

# **Scoil Eoin Phóil**

Newsletter

Summer Edition 2015



School reopens on Tuesday, 1st September

# *Prayer for Summer*

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me  
with gentle compassion for all young people,

Amen.



# *Letter from Ms. Lohan*

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

The time has flown by and here we are in the last days of the school year. There is a mood of celebration and excitement in the corridors of Scoil Eoin Phóil.

Today, many children received certificates for their efforts in school during the year. Many areas of achievement were recognised from full attendance to skills on the sports field to academic endeavour to kindness and concern for others.

We also presented our perpetual trophies for 'Pupil of the Year' to Kayla Cleary and Cara McLaughlin. We congratulate them and also the other nominees – Amy Cook, Liam Mahon, Hanna Burwise and Caoimhe Masterson.

We thank all those who work willingly and voluntarily for the school and its pupils. The Board of Management and Parent Teacher Association provide huge support and we are grateful to them. We are especially grateful to those parents (and grandparents!) who help the teachers with the literacy programme in Junior infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> class. Their commitment is incredible. Thank you to Ms O'Callaghan, Mrs Dillon, Ms McKeown, Ms Quain, Ms Grange, Mrs Smith, Mrs Long, Mrs Norris, Ms Buckley, Ms Wrynn, Mrs Moran, Ms Moran, Mrs Quinn, Mr Coffey, Mrs De Vivero, Ms Cooney, Mr Gafni, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Kearns.

We would love to have more parents working with us in the classroom so if you feel you could volunteer please contact us in September.

Thank you to our ancillary staff in Scoil Eoin Phóil, who do fantastic work, Mrs Singleton, Mr Dunne, Mrs Farrell, Mrs McConnell, Mrs Oguns and Mrs Hydemann.

Fr. MacNamara, Ella Dora and Dymphna Burke (sacristan) take such a keen interest in the school and are totally committed to the faith development of our pupils.

Thank you, to you the parents, for your support and commitment to the school and it's pupils throughout the year.

Some of our families are leaving us for pastures new. We wish them well and we hope they know they will be missed. To our 55 amazing, bright, funny, wonderful boys and girls of 6<sup>th</sup> class we say thank you and wish you a future of endless possibilities. You showed fantastic leadership qualities especially in your final year so we know the country is safe in your hands!

Amidst the excitement of approaching holidays, we remember the Darlington and Gounden families who lost Lalita and Dallas during the year. We remember them often and pray for them. We ask you to do the same.

School reopens on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Enjoy the holidays and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Imelda Lohan.  
Principal & Staff.

Ms Ryan, Mrs Kyne, Mrs Black, Ms Phillips, Ms O'Shea, Ms Duffy, Ms O'Gorman, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Malin, Mr Mulcahy, Ms O'Keeffe, Mrs King, Mrs Garrigan, Mr McGrath, Ms Smyth, Ms Farrell, Ms Fadian, Mrs Macken, Mrs Larkin, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Kelly .

# Poets' Corner



## Summer is here

Summer is here  
Spring has gone  
Flowers are blooming  
School is done

Sleeping in  
Free at last  
Friends, playing  
Having a blast

Trips away  
In sun or rain  
Having ice cream  
That freezes your brain

**By Alana Healy 3<sup>rd</sup> Class**



## Sunny Days

I love the sun,  
Even more than I love a bun!  
My mam has two sons,  
I love them tonnes.

In the warm car,  
I'll get a nice bar.  
I won't be bold,  
As I'm not very old!

**by Alison O'Connor, 2nd class**

## Summertime

Summertime is fun, playing out in the  
sun

We put on lots of sunscreen & eat  
loads of ice cream

The school holidays are here & all  
the children cheer

And this is why summer is the best  
time of year.

**By Ella Brennan 3<sup>rd</sup> Class**

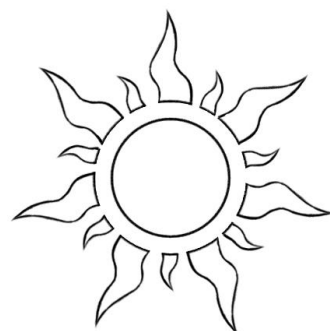


## A Long Hot Day

Summer is here hip-hip hurray.  
I can't wait to start a summer's day  
Put away my woolies bring out the  
shorts,

Time to go out and play  
No more coats, time for sunscreen,  
Then the day got started.

**By Aoife Nealon 3<sup>rd</sup> class**



# Poets' Corner

I ♥  
Poetry

## Summer, Super Summer

Summer, super summer,  
I love thinking about it.  
I could play, make stuff,  
Or maybe even knit.

I could run, jump, play,  
I could be a star.  
For my holidays,  
I'll be going very far.



Go to Italy,  
And you'll see me.  
But I'll have to go  
In time for tea

Summer, super summer,  
Summer, summer, super.  
Super summer summer,  
Summer Super Duper!

By Joe Evans, 2<sup>nd</sup> class

## Summer

Summer is here!  
Let's go outside.  
I am in my pool,  
There's no need to hide.



I don't have school,  
I am on holiday today.  
I don't have work to do,  
Hip hip hooray!

I'd like to be in Australia,  
It is hot every day.  
My friends and I  
Will go out to play.

By Mia Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> class

## Holidays.

As we walk to the bay  
we are far away from home,  
the sun is hot,  
the days are long  
and we have lots of fun.



The sky is blue,  
the sea is too  
and we are having a barbecue.

The day grows dark,  
the house does too,  
as we go outside to admire the view,  
of sparkling stars and the bright  
moon too.

By Amy Ryan, 3<sup>rd</sup> class

## I Like Going To The Beach

I like going to the beach and  
swimming in the cold, cold sea,  
I like going to the beach and making  
huge sandcastles,  
I like going to the beach and burying  
my cousins in the sand.

By James Nealon, 3<sup>rd</sup> class



# Poets' Corner

POEM  
IN YOUR  
POCKET

## Summer

Summer is  
You'll be under a tree  
Because of the blazing hot sun  
No school today, I can go play  
out today in the roasting hot sun  
and have loads of fun.

By Aaron Bardon, 4<sup>th</sup> class



## Summer

Summer is here,  
Unreal weather is near,  
Munching ice-cream,  
Moaning about sun-cream,  
Excited in the sun,  
Ready for fun, here I come.



By Daragh Enright, 4th class

## Playing all Day

I'm playing all day.  
Calling for my friends,  
Eating my ice-cream,  
Chasing my friends,  
Reading good books,  
Evenings so long,  
A day with the sun,  
Me and you having fun!



By Emily Smyth, 4<sup>th</sup> class



## Holidays

This year for holidays,  
I am going to England,  
also my auntie and cousin,  
are coming from New Zealand.



When I am in the England,  
I am going to my cousins,  
I will be with my Gran,  
and I might be baking dozens!

We might be going cycling,  
or maybe exploring,  
we might go to caves,  
but we won't need new flooring!

When I get home,  
the Kiwis will be here,  
I have been looking forward to it,  
from most of this year!

By Anna Evans, 4<sup>th</sup> class

## Life in Summer

Summer is here,  
the sunny weather is near.  
The children are out to play,  
under the sun's ray.  
The sun goes down,  
all over the town.  
The children go in,  
and have their din.  
They go to bed,  
to rest their head.



By Shauna Symes, 4th class

# Summer Fun and Frolics!



1. What do polar bears eat for lunch?

(Ice berg-ers!)

2. What's black and white, black and white,  
and black and white?

(A panda bear rolling down a hill!)

3. What do you call a bear with no teeth?

(A gummy bear!)

4. Where does a peacock go when it loses its  
tail?

(A re-tail store!)



5. What is even smarter than a talking bird?

(A spelling bee!)

6. What is the biggest ant in the world?

(An eleph-ant!)

7. What do you get when you cross a walrus  
with a bee?

(A wallaby!)



8. Why did the bee go to the doctor?

(Because she had hives!)

9. Why didn't the butterfly go to the dance?

(Because it was a moth ball!)

10. Why are frogs so happy?

(Because they eat what bugs them!)

11. Why can't a leopard hide?

(Because it's always spotted!)

12. What happened when the lion ate the  
clown?

(He felt funny!)



By Sam Tenali,  
3rd class

## Summer Fun

### 10 Things To Do This Summer

1. Do **gymnastics** on your green.
2. **Walk** to the shop with your friends.
3. Have a **dip** in your paddling pool with your friends.
4. Make a **fort** with pillows and blankets.
5. Go to the **GAA** and play hurling and Gaelic.
6. Have a **water fight** with your friends.
7. Look up **funny videos** on the internet.
8. Go on your **bike** or Flickr.
9. **Sunbathe** on the grass with your sunglasses and sun cream.
10. Have a **barbeque** with your family and friends.

By Sarah Bradley, 2nd class



Question: What's an eggs favourite hobby?

Answer: Eggsercise !!!

By Jorge DeVivero, 5<sup>th</sup> class



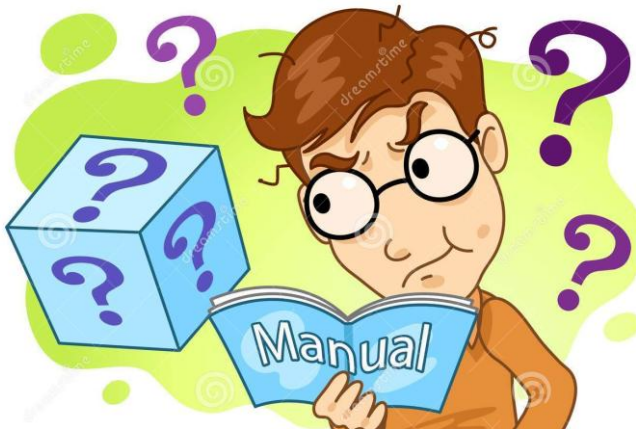


# Summer Fun and Frolics!



## RIDDLES!

1. What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
2. What weighs more a pound of feathers or a pound of bricks?
3. What has a head a tail but no legs?
4. What has hands but can't clap?
5. What is at the end of a rainbow?
6. What is as light as a feather but even the strongest man can't hold it for over a minute?
7. How many months have 28 days?
8. If a blue house is made out of blue bricks and a pink house is made out of pink bricks what is the green house made of?



## ANSWERS

1. A stamp
2. They weigh the same
3. A coin
4. A clock
5. The letter w
6. His breath
7. All 12
8. Glass

By Gavin, Dylan and Conor, 5<sup>th</sup> class

## What's it like to fly?

Do you fly when you die?  
is it like riding a bike,  
or taking a hike?



By Allen Joy Flores, 5<sup>th</sup> class

There was a boy called Jimmy  
who lives in Dublin city.  
He has a friend named Timmy,  
he is very skinny

By Paul Kruger, 5<sup>th</sup> class

## My Summer Holidays

Summer is here,  
Everyone cheer  
Time to reflect,  
On the school year

The friends we made  
The fun that we had,  
Times that were good  
Times that were sad

We will enjoy summer fun,  
Playing in the sun,  
Until we return with lots to be done

Anna Bradley, 5<sup>th</sup> class



# 6<sup>th</sup> Class

## Mr. Mulcahy: 6<sup>th</sup> class Final Messages

**Tobi Shokeye:** I would like to thank all my teachers that helped all of us. I would like to especially thank Mr. Mulcahy for helping us prepare for secondary school and for all the things he does for us. I would also like to thank Mrs. Kelly for helping us and when she helps me in Maths when I am stuck. Finally, I want to say thank you again to all the teachers, SNA's, and Ms. Lohan.

**Destiny Soki:** I hope everyone in this school stays the same and wish them the best of look for the future. I want to thank Ms. Lohan, Mr. Mulcahy, Mrs. Kelly, Ms O' Keefe and Ms. Duffy for being so kind.



**Marian Adamyan:** I would like to say thank you to the staff of Scoil Eoin Phóil for helping me get educated and to be polite. I would like to give a special thanks to my past teachers and SNAs.

**Englez Barbu:** I would like to thank all of my friends and the staff of Scoil Eoin Phóil for making primary school a fantastic adventure. Hopefully they enjoyed it too as much as I did. I hope to see everyone very soon.

**Danielle Coffey:** I would like to say a big thanks to all the teachers especially to Mr. Mulcahy, Mrs. Kelly and to everyone in the class for being so nice to me. I hope I will keep in contact with everyone in the class

**Jack Dillon Rampersaud:** I want to thank all the teachers, staff and SNA's for the past 8 years and to thank all the teachers involved in football and Spikeball and other activities. I've really enjoyed it.

**Mark Doyle:** I would like to thank the teachers for helping me learn the things I know today.



**Greta Giardini:** Don't stop believing! Keep trying and trying because in the end you will make it. This is a very important lesson that I learned in primary school. I would like to thank all my teachers, my principal, Ms. Lohan and all my friends for being by my side and helping me.

**Daniel Hudson Dolan:** To all my class mates and teachers, I thank you for a wonderful 8 years from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class, for all the school tours and the work you put in for us. Thank you again

**Alannah Hyland:** Thank you to all the teachers and S.N.A's who helped me over these past brilliant eight years. I will never forget Scoil Eoin Phóil.



**Daniella Kelly:** I would love to thank all of my teachers for getting me where I am now. I am grateful for all the teachers who do the fun activities after school for free. I am looking forward to secondary school, but I will miss primary school too.

**Jake Lee:** Thank you to all the teachers for preparing me for secondary school. I had a great time in primary school. I met loads of friends and hopefully they stay with me through secondary school as well

**Luke Mahon:** I would like to thank all the staff and members of Scoil Eoin Phóil for making the 8 years in the school as enjoyable and interesting as possible. Hopefully all of the 6<sup>th</sup> class students have enjoyable and successful years in secondary school. I will hopefully see you all soon.

**Caoimhe Masterson:** My last eight years in Scoil Eoin Phóil have been the best. I hope to have another great 6 years going on to secondary school.



# 6<sup>th</sup> Class

**Lauren McDermot:** Scoil Eoin Phóil is a great school. I made lots of great friends. I have very funny memories of being in Scoil Eoin Phóil. The teachers in Scoil Eoin Phóil are very good at their job. I am really going to miss this school.

**Cara McLaughlin:** I had a really good 8 years in Scoil Eoin Phóil. I had the best possible teachers. I will never forget this school. I will really miss Scoil Eoin Phóil

**Katie McMenamy:** I want to thank all the people who help and support S.E.P. and for everyone who spent their time helping us. I am going to miss this school. Thank you!

**Darragh Melville:** I would like to thank all the teachers and staff of Scoil Eoin Phóil for everything they have done for me. I wish them all the best in their career.

**Keith O'Callaghan:** I hope all the teachers in SEP have a good teaching career.

**William O'Connor:** Follow your dreams because one day they will come true.

**Shelby O'Shea:** I would like to thank all my teachers for all of their support during my time in Scoil Eoin Phóil.

**Alex Quain:** I really enjoyed being in primary school with all my friends and teachers. I would hope to meet every teacher I had in the future.

**Robert Quill:** I would like to thank the school and the teachers, principal, secretary, SNAs, caretaker and the lollypop-lady for the great experience in primary school.



## Farewell

**Kevinas Ramoska:** Thank you for all the years in Scoil Eoin Phóil, the teachers have taught me very well. I will miss all of primary school.

**Florence Sonowo:** I'd like to thank all my lovely teachers and S.N.As; I've had over these eight years, thank you so much. You've helped me so much. It is very weird to think in several days I'll be leaving this school. Thank you!

# THANK YOU!

**Oran Stewart:** Creativity is one of the most important things to a human being and even with a door unlocked, it's always best to use a window. I would like to say thanks to all those who have helped me in primary school.

**Kerri Thornton:** Firstly I would like to thank all the teachers, staff, SNA's and all the students who have helped me over the past 8 years. Primary school has been a great 8 years for me and I really enjoyed it, so thank you.

**Leah Traynor:** I would like to thank all my teachers for all of their help and their support throughout my time in Scoil Eoin Phóil

Today  
*you*  
lead the  
school.

TOMORROW  
YOUR STUDENTS  
WILL LEAD THE  
WORLD.



Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you'll land among the stars.

## Personal Factfile

Name: Simone Hand  
Age: 12  
Favourite colour: Pink  
Favourite book: Rat Buger book  
Favourite food: Subway  
Favourite sport: football  
Favourite movie: Dumb and Dumber  
Favourite TV Show: Pretty Little Liars  
Favourite Band/Singer: 5 Seconds of Summer  
Favourite Song: Break Free  
Top 3 School Subjects: P.E, Maths, Art  
3 words that describe me: Funny, Happy, Kind  
If I was an animal I would be a Tiger

If I could go to dinner with 3 Historical figures/Celebrities?

They would be: 5 Seconds of Summer

If you were stranded on a desert island what three objects would I bring?

Boat, coat, food

What is your favourite memory of primary school?

We did good art

In 20 years' time?

I hope to be a chef

**By Simone Hand, 6<sup>th</sup> class**



## My Fish Likes to Play Baseball

My fish likes to play baseball  
I don't know how he learnt it  
One day he just picked up a bat  
And that's how it all started



He stood on his two tail fins  
And held the bat up high  
He got the frog to throw the bal.  
And hit it to the sky

But on one very terrible day  
The bat landed on his head  
It must have hit him really hard  
Because now the poor thing's dead

**By Kayla Cleary and Hannah Burwise,  
6<sup>th</sup> class**



## Athletics Day

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2015, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes of the three schools went to the Le Chéile Athletics Club. We ran in races such as the one hundred metre race and a four hundred metre race. We also ran a relay race where 4 children from each class were picked to represent the school. From our class the boys were James, Jack, Timmy and Michael and the girls' relay team was Kayla, Rachel, Amy, and Erica. Two people from our class won a medal. Jack came third in the four hundred metres and Kayla came in second place in the same race. The boys' relay team did really well and came second. We went back to school at 1:30 and Mrs Kelly bought us ice pops and we watched a movie. We were all exhausted but had a fantastic day.

**By Kian Fox, 6<sup>th</sup> class**



# School Tours

## Second Class School Tour - Causey Farm



We went on our great school tour to Causey Farm this year. Cian was my partner for the tour. When we first arrived, we went for a little snack. After that we went on an obstacle course a few times. We were going through it very quickly. Then we learned a lot about the bog and how to cut turf. The farmers knew so much about it.



The best part was next when we got to jump into the bog. I was the first one to jump in and we were covered in mud, water and dead trees. We looked like we were covered in chocolate. We had to get changed and have another snack and then we got to meet loads of farm animals. We even ran through a giant hay maze! We had great fun.

**By Darragh Farnan, 2<sup>nd</sup> class**



The **top three** things about our school tour were:

1. We got to go into the chicken area to look at the chickens and in an instant Lucas had accidentally picked one up by the wings instead of by the side. Everyone was laughing!
2. The pigs were great. The adults looked ever so big but the little piglets were having a great sleep.
3. Bog jumping. This was so much fun! We had a brilliant time.

**Causey Farm is the best place we have been to, it was a great tour.**



**By Liam Boland, 2<sup>nd</sup> class**

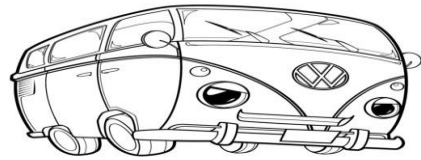
# School Tours

## First Class school tour to Lullymore.

First class went on tour to Lullymore Heritage Park. When we got there our two lovely guides Oisín and John told us all about crannógs and old thatched cottages. Did you know twelve people lived in a very small cottage? One person even slept above the fire. This was the cosiest place to sleep. Then we went on a tour through the forest. We saw a hedge school.



They didn't have an interactive white board!!!! We jumped on the boggy land and learned how a bog is formed. Amrutha said it was like an earthquake when she jumped up and down. We were very excited by the fairy village. We even saw a few fairies. We made wishes around the wishing tree. Isabelle loved the train ride through the bog. We had to sing louder to make the driver go faster.



We had a yummy lunch in the picnic area. Then we had great fun in the indoor play area with all our friends before we went outside and saw all the different animals. We saw goats, llamas, Arabella horses, which are the smallest horses in the world, rabbits, hens, donkeys and lots more! We played in the outdoor playground for a while and had our second lunch before we came home on the bus. Our teachers Mrs Black and Ms Farrell said we were the best behaved classes they have ever taken on tour! Thanks to Mrs Kelly for minding us too! We think it was our best tour yet!!



# News from Senior Infants



**In Senior Infants we have had many fun things to look forward to!**

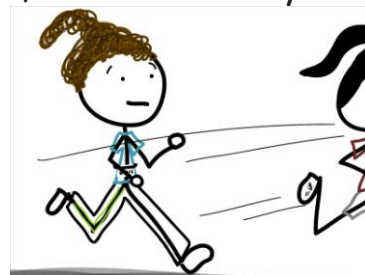
We were all very excited about our school tour to Newgrange Farm. We got to do lots of things like feed the lambs. We played in the hay maze and we drove mini tractors! We held a baby chick, a kitten and a puppy. They were very soft and cute! We went on a trailer ride around the farm where we got to see Larry the Leprachaun's house, Goldilocks' house and even the tooth fairy's palace!!



After all that excitement we had sports day to look forward to next. That was great fun! We learned football and hurling skills, we played on the bouncing castle and, the best part of all was when we got ice-cream, YUMMY! We did an obstacle race where we had to do lots of chores before sitting down to have our tea.



Then we had lots of different races like the sack race and the egg and spoon race. Kamatou was so fast, she won the girls race! Ben was very fast too, he won the boys race!



**After all of that fun, we now have our Summer holidays to look forward to. We are very excited!**

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## Mrs Malins' 5<sup>th</sup> class

### Sports Quiz

1. What Spanish team won the Champions League Final?
2. What well known basketball team did Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan play for?
3. What sport logo is Man United's new sponsor for next season?
4. What sport logo is Ronaldo sponsored by?
5. Who is New England Patriots quarterback?
6. Which company made Fifa 15?
7. What is the name of the striker who plays for PSG and has a ponytail?
8. What Brazilian striker is considered to be one of the greatest footballers who has ever lived?
9. What player is known for biting people?
10. What boxer bit a man's ear off during the match?

By Oscar Leahy 5<sup>th</sup> class Mrs Malin

# History Buffs



## Fact File: Adolf Hitler

In 6<sup>th</sup> class this year we studied World War II and one of the people we studied was Adolf Hitler. Here are some facts about him:

- Hitler was born in Branau Am Inn, Austria on April 20<sup>th</sup> 1889.
- Hitler had only one sibling that survived childhood, Paula Hitler.
- Hitler's parents were Alois and Klara Hitler.
- Hitler was known as "Adi" when he was young.
- Although Hitler attempted to avoid Austrian military service by moving to Munich, Germany in May 1913, Hitler volunteered to serve in the German army once World War I began.
- Hitler endured and survived four years of World War I.
- During this time, he was awarded two Iron Crosses for bravery.
- Furious at Germany's surrender, Hitler returned to Munich after the end of World War I, determined to enter politics.
- Hitler blamed the Jews for many of Germany's issues.
- Hitler called himself the 'Führer'
- Hitler became a dictator and the Nazi rule was known as the Third Reich
- Hitler took the swastika and used it as the Nazi badge. It meant 'good luck'.
- On April 29, 1945, Hitler married his girlfriend, Eva Braun



By James Quigley and Amy Cook,  
6<sup>th</sup> class,

## Fact File: Michael Collins

In History we studied the War of Independence between Ireland and England. We learned that Michael was one of the volunteers. Here are some interesting facts about his life:

- Michael Collins was born on October 16<sup>th</sup> 1890 in Clonakilty, County Cork.
- Eamon De Valera told Michael to sign the Treaty because Ireland was only getting 26 of our counties back. De Valera knew that the Irish people would not be happy with Michael because he signed the Treaty and because of this he ended up being shot.



- Michael was killed in Béal na mBláth in County Cork.
- The headquarters for Irish was the GPO (General Post Office) in Dublin city.



MICHAEL COLLINS  
GENERAL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, NATIONAL ARMY. KILLED IN ACTION, AUGUST, 1922.

By Daragh Byrne, 6<sup>th</sup> class



# School Events

## Sports Day 2015

On Wednesday we had our sports day. We had the bouncy castles, an obstacle course, novelty races, dance, parachute, tag rugby, GAA skills and ice-cream. The best part was being with my friends all day long. Ms. Fadian made groups. The purple team was made up of Evelyn, Lauren, Liam, Megan and Christian. On the blue team we had Orla, Cian, Amy, David and Precious. Ryan, Britany, Aoife, Lucas and Mia made the red team. The orange team was Emma, Darragh, Gabby, Alisha and Mark. On the yellow team there was Sarah, Praneel, Rónán, Oisín and Ella. I was on the green team along with Joe, Carraig, Meryleen and Alison. It was raining for a while but then cleared up. I had a great day and so much fun!

By Anna Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> class



## My First SEP Sports Day

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June I had my first sports day in Scoil Eoin Phóil. I had the best time! First, we did dancing in the hall. It was great fun. Then we went onto the bouncing castle. I was on the green team, it was brilliant. Next, we had little break and then got to get an ice cream. Afterwards, we went to Scoil Mhuire hall and played games with the parachute. The Gaelic skills session was very good in the GAA club and so was the tag rugby on Scoil Bhríde pitch! My favourite part was the novelty races and the obstacle course. I had a terrific day.

By Meryleen Gevorgyan, 2<sup>nd</sup> class



# School Events



## My First Holy Communion

In April I made my First Holy Communion. It was a lovely day and we really enjoyed it. A girl called Inés joined us all the way from Switzerland. I was very excited when we were at the church and felt a little bit nervous too. I brought up the candle for the dressing of the altar. I loved receiving the holy bread. It was such a fun day!

**By Emma Doherty,  
2<sup>nd</sup> class**



It was the First Holy Communion Day for second class on April 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a great day for all of us. I was very excited in the church. I really wanted to taste the holy bread. I had to read the penitential rite at the beginning of the mass. The mass was lovely and afterwards I went to a restaurant, then played on a bouncy castle and tried some of my huge cake! It was a really nice day, my Communion was great!

**By Ella Burke, 2<sup>nd</sup> class**

## The Athletics Day

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June the 3 schools Scoil Eoin Phóil, Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Bhríde had an athletics day for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys and girls at Le Chéile running track. Everybody had to take part in the heats for the 100m and 400m. The winner of each heat got into the final. There were 8 finals in total. The 5<sup>th</sup> class girls and boys; 100m and 400m, the 6<sup>th</sup> class girls and boys; 100m and 400m. It was very competitive and very good fun.



Each school also had a 5<sup>th</sup> and a 6<sup>th</sup> class relay team. I was on the Scoil Eoin Phóil 5<sup>th</sup> class relay team with Thomas, Oscar and Jamie. I ran the first leg and passed it to Oscar who passed it to Thomas and finally it was passed to Jamie, who crossed the line in first place! We won the gold medal we were delighted!

I also won the gold medal in the 400m. In the 100m, I won the gold medal and my friend Harry, won the silver medal. This was another great result for Scoil Eoin Phóil. We had such fun. I hope we do it again next year!

**By Dáire Cullen, 5<sup>th</sup> class,**

# News from the Infants' Classroom



## Our first year in Scoil Eoin Phóil

We have had a busy year since joining Scoil Eoin Phóil in September 2014. Here are some of our class highlights:

- Sitting in groups of 6 and learning our new group names.
- We loved playing interactive games on the whiteboard.
- We worked really hard learning our Jolly Phonics sounds and loved to sing our Jolly songs and jingles.
- Playing with the activities in our groups.



- Going to the halla and learning to play different games.
- We always looked forward to assemblies on Fridays. We had to remember to listen and be quiet.
- On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December we walked to the church to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our 6<sup>th</sup> class minders walked with us.



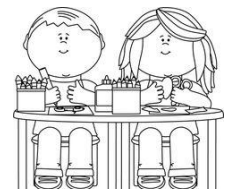
- It was great fun performing for our mums and dads on Open Day. We were a little nervous but we were proud of ourselves.
- We love speaking Gaeilge and going to the office to collect the post.
- We loved writing our own sentences in our copies and drawing pictures about them.

- Using the gymnastics equipment was very scary at first. Then we began to learn lots of skills and enjoyed each lesson.
- We had great fun during team-teaching activities.
- Art on Wednesday was always fun. We did lots of cutting, painting, and marbling and worked with clay.
- We had six sessions with Soccer Marvels! We got lots of exercise and loved working with Coach Eoin and Coach Mary.
- It was so much fun dressing up for World Book Week. There were lots of fun characters in our classroom.
- We spoke lots of Gaeilge for Seachtaine na Gaeilge. We danced with 6<sup>th</sup> Class in the halla and learned two new dances.
- We went to Clonfert Pet Farm on our school-tour. It was fantastic and we were so excited going there on a double-decker bus!
- Our Sports Day was filled with so much fun! We went to the GAA for Gaelic skills and loved the bouncing castles. Our mums and dads gave us lots of cheers for our races.
- We were very proud of ourselves when we started to read library books on our own. We sounded the words and concentrated so hard.



Junior Infants, Ms O' Gorman Room

# News from the Infants' Classroom



## Hooray for Fish!

Story time is a very special time in Room 16. We look forward to hearing a new story each week. One of our favourite stories this year was 'Hooray for Fish' by Lucy Cousins. We read this story in Term 3 to help us learn about the summer. First we imagined what we might see under the ocean and then we read our story. We learned about 'Little Fish' and all of his fishy friends. Little Fish was friends with lots of different fish. Some of his friends were stripy fish, others were spotted fish and others were shell fish.



He loved being friends with everybody. He helped us to learn that all our friends are different. We can learn lots of things from our friends. Afterwards we made our own fishy friends from clay. We put buttons on the fish to make them all different. We were very happy with our new fishy friends.

By Junior Infants, Ms O' Gorman



## Our School Tour to Clonfert Pet Farm

On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June Junior Infants went on their first primary school tour. All the boys and girls were very excited especially when they saw the double-decker bus! We waved goodbye to all the mums and dads as the bus took off. It took us twenty minutes to reach Clonfert Pet Farm. We sang lots of songs on the way and our favourite was 'The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round'! The bus driver beeped the horn for us during the song!

When we arrived we ran to the bouncing castle and played on the outdoor swings and slides. We took turns in our groups playing on all the equipment. We really enjoyed the sandpit and the climbing frame. Then we were brought on a tour around the farm. Erin was our leader and she told us about all the animals. We loved Pippa and George the pigs! They were trying to dig up the field. We saw a large bird called the rhea. It looked like an ostrich. Then we saw some llamas, horses, alpacas and Australian wallabies! We were allowed to feed some of the animals grass, hay and oats. The little lambs were licking our fingers when we bottled fed them. They were very hungry! Afterwards we got to see lots of different birds in little cages. We were so excited getting to drive the go-carts. They were so tricky to peddle! We had to work in pairs to peddle some of the carts. We even had races with each other.



We were very hungry after all our sightseeing. We stopped for lunch in the picnic area and ate all our lunches. We even had some treats. Then we played in the second play area and got on another bouncing castle. Our final activity was the indoor soft play area. We were screaming with laughter chasing our friends around the ball area. It was such a hot day we were sweating! At half past one we stopped for drinks and then packed up for home. We arrived back in Scoil Eoin Phóil at 2pm! We had a fantastic day with all of our friends.

By Junior Infants, Ms O' Gorman

## News from Junior Infants - Mrs Reynolds' Class

What an exciting year we have had in Junior Infants! We have learned so much and we have had so much fun in the process.

Since starting in September we have learned to read our sounds and lots of tricky words! We worked very hard. Mrs Reynolds is so pleased with us!

We love writing sentences in our copies and our writing is so neat! Our pictures are wonderful too and we are sure our parents will enjoy reading all of the wonderful things we have been writing about each week. We had lots of help along the way from Mrs O'Neill and all the parent helpers in our class. We really appreciate their support.

We have read so many interesting books. One of our favourite was 'The Rainbow Fish'. It's all about a very beautiful fish who gives away his scales in order to make friends. We made our own fish in an art lesson. We used bubble wrap and paint to print colourful scales on our fish. Our teacher was so impressed with our printing that she put all of our fish up on the wall outside our classroom. It looked great!

Another favourite set of books we enjoyed are all about a scarecrow called Poldy. He was called Poldy because his arms are made of poles! Every week he and his friends would travel to a new country. We found out so many interesting facts about all sorts of places including Australia, Thailand and China.

In Junior Infants this year we also had fun learning about life on the farm. We found out all about the different animals that live on the farm and all the wonderful things the farmer does to help them to stay healthy and strong. We watched some scenes from 'Tractor Ted' and had great fun drawing a farm house and all the animals we could think of. We also cut carefully along the lines of the farmers rake. The real excitement came, however, when on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June we headed off to Clonfert Pet Farm to see the animals there. We loved every minute we spent exploring the farm, holding the rabbits and feeding the horses! We also loved bouncing on the bouncy castles and singing songs the whole way home. The bus driver even beeped the horn along when we sang the Wheels on the Bus!

Another highlight this year for us all was Sports Day. We loved racing on the grass and carefully trying to balance our potatoes on our spoons! Not to mention the sack race when almost all of us fell over!

From playing with our toys to reading books, learning to write and singing new songs, we've had a wonderful time in Junior Infants. Our teacher says she is very, very proud of our achievements and says that we can look forward to doing lots more exciting things in Senior Infants.



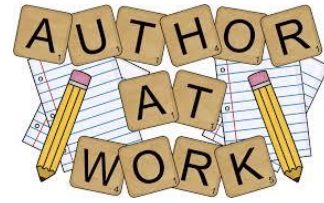
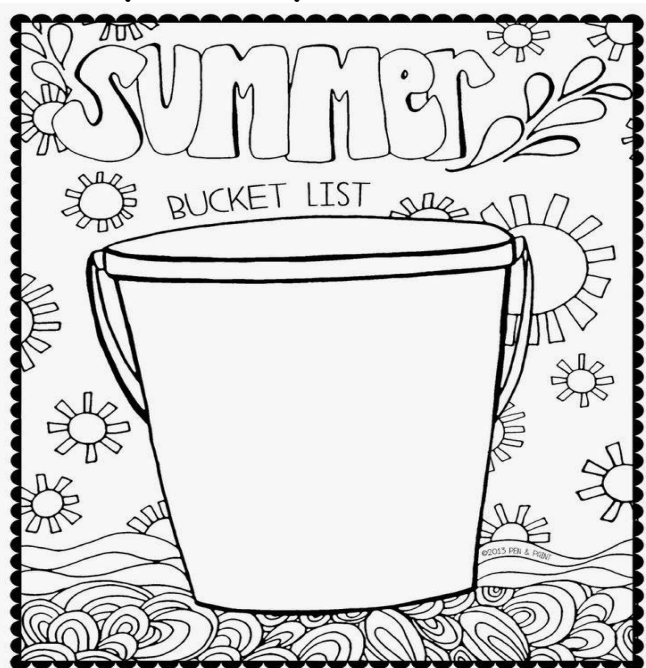


# Creative Writing

**This will be the  
best summer ever!**

I definitely know what I'm doing this summer! I'm going to fly up into space, jump as high as a kangaroo, go to Spain, go to Pakistan, sell lemonade, meet Britney Spears, make a massive sand castle to live in, make cupcakes, eat glaze cherries all day, go to the zoo, ride a tiger, have a massive water fight in the swimming pool in Spain, ride two bikes at the same time, eat the seeds of a watermelon to make a watermelon grow in my tummy, go on a massive shopping spree and get whatever I want, jump out of a plane, go swimming in the Great Barrier Reef, go on a 20km run, go to KFC for dinner 3 times a week and get all the Nike shoes in the world. If only I could convince my parents to let me...

**By Katie Byrne, 4<sup>th</sup> class**



## **My Life in 4<sup>th</sup> class**

My life in 4<sup>th</sup> class has been the best, but I have mostly loved Ms. Phillips helping us. I learned new things I didn't know. I didn't know something in maths, then Ms. Phillips helped me and I got it right. I know lots of maths now because Ms. Phillips helped me. We did lots of fun things with Ms. Phillips. Ms. Phillips is really nice and she's my favourite teacher. We get to read books after lunch like Harry Potter, Roald Dahl and other books. My favourite subject in school is maths now.



I like learning new things, reading books, doing maths and English. We learned new things like long multiplication, division and maths problems. I don't want to leave 4<sup>th</sup> class. I really like 4<sup>th</sup> class.

**By Akira, 4<sup>th</sup> class,**

# ACTIVITIES



## Summer Word Search

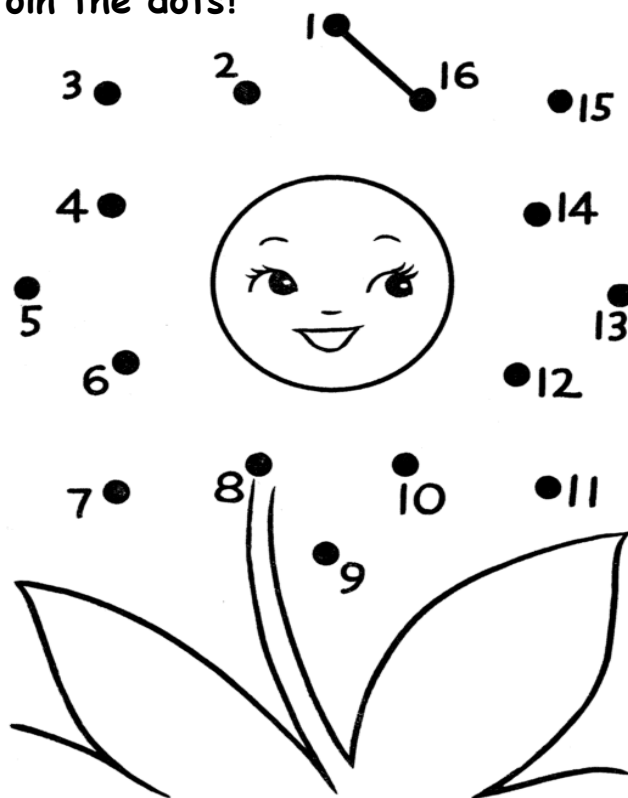


BEACH  
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SUMMER  
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WATER



## Join the dots!



## Summer Fun!

The Webb family was trying to plan their summer activities but they got all mixed up. Can you help them unscramble all of their ideas of things to do and places to go this summer?

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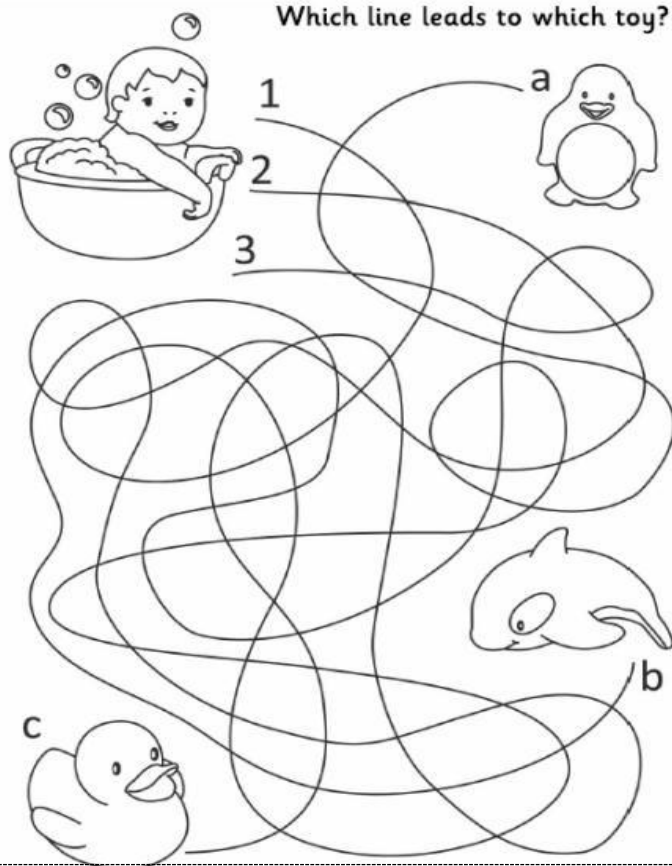
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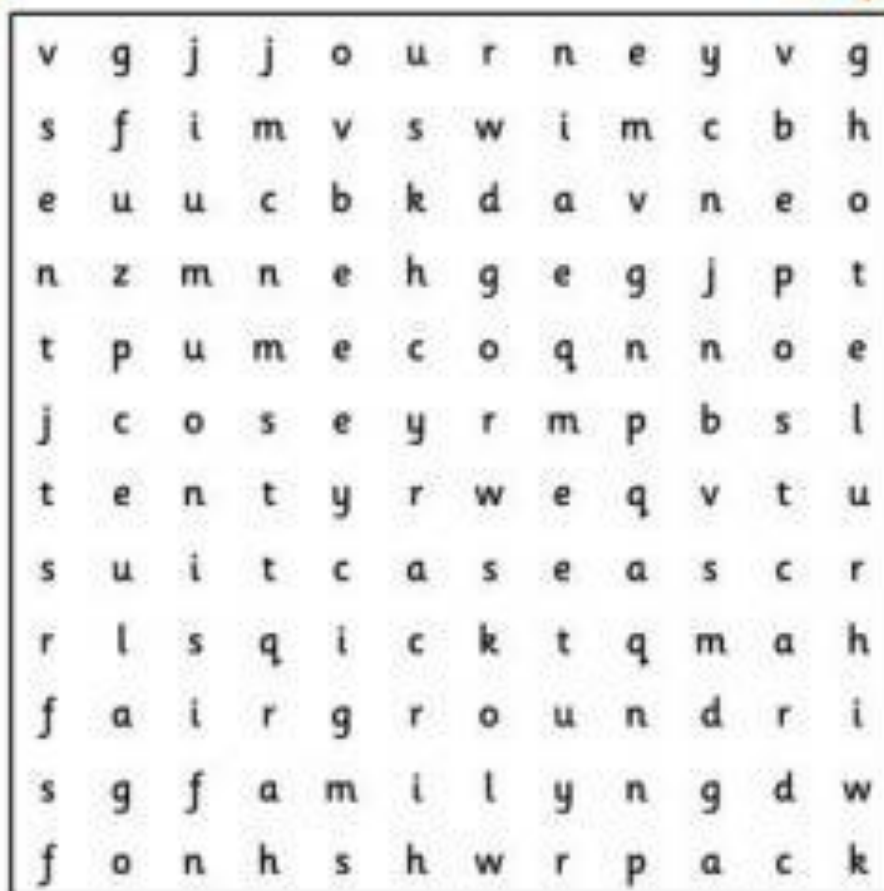




# Word Search



## Summer Vacation Word Search



fairground

family

fun

hotel

icecream

journey

pack

postcard

suitcase

summer

swim

tent

# Sport



## Camogie

Camogie this year was fantastic with Ms. Smyth and Ms. Phillips. There were too many 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class so we had to split the classes into two groups. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class played for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class played after Christmas. At the end of the year we all joined together for a blitz with Ms. Smyth, Ms. Phillips and Ms. Black. I won a medal on the last day. I had great fun all through the year.

By Cassandra Barbu, 4<sup>th</sup> class



## Rugby

I play for Barnhall rugby football club. We had a very good season. I played my first match against Kilmaoun. I didn't get to play North Kildare that day because it was lashing rain and there were hailstones. My next game was against Mullingar where we destroyed them 8-7, 5-2 and 3-0.

After that we played against Navan where we lost 2 matches out of 3. Then we played Wesley.



We hammered them 7-1 in the first match. The next had the most awful referee ever! He said three of Wesley's knock-ons were tries and said we were coming in on the side of a rook but he let them away with doing the same. My next and last three games 2 were cancelled but I got to play Naas where we won 2 out of 3 matches. It was on the day after Ireland beat Scotland with a score of 40-10. The referee of the match was from Scotland. He told us not to make fun of Scotland before we played. At the end of the season we got medals from two women from the Irish rugby team. We saw the women's RBS six nations' trophy. Afterwards I played rugby with my friend Billy

By James Gray, 4<sup>th</sup> class

# Sport



## Handball

This year for PE an instructor from Handball came into our school to show us how to play Handball and left us all a form to fill in if we would like to join up and play. We got an email a few weeks later to tell us we had got a place and to come on Friday to start training. Our trainers were Niamh and Ciara and they were very friendly and kind and showed us how to warm up properly and then how to play Handball through playing fun games and exercises.

David, James, Kate, Amy, Calum and Darragh from my class were in my group for Friday training. We had so much fun training with Ciara and Niamh, Ciara is Kates sister and Kates mam Angie also helped us out. We were allowed to wear our PE tracksuit every Friday in school because training was straight after school in the Handball court in the GAA club. This was really cool as the other people in our class had to wear their normal school uniform.



We trained for four weeks for an hour each time and we improved each time. We are finished now for the summer time but in September we will a get phone call to come back and start back training and if we practise hard again we will get a place on the Leixlip Handball team



## Gaelic Football



Gaelic football is great. I love it. It's great fun and we have played with our teacher and some other GAA coaches in school. You can pick up the ball, solo it and hand pass it. We have practised kicking, catching, soloing and hopping the ball. We took a few shots on the goals and some people scored. I had a great time playing Gaelic football!

By Mark Maguire, 2<sup>nd</sup> class

# Did you Know?

## Hayfever

Hayfever is an allergy to pollen. Pollen is released from grass, trees and plants, in summer. When you suffer from hayfever you can get itch eyes, runny eyes, a runny nose or a blocked nose. Some people can get a sore throat or a cough.

### Here are some tips for sufferers of hayfever this summer:

- ❖ Wear a baseball hat and sunglasses when playing outside. This keeps pollen from getting in yours eyes.
- ❖ Put Vaseline around the edge of your nose, to stop pollen from getting into your nose.
- ❖ Don't roll in the grass
- ❖ Keep bedroom windows closed at night, to stop pollen coming into your room.
- ❖ Don't let hayfever stop you from enjoying the summer!

By Callum Costello, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class



## Peregrine Falcons

Peregrine falcons travel more than 25,000 kilometres each year! It uses its claws to kill its prey. The Indo-Pacific sailfish is the fastest sea animal. It lives in the Pacific Ocean. It was very interesting to learn all about Superfast Animals!

3<sup>rd</sup> Class, Ms. O'Shea



## Message from P.T.A

Thank you for your support of our various activities this year. Some of the activities we organised this year were the Book Fair, School calendars, Christmas Fair (our first!) communion teas, graduation teas and presentations, pupil/accident insurance, quiz night, sponsored walk, parents talks etc etc.

Should you have any suggestions for the P.T.A or would like to be involved please have a look at the website: [leixlippta.ie](http://leixlippta.ie)

### Christmas Fair

We know it's months away (November 29<sup>th</sup> !) but we ask you to put aside any 'donations' which you think would be appropriate for the fair - bric a brac, uniforms in good condition, books etc.

We want to make our 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fair bigger and better than our first!

With grateful thanks.

P.T.A committee



# **Best of Luck and Have a Great Summer**

A huge thank you to all the teachers in Scoil Eoin Phóil who show such care and concern for their pupils.

We also thank them for giving their time freely after school to run spikeball, camogie, choir, football, homework club, basketball etc..

And finally !



**Imelda Lohan.**  
**Principal.**

**Mary Hanlon.**  
**Chairperson B.O.M**