



Baconstown NS School Newsletter Christmas 2017



Welcome to our Christmas 2017 newsletter! What a busy term it has been to start the school year! With great success on the sporting field for the school and with lots of other activities throughout the term it truly has been a busy run up to Christmas. Not to mention the fantastic shows and plays and carol service to finish off the year. Thank you to parents, the Parents' Association 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 8th of January!!

Our Christmas Shows



All classes performed as part of this years Christmas plays. Pictured from top left Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class. Middle row Second class, Third and Fourth class. Bottom left Fifth class and bottom right Sixth class.



Baconstown complete Cumann na mBunscol Double



Baconstown's victorious Camogie team: Back: Caroline Murphy (coach), Becky Forde, Brooke Flynn, Kerrie Cole, Chloe Costello, Hannah Dixon, Isabelle Killoran, Orlagh Ryan, (front) Meghan Brennan, Aoife McElvanna, Amy Cleary, Aoife Kane, Blathnaid Brennan, Tara Coffey, Lauren Holten, Brodie Kelly, Caoimhe Hanley, Cliodhna Ward

On Saturday 21st October Baconstown NS camogie team took on Ratoath SNS in the Division 1 Cumann na mBunscol final. Ratoath SNS is a much bigger school than Baconstown but that didn't stop our girls! The division 1 game started at 11am. The ball was thrown in and they were off. Kerrie Cole sent the ball

into the forwards. Brooke Flynn received the ball and passed it in. While Kerrie, Aoife, Hannah and Brodie were pulling on the ground trying to get it in, Kerrie got the touch and it went into the back of the net. Baconstown then went two goals up when Brooke hammered in another goal. But it wasn't just the forwards who were on form, the backs Chloe, Becky, Amy and Orlagh cleared a good few balls to give Baconstown a lead of 5:5 to 0:0 at half time. In the second half, the ball was thrown in and Kerrie won it, she hand passed it to Lauren, then into Brooke who popped it over the bar. When the ball was struck out Baconstown continued to score with a point from Brooke. Lauren Holton took a shot off her weaker side and it just

skinned off the side of the post and went to the right and went wide. Chloe made a lovely solo run and passes it over to Kerrie who popped it over the bar. Then Becky scored. Baconstown were on a scoring hike! The final score was Baconstown 5:11 Ratoath 0:0. The team celebrated when the referee blew the final whistle.

Report by Kerrie Cole



Spirit of the Final winners
Kerrie Cole and Patrick Jordan



The victorious Baconstown Hurling Team: Back: Caroline Murphy (coach), Patrick Jordan, David Moore, Adam Peacock, Cormac O'Sullivan, Christopher Nolan, Ryan Dowling, Eimhin Flynn, Eoin Coffey, Seán Conboy, Ciarán Fagan, Eoin Bright, Rian Forde, Cian Doherty, Jamie Kelly, Becky Forde, Brooke Flynn, Anthony Healy, Aran Banner, Kerrie Cole, Connor Dixon, Michael Heffernan, Adam Greville

The atmosphere was buzzing in Trim on the 11th November. Baconstown were playing Kill NS on a cold frosty day in the Cumann na mBunscol Division 2 hurling final. The ball was thrown in and for the first 5 minutes it was very scrappy. Patrick came out with the ball and sent it in to Anthony.

It was beautifully controlled but Anthony was fouled and it was a free to Baconstown. Eoin easily put it over to make it one point to no score. Later on in the match Freddie let the ball down to Joey, Joey was fouled and he slotted the ball over. Kill used the same tactic and scored another one. At this stage Baconstown had 7 wides and were not getting rewarded for their efforts. The ball was put out for a 65. The ball was let in by Eoin. It was very scrappy but somehow Anthony found the net. There was a similar high ball and Anthony pounced again for a second goal. Just before half time, Joey sent in a ball which was pulled on in the air by Nathan. Rian made a wonderful save which deflected back out to Nathan and the ball dribbled into the net. At the break Baconstown were up by two points but had an injured keeper.

Caroline Murphy had a back up plan and put Becky in goals. Kerrie scored first in the second half and got Baconstown going again. Patrick got scoring and got a point from a free and one from play. Christopher then scored the goal of the match and Patrick followed with another goal. Kill needed to get on the scoreboard and they got a point but it was to be their last point of the game. Kill tried everything but the Baconstown defence were too strong. David and Patrick scored the last two points. Patrick got the ball from an amazing Freddie Christie save. He played the ball into super-sub Michael who found the net and topped off a delightful Baconstown win. Final score Baconstown 5-6, Kill 1-3. The speeches were made and it was then back to Baconstown for pizza. C'mon Baconstown!

Report by Eoin Bright

Library & Author Visits

As part of the Library Services Children's Book Festival, in October, children from 3rd to 6th class visited the library on Trim to meet authors Juliette Saumande, Nicola Pierce and Paul Gamble. 3rd and 4th class also paid a visit to the playground in Trim while they were there!

For the junior classes, from Junior Infants to 2nd class, author and illustrator Oisín McGann visited our school. The children enjoyed watching the author illustrate pictures and listening to his stories.



Defibrillator Donated



Thank you to Matthew Dargan and the First Responders who donated a defibrillator to the school. This device is suitable for use on adults and children.

Halloween Dress Up



It was all witches and ghosts, skeletons and devils in Baconstown this Hallowe'en!

Welcome Junior Infants



A great big welcome to the 17 new Junior Infants who joined Baconstown NS this year. They are all settling in very well with teacher Ms Flynn. We also had children join other classes: David Moore joined 6th class, Blathnaid and Meghan Brennan joined 4th class, India Hurley Dunne joined 3rd class and Emily Gilsean joined 2nd. You are all very welcome! We are also delighted to welcome Ms Keogh teaching this year's 3rd & 4th class, Mr Cribbin & Ms Dorgan in Special Education & Resource.

Team Hope



This year Ms Murphy's 6th class took part in Team Hope's Christmas shoe box appeal. They bought all the presents themselves and really enjoyed learning about this worthy charity.

Mini 7's camogie winners



Baconstown camogie girls finished off an amazing year in sport for the school by winning the Mini 7's competition in Dunganny on 6th Dec. The team are pictured here wearing the new school jerseys sponsored by the school PA. Special thank you to our Parents' Association.

Meath Camogie Winners!



We were delighted to receive a visit from members of the victorious Meath Intermediate Camogie team who won the All Ireland final in October. Pictured here with 2nd class are Aine Kirby, Erin Leddy, Moira Kirby, Clare Coffey.

Burma

The school received a letter from the Bishop of Meath Bishop Michael Smith expressing his gratitude for the donation €220 from 6th class of 2017 pupils of Baconstown NS. This sum has been added to the overall sum from 12 schools in the Diocese of Meath and was sent to the NCCM which is responsible for distributing the donation for the intended purposes.

Science Week

