



Baconstown National School Newsletter

Summer 2019



Welcome to our end of year newsletter. After another busy term, we ended the school year with a host of activities — school tours, art exhibition, mural unveiling, talent show, sports events, family fun day and our 6th class graduation party—not to mention our Cumann na mBunscol success!. 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 29th of August. Mr Fenton

Raising of the Green Flag

This is our third year of having a Green School Committee. We have two representatives from each class. Third, Fourth and Fifth class have a litter picking up rota. Sixth class has a bin rota. Over the past three years we have reduced rubbish going to land fill by 72%. On our day of action, we had a fashion show. We made outfits from recyclable objects. A judge from Meath County Council visited our school on March 25th to assess our hard work. She met with our committee and asked us some questions. Nessa, Christopher, Eabha and Mrs Flynn travelled to City North Hotel on May 23rd to the awards ceremony and to collect our first ever Green Flag. We raised our flag on Thursday 27th of June with help of local camogie star Claire Coffey and Ann O'Donoghue from Enfield Tidy Towns Committee. Next year we will begin working for our second green flag with theme of 'Energy'. **Report by Green Schools Committee.**



Pride of Place

Junior Infants to Sixth Class voted two representatives', one boy and one girl from each class to represent their class on the Student Council.

We met at lunch time once every week. We created the Student Council opinion box. We discussed suitable games for the yard and hope to have new resources next year.

We also entered the Pride of Place Competition. All the classes helped!!! Junior Infants to 6th class all contributed to the efforts. Junior and Senior infants planted yellow flowers in the garden. First and second classes planted tomatoes, peas, onions, lettuce, potatoes and strawberries. Third class made scarecrows. While Fourth, Fifth and Sixth class sanded and painted the flowerboxes and learned about pollination. The Assessor from Meath County Council came to see what we had done for Pride of Place on 10th June and he was very impressed! We were awarded a Pride of Place certificate and also received a gift of €130 to improve our garden in the future.

The establishment of the Student Council was a great opportunity for everybody's voice to be heard and we look forward to more great suggestions, ideas and improvements next year. **Report by Student Council.**



Sports Update—Cumann Na mBunscol Update

On Saturday 15th June in Trim GAA, the Cumann na mBunscol finals were played. The Baconstown camogie team played St. Paul's Navan. Amy Cleary was captain. The Baconstown girls won. In the first half Farrah Stack scored the first point of the game. Then we got another point and Nessa Smyth set up a ball for Aoife Kane to put in the back of the net, which left Baconstown in the lead with a 1-2 to 0-0 score at the end of the first half. In the second half St Paul's upped their game but Brodie Kelly, Orlagh Ryan and Farrah Stack each scored a point. Then St Paul's scored a point. It was such a great game and the end score was Baconstown 1-5, St Paul's 0-1. Everyone was so happy and Farrah got Player of the Match. It was a great day! **Report by Amy Cleary.**

On Sat 15th June the Cumann na mBunscol finals were held in St. Loman's Park in Trim. The Baconstown school hurling team played St. Michael's NS Kill in the Division 2 final. Eoin Coffey was captain and Kill won very narrowly in the end. In the first few minutes Arthur Doyle got Kill on the score board. Then Seán Howley scored 2 more points and left Baconstown trailing by 3 points. Then Anthony Healy stood over a free and put it over. Baconstown got two more points and at half time were trailing by the bare minimum. In the second half, Anthony Healy won a free just outside the goal area and he sent a rocket of a shot past the Kill goalie. Seán Howley won a free deep in his own half and put it over to draw the game. Then Joey Christy took a handy free and hit it over the bar and that was the last score of the game. It finished Baconstown 1-3, Kill 0-7. It was a great game, Baconstown were unfortunate not to do the double for the second year in a row. **Report by Eoin Coffey**



Creative Schools Update



Our School Mural has been completed. This project is the culmination of work with ceramicist Christein Van Bussel, who is renowned for her pottery and community projects. Pupils learned the skill of tile making and they designed their own pieces as part of a large whole school wall art project. This is now on permanent display in our school. Our mural was blessed by Fr Michael after our end of school Mass and it was officially unveiled on 25th June 2019.

School Tours



Junior & Senior Infants went to Lullymore this year and enjoyed their day in the sunshine!



1st, 2nd & 3rd class had lots of fun in Crystal Maze!



4th, 5th & 6th classes had their school tour in the Boyne Adventure Centre and had a great time!

Fun Day



Once again the Parents' Association End of Year Fun Day was a great success!

Active Week & Sports Day



Active week took place in the school between 7th and 10th May. The children took part in various activities including Yoga with Ms Keogh, Ju Jitsu with Bernard & Finn Witchlow and got active homework for the week!

5 Star GAA Flag



Our school took part in a Croke Park initiative to become a GAA School of Excellence. We were awarded the 5 Star GAA Flag on Wed 19th June. Huge 'Thank you' to GPO Cathal Jennings for all his hard work and support with this initiative. The flag was raised at our ceremony on Thurs 27th



The sun shone brightly for our school Sports Day on 18th June. The children enjoyed lots of different activities throughout the day. Great fun was had by all!



Baconstown's Got Talent

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this years Baconstown's Got Talent. The winner of the junior section was Anna Cole and the senior winner were India Hurley Dunne, Lauren Healy & Farrah Stack. Well done all!



First Communion Class 2019



Graduation Class 2019



Student of the Year



Brodie Kelly was voted by her peers in 5th class as this years "Student of the Year". Brodie was presented with the Henry Hamilton perpetual trophy by Mr Fenton. Well done Brodie.

Alpaca Visit



3 Alpacas from Trim Alpaca Farm visited the school as part of 4th and 5th class projects. The students learned all about alpacas, how to care for them and where came from. It was a lovely experience for the children.

Floral Demonstration Fundraiser for Sensory Space

On 11th April, we held a flower demonstration fundraiser in aid of the development of a sensory room for our school. The night was a tremendous success and over €2000 was raised. This sensory room will be such an asset to each child, as it will promote each child's wellbeing and provide sensory input for our pupil's with self-regulation and sensory needs. I would like to thank Caroline Doran for all her enthusiasm and commitment to making the night such a success. I would also like to thank everyone who supported the night so generously. We look forward to creating our sensory room early in the new school year. **Ms Bushe**

