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Each person through positive learning experiences will be stimulated to achieve his/her full potential, face life confidently, find fulfilment and be respectful in an ever-changing world.

ALL-IRELAND VOLLEYBALL



Scoil Mhuire 10 games 2 sets: Kerry 10 games 3 sets

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the teachers who have given their time to sport in our school and helped children improve at a sport they really enjoy. Sixth class especially will miss you all hugely.

When we started Volleyball we didn't even know what a *Spike* or a *Dig* meant but with the help of Ms. Connaughton we reached the All Ireland this year and came second to Kerry! Well done to Aileen Dowd, Maeve Waters, Beth Hoare, Amy Hoare, Elizabeth Glancy and Lauren O' Riordan. Ms. Connaughton gave us lots of encouragement and I don't think we could have found a better coach than her.

HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND CHAMPS CAMOGIE COUNTY CHAMPIONS

We would like to thank Ms. Deirdre Crehan and Mrs. Connell for teaching all the girls **Camogie**. They are very good and we have loved having them as coaches. This year we had two teams in the county finals. Our A team are County Champions having beaten Fuerty in the final. This was a great achievement as Roscommon town itself does not have a Camogie club. Our B team did very well but lost to Glanduff.

We would like to thank Ms. Gannon for teaching us **Basketball**. She is very talented and she taught us how to play like superstars. If only Ms. Gannon could come to secondary school with us! We wish Ms Gannon a speedy recovery and hope she'll be back on her feet soon.

We would like to thank Ms. Gilleran and Mr. Finneran for coaching us in **Gaelic**. Mr. Finneran plays for Roscommon and now he helps us play for our school. Gerry Morris also gave us extra help with our Gaelic. Third to sixth classes participated. We went to Kilbride, learned skills and had some friendly games. Thanks a million. In Cumann na mBunscoil we beat Ballybay N.S. and Summerhill N.S., Athlone. We have yet to play Creagh N.S.. We were beaten narrowly by Cornafulla N.S. Having reached the County semi-final we were beaten by a very strong and experienced Strokestown team. Good luck against Creagh N.S.

Congratulations to Lauren O' Riordan who won the All Ireland Cumann na mBunscoil Handball Competition. Tania Ferguson and Sarah Keenan, from 4th Class were joint runners up.



Our Handball All-Ireland Champions



Children in Ms. Hannon's class who are doing very well in English.

FOOD DUDES

Our school participated in the Food Dudes Programme. It began in March. We are now in the second phase where your son/daughter brings in a portion of fruit and vegetables from home every day. If your child continues this process s/he will receive prizes and a certificate at the end of each stage. The Food Dudes Programme was a complete success in our school. Don't forget to keep packing the fruit and veg.! To refresh your memories here are some fruity ideas to brighten up your child's lunch box.

Fruit: Banana, Apple, Orange, Pear, Kiwi, Grapes, Pineapple, Melon, Mango, Grapefruit, Plum, Peach, Raspberries

Vegetables: Tomato, Cucumber, Peppers, Carrot, Lettuce (in sandwiches), Beetroot (in a small salad), Celery, Watercress, Mushrooms (cooked or raw), Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Parsnip, Peas, Beans, Sugarsnap peas.

FIRST PLACE IN STROKESTOWN POETRY COMPETITION

Our school has also been successful in poetry this year. Our most successful win to date has been Aileen Dowd's "Auld Ones". Aileen came 1st in the Strokestown Poetry competition and won 150 euro. Here is the second verse.

Auld Ones

My hair will be an utter mess

With visible clumps of grease

But to be honest I couldn't care less

Because no hairstyle goes with a fleece.

By Aileen Dowd

Aileen also came 2nd in the Pioneer Association essay competition

Our next W.B. Yeats as you can see !!

MS READATHON

Our school participated in the MS Readathon 2006, thanks to the support and hard work of teachers, parents and students in our school. The money raised provides much needed services for people living with MS. Our school raised the fantastic sum of €2, 109.39.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Ms. O' Dowd on her recent marriage. She got married on the 8th February and her class attended the ceremony!

We also congratulate Ms. Cunniffe who is getting married on the 22nd June. We can't wait to see the photos.

Not forgetting Ms. Feeley, we would like also to congratulate her and wish her the best of luck so that the baby will arrive well and safe!



Some Junior Infants enjoying the outdoors

SCHOOL TOURS

This year all children from 3rd—6th are going on an end of year school tour. 3rd and 4th classes are going to Galway; to the Museum, Aquarium, Bowling and a cruise along the River Corrib.

5th class went to Lilliput and were involved in activities like Watersports, Zipline and lots more.

6th class went to Delphi. They had a great time and would recommend it.

Thanks to all the teachers for organising the tours.

TOURS

You wait for months
For the day to arrive
Hop on the bus
Be glad you're alive

Checking your list
Packing your bag
The journey ahead
Will be a drag

Having the craic
Singing a song
Come on bus driver
Please sing along

But the bus driver is my Mam
And the bus in our car
We broke down on the way
And won't be going far!

Scoil Mhuire pupils take on the K'Nex Challenge

Pupils from 16 primary schools throughout County Roscommon competed in the Regional Final of the STEPS to engineering K'NEX Challenge in Athlone Institute of Technology on Wednesday 6th June. Sarah Keenan and Caoimhe Mc Stay won the school challenge and represented our school in the regional finals. They had to use their imagination, creativity and skill to plan, design and construct an engineering model with the educational construction toy K'NEX. They were in the top four which was a wonderful achievement. Well done girls!

Community Games and Athletics

Our school participated in many Community Games competitions this year. We were very successful with many pupils getting to County finals and some even going to Mosney. Well done to all pupils who competed and we all look forward to seeing more medals next year!

A big thank you to Ms. Burgoyne for all the training and time spent with the Cross Country and Relay teams. Unfortunately the Relay team competition could not go ahead due to lack of participation from other schools. Thank you also Ms. Morris for organising the event. Well done to all children who did so well in Judo in the county finals.

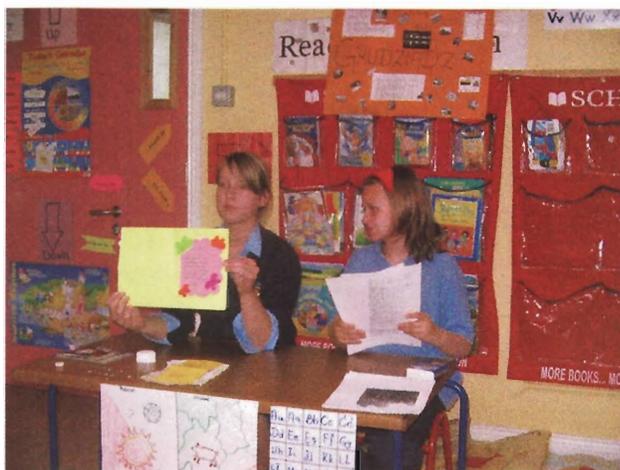


All our children enjoyed a Judo demonstration earlier in the year and many are in the club now.

Visual Arts

In March children from our school participated in an art competition focused on *The Secrets of Ireland's Seas*. The Art competition was sponsored by 'An Post'. Children drew, coloured and painted pictures of the sea. Great imagination and effort went into these works of art.

Aishat from Senior Infants in Ms. Mitchell's class won a prize in an Art competition this year. Well done to all who participated in colouring and writing competitions throughout the year.



Scoil Mhuire, one of two schools in Ireland to get their 5th Green Flag

We had a very busy year with a walk in Mote Park for the seniors during Tree Week, a Fashion Show using outfits from recycled materials, participation in the Easter Parade and National Spring Clean and continued work on recycling, energy management and composting in the school.

A big thank you to our teacher Ms. Ward and all parents who helped out

Scoil Mhuire in Connacht Finals of Fleadh Cheoil

FLEADH CHEOIL

Our school was very successful in this year's Fleadh Cheoil. The Grúpa Ceoil trained by Ms. Murray and Ms. Morris are in the Connacht finals in Galway in July. They have many traditional Irish instruments including Violins, Flutes, Harp, Accordions, Banjos and Tin-whistles. Well done girls. Ye are our future Céilí Band! Yahoo!



Children in our Speech and Language class who travel from Boyle, Creggs, Ballinlough, Castlerea and Knockcrogherry. They get up very early every day and sometimes get home much later than most of us do.

Children happy in their work on National Spring Clean-up Day

Scór na nÓg

Many pupils from our school participated in this year's Scór. There were a lot of different acts including Figure Dancing, Solo Singing, Ballad Groups and short Plays. Both of our Figure Dancing groups got to the county final. The dance they performed was called the *Morris Reel*. They lost out narrowly to St. Dominics but we are still very proud of them. Well done girls!

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

A BIG THANKYOU to Sr. Madeleine for all her help preparing 6th class for Confirmation. We hope she settles in to her new home in Sligo.

Sixth classes big day arrived on the 5th May. We were filled with the Holy Spirit. We'd like to say thanks to Ms. Kate Crehan and Ms. Sandra Crean for all their hard work and not even one complaint !

Ms. O' Connor and Ms. Kearney's girls made their Communion on the 19th May. Girls from 3rd to 6th classes were in the choir which was arranged by Ms. Heneghan. Thank you Ms. Murray for playing the flute and Ms. Feeley for playing the keyboard. The choir had a lovely variety of hymns.



On behalf of all the children in the school we would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work and for helping us to have such a happy time in school. We also want to thank all parents who helped us during the year. We are not always easy manage but we know ye all love us anyway!

Lord, as the year draws to an end, we thank you for so much: for all the good and happy times, each smile and loving touch. We thank you, too for other times, when things went sadly wrong, for being there to understand, you helped us to be strong. Now as the year is ending, Lord, we ask you to be near, to be our guide and guardian throughout the coming year.