



## Newsletter 2020 - 2021

### Fáilte

Welcome to the eleven boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> class and Paul O'Donovan in 4<sup>th</sup> class who started their educational journey in Ardagh BNS. We hope you enjoy your time here, make friends and learn loads!



### Communion

Due to Covid restrictions, the Communion was postponed until Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The sun shone for the seven pupils from Ardagh on their special day.

### Science Awards

Following on from the Discover Science Awards last year, the school was chosen to pilot a new scheme due to the high level of Science in the school. All classes looked at the link between Maths and Science to incorporate more STEM in the school. The school was awarded a plaque in November for the high standard of STEM in all classes. Usually the prize giving takes place in Dublin but this was held virtually this year, making it easier for us to attend.



### Debating

6<sup>th</sup> class undertook two rounds of debating under the guidance of Ms Dineen, Ms Keohane and Mr Hicks. Both teams did well in the debate but narrowly missed out. However it gave them great skills going forward as they transition to secondary school.



### Santa Walk

All classes donned festive attire and walked around Rosscarbery in December. Money raised from the walk was given to the Christmas Swim which this year focused on Meals and Wheel and CRY. Altogether €415 was donated.



### Green Schools

A new committee was established this year consisting of a pupil from every class. This year pupils are looking at biodiversity. The school was successful in getting its fourth flag for travel in September thanks to the help from Ms Deasy.

### Farewell Sir

After attending Ardagh BNS as a pupil and working as a teacher and principal, it was time for Mr Hicks to bid farewell to Ardagh BNS for a well deserved rest. He was well respected and admired by pupils, staff and parents. Enjoy your new phase in life.



### Lockdown

January saw the return of another lockdown (hopefully the last one). All pupils interacted well with SeeSaw and seemed to be easy to use for everyone. All pupils (parents and teachers) were delighted when returning to school in March.



### St. Patrick's Day

The school help a St. Patrick's Day Parade in the yard. Pupils designed and made their own floats for the occasion.



## 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of the Barracks

Ms Keohane's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class have been studying the 1916 Rising leading into the War of Independence. This was to give them a foundation for the setting of the centenary of the bombing of Rosscarbery Barracks by Tom Barry.



## Cycling

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class undertook a 5 week cycling training with Cycle Sense after Easter. Pupils were taught the rules of the road and cycle safety before venturing out on to the roads. Pupils enjoyed it and it proved to be very effective as more pupils are will be out cycling on the roads with the finer weather.



## Gardening

As part of the Green Schools initiative, Ms Deasy overhauled the plant beds behind the school and the bird house. Pupils planted wild flowers, lavender, blueberries, strawberries and borage. Pupils are maintaining the plant beds and are enjoying watching the plants grow.



## Athletics

Ms Hayes organised some Athletics activities through zoom and in person for Active week, through the Cork Sports Partnership. Pupils also got the chance to have a zoom meeting with Rob Heffernan.



## GAA

All classes had 5 sessions of GAA training through Carbery Rangers youth development.



## Active week

Thanks to Ms Hayes who organised events for the Active week. These included athletics, GAA, Bodyweight exercises with Sinead O'Regan, Youth Marathon challenge and the Sports Day. Pupils enjoyed the events as they began to wind down for the summer. Pupils also walked in their free time to raise money for Barretstown.



## Sports Day

Unfortunately with covid restrictions parents were unable to attend this years Sports Day. Once again we were lucky with the weather. There was a variety of different sporting events for all pupils to tackle.

## Beach trip

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class headed to the beach for some fun (in the cloudy weather).



## School tour

All classes headed to Smugglers Cove on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June for tubing and crazy golf. It was great to support a local business and for the pupils to try a new activity. This was followed by a Splash afternoon in Newtown pitch with some ice creams.

## Goodbye 6<sup>th</sup> class

As the year draws to a close, its time for classes to move on. The last two years have been tough on everyone with lockdowns and home learning, but these boys have put in the effort and work to transition to secondary school. We hope you enjoyed your time here and look forward to the wonderful things ye can achieve in the years ahead.



## Dates to remember

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August - school reopens
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Communion
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Confirmation