

Science Week

Science week was a particularly eventful week for Rang a Sé. We took on some experiments of our own, both in the classroom and out on yard, before being given a run through of even more experiments in a science workshop held in our Halla on Friday.

To top off the week we were lucky enough to be invited to Eli Lilly to be told (and shown) a few things from the world of science. Noel Henderson among other Eli Lilly scientists were on hand to greet our 6th class students.

In the labs there were a variety of science experiments set up and waiting for us in three different stations - (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics). The group was split into three and each group was given a chance at each station. The experiments included optical illusions, the density of liquids, magnetic and non-magnetic objects, the science behind lava lamps and how to hide messages on paper.

To conclude we were shown a 'Science Magic show' before each child was given their very own chemistry set. A fantastic morning was had by all and we definitely have some scientists in the making.



Jonah

On December 21st 2016, the pupils of Scoil Naomh Eltin took to the stage, for the first of two sell-out performances of 'Jonah' – the musical. All classes from junior infants to sixth were involved in the singing, dancing and acting in this spectacular show.

Preparation for 'Jonah' began last September. Miss O' Connor and Miss Calnan took charge of auditions, and the main cast were selected. The choreography and dance routines for each song were assigned to Miss Kelleher and Miss O' Connell. Christine Hogan, our music teacher began song rehearsals with each class. Teachers began work on other key areas such as set design, props, costumes and music. We think it is fair to say that the various and broad-ranging talents that exist in Scoil Naomh Eltin – amongst the pupils and staff alike were merged to create a colourful, entertaining and truly memorable performance – utterly deserving of the standing ovation it received on its closing night.



Liturgical Celebrations

On December 8th, 2nd to 6th Classes attended our local church St. John the Baptist, for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thankfully, the day was dry and sunny and we were able to walk to the church. We sang hymns accompanied by Mr O' Leary and Miss McCarthy, and admired the beautiful Crib figures and Advent Wreath in the church.

The following day, mass was celebrated in our school hall, for the feast of our patron saint, Naomh Eltin. Fr Young said a beautiful mass, reminding us how important it is for us to be grateful for the blessings in our lives. Pupils from all classes were involved in the prayers and readings. Our choir led the singing, and there was a beautiful instrumental during the offertory procession, by some of our musically talented pupils.

A Penitential Service was held in the school on Monday 19th December. We would like to thank Fr. Young, for his time and for the spiritual guidance he continuously provides to us in Scoil Naomh Eltin.



Scoil Naomh Eltin Cionn tSáile

Newsletter February 2017

Hello to all in our school community

It is hard to believe but January has already passed and 2017 is well on its way. Following a quiet time of reflection I would like to share some thoughts with you. I wish to reinforce that your child receives the best education when you and our dedicated staff work as a team. It is a parent's enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires each child to do their best; and the ability of each teacher to teach what he/she needs to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things.

I thank you for your commitment to your child's education. I look forward to working with you during this term.

Le buíochas
Susan O' Hanrahan

Extra Curricular Activities

- Junior Infants to Second Class will participate in hurling training with Anthony and Irish dancing with Miah.
- Third to Sixth Classes will participate in hurling with Anthony, Tech Kids Computer classes and basketball training with Marian and John.



After School Clubs

The following after school clubs are running this term.

- Homework Club (1st to 6th)
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
- Keyboard Club with Christine (3rd to 6th)
Monday
- Guitar (3rd to 6th) Tuesday/Thursday
- Art Lessons with Louise (all classes) Monday/Wednesday
- Megabytes Computer Class (all classes)
Tuesday/Thursday
- Hip Hop Dance Class (1st to 3rd) Thursday

For information on any of the above please contact the school office.



A Busy Term in Junior Infants

We had a visit from Mark, who is a beekeeper. Mark told us all about his bees and how he looks after them. We even got to use his smoker – a smoker is used to calm the bees so the beekeeper can collect the honey. We even got to taste some yummy honey. Thanks for visiting us Mark.

We have also been visiting the Aistear room. Aistear is a new methodology of supporting children's language and literacy through play. We have explored three themes this year so far the restaurant, school and Santa's Workshop. Aistear is so much fun.



Tech Kidz

Third to sixth class started Tech Kidz this week. At the start of the class the teacher told us about coding and how we do it everyday. Then she asked us for our name and one thing about us so she could programme her brain to remember our names and where we sit. The first thing we did on the laptop was change the wallpaper. Then we made a file, named it and changed the icon. She explained to us what a hard drive is and how to take care of your laptop so it doesn't break. We're all looking forward to our next class.

By Amelija Taraskaite (6th Class)



Dramáíocht as Gaeilge-Irish plays in 1st Class

Lights, camera, action! Throughout the year 1st class have put great effort into learning and performing Irish role-plays. They have carried out these short dramas for each theme covered in the Irish curriculum. They are a fantastic way of developing the children's confidence and ability to communicate in Irish and are also great fun. The children really enjoyed working in various groups and acting out their dramas for other teachers and classes too. It is wonderful to see the children using the vocabulary from these dramas when communicating outside of the classroom and on the school yard also. Such talented actors and actresses we have here at Scoil Naomh Eltin!



Panto Fun!

We were very busy before the Christmas holidays. Funds raised from our Halloween Bake sale allowed us to go see Cinderella in Cork Opera House. We met other children from lots of other schools. We got to go on the Garda bus and we even went to a restaurant for some lunch! Thanks again to everyone for your wonderful support. We all had a fantastic day!



GAA in 3rd Class

Third Class are very excited this term to start hurling training with Anthony. We look forward to seeing him every Tuesday and are enjoying learning plenty of new skills.

Third Class boys performed very well in the recent Sciath na Scoil blitz in Riverstick. They played four matches against some very tough competition and showed fantastic talent, spirit and teamwork. The boys really appreciated the parents who were available to bring them to the blitz, thank you.

We were all very excited in Scoil Naomh Eltin to meet the Kinsale Junior Ladies Football Team who played in the 2016 All-Ireland Final. They visited in December to show the trophies they won last year as County and Munster Champions and to express thanks for the support shown by our 'blue and white' days. They encouraged us all to keep active and to play sport with our friends, in our school and in our club.



Toy Show Time

In Senior Infants we were all so excited to show each other our favourite Christmas toys that we decided to have our very own Toy Show. Each child brought in their favourite toy and showed the class. The children explained how their toy worked, where they got the toy, who they got it from and why this toy was their favourite. The children brought in many different toys such as Lego, stuffed animals, baby dolls, tractors and so on. The children really enjoyed the demonstrations but most of all they enjoyed playing with each other's toys after the show.



2nd Class Cribbs

Pupils made beautiful cribbs, which were displayed in the windows of businesses around the town over the Christmas period. A very big thank you to all our parents who gave their time to make these cribbs with their children. The results showed a great level of creativity and team work.



St. Vincent De Paul Collection

Scoil Naomh Eltin School Community donated very generously to the Saint Vincent De Paul Christmas Food Appeal. A big thank you to you all. The collection was organised by Ms O'Driscoll with her 2nd class helpers in tow. The collection helped many families over the Christmas period.

Sa Bhialann

The students in 5th class have been working very hard to perfect their new Irish phrases this year. The children loved engaging in Irish Drama "Sa Bhialann" where they role-played scenes in a restaurant with a waiter and customers. Children learned lots of new phrases such as:

"Fáilte go dtí bialann....."

"Seo daoibh na biachlár!"

"Ba mhaith liom _____ don réamhchúrsa."

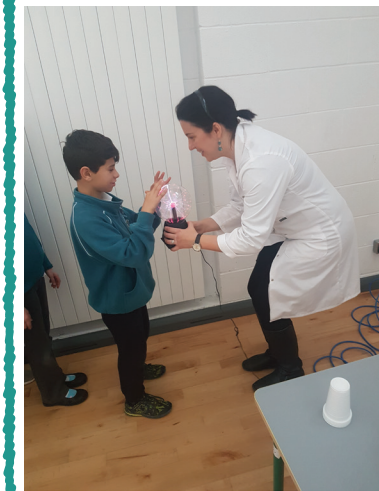
"Bhí an béile an blasta."

"Beidh mé ar ais arís!"



Science and Sailing in 4th Class

Since returning from the Christmas holidays 4th class have been busy studying Kinsale's proud tradition of sailing and seafaring. For science in particular we tested the theories of buoyancy and displacement by building rafts and testing if they floated. Perhaps it was more fun was learning how to sink and dive our rafts if needed. This was a very simple and fun activity using everyday classroom objects such as bottles, straws, tape, lollipop sticks, elastic bands etc. Working with our hands is a skill we cherish and develop in 4th class.



Star Shrek

With 'Jonah' just around the corner we, in Rang a 5 and Rang a 6, were only delighted to be invited to see Douglas Community School's production of 'Star Shrek' in December. With notebooks in hand we set off to see what we could learn.

From start to finish the pantomime was extremely funny, witty and inclusive (so inclusive that both Mr Wright and Mr O'Leary were fortunate enough to be brought up dancing). The highlights included fantastic renditions of some musical favourites from the movie, a cameo appearance from USA President Elect himself Donald Trump prompting cheers of 'Build a wall' and the opportunity to meet the cast afterwards.

The whole production was a credit to the school and a hugely enjoyable day out for all in attendance.

