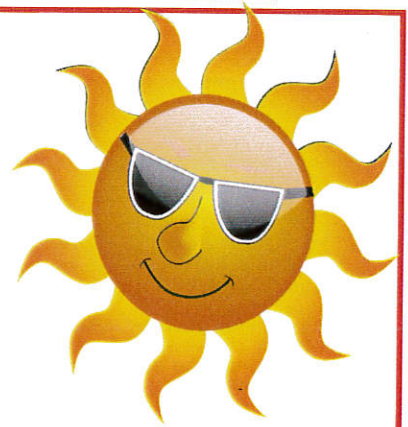




Baconstown National School Newsletter

Summer 2017



Welcome to our end of year newsletter. After another incredibly busy term, we ended the school year with a host of activity — school tours, field trips, fun day, activity week, talent show, graduation party and of course our official school opening. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work all year. I hope they will enjoy a well-earned rest. Thank you to our parents and the Parents' Association Committee for the invaluable support they give us. We wish our sixth class boys and girls all the best as they leave us to move on to secondary school. They'll be missed! We look forward to seeing everyone else back, safe and sound, on the 31st of August.

Baconstown School Official Opening



Senior Citizen's Visit

The 6th class pupils decided to host a coffee morning for members of the Senior Citizens group in our parish. We all baked tasty treats. We listened to their stories and played games. They showed us their different talents such as quilting, knitting, drawing and more. We all had a lovely morning. **Report by Alva Moy**



Ms Noeleen and 5th Class went on a field trip to Curley Farm with the fisheries board. They explored life in and around a river. They really enjoyed the day.



Claudia Cummins & Killian Fagan from 5th Class won first prize in the Meath/Laois Education Centre poetry competition that they entered. The theme of the competition was Europe.



Mile a Day Challenge & Active Week



This year as part of active week, the children took part in a "Daily Mile Challenge". The children walked, jogged or ran each day and at the end of the week the total distance was added up. Altogether our school completed a total of **47 marathons** during Active Schools' Week!

Our Outdoor Classroom



On the 12th of June the 6th class were given the task of transforming our school courtyard. We started by painting the flower boxes with undercoat. The next day Ms Bushe bought some cool paint colours. We placed frog tape on the sides of the planters to create really cool triangle designs. Everyone was given something to paint. We painted the triangle outlines next. We removed the tape and did a final touch up of the paint. Once the paint was dry we filled the boxes with compost and we planted flowers, cabbage, tomatoes and strawberries. In the end we were really proud of it and it looked really stunning. **Report by Killian Hanley**

Summer 2017 — School Tours



Ms Flynn & Ms Ward's classes had a great day in Mellows



Ms Reddington & Ms Borgan's went to The Crystal Maze. Great fun was had by all!



Ms Murphy's class took to the water in the Shannon Adventure Centre.



Ms Noeleen's 5th Class went to Kingdom of Sport



Ms Bushe had fun with 6th Class in Carlingford

Graduation Class of 2017



First Communion Class



Baconstown NS Sports Update



We are very proud of our girls football team for reaching the Cumann na mBunscol final in Pairc Tailteann. They were beaten on the day by Skryne NS but fought bravely to the very end. **Leah Dixon** was awarded with the Spirit of the Final award after at a presentation in Navan on 23rd June.



2nd and 3rd class boys and girls took part in a rounders tournament with other local schools. 2nd, 3rd & 4th also played a mini blitz in the GAA pitch on 21st June. This is the first time that rounders has been played in the school and the children enjoyed it so much that it was decided to take part in a rounders league next year!

Student of the Year

Cormac Duffy was voted by his peers in 5th class as this years "Student of the Year". Cormac was presented with the Henry Hamilton perpetual trophy.



Baconstown's Got Talent



Winners of the Baconstown's Got Talent Junior classes were: **Hannah O'Sullivan (1st)** for singing, **Daniel Lynam (2nd)** for his magic trick performance **Áine Walsh & Kayleigh Dixon (3rd)** for creative dancing. Winners from the senior classes were: **Yannin Leech (1st)** playing the keyboard, **Cian Duffy (2nd)** singing and **Alex Counihan, Saoirse Finnegan and Donna Flynn (3rd)** for their singing act.



Family Fun Day



Note from Ms Murphy

This year I returned to college to complete a Post graduate Diploma in Education. As part of the course, I carried out an Action Research Project at school aimed at promoting e-learning and the use of ICT.

The project was a tremendous success and the children really enjoyed working with ICT at school. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for allowing your child to take part in my research—it is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer.

Kind regards, Caroline



Notice Board

- Thank you to everyone who made our Official School Opening such a success. In particular, thanks to:
 - Brian & Ann O'Donohue for the planting around the school
 - Sineád and David Doherty for their work on the inner courtyard
 - Parents' Accociation for their donation towards the inner courtyard
 - Ms Bushe and the 6th class children for their painting and planting of the inner courtyard
 - Gerard Kennedy & Matthew Dargan for the work they put in getting the school ready for the day
 - Mark Lynam for providing the shuttle bus service
 - Fás for stewarding
 - Fr. Michael for his continuing support
 - Ms Noeleen and the children from the choir
- We will be returning to school on 31st August. See school website for full 2017 / 2018 school calendar.