



# Scoil Muire Banríon



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## Competition Time!

This year the boys have competed in many competitions up and down the country and have had fantastic success in many areas. They have really done us very proud! Well done boys and we look forward to continued success next year!

### **Cumann na mBunscol Champions!**

Our school hurling team capped off a memorable championship campaign on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> by being crowned North Offaly Hurling Champions. The panel first met for training in early February and regardless of weather conditions a huge turnout of hurlers attended every training session. The championship itself started in March and victories in the group



against Killeigh NS, Clara NS, Ballinamere NS and Scoil Eoin Phoil Tullamore qualified us for a final against Ballinamere in O Connor Park. There was no need for any extra motivation for our players as last year saw us defeated at the final hurdle by Ballinamere so our boys had waited 12 months for this game. Captain Conor McCarthy won the toss and decided to play against the breeze in the first half. This 25 minutes of hurling was going to prove to be pivotal as the advantage would be with us at half time if we only went in a few points behind. However as has been the case all year our players exceeded expectations in that first half and managed to reach the interval with the scoreline of 2-2 to 2-2. The lads gathered themselves at half time and realised they needed to use the wind cleverly in the second half by keeping their shape and not just following the ball. This is exactly what they did and a superb second half of hurling displayed the skill level, tenacity and work rate of our hurlers. In fact Ballinamere were held scoreless in the second half as we notched on a further 2-3 to claim the silverware on a 4-5 to 2-2 scoreline. This result was no more than this fantastic bunch of hurlers deserved and they did their school, their families and their town proud.

## All Ireland Champions Once Again!!

Congratulations to our 3rd and 4th class Sportshall Athletics team who were crowned National Sportshall Athletic Champions earlier this term. A big well done also to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class team who claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the competition. This was a remarkable achievement as the standard of competition during the National Finals was extremely high. A massive congratulations goes out to all the boys who took part and a special mention must go to Buntu who had the boys in tip-top shape for the competition.



### Soccer

Our school football teams took part in the FAI 5a side competition in Tullamore in May of this year. Both of our teams represented the school with great distinction. One of our teams was very unlucky to lose out in the final on a scoreline of 2-1. Well done to all the boys who participated on the day.



### John Blong League

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys competed in the John Blong League this month. 8 teams battled it out to be crowned this years champions. Conor McCarthy and Craig Farrell's teams succeeded in reaching the final, with Craig Farrell's team claiming the title.

### Liam McCarthy Cup visits

#### Edenderry BNS

As a result of our long association with Kilkenny Senior Hurling Manager Brian Cody's School, De La Salle Kilkenny, Edenderry BNS had the privilege of hosting our annual hurling challenge match against our Kilkenny counterparts on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>. As has become the norm, the game was played in a fantastically competitive yet sportsmanlike spirit. With three 20 minute thirds played, the game was nip and tuck with no more than four points separating the teams at any stage. Entering the final minute it looked as if De La Salle had done enough to hold onto victory but two last minute goals by



Edenderry BNS was enough to secure a draw on a 5-8 to 2-14 scoreline. (Goals were worth 2 points). As an added bonus De La Salle were kind enough to bring both the Liam McCarthy Cup and the National League trophy with them for our hurling panel to have photos taken with. In fact the Liam McCarthy Cup was brought to all classes in the school and it caused huge excitement in every classroom it visited. We would like to thank Edenderry native Killian McGlynn and all his travelling party that made the long trek from Kilkenny city for what really was a tremendous game of hurling. We look forward to making our return trip next June.

## Handwriting Competition

Congratulations to Nathan Udoh from Mrs. Martin's Class who came 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class INTO handwriting competition.



## Oliver Twist Production

M & M Theatre Productions visited our school last month with the production of 'Oliver Twist'. The boys were enthralled by their compelling story, and spectacular sets. M & M Theatre are to visit our school next year with another fantastic production.



## New Parents' Association

A new parents association was recently elected. The new parents association consists of:

**Chairperson:** Martin Tyrrell

**Secretary:** Anne Farrell

**Treasurer:** Lorraine Mooney

**P.R.O.:** Laura McMahon

**Committee:** Assumpta Tyrrell, Carol Mangan, Deirdre Byrne, Martina Whelehan, Shirley Pearson

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents association past and present for all their support.

## Choir Performance

Our school band and choir performed at the Public Access Arts Centre for world music day last Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. They performed Cold Play's Viva la Vida and Ireland's Call. Sean Gannon also played the Lonesome Boatman on the tinwhistle.

## Green Schools Update

**5<sup>th</sup> Green Schools Flag Awarded.**

All our hard work has finally paid off as we officially received our 5<sup>th</sup> green schools flag last month. On 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Miss Tyrrell, Miss Dolan, Jakub Balasiewicz and Edmond Agbaje travelled to Athlone where they were presented with our 5<sup>th</sup> flag by An Taisce.

This is a fantastic achievement as we are one of the very few schools around the country who have been awarded their 5<sup>th</sup> green flag.

The official raising of the flag took place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Past teachers and staff, family members, neighbours of the school and many representatives of Edenderry community joined all the boys of our school to celebrate this fantastic achievement. Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, our former long-serving principal raised the flag. Mr. Fitzgerald took great pride in the grounds of our school during his time in the school, planting many trees and flowers. He has instilled a love and interest in nature in all of the pupils in Scoil Muire Banríon over the years.



There is no denying the talent that the boys in our school have. Our School Band and Choir certainly proved this during the ceremony, when they wowed the crowd with their rendition of Cold Play's Viva la Vida and Ireland's Call.

#### **Heritage in Schools Scheme**

As part of the Heritage in Schools Scheme, Paddy Madden visited our school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May to talk to our 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes about wildlife and biodiversity in our local environment. The boys learnt a lot of facts from Paddy and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

#### **Clara Bog Visit**

All of our classes visited Clara Bog and Visitor Centre last month as part of our ongoing Green School Efforts. Students learned about the different flora and fauna found in our boglands. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

### **Homework Club**

#### **Vegetable Garden**

With the help of Declan Manley, the boys of the homework club rotovated and planted our school vegetable garden. They planted lettuce, and potatoes. They also sowed seeds for our school wildflower garden.

#### **BBQ**

The boys in the homework club have worked very hard this year. To celebrate they had a BBQ on their last day of homework club.

### **School Fundraisers**



All classes participated in the 5 hour 'Sports Marathon'. All the boys participated in a wide range of sports including gaelic football, basketball, soccer, athletics, and uni-hoc. Earlier this year Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, our former principal launched our sports marathon by cycling 160km, all the way from his home town of Tulla in Co. Clare to our school in Edenderry. The marathon





raised money for our school sports fund. Congratulations to Martin Keogh who raised the most amount of money and received a sports jersey of his choice for his efforts. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in organising the marathon. Also a huge well done to all the boys involved in raising money. You can view photos from the sports marathon on our school website.

## Specialist Teachers

Edenderry's Keith McGuinness and Jimmy O' Grady shared their skills and knowledge of football and hurling with all classes for a number of weeks once again this term. We would like to thank Keith and Jimmy for sharing their knowledge and skills with us. And also for their time spent training the boys. We hope to see them again next year.

## World Science Day

A huge congratulations to Sai who finished 9th place in the world during World Science Day. Sai received a medal and certificate. This was an incredible achievement to win this award, as over two million children participated throughout the whole world.



## Awards



The annual awards day always proves to be an exciting day of the year and this year was no exception. Choosing the award winners was extremely tough as there were many boys in each class whose efforts and achievements this year deserve to be acknowledged. Prizes were awarded for 'pupil of the year' and 'special recognition'. Sporting achievements were also acknowledged and rewarded. Congratulations to this years winners!



### Pupil of the year Awards

Miss Dolan's (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Miss Tyrrell (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Miss Blain (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Miss. Flaherty's (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Shlok Patel

Adam Maher

Dean Mullally

Hryday Shah

Miss. Flaherty's (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Mr. Ryan's (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Mrs. Martin (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Miss Hanrahan(5<sup>th</sup>)  
Ms. Bannon (6<sup>th</sup>)  
Mr. Foran (6<sup>th</sup>)

Billy Corrigan  
Lee Pearson  
Nihar Potluri  
Adam McCraith  
Jacko Yip  
Conor Dempsey

### Special Recognition Awards

Special Recognition 2 <sup>nd</sup> class	Lennon Ajibola and Konrad Dyniak
Special Recognition 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Patryk Konieczko
Special Recognition 4 <sup>th</sup> class	Craig Hanlon
Special Recognition 5 <sup>th</sup> class	Devidas Sidlauskas and Owen Hackett
Special Recognition 6 <sup>th</sup> class	Jack Brereton, Richard Brophy
Special recognition	Daniel Shanley and James Leddin
Special Award	Jack Conlan

### Sports Awards

Best Hurler	Alan Harte
Best Footballer	Ryan Glynn
Betty Lambe Athlete of the year	Conor McCarthy
Overall Pupil of the year	Cathal Farrell

## School Tours

This year all classes explored thrilling and exciting activities on their school tours. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class explored the excitement that Let's Go School Tours had to offer! 5<sup>th</sup> class had an action packed fun filled day at Croke Park and The Aquatics Centre. While 6<sup>th</sup> class explored the sports and challenges that Lilliput had to offer.



## Sports Day

On Thursday June 6th we had our Sports Day. We could not have asked for better weather. Everybody had a brilliant day taking part in lots of different fun events. As part of our Sports Day Mrs O' Neill organised an ice-cream fun day to raise funds for Down Syndrome. A big thank you to all the children and parents who donated generously on the day. More photos of the day [website](#)



## School Books/Uniforms

The school would be happy to accept donations of school books and uniforms that are in reasonable condition.

These can be sent into school with your child.



## Lost Property

Any coats/jumpers that have been left behind since September are going to be left in school hall.

Parents can come in this Thursday and Friday to check for lost items,



## Communion Class of 2013

This year 31 children received their Holy Communion on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013. This was a very special day for the school. A great day was had by all! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and teachers involved in preparing the children for the 'Do this in Memory' masses which were held throughout the year!



## Goodbye

Unfortunately Miss McCarthy will be leaving us this year. She is returning to her native county, Cork. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Miss McCarthy who has worked in the school since 2006. She will be greatly missed. We would like to wish Miss McCarthy all the best in her future career.



We would also like to wish Mrs. Martin all the best for her maternity leave which she will be commencing in September.

## Class of 2013

Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> class boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012. It was a very special, spiritual and enjoyable occasion. The graduation mass for 6<sup>th</sup> class took place last Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June. All the staff of Scoil Muire Bannrion would like to take this opportunity to wish all the 6<sup>th</sup> class boys all the best for the future. They will be missed greatly!



## School Year 2013-2014

Scoil Muire Bannrion will reopen on 2<sup>nd</sup> September for the coming school year. A copy of all booklists can be downloaded from our school website.

### School website and Twitter!

Check out our fantastic website for updates on school events, pictures and news at [www.edenderrybns.ie](http://www.edenderrybns.ie)

School policies can also be accessed (including DES Procedures on Child Protection) on our website.

Don't forget you can also follow us on **twitter** for all the latest news at [www.twitter.com/EdenderryBNS](https://www.twitter.com/EdenderryBNS)



All the staff of Scoil Muire Bannrion are very proud of all our students for their fantastic success and achievements this year. We would like to wish all our students a safe and happy summer and we hope for continued success in 2013-2014.