

Creative Schools



Creative schools is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland programme to put the arts and creativity at the heart of children's lives. Its long term aim is for every school to be supported to fully embrace the arts and creativity, ensuring a positive experience and strong outcomes for every child. Baconstown NS applied for and was selected to participate in the pilot phase.

It has been a slower start than anticipated but things are up and running now, Ms Noeleen and Ms Keogh attended a workshop in Naas for all successful schools. Killian Redmond from Dabbledoo Music conducted a music workshop with all the teachers of Baconstown to demonstrate how this music programme works. We have been assigned our Creative Coordinator, Susan Boyle, who will be meeting up with us early in the New Year to further help us.

We have completed our first Art project. Each child decorated a rock in his/her unique style. They have been placed around the tree in the front playground, to symbolise that each unique rock /child goes to make up a more complex pattern.



Student Council



Green Schools Committee



Skip n Rope



Mark McCabe from Skip n Rope visited the school in December to teach the children the benefits of skipping. It was a very enjoyable day for all and the school will be incorporating many of the skills learned into yard games.

Tour of Europe



During the European Week of Sport, September 22nd-30th, the whole school took part in the Tour of Europe Challenge! Our aim was to walk, jog or run as far as we could around Europe, starting at The Spire!!! The whole school walked a total of 5475 laps of the playground which converted to 1368.75km. This got us as far as the Brandenburg Gate in Germany!!!!



Baconstown NS School Newsletter Christmas 2018



Welcome to our Christmas 2018 Newsletter!

We are just finishing off a great term with fantastic shows and a beautiful, heart-warming carol service. You will see from inside this Newsletter that it has been a very busy term for all of us in Baconstown. As Principal, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for all their hard work and dedication over the past few months and to thank both parents and pupils for making me feel so welcome in this school. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Our website (www.Baconstownschool.ie) is a great asset, continuously updated with information for parents and pupils, while also giving a snapshot of what's happening in the school. On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. See you all on the 7th of January!

Beannachtaí an tSéasúir,

Mr Fenton

Our Christmas Shows



Welcome New Junior Infants



A great big welcome to the 20 new Junior Infants who joined Baconstown NS this year. They are all settling in very well with teacher Ms Brogan. We are also delighted to welcome Mr Fenton, Principal and to welcome back Ms Bushe, Special Education Teacher and Mr Potterton teaching 4th & 5th Class.

Shoebox Appeal



This year students from 4th, 5th and 6th class got involved in the Team Hope Shoe Box appeal. In total, they packed and donated over 50 shoeboxes which will be distributed to some of the world's most vulnerable children. Well done to all!

Hallowe'en at Baconstown



We had a new Principal in school this Hallowe'en, as well as visits from witches, ghosts, skeletons and many more scary creatures!

Science Week



The children enjoyed doing experiments and learning fun science facts during Science Week in November.

Maths Week



All children got involved in various maths games during Maths Week in November.

Book Fair 2018



This year's school Book Fair was a great success! The children enjoyed looking through the books and stationery, and picking out their favourites! 60% of the value of all books / stationery sold (i.e. €2000) can now be redeemed against Scholastic books which allows the school to further develop our guided reading scheme. Special 'thank you' to Ms Bushe for organising the fair, and to all parents and 6th class students who helped out over the 3 days.

World War I Presentation



There was a **WWI talk** organised for the pupils by Dair Ríoga, the local history group. This took place in the PE hall on Thursday 8th November. The children really enjoyed the experience and it brought their history lessons to life.

Library Visits



As part of Meath County Council Library Service Children's Book Festival 2018, children from 2nd to 6th class attended events in Navan and Trim libraries. These events included a visit from authors Cathy Cassidy & Pamela Butchart and Storytelling with Fiona Dowling. The children loved it!

Fire Station Visit



Children from Junior and Senior infants enjoyed a visit to the Fire Station in Maynooth in October where they learned about fire safety.