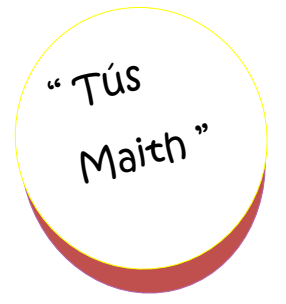
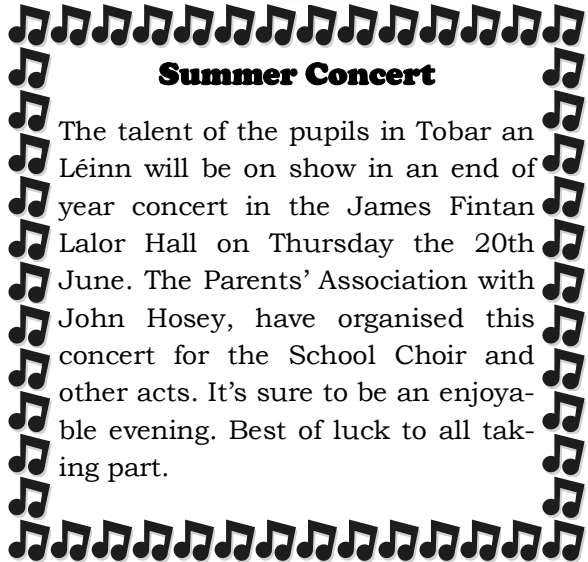


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Welcome to our summer edition of Nasc. Our last term has been very busy indeed as you will see from reading about all the events and activities here. We have had a great school year and thanks to everyone who helped with school activities and events during the year. Have a wonderful safe summer holiday everyone! We'll look forward to seeing you after the summer—rested, relaxed and ready for the new school year.



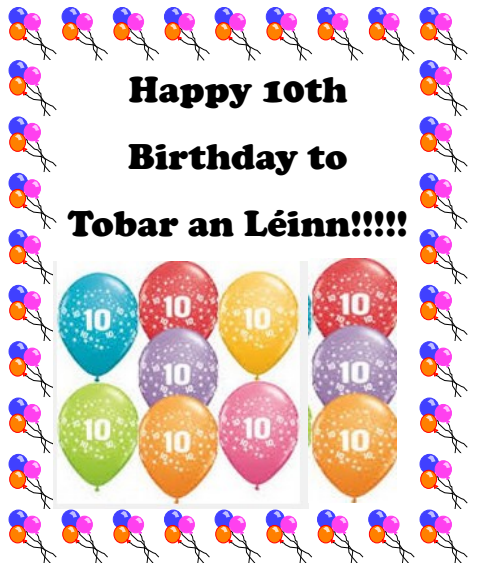
Summer Concert

The talent of the pupils in Tobar an Léinn will be on show in an end of year concert in the James Fintan Lalor Hall on Thursday the 20th June. The Parents' Association with John Hosey, have organised this concert for the School Choir and other acts. It's sure to be an enjoyable evening. Best of luck to all taking part.

Walk on Wednesday (W.O.W.)

On Wednesday May 15th we participated in National Walk on Wednesday (W.O.W.) The target was for 20,000 people to walk to school. Children who live close to the school walked all the way, while others did "Park and Stride". This meant that they were driven to either the Red Cross or Colt pitch and walked the rest of the way. Even some of the staff did this. Some people who usually travel by bus walked to the bus stop. W.O.W. was a great success. Nationwide a total of 31,916 children walked to school.

Eoin O' Sullivan, 6th class



**Happy 10th
Birthday to
Tobar an Léinn!!!!**

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SOCCER TOURNAMENT-CLOSE BUT NO COOKIE

On Tuesday the 16th of April Aaron Phelan, Cameron Hallow, Darren Phelan, Eoin O'Sullivan, Fionn Holland, James Mulhall and myself (Enda Mulhall) went to Rosleigheann Park in Portlaoise for the annual Ribena 5 a side soccer tournament. We all arrived at about 10 o'clock and were waiting about 10 minutes to get a sheet to tell us our fixtures and our group for the day ahead. We had Killeshin A in our first match, Timahoe A in our second match and Borris in Ossory in our final match in the group stages. Killeshin A was first up, it was a difficult match but we came out on top: Final score 2-0 to Raheen. Next up was Timahoe A. This was the toughest match but we got a last minute goal, but then straight from tip off they got one back! Final score 1-1. Our final match of the group stages was against Borris in Ossory, This was also a tough match but again we came out on top: Final score 2-0 to Raheen. At the end we were drawn top of the table with Timahoe A. But unluckily they went through on goal difference. They had six goals to our five. So we were close, but that's how the cookie crumbles!

By Enda Mulhall (6th class)



Uirlis Óg



The school band was formed one year ago and has grown ever since. We now have tin whistles, accordions, a fiddle, flutes, and a concertina. There are nine members of the band: **James Whelan** on accordion, **Cian Wullich** on Bodhrán and tin whistle, **Frankie Mc Evoy** on flute and tin whistle, **Jennifer and Eleanor Holland** on flute and tin whistle, **Erin and Colleen Lalor** on fiddle, **Eoghan Hanley** on concertina and **Conor Donoghue** on fiddle. We practise every Wednesday at small break. We play for events at Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, the End of Year Concert and the Graduation, which we ROCK every time. The band is sounding great and is making great progress and we hope that many more people will join in the years to come. **By Eoghan Hanley & Conor Donoghue—6th class.**

Our First Holy Communion

On Sunday 19th of May 2013, all of 2nd class made their First Holy Communion. It was a very exciting day for all of us. Our mass started at 11 o'clock. We sang Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat and played 'Morning has Broken' on the tin whistle. Then for the first time we received the Holy Bread. All the girls wore lovely white dresses and the boys wore suits. Afterwards we took some photos with Fr. Kelly and Mrs Griffin. Then we went home and celebrated with our family and friends. **By Anna Keane. 2nd Class**

Movie Report

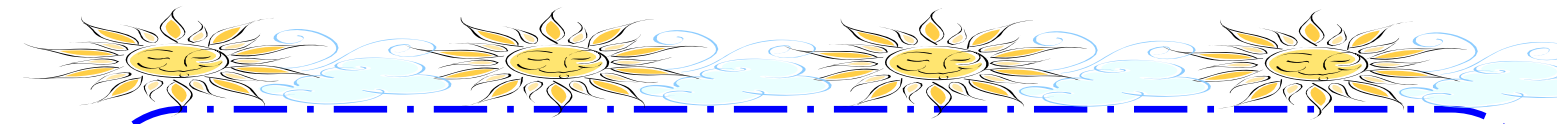
On Saturday 1st of June I went to see 'Epic' at the cinema in Portlaoise. I thought it would be 'epic', and it was. The good guys were called the Leafpeople and the bad guys were called Boggans. It was about a girl named M.K. who goes into the forest to look for her dog Ozzie, then shrinks. When she shrunk, the queen gave her the pod that she picked out and the pod had to bloom in front of a bright moon. The main characters were M.K., leader Ronan, Nod, Mud and Gub and Mandrake. My favourite scene was when Mandrake's boots covered the bright moon. I would give this movie 10 out of 10 because it is *epic*.

By Matthew Goode. 2nd Class



The Great Bake For Temple Street.

On Friday the 19th of April we had a bake sale in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital. Earlier that week we made cupcakes brownies, rice-crispie buns and cookies. That Friday morning we brought all our lovely food into school. At our 11 o'clock break the three of us set up our tables and food in the Seomra Teacht le Chéile. At 1 o'clock the ball rang and all the children rushed in to buy some nice food. Cupcakes were €1 and cookies, brownies & rice-crispy buns were 50cent. We also had sugar-free rainbow jelly for the diabetics. All the food was sold. The bake-sale was a success. We made €111.00. All the pupils in Tobar an Léinn helped 'Raise the Dough' for Temple Street. **By Leah, Orla & Shóna. (5th Class)**



Internet Safety

On Friday the 31st of May, a mini company from Heywood Community School came to talk to 5th & 6th class about Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying. The name of the mini company was Tech-Wise. Tech-Wise is run by four transition year students, Daniel Goode, Ian Whelan (both former pupils) Stephen Knowles and Fintan Brennan.



First they showed us a slide-show, and explained to us about the dangers of being online, and Cyber Bullying. They certainly improved our knowledge and awareness of internet safety. Then the whole class was divided into groups. Our task was to design a poster showing the dangers of working online especially the topic of Cyber Bullying. We all know more now, thanks to Tech-Wise!!!!!! **By Amy Whelan, 5th Class.**

A Glimpse of James Fintan Lalor Through the Eyes of a Child

The pupils from Seomra Beatha an Óige have been asked to take part in the James Fintan Lalor (1807 – 1849) Inaugural School 2013. It is an honour for them to take part in this celebration of our local hero. They have been very busy writing over the past number of weeks under the guidance of the encouraging and inspiring writer Ann Egan. Ann was Writer in Residence in Laois in 2010 and has won many prizes for her writing including the Listowel Writers Award. They will finish off this exciting project with a trip to Tenakill House, the home place of James Fintan Lalor. We are all looking forward to seeing the completion and presentation of this work in the Dunamais Arts Centre in September.



Chocolate, Castles and Cakes!

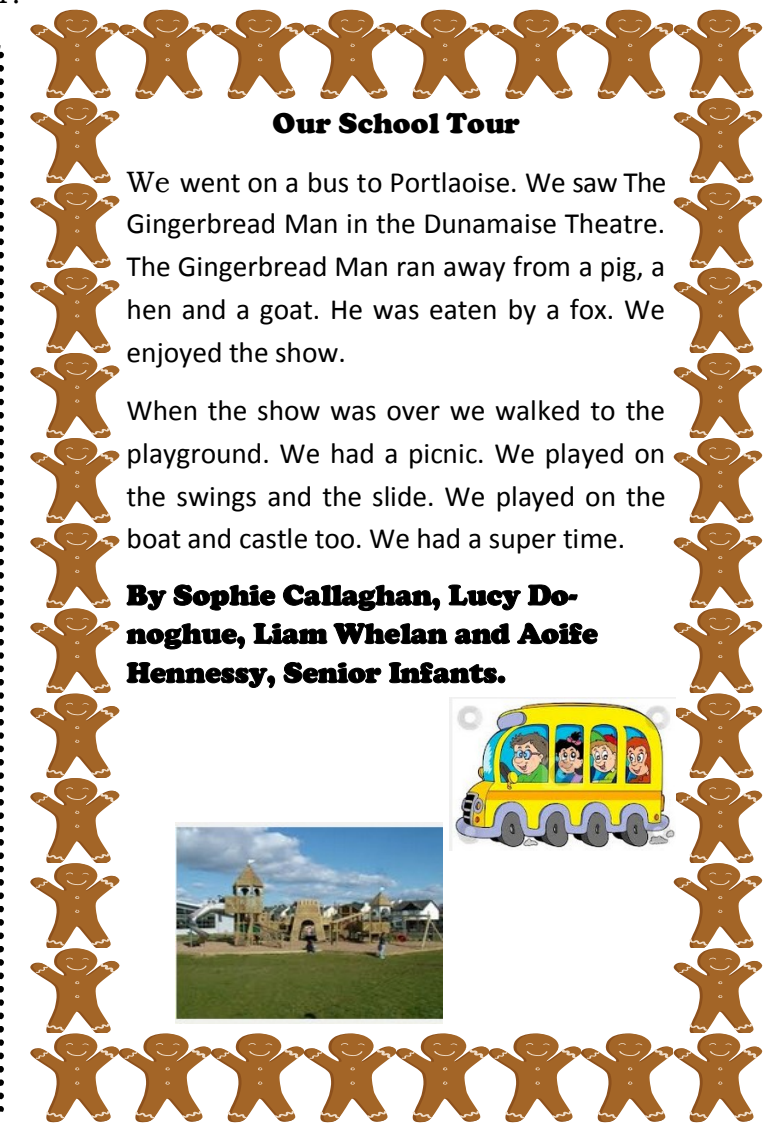
June, as always, has been a very, busy and fun time in Tobar an Léinn. We have had another great year of fun filled school tours.

The Middle Classes had a busy day in Bunratty Castle and Folkpark last Thursday. They experienced what life was like in Ireland many years ago. I think they are all glad to be children of the 21st century. Everyone had a blast at Fossett's circus, which is celebrating its 150th year in operation – wow! What a success.



The senior classes got to learn all about chocolate on their trip to the Chocolate Garden in Tullow, Co. Carlow. They even got to make their own chocolate kittens! The teachers enjoyed this trip too and said "they were treated to lattes and chocolate".

All the pupils had enjoyable days and most important—everyone returned home safely.



Our School Tour

We went on a bus to Portlaoise. We saw The Gingerbread Man in the Dunamais Theatre. The Gingerbread Man ran away from a pig, a hen and a goat. He was eaten by a fox. We enjoyed the show.

When the show was over we walked to the playground. We had a picnic. We played on the swings and the slide. We played on the boat and castle too. We had a super time.

By Sophie Callaghan, Lucy Donoghue, Liam Whelan and Aoife Hennessy, Senior Infants.





An Interview with Colm Cooper

Here is a selection of the questions and answers from our interview with Colm 'The Gooch' Cooper when he visited our school on Wednesday 20th March 2013.



How did you feel when you won your first All Ireland?

"Delighted I suppose. You play football all your life to try to win an All Ireland. To play football for your county is the one thing you want to do. I was very lucky to be able to do it four times so if I could do it once more before I retire I'd be delighted."

What's it like being the best footballer of your generation?

"Who told you that! It's nice when people pay you compliments. Coming from Kerry, there's been lots of good footballers through the years. It's a compliment when people say that you're as good as them. The only way to stay there is by putting in the hard work. I've been lucky we've a great Kerry team since I've been playing."

If you had to transfer to another county, what would it be?

"Oh that's a very difficult question. I suppose I better be careful on this one now that I'm in Laois. We're very proud of Kerry so we don't like transferring too often. I don't know, I couldn't say another county, I'd say the people in Kerry would disown me so I'll stick with Kerry for the next couple of years."

How did you feel losing the final to Dublin in 2009?

"Well it's obviously very disappointing when you lose any match. To lose the final, well there was personal disappointment for me because I was the captain that day. With four or five minutes to go everything was going to plan and we were up four or five points but Dublin got a goal. Well I suppose that's sport. We have some great days and some bad ones, if you can get 50% strike rate that's not too bad. I wasn't very happy when Cluxton came up field to kick that point. It's disappointing but that's sport, it has its ups and downs."

Why are you known as "The Gooch"?

"There's no big story behind it. I play with my club Doctor Crokes in Kilarney and we had a goalkeeper who was a bit of a funny guy. When playing at 7 or 8 years old one day he came out with "The Gooch". Nobody knew where it came from or what it meant. Some people said it was like a goochy doll but that's not true. We don't know where it came from. Everyone knows me as "The Gooch", the only one that calls me Colm is my mam at home. I'm well used to it by now."



Jig Gig

On the 21st of May, we (Kevin and Róisín) and our friends went up to the RTE studios to take part in the show "Jig Gig" on TG4. Before the show we got to go onto the set of "Fair City" and we met Pat Kenny. We had hoped to meet Ryan Tubridy but he was not there that day.



When we went into the studio the judges were there. Their names were Labhrás, Dearbhla and Breandán. The dance we did was called 'The Toy Shop'. There were ten people in our dance group. It was about two minutes long. We were dressed as soldiers, dolls and a fairy.

It was difficult to understand the judges because they were talking in Irish but we know that Labhrás called Kevin a Bobble Head! Dearbhla even cried after our performance, she enjoyed it so much.

Unfortunately though, we did not get through to the next round. We were a bit disappointed but it was a lot of fun and a great experience for us all. We had lots of fun and a great day out!

By Kevin Ryan and Róisín Moore, 3rd Class.

