



# Baconstown NS School Newsletter Christmas 2016



Welcome to another Christmas newsletter! We are just finishing off a great term with fantastic shows and plays and a beautiful, heart-warming carol service. You will see from inside this Newsletter that it was another busy term for Baconstown, thank you to parents and teachers for your continued support. We are keeping our website continually updated with plenty of information for parents and the children on what is happening in the school. The staff of Baconstown and I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. We will see you on the 9th of January!!

## Garda Band Visits Baconstown

On the 6th October Baconstown school was treated to a visit by the National Garda Band. Band leader Pat Kenny was joined by 17 of his colleagues from the Garda band and performed enthusiastically for almost an hour for the delighted Baconstown children and staff. The children learned about the different instruments that make up an orchestra and joined in with singing and playing many of the well known tunes.



## Christmas Plays



Ms Flynn's Junior Infants, Ms Ward's Senior Infants, Ms Reddington's First Class, Ms Brogan's Second and Third classes, Ms Murphy's fourth class and Ms Bushe's Sixth classes put on a Christmas show to the delight of parents who were able to attend. Well done all!



## Welcome new Junior Infants



We would like to welcome the 20 Junior Infants children that joined our school this year. They are all settling in well with their teacher Ms Flynn

## Green Schools Committee



Our Green Schools Committee: (Back Row) Cian Duffy, Becky Forde, Claudia Cummins, Hannah O'Hara, (Front) Cathal Flynn, Nessa Smith, Daniel Evans, Brodie Kelly and Lauren Healy.

## Camogie Girls Reach Division 1 Final



We are very proud of our girls camogie team who once again made it into the Division 1 Cumann na mBunscol schools league final in October. They met Ratoath SNS, a team that they had beaten in the run up to the final. However on the day of the final, our girls were narrowly defeated in a close and tense battle.



**Spirit of the final** award was given to Baconstown Becky Ford for her determined and skilful display. Well done Becky!

## 1916 Project

Our 6th class, with their teacher Ms Bushe, undertook a special 1916 project for the 1916 Commemorative Exhibition, "The Way We Were", which was held in St Mary's National School in Enfield on Sunday 6 November 2016. As part of this project the children researched local involvement in the 1916 rising and studied what life was like in Enfield during this time. They documented their findings into two manuscripts and a display.





## Trips to Trim Library



During October, many classes visited the library in Trim as part of the school's initiative to improve literacy amongst the children. Various activities were arranged with the library. The senior classes met Author Dave Ruden and discussed his books while the younger classes heard stories from a story teller and poetry from poet Paul Cookson.

## Halloween Dress Up Day



Ms Noeleen's 5th class designed their own costumes for Hallowe'en this year. They got their ideas from Myths and Legends in history and from current events. They then designed their costumes. They searched for materials that they could recycle and use, making any changes that were needed to their design at this stage. They then made their costumes using items that they found at home.

## Jersey Day



Our school held a Jersey Day on the 14th October. The children wore a vast array of sports jerseys and were asked to bring in a donation to raise funds for those affected by the crisis in Haiti. A total of €321 was collected.

Thank you to everyone who supported this campaign.

## Basketball Friendly Leagues



5th & 6th class boys and girls took part in a friendly basketball league with local schools Coole, Dangan, Kiltale, Dunsany and Moynalvey. The children really enjoyed the experience so Ms Bushe is planning to arrange more matches for next year.





## New Classroom Progress



After going to open tender, work commenced on the building of our new classroom on 17th October. Progress to date is on schedule and Ms Brogan's 2nd & 3rd Classes should be settled into their new surroundings by early February 2017.

## Field Trip to Enfield



On Monday 19th September the 6th class took a field trip into Enfield. We went to the Royal Canal Leisure Park to learn about the history of Enfield. Brian O'Donoghue was our guide. We went to the playground, the oratory and around the by-pass. We had a great day and learned lots about our local history.

**Report by: Ruth Buckley**

## Field Trip to the National Concert Hall



On October 18th Ms Murphy brought 4th class to the National Concert Hall to see a performance by the National Concert Orchestra. We left school at 10:30am and arrived in Dublin at 11:30. We had to queue when we got there. When we got inside our seats were on the balcony. We had a great view. We could see a big organ and the entire orchestra. Gearóid Grant was the orchestra conductor and Orla Walsh presented the show. Orlagh is our teacher's friend so we got to meet with her. We listened to lots of music and we sang some songs. We had a great time. My favourite part of the performance was singing ABBA songs.

**Report by Michael Heffernan 4th Class**

## Away with the Manger....

Ms Noeleen's 5th class are producing a film called "Away with the Manger". It is based on the story of two dim-witted jewellery robbers who hide out in a school hall the night of their Nativity play....with disastrous results! As well as acting, the children are involved in set design, costumes and film production.

It is a learning process and we hope to have it ready for the end of this term. If not we will have to write St. Patrick into it! Fingers crossed..

