta chun duais a bhuachan.



Chocolate Easter bunny in a jelly bean nest I'm saving you for very last because I love you best.

I'll only take a nibble from your ear and your cheek And put you in the press to keep you for next week.

Yum, you're delicious! I didn't mean to eat Your chocolate tail till Tuesday Ooops! There go your feet!

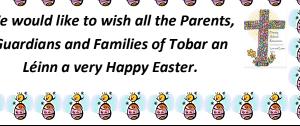
I wonder how your back tastes with all that chocolate hair. I never thought your tummy was only filled with air!

Chocolate Easter bunny in a jelly bean nest. I'm saving you for very last because I love you best.

By:- Leah Moffitt-5th Class



We would like to wish all the Parents, **Guardians and Families of Tobar an** Léinn a very Happy Easter.



Infants, 1st and 2nd: How many Easter Eggs can you find? Give your answer to your teacher on a piece of paper with your name before Friday the 22nd March.





# ДЛЛЛЛЛЛЛЛЛЛЛЛЛЛЛ Green Schools 2012\2013

### Transition Years

In January four transition year students came to Tobar

Bergin, Ian Whelan and Dearbhla Mulhall.

They did singing, dancing, French and drama. Second class did a communion booklet. Dearbhla did Zumba with the Infants.

whole school. We sang "Somebody to Love" a new character for our notice board. At the end we did a performance in front of the and the girls did a dance called "Oh my God" ' and the boys did "Gangnam Style".

We were all excellent!!!

We would like to say thank you to the four transition year students who came.

We had a great time.

🗖 By:- Ellen Donoghue and

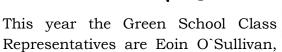
Jennifer Holland 3rd Class

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We got new library books.

We bring three of them home every week. Our parents help us to read. Some of the books are about Apple Tree Farm. The stories are very funny. Other books help us to learn. We are good at reading and we love our library books. By:- Leah Bergin, Ally McDonald, Jack Farrell and Christopher Phelan, - Senior Infants.



Leah Moffitt, Séamus Ó Cinnéide, Catherine an Léinn School for work experience from Hey- 🗗 Butler, Sarah Haide and Emily Goode. Ms. wood School. They were Tanya Grant, Sarah 🗗 Ní Leathlobhair and Timmy Keegan are our Staff Representatives and Aileen Donovan is our Parents Rep. We are working for our fourth green flag and the theme is Travel. We are currently holding a competition to design

> By:- Sarah Haide Class 2nd and Emily Goode - 4th Class



### **WEEE Ireland**



On Monday the 4th of

February Jim Nelson from WEEE Ireland came to our school.

WEEE stands for Waste

### Electrical Electronic Equipment.

He came into 3<sup>rd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup>,5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. He showed us some things that you can recycle that are good for the environment.

These include battery powered and electrical equipment like an Xbox360. He gave everybody in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4th, 5th, and 6<sup>th</sup> class a battery box to bring home. With your recycling boxes make sure you recycle your wasted batteries. You can give them to WEEE Ireland and they will turn them into other types of objects.

He also reminded us that larger electrical appliances like washing machines and dish washers can be taken to electrical suppliers for recycling.

By Jack Callaghan and Séamus Ó Cinnéide 3rd Class.

### Some Irish phrases for Parents

Dia Duit. Hello Dia is Muire duit. Tá fáilte romhat. You are welcome. Conas atá tú? How are you? Tá mé go maith. I am well/fine. Slán. Slán go fóill. Goodbye. Más é do thoil é. Please.

Go raibh maith agat. Thank you. Cad is aimn duit? What is your name?

Seán is aimn dom. My name is Seán.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig. St. Patrick's Day. Bréithlá sona duit. Happy birthday. Go n-éirí leat. Best of luck.

www.tobaranleinn.ie for latest School news



# Letter to the Editor "Too Much Homework"

### Dear Editor,

I'm writing to you in connection with the issue of teachers giving too much homework to students in schools around Ireland. In my opinion teachers give too much homework to children. They are in school roughly six hours every day. Most of that time is spent working in a classroom and doing lots of work. After school is the only time they can relax. If they have loads upon loads of homework where are they going to get their chance to relax? Depending on the time of year, there is only a few hours of daylight after school and the children are forced to waste those daylight hours by doing homework. I know that doing homework improves their vocabulary and writing skills, but I also know that they are very tired after a school day and just want to relax.

Yours Faithfully, Emma Hennessy, 6th Class.

Tobar an Léinn Girls & Boys will begin their hurling & camogie competitions immediately after our Easter break. Over the past

few weeks they have brushed up on their skills with Laois County hurling star Christopher Murray. All fixtures can be found on www.cnambunlaoise.ie.

Please note these fixtures are subject to change.

Tobar an Léinn—"Tús Maith"

### **Give**

Our Lenten challenge is to give our time to others this

Lent –

We hope that everyone continues this after Lent.

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### **Book Report**

The title of the book was Enchanted Wood.

The author was Enid Blyton.

This book was fiction.

The main characters were Joe, Beth and Frannie.

Joe, Beth and Frannie lived in the town but their Father got a job in the country so they have to move too. They were very excited to move to the country. When they were at their house at the country, they had a picnic in the wood but they did not know it was enchanted.

This book was exciting.

This book was easy to read.

I like this book because it was enchanting.

I give this book a score of 9 out of 10.

I would recommend this book to people that like Enid Blyton.

By:- Caitlyn O' Connor 3rd Class

### First Penance

We celebrated the Sacrament of First Penance on Thursday the 14th of March

Thursday use 17 Change in our School in the "Seomra Teacht". Le Chéile". It was a special occasion for us. Well done to all.

Now we are preparing for our First Holy Communion. Yay!!

By:- 2nd Class

### **Date to Remember**

Sunday, May 19th 2013





