

Scoil Bhríde - Loreto National School Newsletter

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Hello everyone! This is our 15th issue of our annual newsletter and we hope you will enjoy reading all about the wonderful things we did throughout the year, and of course, all the hard work that we did during the year. As you will see, it was a very busy year for all of us.

Scoil Bhríde would like to wish the sixth class every good luck as they go onto secondary school. Go dté sibh slán.



Billy Courtney, David Shaw and Dónal O'Sullivan.

Boys Football Skills Competition

On Tuesday April 12th our local area boys' football skills competition took place in Dr. Crokes pitch at 10.00 am. Loreto was represented by Billy Courtney, David Shaw and Dónal O'Sullivan. We had been practising the skills and we got to perform each skill three times. We did really well to come joint top with Loughguittane in the team event and Billy Courtney excelled to come joint first in the individual competition. We then went forward to the county final on the 6th of May. We practised hard in school and over the Easter holidays.

County Final The county final of the Football Skills competition took place on Friday May 6th in the Fitzgerald Stadium. Over 180 schools had taken part in the whole county. We were down to the final eight teams. It was a windy day. Conditions made the competition extra challenging. Teams represented schools from all over County Kerry. We had to perform eight skills three times. We had practised hard over the Easter holidays with Billy's dad, Frank. Our efforts paid off. We came second in the team event. David won best

Finalists of the Kerry Primary Schools athletics



Back: David Shaw, Cian Gammell, Paudie O'Donoghue, Tristan O'Donoghue, Luke O'Donoghue, Billy Courtney. Front Jack Greaney, Margaret O'Brien, Ryan O'Grady, Ruth Courtney and William Shine.

individual scoring 23 out of 24 and Billy came in second place scoring 22 out of 24. It was a wonderful achievement. We received beautiful bronze plaques. Everyone in the school was very proud of us. We would like to thank Frank Courtney for all his help. **By: David Shaw 6th Class**

Kerry Primary schools athletics Final: On Saturday 28th May the Kerry Primary schools athletics finals were held in Castleisland. All participants represented the school well. Special congratulations to the following who received medals: 5th and 6th relay-Silver medal winners: Billy Courtney, Cian Gammell, David Shaw and Luke O'Donoghue. Billy Courtney won a Gold medal in the Shott Putt. Cian Gammell won a silver medal in 100m sprint. The 2nd and third class relay received Bronze medals. The team were as follows: Jack Greaney, Paudie O'Donoghue, Ryan O'Grady, and William Shine. Jack Greaney also won bronze in the 100m. Tristan O'Donoghue won bronze in 200m. Ruth Courtney won a silver medal and Margaret O'Brien won a bronze in 200m.

FOOTBALL REVIEW OF THE YEAR (BOYS)

Loreto V Loughquittane (Challenge)

On the 12th of October 2010 we had a challenge match against Loughquittane N.S. In the opening minute Loughquittane scored a stunning goal. This focused our minds for the rest of the game. Soon we equalised and went on to win the first match comfortably. In the second game Loughquittane proved stronger. A great day was had by everyone under the azure sky on our pitch in Loreto. **By: Luke O'Donoghue 5th Class.**

East Kerry Quarter Final.

On Tuesday 5th Oct 2010 we began our journey to try to retain the county title. We travelled to Kilcummin with high hopes; our first match was against Faha. We had a comfortable victory with a score line of 4-12 to 1-2. Our next match was against the home team Kilcummin. Again we proved the stronger team and qualified for the east Kerry finals with a score line of 5-7 to 3-2. Everyone played very well on the day and enjoyed themselves very much. Our panel included: Patrick Wrenn, Billy Courtney, David Shaw, Dónal O'Sullivan, Peter O'Donoghue, Dylan Sheahan, John Beecher, Cian Gammell, Fiachra O'Connell, Luke O'Donoghue, Luke Casey, Seán Courtney, Kevin Lavery, Darren Mulcahy, Lorcán McMonagle, Harry Allen, Robert O'Brien, Oran Flaherty, Fintan Campion, Elizabeth Mohan, Laura O'Sullivan. **By John Beecher 6th Class**

East Kerry semi-final

On Wednesday 13th October we left school at 9.10a.m heading for Kilcummin for the East Kerry semi-final and final.

Our first game was against Anabla. It was a very tight game but we managed to come out with a victory and a score line of Loreto 2-5 Anabla 1-3

After a short rest we faced Knockaderry in the East Kerry final. In the first five minutes we scored four fantastic goals. It was a great first half. In the second half we got a few points and we managed to keep our lead finishing with a score of Loreto 4 - 3 Knockaderry 2-5. A great thing was that all twenty one on the panel got a game. We all had a great day and a fun day. Panel Patrick Wrenn, Billy Courtney, David Shaw, Dónal O'Sullivan, Peter O'Donoghue, Dylan Sheahan, John Beecher, Cian Gammell, Fiachra O'Connell, Luke O'Donoghue Kevin Lavery, Darren Mulcahy, Lorcán McMonagle, Harry Allen, Robert O'Brien, Oran Flaherty, Fintan Campion, Elizabeth Mohan, Laura O'Sullivan, Luke Casey and Seán Courtney. **By Luke Casey 5th Class.**

Quarter Final Cumann na mBunscoil Football Loreto V Kilgarvan.

The sun shone brightly on 20th Oct as we set out for Glenflesk. All twenty-one members of the panel contributed to this victory. We had great scores from Billy Courtney, David Shaw, Elizabeth Mohan. Lorcán McMonagle, Luke O'Donoghue, and Cian Gammell. Our goalie was Dónal O'Sullivan who did a tremendous job and also contributed a lot to our victory.

Our backs Patrick, Sean, Cian and Robert did a great job and wouldn't let Kilgarvan score without a fight. Our forwards Elizabeth Mohan, Luke O'Donoghue, Lorcán McMonagle and Dylan Sheahan did a tremendous job and between them and our two midfields Billy Courtney and David Shaw they scored 7-19.

Peter O'Donoghue, John Beecher, Fiachra O'Connell, Luke Casey, Kevin Lavery, Darren Mulcahy, Harry Allen, Oran Flaherty, Fintan Campion and Laura O'Sullivan all made a difference when they were introduced. The match was much closer than the final score line of Loreto 7-19 Kilgarvan 5-3 might suggest with Loreto only leading by two points in the middle of the second

half. We are very happy to have reached the semi-final. **By Laura O'Sullivan 6th class**

Cumann na mBunscoil County Semi Final

On Thursday the 4th of November, the Loreto football team set out to play Kilgobnet in the 4-5 teacher schools football semi-final in the Dr Crokes pitch. We started off well with two points from Billy Courtney and one each from Luke O' Donoghue and Lorcán McMonagle, but Kilgobnet's first score was a goal. Dónal O' Sullivan was playing very well in goal, while our two corner backs Patrick Wrenn and Robert O' Brien were clearing every ball that came into them. Soon after that a 45 taken by Billy was hit into the box and punched into the back of the net by David Shaw. The half time score was 1-4 to 1-4. In the second half Sean Courtney and Cian Gammell were very brave in fighting for every ball that came their way. Billy Courtney and David Shaw were excellent in the middle of the field too. Kilgobnet started off the better of the two teams at the start of the second half with some well taken points and a very good goal. Luke O' Donoghue, Lorcán McMonagle Elizabeth Mohan and Darren Mulcahy tried their best to get points in the second half but their scores were just too late in coming. The final score was 1-6 to 4-9. The subs that day were Dylan Sheahan, Luke Casey, Fiachra O' Connell, Peter O Donoghue, John Beecher, Kevin Lavery, Harry Allen, Oran Flaherty, Fintan Campion and Laura O' Sullivan. It was a great team effort from Loreto but the better team won on the day. I would like to thank Mrs. O Sullivan, Gráine McGillicuddy and Mr. Looney for managing and training us and the parents for dropping us to the games and bringing us back to school. **By: Billy Courtney 6th class.**

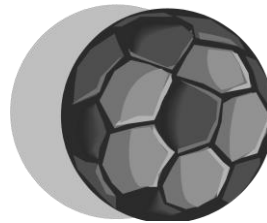
Boys 7 a-side football blitz

On the 5th of April 2011 some of the boys from 5th and 6th class went to the Dr Crokes pitch to the Cumann na mBunscoil 7 a-side football competition. In our group were Anabla N.S, Gaelscoil and Loreto N.S. Our first match was against Anabla N.S. We

were winning in the first half by one goal and two points with a cracking goal scored by Luke O'Donoghue and two great points by Darren Mulcahy and Lorcán MacMonagle. However in the second half Anabla N.S scored three goals and two points to one point by Darren. We had lost the match but we did not lose heart. We regrouped again and prepared for our next match against Gaelscoil.

We played better as a team and all of our panel contributed with great spirit. The final score was Loreto N.S 6-4 to Gaelscoil 0-3. We had a brilliant day, everyone played and all the boys had great fun.

The panel included Dónal O'Sullivan, Seán Courtney, Robert O'Brien, Lorcán MacMonagle, Cian Gammell, Luke O'Donoghue, Darren Mulcahy, Fiachra O'Connell, Peter O'Donoghue, Dylan Sheahan, Fintan Campion and Luke Casey.**By: Luke O'Donoghue and Luke Casey 5th class.**



E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency)

On the 1st of November 2010 Emily Rose and Isobel McAllen and Aisling Doyle went on the train to Dublin with both of our mums to the national launch of the E.P.A.'s new programme. It was held in the science gallery at Trinity College.

When we arrived, Dr. Mary Kelly –the Director General of the E.P.A., met us there. She welcomed us and took us outside into the grounds of Trinity College to have some photographs taken and to wait for the minister.

The three of us were so excited, we were dressed in our full school uniform and everybody was making a huge fuss of us!

Then the minister Ciaran Cuffe arrived and he asked us where we were from and the name of our school. When all the photos were taken we went upstairs to the Science Gallery and Dr. Mary Kelly and the minister launched their new programme for climate change for both primary and secondary schools. During their speeches, they welcomed their special guests from Scoil Bhride, Loreto, in Killarney. They said that we were a credit to our school and the three of us were so proud to be there representing our school at such an important occasion.

There was an experiment in the room next door where people were on mechanical bikes –Cycling to power the projector, its aim was to show everybody how hard they had to pedal to get the energy to power the projector. They were exhausted when they were finished.

When the presentation finished we all went to lunch in Grafton Street. We had a great day and really enjoyed ourselves. **By: Aisling Doyle, Emily Rose McAllen 4th class and Isobel McAllen 3rd class.**

Our Science Day at Knockreer Education Centre

On the 9th of October 2010 fifth and sixth class met Mrs O’Sullivan, Gráinne & Mr Looney at the entrance to the Demense at 9.15am. We walked to Knockreer house and met our science teacher for the day, Micheál & Tara.

First we investigated the mammal traps. These had been hidden the night before. The tunnel led to a nest box. It contained peanuts as bait and shredded paper as bedding. We learned the characteristics of a mammal. They are warm blooded. They bear their young live and feed them on their own milk. They have hair or fur covering their bodies.

We took turns opening the mammal traps and releasing the little creatures into plastic bags with plenty air. There was great excitement as we passed around the mammals and examined them.

The field mouse (also known as the wood mouse) is very lively. He has huge eyes and has a heightened

sense of hearing. He can hear predators e.g. fox, badger, pine martin and stoat. He can also hear prey e.g. insects. He is an omnivore as he also eats nuts and fruit. The field mouse has a long tail which gives him good balance. His back legs are bigger than his front which helps him to jump away from predators. His colour acts as a camouflage, helping him to survive.

The bank vole is bigger than the field mouse, has small eyes, small ears and short tail. He is also an omnivore but he is diurnal (he comes out during the day). He is a reddish colour which provides him with good camouflage to hide among the leaves on the ground. The bank vole is not native to Ireland. They arrived in Foynes on a cargo ship from Germany about forty years ago. The bank vole lives happily in the same environment as the field mouse. They do not compete with each other as one is nocturnal and the other is diurnal. We were ecologists as we studied these mammals.

Next we became environmental scientists. We took a kick sample from the river Deenagh. We dislodged invertebrates into a sieve and examined them in a tray of water. The types of invertebrates living in a river tell us if it is polluted or not. We got a sieve each and an identification chart. We found the mayfly and the stonefly which told us that the river Deenagh is very clean. There were shrieks of excitement as we identified the little creatures and returned them to the water.

After we had lunch we went on a scavenger hunt. We were given a list of twenty things from nature to find. We examined a badger’s sett. We identified many trees and admired the leaves and fruits. Next we took nets and pooters and shook branches on the trees. We found millipedes, earthworms, slugs and spiders. We examined these under microscopes. We respected nature and put all the creatures back in their own environment. It was time for us to thank Micheál and Tara and say goodbye and set off for Ross Castle. **By: Anna O’Connor 6th class.**

Life Education Bus

The Life Education Bus came to Loreto National School on the 27th - 28th of January. 6th class went on the second day it was at Loreto. The experience was great and very helpful for our future in secondary school. Seamus taught us about bullying, drugs, alcohol and making the right choices in life.

When Seamus was talking about bullying he showed us a video which involved making the right choices. The video also included alcohol. The video was about a boy called Jack. He and his friends were at his house. They were bored and wanted something to do. His friends started wandering around the kitchen until they reached a cupboard where there was alcohol. There were about seven people there including Jack. The two that brought the alcohol out of the cupboard were trying to persuade Jack to get drunk with them. Seamus then stopped the video and gave us each a remote to answer questions about the predicament Jack was in. It was fun to learn about the different ways of handling difficult situations.

The drugs we learned about were all different kinds. We even talked about substances that had the same effects as drugs like sugar and caffeine. Sugar and caffeine give you a boost when needed but when the effects wear off you feel drowsy and tired. Most of the girls demanded to see Harold the giraffe. Seamus brought him out to have a talk. Since it was the last year for 6th class it was more important. We said goodbye to Seamus and Harold for the last time. **By: Elizabeth Mohan 6th Class.**

Ross Castle

On the 9th of October 5th and 6th class went to Ross Castle. Ross Castle was built 600 years ago by the O Donoghue family. Later on, the castle was given to the Mc McCarthy Mór family. They sold the castle to Sir Valentine Brown.

We started our tour in the Main Guard. About twenty soldiers lived here. They cooked animals like deer and duck over an open fire.

After we had looked around the Main Guard, we went through a small door onto the steps that lead up to the rest of Ross Castle. These stairs were more commonly known as 'tripping steps'. They were called this because they were all different shapes and sizes.

The chief person of the castle slept in the bedroom with his family. The bed they slept in was a four poster bed. If they had a newborn baby, they would put it in a cubbyhole in the wall to sleep. They did this as it was the warmest place in the castle. It was warm because the chimney ran up the castle just beside it.

The toilet in the castle was a ledge with a chute under it. About four people could go to the toilet at the same time. The waste would collect at the end of the chute, and because the end of the chute was rarely cleaned, slightly poisonous fumes would gather and rise up the chute, killing off all the fleas in that room.

The next room was the Banquet Hall. The chief person would sit in a big chair on the long side of a rectangular table. His wife and children sat next to him on stools. Any guests would sit on a long bench opposite them. There were steps leading up to a balcony that was over a part of the hall where musicians would play to entertain the guests. The plates that they ate from had lead in them, which usually lead to death in their late 30's.

The castle is open to anyone who wants to see it for a small fee. You will get a guided tour of all the rooms, and it is very interesting. **By Fiachra O'Connell. 5th class.**

Tag Rugby Blitz

On the 23rd of February 6th class attended a tag rugby blitz. Each team played four games in each section. The games lasted 8 minutes with no half times.

Our first game was against Fossa N.S. We won 3-1 Billy scored once and David scored twice. Our second match was against Claherleheen N.S. They won 4-1 David scored for us.

Our third match was against the Monastery N.S. We won 3-4 Dónal scored once David scored twice Billy scored once. Our last match was against was against Ardfert N.S. We won 6-5. It was a great. We all played and we all enjoyed the day.

The team was:

Elizabeth Mohan, Ada Fleming, Anna O'Connor, Aldina Murphy, Shauna Courtney, Billy Courtney, David Shaw

Dónal O'Sullivan, Dylan Sheahan, Peter O'Donoghue and Patrick Wrenn.

By: Aldina Murphy & Shauna Courtney

Safer Cycling Course

On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of April 2011, 4th 5th and 6th class took part in a safer cycling course. The course was subsidised by Kerry County Council. Our instructors' names were Liam and Frank. Bicycles and helmets were provided for us. We were divided into two lines and told what to do. First we cycled up and down the yard, then we went in and out around cones. We went over ramps, took cones off of poles and went under a pole, all while cycling. We had to be very careful but everyone had great fun while learning to control the bicycles. We all enjoyed the course and learned how to stay safe while cycling. **By: Ada Fleming 6th class.**

School Debate

On Thursday the 21st of October a debate was to be held in the hall. The Motion was "That Homework should be abolished". I was on the opposing team saying that homework should not be abolished. The team captains were Dónal O'Sullivan and Ada Fleming and they both did very well. The people on our team were Niamh Rndles, Abby O'Donoghue, Ada Fleming, Allanah Courtney, Patrick Wrenn, Cian Gammell, Fíachra O'Connell, Aisling O'Mahony, Luke Casey, Aine O'Sullivan and John Beecher and of course myself.

On the opposite team were Dónal O'Sullivan, Laura O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Mohan, Anna O'Connor, Shauna Courtney, Billy Courtney, David Shaw, Dylan Sheahan, Peter O'Donoghue, Saoirse

O'Connor and Emily Cronin. We worked hard in the weeks coming up to the debate preparing our points and practising our speeches. We were nervous and excited but the day went very well.

Mrs Moynihan and Ms Doherty were the judges and I think that when they were picking the winning team they picked it quite fairly. The team that won was the opposing team saying that homework should NOT be abolished. In my opinion both teams were excellent and I thoroughly enjoyed the debate. **By: Aldina Murphy 6th class**

Teen Spirit

On the first of April 2011 5th and 6th class went to see "Teen Spirit" in the I.N.E.C. We travelled there by bus. Some past pupils were performing in the show. It was a very up lifting and inspiring show. There were a lot of schools from Killarney there and some from Cork. Since it was April Fool's Day Noel Patrick, the director told us all to look under our chairs because under someone's chair there was a free holiday. Everyone looked but it was only an April fool's Day joke. In the second half some of last years 6th class sang as part of the Aspire choir. Over two hundred teenagers were on stage. It was a celebration of teen Christian faith. Over all I think everyone enjoyed the show. I would like to take part next year if I get the opportunity. **By: Áine O'Sullivan 6th class**



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year our school took

part in the Christmas

Shoebox Appeal. This is an organisation that sends toys toothbrushes and many more useful goods to needy children in Europe and Africa. It is very easy to take part in. You just have to get an old shoe box wrap the box with wrapping paper. You fill it with toys a pen, pencil, copy book, colouring book, felt pens, sharpener, eraser, gloves, hat, scarf, socks, pyjamas, a wrapped bar of soap, toothbrush and paste, a facecloth, a brush or comb, hair clips and

what ever else you can think of. You are not allowed to put in food, medicines, war related items, large clothing items, anything breakable, any liquids, sharp items, or books with words. You will be given a leaflet which will tell you the information you will need. You will have to pay €3 and a donation of your choice. You need to put the three euro into an envelope included with the leaflet. Your €3 goes towards the promotion, transport, processing and distribution of your shoebox. If there are any funds left over, they will be used by Team Hope in their year round work with similar needy people around the world.

I enjoyed filling my box and was glad to share with another child **By: Patrick Wrenn 6th class**

Travel Presentation by Fiona Barry – an Taisce

On the 15/2/2011 Fiona Barry from an Taisce came to talk to the school about Green Travel. She began by telling us all the means by which one could travel to school. There were quite a lot, such as walking, cycling, taking the bus, going by car and park and ride. We watched videos about carbon, making carbon bonds and breaking bonds. We also found out how oil and other fossil fuels were made. Carbon is everywhere and it is natural. She also talked to us about global warming and how we need to use less fossil fuel. We talked about electric cars and alternative ways of getting electricity, such as solar power, wind power and hydroelectricity.

She spoke to 3rd and 4th class about carpooling, Green travel, the price of fuel. She asked them to try to reduce the use of gasses and fossil fuels. She spoke to 1st and 2nd class about road safety. She spoke to the juniors and seniors infants about emissions from the car and how the cars are damaging the environment.

I would urge people to think of the environment and the future of our world. On Tuesday 5th Oct 2010 we began our journey to try to retain our hold of the planet, think before you plan your journey. **By: Dónal O’Sullivan 6th class**

Transition Day.

Transition Day will be on the 14th of June. 6th class will be preparing for life as first year students in secondary school. Our leader for the day will be Kerri Fitzgerald. We would like to thank the Parents Association for funding this Health Education Project. The 6th class are greatly looking forward to this day which hopefully will be very helpful for us.
By: Dylan Sheahan 6th Class

The Gathering

To celebrate the performance of traditional music, Pat O’Shea and his band came in to play for our school on the 4th of March. There were five musicians in the band. They were playing flutes, accordions, guitars and tin whistles. They were playing for about half an hour. Our musicians who are learning music from Mr. Looney joined in with them. Saoirse and Aisling danced a reel. Fifth class and Rosemary also joined in the set dancing. We really enjoyed the visit. **By: Cian Gammell 5th class**

W.O.W DAY

Wednesday the 18th of May was W.O.W Day (Walk on Wednesday). W.O.W Day is where green schools show their support for a greener, healthier environment by encouraging pupils, parents and teachers to walk to school if possible. Loreto National School walked from Muckcross Church back to school after our practice with second class and the choir for the first Holy Communion. Everyone was given a high visibility jacket to wear. We all walked in an orderly manner in a single file on the side of the road. We sang songs to keep our spirits up. We had a great walk and we were delighted with the weather. We were happy to promote Green travel and a healthy life style. **By: Aisling O’ Mahony and Saoirse O’ Connor 5th class.**

Frau Christine Stoef

This year in 5th class we learned German and 6th learned French. Our teacher was Madame Christine (Frau Stoef). We learned some basic German and French greetings and sentences. It will help us when

we go to secondary school next year. We really enjoyed it. We would like to thank Frau Stoef for teaching the children in Loreto for the past 11 years. We will miss her. We wish her every happiness when she returns to Germany.

By: 5th and 6th class.

School basketball lessons

Every Tuesday since Easter Mr Andrew Fitzgerald coaches every class in the school basketball. I feel I have learned a lot about basketball that I didn't know before. Its lots of fun and everyone enjoys it. We learn how to shoot, pass and dribble the ball properly. We learn more skills also. Than you Andrew and the Parents Association who funded the lessons. **By: Peter O'Donoghue 6th class**

Our Trip to St. Mary of the Angels

On the 27th of May sixth class went on our annual trip to St. Mary of the Angels School. We were all really looking forward to the trip. We arrived at the school about 10am. Mrs O'Sullivan, Gráinne and Bernie O'Sullivan (Aine's mom)drove us. When we got there we went inside and we were welcomed by the Principal of St Mary of the Angels. Dónal O'Sullivan then thanked him for inviting us and handed him a donation from our Confirmation money. He thanked us and told us he really appreciated it. He showed us the playground that the Confirmation children of Loreto had contributed to over the years. We then went outside to play with some of the children. The children had baked for us. We made friends with them and played games. We took some pictures with them while we were playing. It was then time for us to go on to Kate Kearney's Cottage. **By: Anna O'Connor 6TH class**

Walking through the Gap of Dunloe

We arrived at Kate Kearney's cottage at about 11.30 a.m. After taking a photograph, we set off on our walk through the Gap of Dunloe. Joining us on our journey were the special children from St. Mary of the Angles School. We walked to Colleen Bawn

Cottage with our. At the Colleen Bawn Cottage we stopped for a picnic. We shared our treats with our friends. Some of the girls had baked buns and brownies. We sang songs. After the picnic the special children went back and we continued on our journey. We stopped a few times to take pictures. At the Head of the Gap we stopped for another snack. After we had eaten we started on the way down to the Black valley. On the way we stopped at the Black Valley church and said a few prayers. We then walked the rest of the way to Lord Brandon's Cottage. At Lord Brandon's Cottage we all bought a bite to eat. After we had eaten we got onto a boat. The boat man told us about the Eagle's Nest and the Elephant Rock. We saw a golden eagle flying overhead. When we arrived at Inisfallen Island we looked around the monastery for 5 minutes and then we had a going forth prayer service as we move on to secondary school. After the prayer service, we got back on the boat. On the way back to Ross Castle, we saw the "Pride of the Lakes" waterbus. We then arrived back at Ross Castle.

The day was very rewarding. Reaching out to the special children helped us to appreciate how lucky we are to have our health. We were exhausted but elated after the hike. We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful environment. It was a great day.

By John Beecher, 6th class.

FOOTBALL REVIEW OF THE YEAR (GIRLS)

Girls Seven a side Football.

On Wednesday 6th April the first football mini-sevens was held in Dr. Crokes pitch. The weather was perfect for our games. We arranged to meet in Dr. Crokes pitch at 9.15a.m. We got warmed up and our first match was against Rathmore. Rathmore were the stronger team on the day. We kept our heads high and went on to play Raheen/Tureencahill. Despite some great scores for our team unfortunately, we did not win the game. At this stage we were out of the competition. However, Fossa agreed to play a friendly game against us. The final score in this game was Fossa 2-1 Loreto 3-1.

We really enjoyed this game. The team would like to thank our coach Mrs. O'Sullivan for training us and to our parents who provided transport and cheered for us on the day. Panel: Elizabeth Mohan, Aoife Farrell, Caoimhe Kelly, Sarah Byrnes, Ada Fleming, Kate Stack, Anna O'Connor, Níamh Randles, Saoirse O'Connor, Rachel McCarthy, Emily Cronin and Abby O'Donoghue. **By: Aoife Farrell and Caoimhe Kelly 5th class.**

Cumann na mBunscoil 11 a side Girls

On the 3rd of June 2011, 4th, 5th and 6th class girls went up to kilcummin pitch to play Gneeveguilla and Anabla in the cumann na bunscoil 11aside. In the first game against Gneeveguilla. The positions for the girls compition were Niamh Randles in goals, Saoirse O' Connor and Ada Flemming were playing full back, Anna O' Connor and Abby O'Donoghue were playing half back, Aoife Farrell and Elizabeth Mohan were playing midfield, Emily Cronin and Rachel McCarthy were half forwards. Finally Laura O' Sullivan and Kate Stack were playing in the full forward line. The scores were Loreto 3 goals and 2 points Gneeveguilla 4 goals and 5 points.

Gneeveguilla did not know what hit them in the first half. We were winning at half time by 5 points but sadly Gneeveguilla caught up with us in the second half by 3 goals and 4 points. They made a great comeback but we were still very proud of ourselves because we played fantastic football in the first half. Our goalie Niamh Randles made some unreal saves. The backs defended really well and cleared lots of ball. The midfields caught some really good ball from the kickouts. The forwards got some very good scores from play and from frees.

In the second game Loreto played Anabla. The positions were Ciara Carroll in goals, Shannon O' Shea, Caoimhe Kelly in full back. In half back was Laurna Mulcahy and Aisling Doyle. The midfielders were Niamh Randles and Laura O' Sullivan. Kate O' Connor and Emily Rose Mcallen were playing half forwards. Finally Anna O' Connor and Aisling O' Mahony were in full forwards. We all really enjoyed

our day ! **By: Shannon O'Shea, Aoife Farrell, Ciara Carroll and Caoimhe Kelly 5th class.**

Senior School Tour

On Monday June 13th, 4th, 5th and 6th class will go on their senior school tour to Star Outdoors in Dauros, Kenmare. We will load the buses with our belongings and we will set off for Kenmare at 9.00 am. We will arrive in Kenmare approximately 40 minutes later. Activities will commence at 10.00 am. We will experience kayaking, canoeing, archery, team challenges and if we're lucky we will go on a cruise around Kenmare Bay to see the beautiful scenery of the south-west. We will also be on the water trampoline with a slide and pedal boats. After two hours of some of these activities we will have a half hour lunch break and then we will finish the energetic and fantastic activities. After a long but fun day we will all return back to school where our parents and families will collect us and we can tell them about our adventurous day! We hope the weather will be good for our senior school tour to Star Outdoors Kenmare! **By: Abby O'Donoghue and Niamh Randles 5th class.**

Christmas Celebration

On the 14th of January the school presented a Christmas Concert. The concert was originally scheduled for December but because of the snow and ice, it had to be cancelled. On the morning of the concert we were all very excited . A big crowd had arrived. First on stage was 5th and 6th class. We performed a play called a "Wild West Christmas".It was mighty fine! The cast was Patrick Wrenn:Medicine Man, Dylan Sheshan: Sheriff, Donal O Sullivan: Preacher, Billy Courtney:Running Foot, Elizabeth Mohan: Little Flower, Peter O Donoghue: Chief: Laura O Sullivan, Seth, Braves: Abby O Donoghue, Luke O Donoghue and David Shaw. Narrator: John Beecher. Cowboys: Luke Casey, Cian Gammell and Fiachra O Connell. Cowgirls: Ada Fleming, Anna O Connor, Niamh Randles, Aisling O Mahony, Emily Cronin, Saoirse O Connor, Aldina Murphy, Alannah Courtney, Áine O Sullivan and Shauna Courtney. We had a real good time.

Next on stage was the Junior Choir which included-Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First and Second Class. They sang" Mary Had A Baby", "White

Christmas" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas. They performed really well and won the hearts of the whole audience.

Mr.Looney's instrumental music group went on stage next. They played "We Wish You a Merry Christmas", "Deck The Halls" and "Rattling Bog." They were excellent!

Last but not least the Senior Choir went on stage. They sang "Silent Night", "Gaudete", "Star Carol" and Saoirse O' Connor led the whole choir in "We Are The World". The Audience and the school joined in the chorus! It was wonderful!

All the pupils that participated in the concert were very grateful to the teachers who worked hard with us! **By: Emily Cronin 5th Class**

Park and Stride

Park and Stride is working well on Friday mornings. Well done to the Green Schools Committee, Ms O'Mahony, Ms O'Connell and all who have become involved.

Garda 7 aside Football/Sports Day.

Unfortunately this year the Garda 7 aside football blitz has clashed with Sports Day on Friday 17th June. We will however participate in both. We hope everyone will have a great day.

Local History and Nature Trail

5th and 6th class will be following a local history and nature trail to the old Loreto Convent on Wednesday 15th June (weather permitting).



Forth class football blitz

On Friday morning 25th of March, 4th class boys were invited to a football blitz .It wasn't an all Loreto team. There were two players from every school on each team. The teams were Louth, Wicklow, Kildare, Carlow and Kilkenny. A former Kerry player Mike Frank Russell was there with the

Mercy N.S. Our teacher Mr. Looney was managing Kildare. The schools that went were Loreto, the Monastery, the Mercy, Loughguitane, St. Oliver's and the Gaelscoil. Each team had six games. The boys that went from Loreto were Donal Lucey, David Culloty, Conor Lucey, Daniel Lucey, Oisín O Connor, Tristan O' Donoghue, Fergal Murphy, Oran O' Donoghue and Peter O' Sullivan. Gary O'Connor was unable to travel to the blitz because he was sick .The football blitz was held in the Spa pitch. Mr Looney and some parents dropped us to the pitch. All the people that participated in the blitz were given jellies, taytos and seven up. Everybody was very tired at the end of the day, but we all had great fun.

By: Conor Lucey, David Culloty, Oisín O' Connor, Tristan O' Donoghue 4th class.

3rd and 4th class fun swim.

During the year, 3rd and 4th class were chosen to go for a fun swim in the Gleneagle hotel. It was great fun. First we went on a bus from our school to the Aquila club. Then we went into a room and played Xbox 360, playstation, watched a movie, played fusbball and air hockey. After that we got changed and went into the pool. We were given inflatable toys and went swimming. Inflatable balls were thrown into the water and we played volleyball. We then lined up for the inflatable slide and we each had a few goes on it. After that we were allowed to do what ever we wanted! A lot of people wanted to go back to the toys. It was a really fun day and we enjoyed it a lot!

By: Fergal Murphy, Daniel Lucey, Kate O' Connor, Eve O'Donoghue 4th class.

The Credit Union Quiz

The credit union quiz was held on Sunday February 6th 2011. The under 13 teams were Donal O' Sullivan, Laura O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Mohan, Aisling O 'Mahony, Billy Courtney, Luke Casey, Niamh Randles and John Beecher. The substitute was Abby O'Donoghue.

The under11 teams were Peter O'Sullivan, Kate Stack, Ciara Kelliher, Sarah Byrnes, Fergal Murphy,

Eve O'Donoghue, Donal Lucey and Kate O'Connor. The substitute was Conor Lucey. The quiz was very exciting but challenging. Mrs. O'Sullivan trained us well at lunchtime a few times per week. We had great fun during this time.

The under 11 and 13 teams made a great start. We all got on very well during the whole of the quiz. Both teams were very proud of their great achievement. Everybody who participated in the quiz would like to thank both Grainne and Mrs O' Sullivan for their great help preparing us for the credit union quiz. **By: Ciara Kelliher and Sarah Byrnes 5th class.**

Computer Classes

Every second Monday Elaine O' Donoghue came in to teach all the classes. She taught us how to use computers. Elaine was doing computer classes voluntarily. She taught us how to write letters, make charts and she also taught how to make time tables using Microsoft Excel and Microsoft power point. The classes were forty minutes long. In Microsoft power point she taught us how to make slide shows and in Microsoft excel we made time tables. Using Microsoft word Elaine showed us how to do different styles of writing and how to make your writing bigger and smaller as well as how to make different shapes. We also learned how to add pictures to Power point or Microsoft word using clipart. We had great fun with Elaine and learned a lot of new things on the computer. **By: Seán Courtney, Lorcán Mc Monagle, Oran Flaherty, Harry Allen, Robert O'Brien, Fintan Campion, Kevin Lavery and Darren Mulcahy (5th class).**

Engineering day

On the 9th of June, Mr Ziglinski came in to teach all the classes about Engineering. First he taught us about kinetic energy and potential energy. Then he taught us how to build roller coasters with loops, bumps a marble and tape. After that, we had a competition to see who had the most points out of

three rounds. We were split up into a groups of four and we all helped each other. We all had great fun making roller coasters with Mr. Ziglinski. **By: Darren Mulcahy, Seán Courtney, Oran Flaherty, Lorcán Mc Monagle 5th class.**

Music classes with Mr. Looney

Every Monday evening after school, Mr. Looney held a music class after school. Fourth, fifth and sixth class children came to the classes. We learned a lot of great songs and tunes. The tin whistle is a very easy instrument to play. It was new to some people, but some people had played it before. We did a lot of singing also. We all would like to thank Mr. Looney for using his spare time after school for teaching us the tin whistle. **By: Sarah Byrnes, Aoife Farrell and Ciara Kelliher 5th class.**

I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

What would you think if I sang out of tune
Would you stand up and walk out on me
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song
and I'll try not to sing out of key

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm, I get high with a little help from my friends
Mm, Gonna try with a little help from my friends

What do I do when my love is away
Does it worry you to be alone
How do you feel by the end of the day
Are you sad because you're on your own

No, I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm, I get high with a little help from my friends
Mm, Gonna try with a little help from my friends

Do you need anybody

I need somebody to love
Could it be anybody
I want somebody to love

Would you believe in a love at first sight
Yes, I'm certain that it happens all the time
What do you see when you turn out the light
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm, I get high with a little help from my friends
Oh, Gonna try with a little help from my friends

Do you need anybody
I just need someone to love
Could it be anybody
I want somebody to love

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm, Gonna try with a little help from my friends
Oh, I get high with a little help from my friends
Yes, I get by with a little help from my friends,
with a little help from my friends

