

School Shout 15

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

INTERVIEW WITH COLM SMYTH

Last Wednesday Colm Smyth came to present the medals for the girls team and the mixed team and afterwards we interviewed him. Some of his favourite footballers when he was growing up were Dermot O Reilly, Niall Sheridan, Donal and Enda Ledwith. His first coaches were John Fay for the school team and Kevin Smith and Philip Smith for Northern Gaels. He trains on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and usually has a game on Sunday. His worst injury was a broken collar bone. The first school medal he won was with St Mel's in U14's North Leinster. His team never won any finals when he was in Abbeylara N.S and he told us that we are very lucky to win a final. The best Longford Footballer he saw or played with was Paul Barden. He gave us two jerseys to raffle and James and Caolan won them. He also gave us sweets. We enjoyed his interview. We wished him luck for his match against Dublin but they lost and now Longford are in the Qualifiers.

By Matthew and Shauna



BASKETBALL BLITZ

We took part in the Streete School Basketball Tournament this year. Our senior team did very well. We won all our matches and we got a Silver Plate. The junior team got an award for best Supporting Team and for Hardest Working Team. It was a good day and we enjoyed it very much.

By James Mc and Caolán

SPORTS DAY

As usual we were divided into four teams, red, yellow, green and blue. The older classes had to encourage the younger children. Matthew and Frank helped Matthew's Dad line out the pitch with a proper running track with lanes. We had lots of races, short sprints, egg and spoon, crawling, sack, piggyback, ski races, pegging clothes lines, penalty shoot outs, long distance races, relays. We got ice cream at the end of the day. The weather was good and we enjoyed the day

By Cian and Matthew

TEN K CYCLE TO DERRAGH

On Thursday last Third to Sixth Class went on a cycle to Derragh Lake. Tiernan, our Green School Co Ordinator went with us. He did cycle training with some parents in the morning. We had no problems at all. We skimmed stones on the lake and we saw the crannóg. Everyone managed to cycle the full ten kilometres. We were so thirsty when we got back to the school. We left the school at 1.15pm and we were back at 2.30pm. We really enjoyed the cycle.

By Frank and Shauna



STANDARDISED TESTS

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week we did our standardised tests in English and Maths. There are two parts to the English test. In Part One you have to choose a word and its matching meaning. For Part Two you must read three stories and answer lots of questions. Some of the stories can be quite difficult. We prefer Part One.

In the Maths Test there are three parts. In Fourth, Fifth and Sixth you are allowed to use a calculator for Part Two and Three. You only have a certain amount of time, so you are under pressure. We were glad when they were over

By Ella M and Ava

GREEN SCHOOLS

The children on the Green School Committee are Caoimhe, Lauren, Larah and Paul. We check the ESB and the Water Meter every month. We empty the small compost bin into the big compost bin every day. We organised different events such as COW (Cycle on Wednesday) WOW (Walk on Wednesday). We organise litter picking around the school and we keep an eye on the playground. We turned off the radiators in the hall when it is not in use. We water the window boxes every two days. On Feet first Friday (FFF) we met at three different points and Tiernan our Green School Co-ordinator came to the roads and gave us balloons, slap bands and high-vis jackets. Every pupil now has their own hi-vis jacket. We are doing a 5km cycle into Derragh on the 25th June. Tiernan is giving the adults a lesson from 11am to 12.30 pm before the cycle for the children. We thank Mrs Guickian for helping us. We enjoy being on the Green Schools Committee!!

By Lauren and Larah

CYCLE TRAINING

On Wednesday the 20th of May, 5TH & 6TH did Level 3 Cycle Training. We went out on the road and we were split up into two groups. We did left and right turns on the Main Road. We learned a lot of useful things. In the end what we learned was very useful.

We learned about the primary and secondary positions for cyclists.

You should cycle at least ½ a metre from the edge of the road.

When turning right, coming up to the crossroad you should look over your right shoulder and the signal right with your hand. Come up to the line, make sure that it is safe and only then can you cross over.

By Bryan and Philip

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

We had a Mass to end our school year.. Lots of us had different jobs to do. Sixth Class read a poem about their time in school and it was used as a Communion Reflection. At the start of Mass some of us had to bring up different symbols from our school year. Some of us had to do readings and prayers of the faithful. We all sang in the choir and some of us served at the Mass. Our parents and friends came to the Mass. Fr. Michael said the Mass.

By Cian and James M

'BUILDING SAFETY COMPETITION WINNER

I recently came First in an Art Competition run by the Health and Safety Authority. I got €50 prize money and I was invited to take part in a workshop in Sligo with a publishing company. We worked with an artist and a writer for the day. We were photographed constructing different projects and these projects will feature in a new book on Building Site safety which will be published in September. I enjoyed the day and it was interesting to see the the artist working with the publisher. It was an honour to win as there were 6000 entries altogether.

By Cian

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion was on the 16th of May 2015. The children making Communion were M.J, James, Paul and Padraig. The boys looked very smart in their outfits. The children all had different jobs. Paul and James brought flowers to Our Lady's altar. The four boys brought gifts to the altar. Ann Brady and Michael Kelly did the readings. We asked the boys what did they enjoy most on the day. Padraig said he liked receiving Communion. M.J. said he liked singing 'My Shepherd is the Lord'. James said he liked bringing the flowers up to the altar. Paul said he liked saying the prayers. They all enjoyed their day!!!

By Lauren and Ciara Mc



ICE CREAM DAY

We had an Ice Cream Day last Thursday. Every ice cream was €2. There were two types of ice cream, vanilla and raspberry ripple. It was delicious. There were all kinds of toppings. There was chocolate sauce, buttons and sprinkles. The Junior Room collected the money and counted it. We had our ice-creams after lunch. We sent €86.50 to Down Syndrome Ireland. We supported the Ice-Cream Day because some children in our school had relations, Bryan's Uncle Cathal and Matthew, Cian and Ella's cousin, Brigid, who had Downs Syndrome died this past year, . We loved Ice-Cream day.

By Ciara & Maria

JUNIOR TOUR

On the 21st of May the Junior Room went on their school tour to Tayto Park. They went on the rides first. The names of the rides were *honey pot*, *air racers*, *vortex* and *the shoot*. They went on horses and they petted snakes, cockroaches and an owl. They were not allowed to touch the scorpions! They went on a train too. Then they went on a tour of the factory where Tayto is made. Mark's favourite ride was the shot. Lauren's favourite ride was the shot too. Eva's favourite part were the honey pots and Padraig's favourite ride was the air race. Everybody got two bags of cheese and onion crisps. They all had a great day and came home tired but happy.

By Frank and Ella O'R

SENIOR TOUR

We went to Tanagh, Co. Monaghan on our school tour this year. First we went canoeing on the river. At the end we got to jump into the water. We were wearing wet suits. Next we went on a mudslide. There were lots of soapy bubbles on the slide so you had to hold your body like a penguin and go down on your stomach. We went orienteering and we went on a Low Rope Course. Then it was rock climbing up a very high wall and we had to abseil back down the wall. The wall was very, very high. We were all wearing a harness and a helmet. We both thought that it was the best school tour we ever went on.

By Caolán and Leah

GIRLS FOOTBALL

This year the girls are very happy because we won our Division 4 Final. We were up against Newtowncashel. When I saw them I thought they were very strong. Our starting team was Ella in goals, Leah and Ella as our backs, Caoimhe and Lauren in mid-field and Shauna and Niamh as our forwards. At half time we were winning well. Just before half time Lauren got a bad bang to her head and couldn't come back on until a few minutes into the second half. During the second half we were still winning well and at full time we were the winners with a score of 4-12 to 3-06. Our captain Niamh accepted the shield and gave a speech. Lauren got Player of the Match. Then we went to McDonald's and we went beeping around Abbeylara. It was great fun and we are delighted with our win!!

By Niamh and Ciara M

LAURA DOHERTY'S VISIT

On the 21st of May, Laura Doherty came to our school to tell us about how to look after our brains. She told us about each of our lobes and their function. Laura is a qualified doctor but she was involved in a car accident and she was in a coma for months. She couldn't walk properly as one of her lobes was damaged. She walks with a limp. She also has a habit of talking fast. She is very good at drawing. We saw her art on her phone and her portraits look like a photo. She does pencil drawings and portraits. She has no difficulty with art and is very talented. We learned lots of things about our brains and how important our brains are. She warned us to protect our heads when cycling by wearing helmets and we should never travel in a car without wearing a seatbelt. We were very impressed with Laura's talk.

By Adam and Domhnall.

EDDIE KELLY

This year we entered the Eddie Kelly Tournament. Our first match was against Granard we won easily. Our second match was against Killeen, they were strong. Next we played Aughnagarron, and while we played well, we lost. Our fourth match was against Bunlahy. It clashed with the Mixed Final so we played them on our school pitch and we beat them by one point. The next match against Lismacaffrey was difficult. Our sixth match was against Killasonna, and after a very tight match, we lost by one single point. Our last match was against Ballinarry, we played very well but we lost by one point. We ended up playing Killasonna in the C final. It was a very close match, at half time Killasonna were leading by a goal and a point but we came back and were winning by a goal. Unfortunately with a minute to go, Killasonna got a goal. It was a very good match. The captain on the day was Leah. Everybody got a medal, a drink and crisps. We thank Roseann and Marcella for coaching and bringing us to the matches.

By Lauren and Larah

MIXED FOOTBALL FINAL

On 21st May we had our 7-a-side Final versus Bunlahy. Throw in was at 5pm in Pearse Park. We really wanted to win. Our captain was Cian and our vice-captain was Matthew. Bryan was awarded Player of the Match. We got a good start scoring a nice few points. When the final whistle sounded everyone of us was ecstatic! We went up to the stand to receive our trophy and Cian made a speech and Bryan received his Player of the Match trophy. We then went to McDonald's and we went 'beeping'!!! It was brilliant.

By Frank, Cian and Bryan

JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PRESENTATION

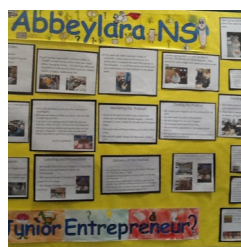
This we took part in the JEP project. We were very successful with selling our product, Jack's Flapjacks. We invested €5 and in the end we each got back €6 and our original investment of €5. When we went to Longford for the Presentation we saw other products from other schools in Co. Longford. One school made an slate ornament with ogham writing. Each slate sold for €9. We each got a certificate and we got a wall plaque and a flag for the school. The project was a lot of work but we really enjoyed taking part and we learned lots about business and marketing.

By James Mc and Ella M

SWIMMING LESSONS

This year we are going swimming for four sessions during the last two weeks of the term. The lessons are close together and we hope we will make good progress. Some of us are only starting and some of us are in the deep end. We love going swimming!

By Niamh and Domhnall



SCHOOL TOUR WORD SEARCH

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED WORKSEARCH BY THURSDAY 25TH JUNE AT 10AM TO MS CREAN LYNCH.

LOOKING BACK

Junior Infants was so good, we had lots of fun like we should.

We went to Barradrum and go-karting with our chums.

We coloured pictures and played games, we can't do that anymore, what a shame!

We stepped up a class and it was a blast! We had Buddies in Sixth class.

Then out of Infants and it was a big difference, the day was longer but we were stronger.

We went into the Middle Room and we were over the moon!

We made our Communion and had the family reunion

We had Pet day, The Abbey Factor and Show & Tell

It was so exciting, it was nail-biting!!!

Then we went to the RDS to sing and shout with the best,

We played lots of football and lots of sport,

We went to Croke Park when we were in Fourth.

We made our Confirmation when we were in Fifth,

We were ready then, to move into Sixth.

We sang and we prayed on Grandparents' Day.

We had lots of cake sales and tea in the hall on special days.

We had swimming, cycling, hurling and Skype,

We worked on the computer and learned to type.

We loved the I-pad and I-movies new

We got three Green Flags and saved energy too.

We entered J.E.P and had Dragon's Den,

We made and sold Flapjacks and made lots of Yen!

We enjoyed our Sports Days and football too

We won the Mixed Football and Girls' Football too.

We're 7-a-side champions, I wonder are you?

We went to Tanagh on this year's tour,

Canoeing, mud sliding, rock climbing were cool!

That's the end of our quest in Abbeylara N.S

As we come now to the very end,

We'll always remember our Abbeylara friends.

By pupils of 6th Class Abbeylara NS

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