



BUNSCOIL FUN!

SÍOLTA BEAGA GO ON A GREAT TRIP TO CORK CITY!

Bright and early on Thursday the 31st May, we boarded the Expressway bus in Youghal. We were bound for Cork City. We had been counting down the days until our school tour to Cork and were filled with anticipation at the thought of the big adventure that lay ahead of us. The first stop on our tour was Anglesea Street Fire Station. It is without a doubt the coolest fire station in all of Cork! One of the officers met us at the door and gave us a tour of the whole station. He was a fantastic guide. We got to climb aboard two different fire engines and try out all

of the fascinating equipment. We used the thermal imaging camera, the oxygen masks and even had a turn at using the special radios. One of our favourite parts of the visit was getting to dress up as firemen, we especially liked wearing the really big boots and the yellow helmets. We were given presents of torches and pencils at the end of our visit. Our morning at Anglesea Street Fire Station was a very memorable one! We squeezed a lot into our time in the city. We also visited the City Hall, the Crawford Art Gallery and the English Market where we saw a

rather fierce looking fish called a John Dory. We did our shopping in Dealz and dined in McDonalds. Finally we hopped onto a double decker bus on Patrick's Street and got a spin over to Kent Station where we waited patiently on Platform 1 for the Midleton train to arrive. For many of us, it was our first train ride so we were very excited. We enjoyed whizzing along the tracks to Midleton. Our Mammies and Daddies were on the platform when the train pulled in, waiting eagerly to hear all about our adventures!

A GREAT CORK CITY SPORTS REPORT FROM JESS, MAEVE & SORCHA

On the 1st of June we went to the Cork City Sports. We left our school at 7:30 in the morning. We all got on the bus ready to go up to C.I.T. where it was held. On the way up we had to put on our singlets and numbers. When we got there we sat in section six waiting for the races to start. There were runners from 1st Class to 6th Class. It went from oldest to

youngest in the sprints and relays. Unfortunately none of our runners came out victorious. Then we went over to the track to watch the relays. There were two relays teams; one was junior and the other senior. The junior team went first and ran very well but unfortunately did not place. The seniors lined up and ran really well but the same happened and they did not

place. When we all met up after the relay we headed back to the bus. We were all a bit sad but Ms. Hickey cheered us up by saying we can get ice-cream. After we took off our singlets and numbers. We stopped at a shop and we all got 99's. We all had a great day out and all runners ran very well.

By Jess Kelly, Maeve Kelly & Sorcha Kilgannon

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A FEW WORDS FROM MR. O'NEILL

Dear Parents/Guardians, girls and boys and everyone involved with BunscoilMhuire, it is now getting ever closer to the Summer break! The weather has been great recently after a long and hard Winter that never seemed to end. Remember to use lots of sunscreen and to always be safety aware around water. Never swim on your own and always stay close to the shore. Hopefully the Summer will be good as everyone needs a good spell of nice weather. We have the Sports Day coming up on Friday, fingers crossed that it stays dry for the day. Many thanks to all the staff and all the parent volunteers who help on the day. Thanks to Ms. Leamy for organising the day's events! It has been a very busy year at Bunscoil Mhuire with many successful educational programmes taking place in the school. All of these initiatives such as Literacy Lift-Off, Aistear and team teaching in Maths, to name a few, take a lot of manpower and organisation but they reap huge benefits in the education we provide to our pupils. We hope to continue to roll out these programmes and to build on the success of the school reaching out to engage with new ways to help our pupils reach their full potential while in our care. We are looking at Roots of Empathy as a new initiative for next

year. This programme is new to Youghal and will be carried out in partnership with Barnardos. This is a Canadian based initiative which teaches empathy amongst pupils as they interact and learn about the needs of a small baby. We need a mum with a Summer baby to volunteer for this programme. It would be nice for someone connected with the school to volunteer. Please contact the school if you are in a position to volunteer. This would not need a huge level of commitment on your behalf but would involve a few school visits for you and your baby. Many schools have been involved in the programme and have seen massive benefits and we are looking forward to taking part in the next school year. Many thanks to all of the teachers and the S.N.A.'s who made such a huge contribution to the successful year here at Bunscoil Mhuire. Many thanks to Carmel for her hard work in the office and to Halina, Tim and Tom for all the work done around the school and the yard. Thanks also are due to our hard working and very supportive Board of Management and also to our Parents' Association for all the support they have given the school throughout the year. The huge success of the Bingo night was one of the highlights of the year and it provided welcome funds for our drive towards making our school digitally

proficient with pupils and class teachers having access to iPads that link in with the interactive whiteboards. As part of the School Self-Evaluation programme of the Department of Education and Science we will be focusing in on Oral Language next year. Maths and English were our focus before and we are now seeking to build on previous success by focusing on Oral Language. This is a way that the school can focus in on areas of the curriculum and see how we can improve the way we deliver it to our pupils. We are proud to announce that we are opening a new Early Intervention Unit at our school in September. This is already full and provides six places for young children with ASD from our community. It provides employment for a teacher and two S.N.A.'s also. It is part of the focus of our school to reach out and to provide care and support for everyone in our community no matter their background or their abilities. Have a great Summer and we hope to see you all back again on the 30th of August! We wish all our Sixth Class pupils the very best of luck next year as they leave us to attend secondary education. It has been a pleasure to have them at Bunscoil Mhuire and we will miss them! Le deaghúí,
Eoghan Rua Ó Néill, Príomhoide.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

As we approach yet again the end of another school year, we the Parents' Association would like to thank each and every person who helped out or contributed to our Parents' Association fundraising events. We had a most successful year with up to €16,000 going back into the school. This money is used to provide new computers. Each child in the school will reap the rewards as a result of funds

raised. We would also like to thank the people who provide the cookery classes each Tuesday morning. The Parents' Association is continually building its relationship with parents, students and the school. We would encourage any parent to become involved in the association. We are always looking for new members. If you are not in a position to join the committee but would like to help out please do

not hesitate to let us know. We hope everyone has a fun filled summer.



OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We made our First Communion at the Holy Family Church on Saturday the 12th of May. Our Communion was a great day. We had the best weather and we were so happy. On the day, we all had our own special jobs, Ryan's job was to carry the wine up to the altar, Adam's job was reading for the preparation of the Gospel and Andrea's job was to sing the song "I Will Be the Wine". We all got to wear a special outfit, the boys wore suits and the girls wore dresses. It was lovely. We had a photographer who took photos for the Youghal News and the East

Cork Journal. Someone also recorded the video footage so we can look at it. We all celebrated after the mass in the hall and had some sweets. Everyone was very proud of us on our First Communion and we were all very happy on the day.

By Ryan Coleman, Adam Hayes & Andrea Aleman (Ms. Mulcahy's Second Class)

On my Communion I got up very early and got ready. The mass started a few minutes after we got to the church. Fr Winkle was the priest. My job was singing and

Ms Mulcahy helped us to learn the words. I received the Body of Christ. Lots of teachers helped us hang up our art. We practised with a lot of teachers.

By Alfie Russell (Mrs. Leamy's Second Class)



OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

On the 12th of May we made our First Holy Communion. Ms Mulcahy, the music teacher, helped us with all the songs. We all had a job. My job was to lift the candles to the altar. My best friend Dominik had a job to say a prayer of the faithful. After the mass we had sweets and drinks and we took photos in the hall of the church.

By Gabriel Inicki (Mrs. Leamy's Second Class)

I got my Communion on the 12th of May. We had so much fun. All of my cousins came. Everyone loved my dress. All of my friends had such nice dresses too. Everyone wanted a photo. The morning of my Communion I got my hair done. Then I had pancakes. Then I put

on my dress and shoes and I got some photos with my Mam, Dad, sister and brother. I got lots of cards. My cousins came from England. They left on the Sunday and we were all crying. On the morning I got my Communion I was SO excited.

By Abbie McCarthy (Mrs. Leamy's Second Class)

GREAT FUN ON OUR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

We had our school sports day last Friday. We had the best fun ever. The weather was nice and dry. We played lots of games in Green Park like the wheelbarrow race, the three legged race, relays, hula hoop games and

lots more. We played football target games in the school yard. There was a big eliminator bouncy castle in the school garden and that was the best fun ever. There was a bouncy castle in the hall for the younger classes.

We got ice creams in the yard at break time. We also got to have a half day because it was sports day!



OUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE

My Hopes and Dreams for the Future are to get better at my Irish and Maths. I want to be a basketball player. If that doesn't work I want to be a programmer. I want my family to have lots of money. I want lots of money to give to the poor and other people who need money. I want to live in a good house with a lovely wife with good wonderful kids. I want to be the best at games and subjects so if someone needs help I will help them. If my friends cannot buy a house or need something I will give them the money for it. When I'm older and mature I will buy a cool

car. If my brother wants a house I will kindly give him the money and a new console if needed. I want to travel the world and meet people with disabilities and give them money for staying strong. When I'm older I want to try out new foods.

By Wesley Tabize (Ms. Hurney's Sixth Class)

I would like to travel to different countries around the world. I think it would be fun to see a lot of different places. I would like to be a doctor so I could help people who are sick. I would like to travel to

places like Canada, Australia, Italy and America. When I retire from being a doctor I would like to be an author. I would like to write children's fantasy books as they seem the most exciting to write. I would like to have two or three dogs when I'm finished travelling and I am mostly at home. At around that same time I would like to adopt four children. I would like to live in an estate so there would be other houses around our one so they could have friends at home.

By Kate Harrington (Ms. Hurney's Sixth Class)

WATER SAFETY WITH THE COAST GUARDS

Last week all of the classes in the school got to go over to the Coast Guard Station to meet some of the Coast Guards and learn all about water safety. We got to see some of the equipment and their jeep. Some of the teachers and S.N.A.'s had to take part in demonstrations so we could see how they help peo-

ple when they do get into difficulty. It's very important to respect the water, obey the flags on the beach and listen to the life-guards. Never swim alone and never go out over your depth. Some places might look like they are safe but if you see a red flag keep out of that area. The red flag

means it is much too dangerous to be in the water there. When you are on a boat or a dinghy or taking part in water sports it is really important to wear a proper life jacket. Please be safe while you are around water and look after yourselves and your friends.

MY HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE

When I am older I hope to build a house in Youghal. It will be three stories high with five bedrooms. I will turn one bedroom into a guest room and one into a cinema room. I will have a huge back garden with a pool and a slide from my attic to the pool. I want to do well in secondary school, get enough points to be a nurse and to college in Cork. I want

to be a midwife or a neo-natal nurse. After I have a house and a good job I want to travel the world. First I want to go to Rome and live there for a while and learn some Italian. Then I want to go to Hawaii for a while. After that I will go home. I hope to still have the close friends I make in secondary school when I am older. I really want to go sky diving

with my friends. Also I want to go to a dolphin show and go swimming with dolphins. I want to go inside the Statue of Liberty, go scuba diving, para sailing and just to have lots of fun in life.

By Ciara Wood (Ms. Edmond's Sixth Class)

JACK FREYNE'S SCHOOL TOUR REPORT!

For our school tour we went to Dunmore East Adventure Centre. We had to be on the bus by quarter to eight so most people got up at six o'clock! Once we got to school the teacher counted us all and when everyone was there we all got on the bus. Everyone was so excited but we were on the bus for almost an hour. When we got there a man told us what we would be doing. The activities were archery, caving, rock climbing, kayaking and there was a giant obstacle course in the water called Wibit. We did all the land activities first. First we did archery. Only Oisín got a bull's-eye I think.

Then we played some games like which team would get all the colours first. After we did caving. That was my favourite. I think it was most people's too. We were crawling through holes and caves, then we did rock climbing on the outdoor one. It was as tall as a tower. Zuzanna and Kellie were the only ones who got to the top. When Kellie was on the way down her shoe got caught on a metal hook and she was hanging by her shoe! We did the water activities. We got into our wet suits. They were so hard to put on but once we got into them we were fine. We did the Wibit first. Most

people fell into the water but it was funny. Then we did kayaking. It was so much fun. We were crashing into each other. When we went home we slept on the bus. We were so tired but we had a great day!

By Jack Freyne (Ms. Hurney's Sixth Class)



FIFTH CLASS HEAD OFF TO SPIKE ISLAND!

Our school tour was on 31st of May. On our school tour we went to Spike Island. To start our day off we left school at nine to go to Cobh. We went to the play ground up in Cobh before our ferry. Our ferry didn't take that long but finally when we got there we learned a bit about the island. Then we were introduced to our tour guide, his name was Jamie. He told us more about the island. We went around and we saw all the cells and mannequins then we had spare time. In our spare time we ate food and most people

played bulldog takedown. Then Mr. White brought a lot of people up to all the cannons and there were also tunnels up there. Most of us went through the tunnel the first time. Rob (Ronan O'Brien) was banging the roof thing and we had a heart attack. Then we went orienteering but it wasn't that good cause the man told us where everything was. Then Mr. White came and brought us down to the soccer pitch. We played racing games and cups and saucers. Sadly the obstacle course wasn't built yet. Then we waited for the

ferry to come. It took a while to get over but when it did come we went home and got home safely, thank God.

By Ronan O'Brien and Ellie McCleverty (Mr. White's Fifth Class)



AFTER ALL IT'S ALL ABOUT FRIENDSHIP!

Mr. White's Fifth Class made a video about positivity and friendship. The song was called After All by The Frank and Walters who are from Cork. In the video a few people had a fight but then they made up and eve-

ryone was dancing and having fun. After we made the video and put it up on YouTube, TV3 came and did an interview with us. It was on television on the news! A few people were interviewed and talked about what the video

was about and that it was very fun!

By Emma O'Brien (Mr. White's Fifth Class)



GREAT FUN GETTING FIT WITH OUR TRAINER!

After Easter we had a visit from a trainer. He explained that all the children could do everything. He asked everyone to find a space on the mats and we did, we stood on them. They were all different colours. First he put on some nice and fun music everybody liked. He said "Everybody let's do some exercises" so we did jumping jacks, push ups and stuff. He handed out these red, yellow and other coloured hurdles. One line jumped side to side and front to back, all the lines switched. We were all tired but we kept on going. We were having lots of fun. The music kept on switching too..... we were so, so tired!! We went back to class then.

By Isabella Sujmanska (Ms. Llewellyn's Third Class)

First we did jumping jacks. We had some music on too. Then we did some dancing. After that, we used some fun equipment. We also had foam mats to work on for exercises. The equipment we used were foam rollers, cones, wobble boards and hurdles. We jumped

over the hurdles Ronaldo style. On the wobble boards we had to squat. We also used the foam rollers where you put it on your shin and rolled along the floor. Our trainer called it a sumo squat. It was fun. Although the push ups and sit ups were hard it was all great fun!

By Alex Hennessy (Ms. Llewellyn's Third Class)

On the 10th of April we had our School Fitness session. Everybody was so excited. As soon as we got down to the hall it looked so exciting. There were foam mats, wobble boards, music, foam rollers, hurdles and cones. First of all we did a warm up it was so, so fun. We did balancing. We balanced a cone on our heads, it was a bit tricky but super fun. Next we did dancing. It was kind of exercise dancing. It got faster and faster until it stopped. Then we did stuff like warm ups and we did jumping jacks, push ups and sit ups. After that we jumped the hurdles. On the blue hurdles we did the Ronaldo spins. Then we jumped yellow hurdles and on

them we jumped side to side. Next we did the red hurdles and we jumped forwards and backwards. Then we balanced on the wobble boards. Soon enough it was time for the foam rollers where we had to put our shins on them and roll. It ended, we were exhausted but it was great fun!!

By Grace Callaghan (Ms. Llewellyn's Third Class)

First we did twenty five jumping jacks. After that we put cones on our heads. We did loads of fun stuff with it on our heads. Next we did push-ups and sit-ups. We did about ten each. Fourth we had hurdles, foam rollers and wobble boards. We also did sumo squats. The trainer put on very cool music and we exercised; all on foam mats. It took thirty minutes and it was so much FUN!! I was a little tired and sore but I wish I could do it again.

By Eve Kirwan (Ms. Llewellyn's Third Class)

Get Fit

RIGHT DOWN TO THE WIRE FOR THE C.R.Y. QUIZ

In school we all had to have a small quiz to see who would be on the team. When we were finished we had to have another quiz because there were so many people who drew with each other. So we had to do another to see who was on the team. In Mr. White's class we had Ryan, Stevie, Ralph, and Ruairí. From Ms. Butler's and Ms. Hegarty's class we had Oisín, Laura, Killian and Melissa on the team. We had eight people who were on the team but only four played and the rest were subs. Over the weeks we had practiced almost every day.

They helped us practise and make a team of four for the real Brain Blaster Quiz. It was good having eight people because we could practise playing against four people. On the day of the quiz we were really excited to play. The team was announced. The people were Oisín, Laura, Ruairí and Stevie. The rest were subs on the team. Then we went to the G.A.A. where the quiz was held. There was another team who looked like Sixth Class but they were all Fifth Class. It was a tight match between them and us. It was all to play for at the last question but

unfortunately we lost but it was fun anyway.

By Ralph Cashman (Mr. White's Fifth Class)



GROOVIN' WITH FERGAL ON THE DRUMS

We were so excited when we heard that Fergal was coming to teach us drumming. We had so much fun last year that we couldn't wait to do it all again. We were all allowed to choose a drum to play and we got lots of chances to try different drums during the workshop. There were lots of different

types of drums, even a drum we could sit on. Fergal taught us some rhythms and we played them together. It sounded great. Our favourite part of the workshop was when Fergal asked us to bang our drums, one after the other, around in a circle. Ms. Hannon was timing us on a stopwatch and we were try-

ing our best to go as fast as we could. We had so much fun. We are already looking forward to next year.

Ms. Hannon's First Class



FOURTH CLASS GO SWIMMING!

In the Spring we went swimming. We packed our bags with a towel, a cap, goggles and we wore our swimming togs under our tracksuits. At eleven o'clock we went on the bus to Aura. We went into the dressing rooms to get changed. We took a shower before we went into the pool. There were five groups.

Then we went into our groups. We started swimming. At the end of the lesson we got to play. Then we got changed with our friends. We learned so much at the end of our six weeks. Thank you to all of our coaches for teaching us to swim. Thank you to the teachers for bringing us to

our swimming lessons once a week for six weeks straight. A big thanks to our principal too.

By Áine O'Brien & Alicia Meehan (Ms. Harrington's Fourth Class)



LATOYA LEARNS ABOUT SIGN LANGUAGE

I have been learning sign language with the last few weeks. The sign language I have been learning is called ASL (American Sign Language). There are different types of sign language and I will be learning BSL (British Sign Language) and ESL (English Sign Language) next. I wanted to learn sign language because I find it really

interesting and I want to work with deaf children and help their parents to learn it when I am older. It is very important to know how to do sign language because lots of children are born deaf or have accidents that make them lose their hearing. I want to be able to communicate with any girl or boy that comes into my school.

I love learning sign language. My favourite signs to make are abc's and the love sign.

By Latoya Lewis (Ms. Hickey's Fourth Class)



PITCH AND PUTT FOR FIFTH CLASS

Fifth Class went to Pitch and Putt for two days over two weeks. We walked to it and walked back to school again afterwards. Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Hegarty, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. White and Ms. Power went with us. There were four coaches at the pitch and putt club when we went out

there. Each one of them took a different group of us. They taught us how to pitch, chip and putt. The golf clubs we used were pitching wedges and we used a putter. The weather was very good on the days we went out there. It was extremely good overall. We really enjoyed it.

*By Oisín O'Connell
(Mrs. Butler & Mrs. Hegarty's Fifth Class)*



CORK CITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CLUB

On Friday June the 8th the staff and pupils of Bunscoil Mhuire, O'Brien's Place, Youghal held a coin trail fundraiser for the Cork City Children's Hospital Club. The students donated €1 and €2 coins for

this worthy cause. Evan Hennessy, Shane Landers and Izzy O'Connell; pupils in Bunscoil Mhuire have all benefited from this charitable organization. Great fun was had by all and many thanks to everyone

who donated. A total of €357.30 was raised.



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MY HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE

I want to go to secondary school and take Art, Business and French. I would like to do Transition Year and try my best for my Leaving Cert (maybe even in French!) After all of that I want to go to college either in Canada or France to major in art, business or journalism. From there I want to start my own business

with either an online news site or an interior design company. I would like to live in an apartment in either Paris or Montreal. Then as my business grows so will my house as I plan to have a family by adopting three kids.

By Abi Kitson (Ms. Hurney's Sixth Class)

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

—Walt Disney

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SCHOOL CLOSURES 2018–2019

School will open on Thursday 30th August 2018. School will finish at 12.45pm on this day.

Hallowe'en Mid-Term Break: School will close on Friday October 26th 2018 at 2.45pm and will re-open on Monday 5th November 2018.

Christmas Holidays: School will close on Friday 21st December at 12 noon and will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019.

Mid-Term Break: School will

close on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 2.45pm and will re-open on Monday 25th February 2019.

St. Patrick's Weekend: School will close on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 2.45pm and will re-open on Tuesday 19th 2019.

Easter Holidays: School will close on Friday 12th April 2019 at 12 noon and will re-open on Monday 29th April 2019.

May Bank Holiday: School will close on Friday 3rd May 2019 at 2.45pm and will re-open on

Tuesday 7th May 2019.

June Bank Holiday: School will close on Friday 31st May 2019 at 2.45pm and will re-open on Wednesday 5th June 2019.

Summer Holidays: School will close on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 12 noon.

