

School Shout 17

Editorial Staff: Pupils of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class

1916

We did a lot of history about the 1916 rising this year. The Easter Rising happened in Dublin in April 1916. Thomas Clarke was the leader. He was fighting against his own father as his father was a sergeant in the British Army. Cathal Burgha was Ireland's first *príomh aire* and Eamon De Valera was Ireland's second *príomh aire*. The Proclamation was read by Padraig Pearse. It was signed by Padraig Pearse, James Connolly, Thomas Clarke, Thomas Mc Donagh, Joseph Plunkett, Eamonn Ceannt and Sean Mc Diarmada.

Dublin was not a nice city in 1916 as a lot of people lived in tenements in crowded buildings with no toilets. There was a lot of looting in the streets when shops and buildings were destroyed. Many children were killed in the Rising, forty three altogether. A two year old baby, Christine Caffrey was killed in her mother's arms. John Foster, another small baby, was killed also.

By the end of one week, the rising was over and the leaders were arrested and executed. James Connolly was executed in a wheelchair as he had a leg injury. In all the photos of Padraig Pearse you could only see one half of Padraig Pearse's face as he had a birthmark on his face.

Fifth and Sixth Class did the novel 'The Guns of Easter', a story set in Dublin in 1916. We learned a lot about what life was like for children from poor families at that time. We also read a novel called 'Listen to the Moon' by Michael Morpurgo set at the same time but in World War 1.

By Cian and Adam



ARTEFACTS

We had to bring in old things from our homes from long ago. Everyone brought in something. Holly's grandad brought in a rifle. It was very, very old. It was found in the RIC Barracks in Abbeylara. The building is still there at the crossroads. He also brought in a bayonet and a shell. The shell was an old World War 1 German shell. He had an old army bugle that was used to call the soldiers to attention. James B brought in two old coins, one was from 1906 and the other one was from 1918. James M brought in a Turkey weighing scales. Ella O R brought in a very, very old photograph from 1916. Paul brought in a badge and a dance ticket from 1916 that he found in an old desk. Shauna Q brought in an old horse shoe from 1918 and old photographs of her family taken in the 1920's. Maria brought in two very old family photographs as well as some old birth certificates. Cian brought in an old Abbey Theatre book, it was 93 Years old. Padraig brought in an old school photograph. Ella M brought in an old pot that you would put over an open fire and an old iron. Philip brought in a sheet that showed how many people were killed in 1916. Lots of other people in the junior room had some interesting things including an old ring box. It was great fun to see all the old stuff and it was also very interesting.

By Shauna and Paul



BISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY'S VISIT

The week before our Confirmation, Bishops Francis Duffy visited Abbeylara school. He asked us lots of questions and we asked him lots of questions. He asked us about the chrism oils and about the confirmation names we had chosen. He was in our room for about ten minutes. Then he went into the Junior Room to talk to them and asked them questions. He had to visit five other schools in this area the same day. Then we saw him again on our Confirmation when we were getting confirmed. It was a blast. We had a great day.

By Ella M

SCIENCE IN THE JUNIOR ROOM

This year First and Second class made boats. They thought they were fun and easy to make. Everyone made different sized boats. Matthew used a green flag and put a in a little lego person named Gandolf. Aaron made his boat out of a lunchbox and some lollipop sticks. Mia made hers with a small green bottle. Lauryn made her boat out of a juice bottle and tinfoil. Sarah's boat was made using an ice cream box. They all used lots of different items to stick the boats together. They had to be waterproof. They needed some help from parents to stick the boats together. Mel put foam inside his boat. Skyler and Lauryn used stones. Shauna used rice. Eva used sand and lollipop sticks. Adam called his boat the Skull. We all went into the Junior Room to see the boats floating in water. Everybody's boat could float well in the water. They all enjoyed making them!!!

By Philip Ciara K Larah and Cian

CLAY POTTERY

A few weeks ago we made pottery in the classroom. Everybody made something different from little pots to big fish! We used quick drying clay. After making our creations some of us were worried that our creations wouldn't come off the sheet! When we came back after the weekend most had turned out fine but some sadly fell apart. We are going to paint them this week. We did something similar with colourful clay in Religion class by making little people. It was for 'God is the potter and we are the clay'. Our 'people' are on display in the classroom. The texture of the two types of clay was very different. It was probably easier to work with the coloured clay. However we enjoyed working with both. We will do some more clay pottery next week and we are looking forward to it.

By Adam, Caolám & Cian

CLOTHES COLLECTION

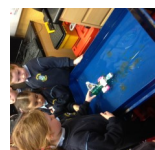
We had a clothes collection for school funds on April 26th. Parents brought in used clothes, stuffed toys and mobile phones. There were a lot of bags in the hall. We appreciate the work of the Parents' Association. We are also hoping to have a jumble sale in the few weeks. We are looking for toys, books, DVDs and some parents will bake cakes and buns. Mrs. Guckian is getting organised to do Aistear with her class. She needs toys to set up a hospital, a doctor surgery, an airport, a farm and a pet shop. We are bringing in good toys to help with this.

By Ella O'R and Ciara Mc

COMMUNION

On the 21st of May the Second Class in Abbeylara made their communion. This was our last First Communion in my house that is why it was extra special. It was exciting. This is our third sacrament in our family this year. There was a wedding, my Confirmation and my brother's First Communion all in the one year. The children in Second Class couldn't wait for their big day to come

By Ella M



CONFIRMATION

On the 16th of April 2016, it was 5th and 6th classes' Confirmation Day. It was at 11:00 am. We made it with Aughnagarron N.S. There were 24 of us altogether. The people who did readings were Shauna, Ella and Adam. Maria and Caolán brought up the gifts. After the Mass there was lovely food and drinks in the new hall. Everyone was welcome. Fr. Michael paid for the catering. We had a great day.

By Maria and Shauna

EASTER EGG HUNT

We had an Easter Egg Hunt on the 16th of March. We were divided into groups. The winners got an Easter chocolate bunny. The older children helped the younger pupils. Some teams found 40 or 50 paper eggs. The paper eggs were hidden in the yard, on the shapes, in the playground, on the pitch and in the outdoor classroom. The younger classes got a ten second head start. There were two hundred eggs hidden altogether. We all got little chocolate easter eggs to eat afterwards. We were still finding paper eggs when we came back from our Easter holidays in the playground! We had a great day.

By Ciara K and Cian N.

FIRST PENANCE

We interviewed all of the Second Class about First Penance. We asked if they were nervous on the night. Mel, Skyler, Shauna and Avril were not nervous at all but Eva was a bit nervous. The Communion class said that they had to jobs like saying prayers and they had to tell Fr. Campbell their sins. They also had to draw a picture to show Fr. their sins. Skylar's favourite part was where her Mammy blessed her. Eva's favourite part was where they light the candle. Mel said he really enjoyed the night because he was with his family. Adam was the most nervous when he said his prayer in front of everyone. Shauna was most nervous when she went up to tell father her sins. Avril said she was very nervous saying her prayers. They are all looking forward to communion because of receiving Jesus the Bread of Life on Saturday 21st of May. We hope they all have a lovely day!



Reminder Reminder

- Entries for our Soduko and the Wordsearch to be returned to Ella or Caolan on or before Wednesday at 10.30pm

FLAG RAISING

On the 15th March we raised the national Flag as part of the Easter 1916 centenary celebrations. Holly's grandad Sean, who is retired from the Irish Army raised the flag for us. We all sang Ambrán na bhFiann and the weather was lovely. We learned lots about showing respect for the national flag.

By Shauna

FOOTBALL COACHING

Niall Maguire is our school coach, he is a great football trainer. Next week we need our gum shields to play a match. He taught us the skills of football. He showed us how to pick up the ball properly. We have to make the letter 'w' with our hands and then nudge the ball into both our hands. He showed us how to handpass the ball. We practice hopping and soloing the ball. We do a warm up to get warm to play a football match. He puts cones out and we run up and down when he blows the whistle. We shows us how to react when he blows the whistle. We love football sessions.

By James, MJ and Paul

GRANARD TOURNAMENT

This year we are taking part in the Granard Tournament (Eddie Kelly). We have 15 players on the Abbeylara team. The matches are on Tuesdays in Granard pitch. We lost two matches so far. Our first match was against Aughnagarron. Abbeylara scored 1-2 and Aughnagarron scored 2-1. Our second match was against Lismacaffrey we lost by two points. Lismacaffrey was a strong team and we did very well. But don't worry we will win the next match. It is against Granard. We are in a Final on Tuesday June 7th against Mullinalaghta. We both really love Under 10 football.

By Ciara Mc, M.J

PEACE PROMS

We had our Peace Proms Concert on New Year's Day 1st of January. There were 32 counties doing the Peace Proms. One school from every county was chosen. Abbeylara N.S represented Longford. It took place in the Convention Centre in Dublin. Ella, Maria, Shauna, Leah, Larah, Ciara K, Ciara Mc, Philip, James M, Paul and James B all went to the concert. Ms Quinn and Ms Crean Lynch came with us. The Convention Centre provided yummy foods and drinks for us all. Everyone was dressed in black and white. We rehearsed twice during the day before the performance. For the rehearsals the orchestra and lead singers wore ordinary clothes but for the real thing, the girls wore dark green ball gowns, the men wore dress suits with tuxedos. The orchestra was brilliant. There was a big audience of friends and family. The whole thing was televised by RTE. We all had a great day.



SCHOOL GARDEN

One day last January, Vincent Quinn came to cultivate the school garden. A few days prior Caolán and Adam put sand on the patches because it's good for the soil. Vincent had a few people out at a time and they were digging up the soil. We also emptied the school compost bin and we spread it over the soil in the beds. Pádraig's uncle Janey Brady is a well-known pumpkin grower. He starts out three pumpkin seeds in poly tunnels for us. He will give them to us and we will harden them. That means we leave them outside for a couple of hours every day and take them in the evening. Today's date is the 27th of April and the ground is very cold. It's too early to put out our spuds and pumpkins. In fact there was ground frost this morning. We will use a ground thermometer to help us know when to set our vegetables. The ground temperature must be ten degrees and now it was way too low.

Extra Extra

On 10th May 2016 we set our spuds. We set nine potatoes. We used the Rooster variety.. We took the soil temperature and it was 19 degrees. So it is a perfect for growth. The total weight of the nine potatoes was 952g. We will weigh all our potatoes in September when the nine potatoes have produced.

We set a bed of oats this year and we will be able to cut it in September. We hope to make corn dollies with the straw.

We have just finished a magnificent scary scarecrow.



VARIETY SHOW

Just before the Easter holidays we had a concert where everyone could do a party piece if they wanted. Mrs Guckian's children sang the song from Frozen the film. Aaron and Shane did brilliant break dancing. Paul, Adam, Mel, Matthew, Aaron K and Aaron D did the song Everything is Awesome in front of the whole school. Ella M sang a song, Ella O'R played a piece on the keyboard. MJ did hoola hooping at the talent show. Leah and Ella O'R did cartwheels and Matthew played the keyboard. The girls in our room sang 'Stitches' by Shawn Mendez. Shauna did a card trick and Caolan did basketball skills. We enjoyed seeing everyone show off their talents.

By MJ and James B

WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day on March 3rd we had to dress up as our favourite book characters. The winners were Holly from Infants, Avril from 1st and 2nd, Ella O'R from 3rd and 4th and Ella M came first from 5th and 6th. Each winner got a 5 euro book voucher to spend on books. Holly was dressed as Paddington Bear, she looked so cute, carrying her suitcase. She even had a little marmalade sandwich in her suitcase. Avril dressed as Little Red Riding Hood she was dressed from head to toe in red, she made the perfect Red Riding Hood. Ella M was dressed Mary Poppins. Everybody looked fantastic. We went into Mrs Guckian's room and told everybody about our costumes. The winners were very happy when they got their prizes. Everyone enjoyed the day.



GREEN SCHOOL

We just got news that we got our fourth Green Flag for Travel. We did lots of Feet First Fridays , Cycle On Wednesdays and Walk on Wednesdays and more for the last to do a 5k cycle but we did a 10k instead.

The Junior Room made boats out of recyclable materials. The teachers were planning on having a boat in the river but the weather was bad. Our next Green Flag is Bio Diversity.

We are currently working on the Travel theme we got that we are getting our fourth Flag. We did walking, cycling, cycle training scooting and we had a wheelie day for Infants.

Tiernan from An Taisce came back to do some surveys with us. He will do a Cycle Day in two weeks. The Green Flag Awards Ceremony took place at the Radisson Blu Hotel and the Committee members and Mrs. Guckian went to receive the Flag.

On Monday 13th June. Mairead McGuinness MEP will visit our school to raise the Flag. See later Report

By Leah Farrell and Maria Earley



THE PRIMARY PLANET

I love Primary Planet. This month we read all about the Census. We learned about poultry farming and about free range and organic eggs. My favourite article was the Hendo hover board 2.0. It looks like a skateboard but it has four engines attached. It costs about \$10,000. There are lots of very interesting articles about sport and machinery, pop music and lots of stuff.

By Leah F and Pdraig B



HANDBALL

We do handball in the Ball Alley in the village with Fintan Creamer. We really enjoy it and look forward to him coming. If the weather is good we play in the outside alley. We play lots of other little handball games with Fintan. Handball is a great sport and I really enjoy it.

By James M

HOMEWORK CLUB

After Mid Term this year we started a Homework Club after school from 3.00 to 3.45. We only do it for three days a week Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. It costs €2 a day. There is a teacher supervising at all times and they help a child if their stuck on a question. Children like it because they get their written homework finished before they go home.

By Ella M and Pdraig

INDOOR HURLING

Our school took part in the Indoor Hurling Championship which held in the hall in Newtownforbes. Lara Caolán, Adam, Philip, Ella M, Leah, Ciara Mc and Ciara K. We made it to the Division 5 final. We were against Ballymahon. But we sadly lost 2-1. Philip still got Player of the Match. We love Indoor Hurling.

By Adam & Philip

MIXED FOOTBALL

We didn't have much luck in the champion ship as we failed to win a game. Most of the players on last year's winning team have gone to secondary school and we have a very young team. We played Glen, Killeen, Bunlahy and Mullinalaghta but we were unsuccessful. We hope to do better next year. Our numbers are greater in the middle and junior classes and we hope to do well in the future.

By Philip and Caolan

GRANARD UNDER TENS FINAL

We played in the Eddie Kelly Final against Mullinalaghta. It was a tight match but we were delighted to come out on top at the end. James and I were joint captains. We were trained by Martin and Roseann and Marcella helped sometimes. We all got medals and crisps and minerals at the end. Cian was in goals, James and Adam were backs, Mel and I played in midfield, Aaron and MJ played as forwards, we had lots of subs who played in some of the matches. We were thrilled to win the final and we went beeping all the way home. It was good too.

By Ciara Mc

SPORTS DAY

We had our Sports Day on Tuesday June 7th. We did all the usual races, egg and spoon, sack race, crawling race, running with a ball between our knees and the obstacle course. We were lucky with the weather as it stayed dry. The lanes were all painted for the races. We didn't get to do the long races until the next day as we didn't want the Under Ten football team to be too tired. We did them on Wednesday along with the relay races. After the Sports we all had an ice cream and it cooled us down.

By Ciara K



LONGFORD ROSEBUD

Eva Drake was chosen to be a Longford Rosebud as part of the Rose of Longford Competition. She was selected from over 200 art entries. She had to help one of the contestants on the night of the Longford Rose Competition in the Longford Arms Hotel and she got her own sash and a tiara as part of her prize. She was thrilled to be chosen.

By Ciara Mc

FLAG RAISING DAY WITH MAIREAD MC GUINNESS MEP

On Monday June 13th Mairead McGuinness MEP came to our school to raise our fourth Green Flag for Travel. She arrived at 10.45 and we were very excited. She wore a lovely pink jacket and we did some songs with actions about the Travel Flag.

Some of the children in the Junior Room were dressed up as different people and they had to use scooters, bikes and tractors for the song. We also read out some of our Travel Slogans. Then we interviewed Mairead. We learned lots about how the parliament works and how they manage with all the different languages by using interpreters. Sometimes she works in Strasburg and sometimes in Brussels. She is the Vice President of the parliament and sometimes it is difficult if the members are arguing but everything has to be voted on in the end, just like on our Green School Committee.

We asked her lots of questions and she was very good at explaining everything. She studied Agriculture in college and she used to be a journalist. She worked on the Late Late Show and she also worked on Ear to the Ground. She used to write for the Farmers Journal. She told us that she loves to visit schools and she has a sheepdog called Sam.

We found out that it was her birthday so we had a cake and candles. We all helped her blow out the candles, it was great fun. Holly's Mammy, Lisa made the cake and we all had a bit.

We gave Mairead a lavender plant as a gift and Ella and Larah made a card and we all signed the card. Then she raised the Green Flag. We got lots of cakes and fruit and water at the end and we were full! We had a lovely day!



