



September 2011-June 2012

Olympic Torch

To finish off the year, the Olympic Torch was brought to our school. We were very lucky to be able to see it and get our photograph taken with it. We will be looking out for the torch in London this summer at the Olympics.

Sports Day

The Sports Day was a great success and thankfully the weather stayed dry. We started off the day with a fantastic Olympic parade. The junior infants and first classes started us off on Monday with a colourful display of flags and banners. The senior infants and second classes showed off their country colours on Tuesday. Each class represented a country from around the world to highlight our wonderful cultural diversity. Mrs Cummins class were Portugal, Ms Kelly showed her home roots by supporting Australia and Mrs Anderson's class proudly showed off their Irish colours! Well done to all. Also a big thank you to Mrs Tobin for arranging the whole day and for keeping the rain away!

First Holy Communion

Well done to all the second class children who made their First Holy Communion on the 19th May. You all looked wonderful on the day and sang so well in the church. You made all the teachers, your parents, your families and friends very proud. A big thank you to the choir who sang beautifully on the day and to the second class teachers, Ms Kelly, Ms Meehan, Mr Donovan and Mr Walsh for all their hard work.

Garda Visit

Garda Michael and Garda Sarah came in to visit the boys and girls in school. They told us all about being safe when we are out playing with our friends. We must remember our Safe Cross Code and always hold a grown up's hand when crossing the road. They also told us that it is very important that we know our home address in case we ever got lost. We know to dial 999 if we need their help.

Cake Sale

The cake sale was once again a great success and managed to raise €1280. This money will go towards purchasing new ICT equipment for the school. A big thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day and to everyone that brought in all the delicious treats.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl. Bhí a lán rudaí difriúil ag tarlú sa scoil. Bhí comórtas ealaín ar na seanfhocail ar an Luain agus bhí Lá Glas ann ar an 16ú Márta. Bhí ceolchoirm ar siúl ar an lá seo le amhráin nó rann ó gach rang.

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge on 5ú - 17ú Márta. On Monday we held a "comórtas ealaín ar na seanfhocail." Children were asked to pick a seanfhocail (old Irish saying) and draw and colour a matching picture. Judging was very difficult but teachers eventually chose the best entry from their class. Everyone who participated in the competition received a wristband and each winner received a small prize. Winning entries are displayed in the P.E. hall for everyone to admire. As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, children from different classes are read out "an aimsir" daily for the whole school to hear.

To finish up the two weeks, we had Lá Glas on Friday 16ú Márta and each class performed a song or poem for their peers. We loved wearing our green clothes to school that day and are so proud to be Irish!

World Book Day

S.S. Peter & Paul JNS celebrated World Book Day in style on the 1st of March. There was a school wide competition held to mark the special day. Each pupil could draw their favourite book character or write a book review. The standard was very high and judging proved very difficult. There was great excitement throughout the school as the winners were announced. Junior Infant winners were Aaron, Ariana, Sarah and Jayk. Senior Infant winners were Ella, Ethan, Tobi and Abbie. First Class winners were Emma, Craig, Aoife and Emma. Second Class winners were Dami, Ben, Simisola and Joshua. Each winner got to choose a new book. Other classes visited Balbriggan library, brought in their favourite book to share with their classmates, enjoyed book quizzes and other reading activities. Remember one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is a passion for reading. That passion is clear to see in S.S. Peter & Paul's!

SS Peter and Paul JNS wins Scoilnet Star

We were over the moon with the news that our school website, which has only been up and running for less than a year, has just won Scoilnet Star School Website. This is what they said about it..

"Gives a fantastic feel for what is going on in the school. Class pages are great with images and children's work."

Thanks to everyone involved and a big thank you to Ms Burns for all her hard work setting it up and keeping it updated.

UP THE DUBS!



There was great excitement in the school when the Sam Maguire Cup came to visit. Two of the Dublin players brought it in to show everybody. We all wore our Dublin colours and are very proud of our county. One day maybe someone from our school will lift the cup again for Dublin at Croke Park!

Farewell Ms Mullarkey

It's with a heavy heart that we bid so long, farewell and good luck to Ms. Mullarkey who will be leaving us for pastures new this week. Ms. Mullarkey has taught in SS. Peter & Paul JNS for six years and has been a highly valued member of our school community. She is moving on to a new challenge in her native Roscommon as principal of a small, country school. We wish her luck in her new position and health and happiness for the years ahead. Go n-eirí an bother leat Catherine!

Christmas Plays

Thank you to the pupils, teachers, SNAs and staff members for their hard work in the run up to the Christmas plays. The weeks of practice really paid off and each and every play was absolutely fantastic. Thank you to all the parents & family members who attended each show. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did and hope you treasure the memories for many years to come.

Competition Winners

Big congratulations to Nicholas Silva Horvat in Ms Kelly's 2nd Class who was a winner in the Colgate Art Competition. His picture will appear in their 2012 calendar. Colgate came to the school with Newstalk radio station to interview Nicholas and his class and gave them lots of healthy goodies. There was also a winner in Ms Meehan's class. Leah Marry won the Fingal Litter Competition and her picture will appear in their 2012 calendar. Well done to both of you!

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair was extremely well supported this year. There was a really fantastic selection of books on offer. Thanks to all the children, parents and relations who took the time to come to the hall and purchase some new books. We hope you are enjoying them.

Science Week

Many thanks to Mrs Bouzzah for organising our recent Science Week activities in the hall. 1st and 2nd classes enjoyed different classifying, estimating, experimenting and constructing activities



during their science sessions. Many classes also carried out different experiments in their own classrooms. Some interesting activity sheets & experiment ideas can be found on http://www.scienceweek.ie/resources_primary.asp

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Team Hope Ireland has sent a huge thank you to all who donated so generously to our recent Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

UNICEF

The recent Halloween sponsored walk for UNICEF was an unprecedented success. The AMAZING sum of €6444.10 has been forwarded on to UNICEF.

We have been told that's the highest amount of money raised by any school in Ireland!! Sincere thanks to all of you who so generously contributed and took part in our colourful walk. Make sure to have a look around the class pages to see some of the spook-tacular Halloween costumes!

Tree Day- Lá na gcrann

On the 6th of October the children showed some "tree-citaion" by learning about trees in our area. They made leaf and bark rubbings and talked about all the things around us that are made from wood. Visit www.treeday.ie for more information on trees and woodland walks nearby. Congratulations to Ms Meehan's 2nd class who were winners in the National Tree Day competition sponsored by Avonmore Tetrapak. They entered a photo of their "Avonmore Army" of robots and soldiers made out of recycled materials and won a cherry tree for the school grounds!

Come on the boys in Blue!

There was great excitement in the school before Dublin's All Ireland Senior Football clash with Kerry. To show our support we all wore our county colours and dressed up in blue. We were all delighted when Dublin won.
Up the Dubs!!!