



Scoil Muire Bannrion



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Check Out Our Website!

This year we have updated and redesigned our website. Our school website is regularly updated with current school events, pictures and news.

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

If you haven't already checked out our fantastic website, check it out now at www.edenderrybns.ie

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Saint Patrick's Day Parade!



30 boys represented our school in this year's Saint Patrick's Day parade. Everyone got into the Saint Patrick's Day spirit. They entertained the crowds performing the HAKA. Great fun was had by all on the day!

Competition Time!

Already this term the boys have competed in many competitions 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 after the Easter holidays!

All-Ireland Athletics Championships 2012!

Wednesday March 21st 2012 will go down as a famous day in the proud history of Edenderry BNS as our 5th and 6th class boys were crowned National Sports Hall Athletics Champions after a day's events in Athlone IT. On the previous Wednesday



the boys successfully negotiated the All-Ireland semi-final having won the Offaly Championships during the winter. Needless to say the standard of competition during the National Finals was extremely high and it was a remarkable achievement by the boys to claim the top prize. The icing on the cake was delivered when our 3rd and 4th class team claimed the silver medal in their competition. 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.

Footballers Crowned Champions Once Again!

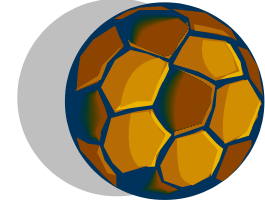
There has been no stopping our School Football team this year. They soared once again this term claiming the title as this year's champions at the football blitz in Tullamore this February. They beat Tullamore, Durrow, Portarlinton, Clara and Daingean, defeating Durrow in the final. This is the second title they have claimed this year (Before Christmas they were crowned the Cumann na mBunscoil Division 1 Football Champions.) A huge congratulations to all players, and their mentors.



Soccer News

The school soccer team are back in action on this Thursday (March 29th). They travel to Tullamore to compete in the FAI 5 a side competition. Best of luck boys! We know you will do us very proud. In January our 3rd and 4th class team won the

Offaly Futsal competition in Portarlington. Well done boys!



Hurling News

The Cumann na mBunscoil hurling championship is currently underway and the school team defeated Clara in the first round on a scoreline of 6-9 to 2-3 on 23rd March. They also beat Killeigh last Tuesday, 27th March 10-11 to 5-6. They boys still have to play against the Gaelscoil and Ballinamere and therefore have a tough path to the final but if they keep putting the effort in at training and during matches hopefully the results will take care of themselves. Best of luck to all boys involved.



Credit Unit Quiz

Boys from fourth, fifth and sixth class took part in round one of the Credit Union Schools Quiz on Saturday 4th of February in St. Mary's Primary School. On the night two teams represented Scoil Muire Banríon in the Under 13 competition. One team consisted of Peter Butler, Ryan O'Neill, Ben O'Neill and Adam Hanlon. Daniel Qunilan, Ciarán Breen, Adam Cooper and Thomas McNamara were on the second team. Two teams also took part in the Under 11 competition. James Leddin, Eoghan Brereton, Alex Darby and Ben Lynch took part in this category. There was great excitement on the night as the team of Jordan Loughlin, Alan Harte, Scott Mannion and Eoin Tyrrell were involved in a tie break with Clogharinka National School to determine who took first place in the Under 11 Category. It was very close between the two teams but the boys took first place and went on to represent Edenderry Credit Union at Chapter Level in Tougher's Restaurant in Naas on Friday 2nd March. The boys performed superbly and were involved in another tie breaker on the night to decide second place and third place. The boys did extremely well and came away on the night with third place, just missing out on a place in the All- Ireland Final. The boys are already looking forward to taking part next year. Well done to all the boys who took part!



Specialist Teachers

This term a number of specialist teachers have shared their skills and knowledge with the boys:

- Edenderry's Keith McGuinness is currently sharing his skills and knowledge of football with all classes for a number of weeks. We would like to congratulate Keith and the Edenderry senior football team for winning the county final this year.
- Buntu also worked with the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class athletics squad sharing his athletic skills with them in preparation for the All-Ireland Athletics championship in Athlone.

We would like to thank Keith and Buntu 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.

Engineers Week

As part of Engineers Week sixth class visited the library on Tuesday, February 28th to learn about the work of engineers. They were given a talk by Offaly County Council Engineers. All the boys were very interested by what they learned. Some even had the opportunity to try on safety equipment.



Zumba!

This term the boys got their dancing shoes on and proved to be very energetic zumba dancers. They had great fun learning exciting moves to contemporary dance songs including the Black Eyed Peas number 'Tonight's gonna be a good night.' The boys also put their moves to the test when they battled it out in individual, and group freestyle competitions.

Many thanks to Sabrina Capocci for sharing her skills and moves with the boys!



Swimming



For the last four weeks the boys have been going for swimming lessons. The boys have worked hard to improve their technique. Keep up the hard work boys!



Retirements



We had a very warm and emotional farewell to our two long serving teachers Mr Scanlon and Mr. Chambers on their retirement day, February 29th. Past teachers, family members as well as neighbours and many representatives of the Edenderry community joined all the boys of our school to wish both teachers well. Mr Jim Higgins --past President of the INTO and long

time friend of Mr. Chambers made a surprise visit. The teachers were presented with engraved mirrors as well as a gift cheque from staff, parents and Board of Management. Mr. Scanlon was presented with a Kerry jersey while the school choir sang 'The Rose of Tralee'. Mr Chambers was presented with a jersey of his beloved Sligo Rovers while the choir sang 'Lake Isle of Inisfree'. They were warmly thanked for their great work of many years in the school by Fr McEvoy, Mrs Monica Foran, Brian O'Neill, Martin Tyrrell of the Parents Association and by Mr. Fitzgerald, the school principal.

We wish both men many years of health and happiness.



First Confession



Tuesday last, 27th March 31 children received the Sacrament of Penance. This was a very special evening for the boys, their families and the school. We would like take this opportunity to thank all the parents and teachers involved in preparing the children for the 'Do this in Memory' masses which are being held throughout the year! The boys will make their First Communion on Saturday 26th March.

Confirmation Retreat

The 6th class boys attended a retreat in the parish centre on Wednesday 14th March. This was in preparation for their Confirmation which will be on 28th April. Fr. MrEvoy and Fr. Malone lead the retreat. They spoke about the importance of the sacrament. The boys completed worksheets and mass was held afterwards.



School Notices!

Scoil Muire Banríon will re-open after the Easter Holidays on Monday 16th April.

Changes to School Closures:

Scoil Muire Banríon will close Friday 1st of June instead of Tuesday, 8th of May.

Retirements:

We are very sad to announce that our principal Mr. Seán Fitzgerald will be retiring in June. He will be greatly missed in the school by all!

Good Luck:

We would like to wish St. Marys Secondary School the best of luck in the Schools Colleges Football All Ireland Final on Saturday 7th April.

All the staff of Scoil Muire Banríon are very proud of all our students for their fantastic success and achievements this term. **We would like to wish all our students a safe and Happy Easter and we look forward to continued success for our last school term.**

