



Baconstown National School Newsletter Easter 2017



We have had another busy term here in Baconstown with various activities to involve our youngest to our oldest students. Thank you to the teachers who train and mentor the students, to the Parents' Association for organising many of the events this term and to you, the parents, for your ongoing support. We continue to update our website on a regular basis and I encourage you to visit this site. The staff of Baconstown and I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you all on the 24th of April!

Confirmation Class 2017



Congratulations to our 6th Class who were confirmed on Friday 10th March by Bishop Smith. We thank the 5th class parents and pupils who helped with the catering. An enjoyable day was had by all!

Success at Credit Union Quiz



Our 6th class quiz team enjoyed success at the Enfield Credit Union Quiz coming first place in the regional finals. They then went on to represent the school in the Meath finals on Friday 3rd March.

Sam Maguire Visits Baconstown



There was great excitement in the school on 15th March when we had a welcome visit from Sam Maguire. Unfortunately there were no green & gold ribbons on it but the children enjoyed the experience all the same!



Green Day & Seachtain na Gaeilge



6th class students hosted a Tráth na gCeist on Wednesday 15th of March as part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations. Students from 2nd to 5th class took part in the table quiz. The winning team included Becky Forde, Seán Conboy, Robyn O'Reilly Higgins and Tara Coffey.



We also hosted a Lá Glas on Thursday 16th March where all children in the school wore green clothes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



Pyjama Day

On Wednesday 22nd March our school held a Pyjama Day to raise funds for children's charities. Each student wore their favourite pyjamas to school and brought in a small donation. In total €425 was raised. We donated €225 to Barretstown and €200 to The Early Childhood Foundation who support children with additional needs.

Everyone had a lovely day!

Report by Killian Hanley, 6th Class



Fun at the Book Fair!

Between 22nd–24th of March we held a Book Fair in the school. Scolastic supplied the books and children from each class produced art work to promote reading. Parents were invited into the school and encouraged to buy books for their children. As an additional benefit, for all books that were sold the school received 60% of the selling price. In total €2,260 was raised and the school will receive €1,356 worth of books from Scolastic for our school library.



Baconstown Does Operation 10@10



On Friday 10th February, Baconstown took part in the National 10@10 campaign. This involved all children taking a break from their school work at 10am and going outside to engage in physical activity.

This initiative was to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Operation Transformation.



Spelling Bee

The children from 5th and 6th Class had an in-class competition, where the 10 competitors from both classes went head to head to crown the winner of Baconstown Spelling Bee! Congratulations Cian Duffy 6th Class. Cian went on to represent us in the county final on March 30th where he did very well.



World Book Day



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was on the 7th of February. We had been learning how to stay safe online. We listened to the Safer Internet Day rap. The key message in it was to have respect and another message was to report cyber bullying. We designed posters to celebrate Safer Internet Day. My favourite part of Safer Internet Day was watching all the videos on how to be and stay safe on-line. **Report by Amy Cleary, 4th Class**

A member of An Garda Síochána visited our school to talk to us about internet safety. She told us that you should never share private photos on the internet. She told us stories about cases she's been a part of and that you should never friend a person that you don't know on-line, even if they say they will give you all of their stuff! We really enjoyed the talk. **Report by Adam Peacock, 5th class**



Grandparents' Day

In preparation for Grandparents' Day we drew a picture of our grandparents and wrote about what they taught us. Some people baked and others bought treats from the shop. Several people practiced prayers while the whole class rehearsed some songs. Then on Thursday 2nd March it was Grandparents' Day. We went over to the old school and had a prayer service with Fr. Michael. Afterwards we had tea, cakes and buns. Everyone had a lovely time. **Report by Becky Forde, Saoirse Finnegan & Emma Counihan 5th Class**



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



Our New Classroom



On 27th February, Ms Brogan and the girls and boys from 2nd & 3rd classes moved into their new classroom. The builders completed their works on the 10th of Feb and Meath County Council Building Control Unit gave us the go ahead to move into the new classroom on Friday 24th. Ms Brogan and the children are now settling into their new room.



Completion of Play Area

The final step in completing the renovation / re-build of the school was to increase the hard surface play area. The Board of Management arranged and paid for tarmac to be laid over the final rough area of the yard. This work was completed on 13th March.

Following the building works at the school, there has been an issue with drainage in the school playing field which has made it unusable. The original contractors have returned and have installed a new drainage system which we hope will rectify the problem. Following this and re-seeding, we hope that the field will be in a usable condition for Summer 2017.



Notice Board

- Swimming for classes 1st—6th will run from Friday 28th April for 6 weeks until Friday 2nd June
- The Open Day for the new Junior Infants class starting in September 2017 is on 5th May
- First Holy Communion will take place on Sat 20th May
- Micra T and Sigma T testing will take place during the week commencing 29th May.
- School tour dates are as follows:
 - Junior & Senior Infants : 22nd June
 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd June : 20th June
 - 4th Class : 22nd June
 - 5th Class : 21st June
 - 6th Class: : 19th June
- School closures this term: Bank Holiday Mon 1st May
Mid Term Break 5th—9th June
- Active Week will take place from 8th—11th May
- The official opening of the school will take place on Wednesday 28th June. More details to follow.