

## Achievements

In junior infants, Ruby Banahan won a gold medal and a trophy in Dublin for Irish Dancing.

In first and second, Colm Dennigan won a huge box of sweets because he did very well in a 1km race.

Caoimhe, Róisín and Aobhínn Mullarkey were at a Feis in Lecarrow. Róisín came second and Caoimhe and Aobhínn came first.

Tadhg Lohan scored the winning penalty in his final soccer match for Roscommon town to win the game.

In third and fourth, Eleanor Gavigan passed her preliminary piano exam.

Rory Lally passed his beginner Sean Nós exam.

Zara McDermot is a qualified Junior Lifeguard.

Ronan Dennigan came 3rd in a cross-country race in the Suck Valley.

Patrick Healy got into the Roscommon Academy trials for soccer.

In fifth and sixth, Rebecca Healy captained her soccer team to a cup final.

They also won that final.

Jack Lally came third in the Credit Union art competition.

Jack Lucas came 1st in the community games art competition in Kilbride and 3rd in Roscommon.

Congratulations to Ruth Dennigan, Sadhbh Shally and Caoimhe Mullarkey who came 3rd in the community games relay final.

Laura Fannon came 5th in an all-Ireland swimming final.

Well done to everyone who passed their swimming tests .

## Jokes

What do you call an old snowman? Water! –**Harry Elliot.**

Why does everyone love Frosty the Snowman? Because he is cool! -

**Ben Mullen.**

Who says OH, OH, OH? Santa going backwards! -**Dáithí Farrell.**

What do you call Father Christmas on the beach? Sandy Claus!-

**Harry Elliott.**

What do elves learn at school? The Elfabet! - **Georgia Hannon.**

Why did the snowman spend so long in the vegetable section? He was looking for a new nose— **Freya Brennan.**

What is the best Christmas present in the world? A broken drum, you just can't beat it! - **Mark Naughton.**

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# Christmas Newsletter 2021

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The school will close today for the Christmas holidays and reopen on Thursday 6th of January. Excitement is building and all the pupils are looking forward to the holidays and the arrival of Santy. Everyone has been on their best behaviour and I'm sure Santy will have a lot of deliveries to make in the Kilbride area.

I would like to thank all the staff for their help and support over the last number of months. A huge effort has been put in since September to help ensure that the school remained open. A big thanks to our caretaker Martin and our cleaners Seamus and Breege who have been particularly busy fogging and cleaning the school.

Thanks also to you the parents for your cooperation. I am particularly impressed with the responsible attitude taken by you all regarding school attendance. The basic message is to keep your child at home and contact your GP if they have any Covid symptoms. It is vital that we all continue with this responsible approach in 2022. While I expect all schools to re-open after Christmas I intend to send all pupils belongings home with them for the break. I would ask you to sanitise their books/baskets

before they are returned on the morning of the 6th January.

Finally on my own behalf and on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2022.

## Dates for your Diary

Thurs January 6th—School reopens.

Wed 19th— School closes at 12:45 for New Primary language Curriculum Training.

Thurs 24th+ Fri 25th of February—Mid Term Break.

Tues March 8th— Book fair.

Thur 17th + Fri 18th of March—Saint Patrick's Day .

Fri 8th of April—Easter Holidays.

## Parents' Association

We were delighted to be able to pay for The Little Red Riding Hood panto from the Helix. We hear all the pupils really enjoyed it. Wishing you all a happy Christmas.



## **Welcome**

This year we welcomed 18 new Junior Infants into our school. Not only are there new pupils in that class, there is also a new teacher, Ms Dolan. Ms Dolan is currently the Infant teacher because Ms Brehony gave birth to a baby girl. We would like to congratulate Ms Brehony on this. We also have two new pupils in 2nd and 3rd class, Joseph and Ellie-May Sarson.

## **Green Schools Flag and Fr. Browne's Memorial Mass**

This year we were very lucky to be awarded our Green Schools Flag on the theme of Transport. Each Green Schools Flag has to be completed over a 2 year period. Every school awarded the flag attended an online presentation to mark the achievement and the flags were posted out to the schools. On the 26th of November the whole school came out to lay a wreath on Fr. Browne's grave and Deacon Seamus said a few words. Afterwards Breege and Seamus raised the Green Flag and the Student council said a few words. On Saturday seven of the girls from 5th and 6th class sung alongside Mrs. Cusack and Michelle at Fr. Browne's first anniversary mass.

## **Communion**

Congratulations to all the third class pupils on making their First Holy Communion in early October. Due to Covid there was a limited amount of family members allowed to attend the Communion. Even with all the Covid restrictions we hope they all had a great day. Thanks also to Fr. Conaty for his help.

## **Covid-19**

Due to Covid –19 we've had an unusual year. For starters, fifteen minutes before the bell rings for lunch we wash our hands. At 12 and 2 o'clock the teachers open the windows fully and let a blast of fresh air into the classroom. We also have designated playground areas for each class. Every month we change our area.

## **Student Council**

This year we elected a new Student Council . It consists of a student from each class and a boy and girl from each classroom. This year Fia from junior infants, Nathaniel from senior infants, Georgia from first class, Rian from second class, Rory and Sadhbh from fourth class, Laura from fifth class and finally Jack from sixth class were elected to the Student Council. The Student council have meetings monthly, they discuss ideas to make the school a better place.

## **Charities**

This year we have been busy fundraising for various charities. On the 4th of November we had a breakfast morning in aid of Childline. Each classroom had a different area where they all got a breakfast bar and a piece of fruit. In total we raised €320.00. We also raised €510.00 for Variety to provide better technology for schools in county Roscommon. Recently we showed our support for Disability Day by creating purple themed artwork as purple is the colour which represents Disability Day.

## **Chris Thompson & Neil De Burca**

In October 5th and 6th class began their Oennach project with Chris Thompson. Chris wrote poems with the pupils and told them Celtic myths, legends and stories. A few weeks later 1st,2nd,5th and 6th class had a zoom meeting with Neil de Burca. Neil told the pupils myths, legends and funny stories from all over the world. The meeting was organized by Roscommon library for the Ros na Óg festival. All, the class had a great time with both Neil and Chris.

## **Sports**

So far this year the school has been very busy with sports activities. 1st and 2nd class are doing Gaelic football with Mark Hanley and Tim Bracken. 3rd and 4th class had Gaelic earlier in the year but are now busy doing rugby with Micheal Glennon. 5th and 6th class had cycling at the beginning of the year, they are now also participating in rugby with Micheal and soccer with Andy Thubron.