



Baconstown National School Newsletter Easter 2018



Welcome to our Easter Newsletter! I hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting events of this very busy term. Don't forget to check out our website for more photos. A huge thank you to the teachers and staff for all their hard work. Thank you also to the Parents' Association for your support at various events and to you, the parents, for your ongoing support. 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 9th of April!

The 'Beast from the East' meets Storm Emma in Baconstown



Some pictures taken at the school on Saturday 3rd March following the snow storm which closed the school for 4 days from 28th February to 6th March. Thank you to Michael Keogh, Mick Divine and Anthony Boggan for their help with clearing the snow so that the school could re-open.

Grandparents' Day



On 31st of January 5th class hosted a Grandparents' Day. We brought in cakes for everyone to enjoy. At first when everyone arrived, we had a mass. When the mass was over we sang a few songs. Ms Noeleen then went over to where we wrote "what my grandparents taught me" and read two things from everyone's list. Our grandparents laughed at most of them! Everyone then had tea, cakes and biscuits and a chat. It was a great day! **Report by: Amy Cleary 5th Class**



Confirmation Class 2018



Congratulations to our 6th Class who were confirmed on Friday 9th March by Bishop Smith. We thank the 5th class parents and pupils who helped with the catering. An enjoyable day was had by all!

Well done to our two teams who represented Baconstown in the Credit Union quiz, we took home 2nd and 3rd prizes!

Finn, Robyn, Christopher and I were in the credit union quiz in January. It was held in the Hamlet Hotel in Jonhstown. Ms Murphy was there to support us. When we went in, the quiz started. We got 2nd place! We won €20 each. We were very happy. We went home and celebrated! **Report by Clíodhna Ward, 4th Class**

Credit Union Quiz



Baconstown's Next Top Model



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 to Christopher Nolan from 6th class. Christopher will go on to represent the school in the county final of the Eason's Spelling Bee on 23rd April in St Paul's NS, Ratoath.



Ghlac Rang 5 páirt i "Sár Mhainicín Baile and Bhágúin"

Ghléasamar suas i bhfeistias álainn!

5th Class took part in Baconstown's next Top Model.

They were dressed in high fashion!

Safer Internet Day



On Safer Internet day we learned about how to stay safe on the internet. We learned how to block people on the internet and what to do if we were being bullied. We were also given out a lot of "Stay Safe" sheets and our parents went through them with us. On Safer Internet day we were given a sheet of paper to make a poster. Children who made the best posters were given a certificate. We all learned a lot on Safer Internet day and now we know what to do if we are ever bullied on-line. I really enjoyed Safer Internet Day. We also learned a rap that says "Stop, Block & Tell". **Report by Brodie Kelly, 4th Class.**

On February 6th it was Safer Internet Day. Our Class looked at videos about cyber bullying and discussed them. We learned the On-line code Stop, Block and Tell. Every class made posters about Safer Internet day to show what we had learned. Well done to Yanin and Emma who won the Safer Internet Day poster competition in 6th Class. **Report by: Alex Counihan, 6th Class**

Service of Light



Service of Light celebration was held in the school for 6th class children in preparation for Confirmation

Basketball



Well done to our boys and girls basketball teams who are representing Baconstown in the schools basketball league and doing very well!

Seachtain na Gaeilge!



Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from 12th–16th March. During the week the children were encouraged to speak Irish throughout the day. On Friday we had "Lá Glas" for the whole school. 2nd–6th class were involved in a Tráth na gCeist and in the afternoon 2nd–5th took to the halla for "The Siege of Ennis". 3rd & 4th class also gave us a demonstration of the Haka as Gaelge. "Baineadh gach duine taitneamh as".

Notice Board

- Swimming for classes 1st–6th will run from Friday 1st June for 4 weeks until Friday 22nd June
- First Holy Communion will take place on Sat 19th May
- Micra T and Sigma T testing will take place during the week commencing 28th May.
- School tour dates are as follows:
 - Junior & Senior Infants : 27th June
 - 1st Class : 26th June
 - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Class : 27th June
 - 5th Class : 26th June
 - 6th Class: : 19th / 20th June
- School closures next term:
 - 30th April : In-service training
 - 7th–11th May : Mid Term Break
 - 25th May : Referendum (likely date, not yet confirmed)
 - 4th June : June Bank Holiday
- Active Week will take place from 5th–8th June