

Bunscoil Loreto

GOREY, Co. WEXFORD

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Summer Newsletter 2012

As we draw this academic year to a close I would like to reflect on some of the many activities which took place in the school.

Rackard League

This year we were delighted to participate in Rackard League football, camogie and sports day. We congratulate all the pupils who took part and represented Bunscoil Loreto on the teams. It was a great experience. We also thank those teachers who took time to train teams and accompany them to the matches and to the parents who gave the much needed support.

Stretch and Grow

All classes enjoyed a weekly session of stretch and grow between September and Easter. It was wonderful to see pupils involve themselves in physical activity in such a fun environment. We are grateful to the Gorey School Completion Programme for part funding this initiative.

Tin Whistle

Huge gratitude goes to the Parents' Association for the purchase of tin whistles for various classes in the school. We are proud to announce that we now have tin whistle players from Junior Infants right up to our Sixth Classes.

Arklow Feis

Congratulations to Third Class who were highly commended in the choral verse speaking at the Arklow Feis.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the pupils of Sixth Class who were involved in the Spelling Bee Initiative.

Text Service

Remember to update your details at the office in the event of changes.

Swimming

All classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class participated in swimming lessons this year. Swimming is a compulsory element of the curriculum and a valuable life skill. A noticeable improvement has been seen by the instructors in the skill level of those who regularly attend the lessons.

School Sports Day

Our School Sports Day took place on Wednesday 20th June and it was a huge success with pupils participating in many events on the day. Even the weather managed to hold up for the duration of the activities.

Lunchtime Sport

During the year various groups of pupils were involved in lunchtime activities including basketball, football, frisbee, camogie and unihoc.

Fiddle

With the financial assistance of our Board of Management we were lucky enough to be in a position to purchase fiddles for the school last year. This year fourth class and sixth class received tuition and learned the basics of the instrument.

Science

Junior Infants to Second Classes had the opportunity to work as scientists for a day when they were treated to the "All About Science" Workshop. Again this was funded by our very supportive Parents' Association.

Art

During the year many of our classes produced displays of their artistic work for viewing by the other classes. It was exciting to see the creative talents of the pupils on display.

Tag Rugby

A group of our teachers represented Bunscoil Loreto in a Tag Rugby Blitz in Enniscorthy. Well done to those involved.

Hockey

Fifth Class pupils were treated to the Tricks for Sticks Programme run by Gorey Hockey Club this year. Many of our pupils went on to become members of the local club as a result.

Choir

Pupils from the various classes have enriched liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Particular praise goes to the girls from Fifth Class and the teachers who prepared them for the Confirmation and Communion choirs.

Drama

Our curriculum was enhanced by the skill of Clodagh Cecil who facilitated drama workshops for the pupils from Third to Sixth Classes. This was funded by our Parents' Association.

I.T.

Our pupils have all benefitted from use of I.T. this year. From class activity to techie club everyone is now "logged on".

Special Visits

This year we were delighted to welcome members of An Garda Síochána and the Fire Service to our school to speak to some of our pupils.

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Samba Drumming

Second and Third Classes were treated to a rare opportunity of involving themselves in the art of samba drumming. The teachers attended training in County Wexford Education Centre and brought back the necessary skills needed to perform as part of a samba group. The samba rhythms resonated throughout the school building during this project.

St. Patrick's Day Concert

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge a ceolcoirm was held in the school gym. Every class performed in the concert and it was enjoyed by all.

Website

With huge thanks to our I.T. whizzkid Ms. C. Doyle, our website will be up and running in the coming weeks. Log on to www.bunscoilloreto.ie to browse.

Board of Management

During this year we welcomed new members to the Board of Management. As a school community we appreciate the time and contribution given by members on a voluntary basis

Pupils

Without our enthusiastic pupils we would have no purpose. For the honesty, the spontaneity, the humour and the smiles that you bring to school on a daily basis we thank you.

End of Year Mass

A Mass will take place in the school for pupils and staff on Friday 29th. The pupils can be collected from the school at 12pm to begin their Summer Holidays!

In class support/team teaching

This year our learning support team ran a pilot scheme whereby support was given in the form of team teaching in the classroom environment. It was found to be very successful and it is hoped to continue the practice next year. Books were purchased to enable this to take place and again we thank our Parents' Association for funding and also to those who spent hours covering them. (You know who you are!)

Excellence Award

We were delighted to receive an Excellence Award for Literacy from Waterford Institute of Education this academic year. Many thanks to the pupils and teachers involved.

Green Flag

Hip hip hurray for our Green Committee who secured our second Green Flag. Ms. Doyle abseiled down the front of the gym with the green flag like a super hero.

Congratulations to all who received the Sacraments of Communion, Penance and Confirmation this year.

End of Year

Best wishes to our first class boys and our sixth class girls as we prepare to bid them farewell.

Staff

To the wonderful dedicated staff of the school, thanks for your kindness and commitment to the pupils in your care.

Fundraising

Ms. Lynch and her class raised and presented €800 to Garret Cambell from Globalschoolroom. This money will be used to provide education for children in India.

Ms. Hayden, Ms. Stafford and their classes held a sponsored silence in aid of Loreto Rumbek who are currently building a primary school in the area. They raised over €1600 and presented it to a very pleased Sr. Brigid. Best of luck to Ms. Lynch and Ms. Murphy Cousins who are both heading to India to do some charity work for the Summer.

Credit Union Quiz

Well done to the pupils who represented the school at the Credit Union Quiz and many thanks to those who prepared them.

Parents' Association

We are indebted to our Parents' Association for all their support during this academic year. For all the initiatives they have funded, for their work in running events during the school year and for their constant support and co-operation- Míle Buíochas.

Rainbows

The Rainbows programme is run in our school. This is to assist pupils who have experienced grief or loss in their lives. We are very grateful to Ms. Stafford who co-ordinates the programme and to the many teachers who give of their time to facilitate the groups.

Looking back it's amazing to see how much we have achieved this year. I hope that everyone takes a well earned rest during the Summer, so that the batteries are recharged for another action packed year! We will reopen for pupils from Senior Infants to Sixth Class on August 31st and our new Junior Infants will begin their educational journey on Monday September 3rd.

Until we see one another again, have a happy and safe holiday.

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