

# School Shout 16

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

## A DAY AT THE PLOUGHING

On the 23rd of September, I went to the Ploughing Match in Co. Laois. The weather was alright but there were a few showers. There were all different types of cattle with different breeds like Limousins, Herefords and many more. There were weanlings, dairy cows and bulls there too. There were lots of different tractors, slurry tanks, combine harvesters balers, wrappers, mower and trailers. There were lots of stands, well over 1,100 stands in all. The ploughing was in a different field. There were over 350 tractors ploughing and there were horses ploughing as well. It cost £20 for an adult to get in. A student was £15 and children were free. There were also amusements there as well. I went on a few of the amusements, they were lots of fun.

The best thing was the horse racing stand because there was an electric training horse that showed jockeys how to stand or sit properly on the horse. It was made of plastic but it was really cool.

There was a model cow there also and you were able to milk her by hand. It was really fun. It is quite hard to pick a favourite part of the day, it was all so good. It was great fun and I enjoyed it. RTE had a stand there and so had lots of other TV stations. It was a great day. We got dinner after in the Bridge House Hotel in Tullamore on the way home. We were all really tired by the end as we had to walk a lot! I wore wellies as it was really mucky some places. I hope to go next year.

*By Shauna*



## THE 2015 PLOUGHING

The Ploughing was on last Tuesday and I went to the ploughing with my Dad and Mum. We left the house at seven o'clock in the morning.

It was in Rathinesca, Co Laois. There were Charlaois, Limousin, Angus, Hereford and Belgian Blue cattle there. I got to see some tractors. I saw a John Deere, Case, New Holland, Valmet, Fendt, Massey Ferguson and a JCB.

Then we went to see a robotic milking machine. We got to see a really big combine too. I got to stand right beside it. It was a Claas robotic combine.

I saw a calving monitor called Moocall that sends you a text message when the cow is going to calve.

My favourite part was looking at the McHale baler and I liked looking at the cattle.

I liked my day at the ploughing. We had a great day and I was tired by evening. I really would like to go again next year!

*By James M*

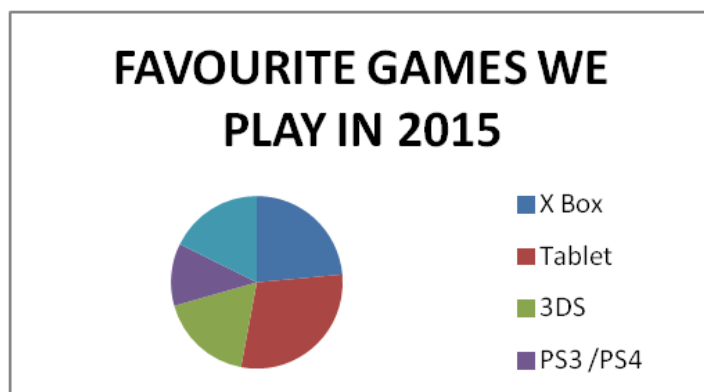
## THE SCHOOL GARDEN

This year we grew some vegetables in our garden. The vegetables were potatoes, onions, rhubarb and pumpkins. It was a very wet summer this year. Even so we had a fair good crop of onions, potatoes and rhubarb. The pumpkins did not grow because there was so much rain and bad weather. This was the first year we did not have any pumpkins for Halloween. We took home some of the onions, potatoes and rhubarb. Vincent helped us to take care of all the vegetables. Some of the senior class went out to plant our vegetables. During the summer the parents watered the vegetables. We have nothing in our beds during the Winter

*By Adam and Shauna.*

## OUR FAVOURITE CONSOLES AND GAMES IN SENIOR ROOM

We surveyed all the children in our room regarding their favourite consoles and games. These are the results of our survey when we asked about games.



The tablet is the most popular and the PS3 or PS4 is the least popular. In School Shout 11 we did a similar survey and the 3DS was then the most popular.

*By Adam*

## GAMING IN THE JUNIOR ROOM

The most popular game in the Junior Room is *Sonic Racing*. Some like *Toy Story3* and some people like *A Doggy Game*. Some people like *Minion Rush 2* and others like *Minecraft*. Some children like *FIFA*, *Fashion Model*, *Scooby Doo*, *Pou*, *Temple Run*, *My Magic Beanstalk* and *Minion Rush and Scooby Doo*. Every single pupil in the room had spent some time on either a computer or a tablet or a console either at home or at school.

*By Caolan and Adam*

## GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

We are going for our fourth green flag this year. Tiernan, our Green Schools' Co-ordinator came to talk about global warming. He also told us about how much the North Pole has melted in recent years all because of climate change. He talked about CO2 emissions from cars and traffic. We could cut down on our carbon emissions by walking to school. Leah, Caolan, Shauna and I are on the Green Schools Committee. We are planning more COWs, WOWs and FFFs. FFF stands for Feet First Friday. COW stands for Cycle On Wednesday. WOW stands for Walk On Wednesday. We're going wait until the weather gets a bit better. With all the flooding lately, it does seem like the climate is changing. Maybe we will come to school by water bus in the future!!!



## NATIVITY PLAY

There is a Nativity play taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. Shauna is Mary and Aaron is Joseph. There are lots of angels and shepherds. There are three innkeepers. The children are busy practicing hymns. We, in the Senior Room are singing. The characters are all from the Junior Room. The play is in the church. Mrs Kane is helping the children prepare and practice for the play. They have lots of lines to say. My brother is a bit nervous. He hopes that he remembers his lines. Our sisters are angels and they are looking forward to dressing up. Our families will come to see us.

*By Ciara Cian and Philip*

## MIXED FOOTBALL

We are a very young 7 a-side team. This year we performed well in all of our matches and while we did our best we didn't reach a final. We were unfortunate not to win against Bunlahy. Caolán is our captain. Miss Crean Lynch is our coach with the help of Michael Kelly, Martin Briody, Ciarán Drake and Marcella Kelly. We had training every Monday and Friday. We have some good young players coming up. We are a very small school so third class pupils would be starting! We hope to do well in the Championship in the New Year.

*By Caolán and MJ*



## GIRLS FOOTBALL

In the Girls Football we were in group A. We played seven a side. Our first game was against Mullinalaghta and unfortunately we lost. The people on field were Ella M, Ella O'R, Larah, Leah, Shauna, Ciara Mc and Ciara K. Leah's Daddy was our coach for a couple of years. He was a very good coach, he is still with us at some matches and he is a very good supporter. Miss Crean Lynch is now our coach. We normally train on Fridays and on Mondays. We had matches on Tuesdays. We got through to the semi-finals against Fermoy but we lost the match. We had to get a bus to the match. We stopped in Mc Donalds on the way home. But at least we tried our best. All of the girls love football in our school.

*By Leah and Larah*



## VISIT FROM THE MINOR TEAM

After the Minor Team won the County Final they visited us at school. We welcomed them with a song and they gave us sweets. Then we went outside on the pitch to play football. It was great fun. We got our photos taken with the team. Many players from the minor team went to our school and played for the School team when they were here. There's a good photo of Aaron holding the cup with Conor Berry and Russel Brady on Facebook. It was taken when we were playing outside. The Northern Gaels team comes from Abbeylara and Mullinalaghta.

*By Caolán and MJ*

## PREPARATION FOR COUNTY FINAL

This year Abbeylara got to the County Final in September. The Longford Leader visited the school before the final. We wore all our red colours; the school was covered in red and white. WE made flags, bunting, banners and braids. We used red and white wool to make the braids. We painted big banners for the front of the school wishing the team good luck. We enjoyed the painting. Damien O'Connor and James McIntyre came on the morning that the Leader came. We all featured in the paper the week before the final. We had to do a spot of black and green painting for Northern Gaels as they were in the Minor final shortly afterwards. The school looked really well all decked out in red and white and black and green.

*By Caolán and MJ*

## Reminder Reminder

- **Entries for our wordsearches for the Junior Room and the Senior Room be returned to Ella or Caolan on or before Friday at 10.30pm**

## INTERVIEW WITH MISS KANE

We interviewed Miss Kane. Miss Kane is a qualified teacher for the past three years. She went to college in St. Patrick's College in Dublin for three years also. During her course she had to do teaching practice in primary schools around the college and around her home parish Dromard. She wanted to become a teacher because she loved working with children and her brother is a primary teacher also. She first started teaching in Colmcille NS and then she moved to Ballinamuck NS.

Her favourite subjects to teach are Maths, English and Irish. She loved school when she was a child that is why she always wanted to be a teacher. Her favourite soccer team is Arsenal. Her favourite type of music is pop or country, she also likes Ed Sheeran! She loves teaching both senior and junior classes. When Miss Kane was on teaching practice she mostly taught in big schools but since she qualified she has taught in smaller schools.

When she was in school she played football and basketball. Miss Kane thinks teaching is a lot different nowadays because of the interactive whiteboards and computers. She said that there's a lot more group work now then when she was in primary school. We liked interviewing Miss Kane and we enjoyed having her in our school

By Caolán and Ella M



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## PEACE PROMS

We are preparing for the Peace Proms Concert on New Years Day January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. We are learning six songs including *Imagine*, *Touch the sky*, *One World In Harmony*, *World In Union*, *Ireland's Call* and *You're The Voice*.

The concert will be televised and eleven of us are going. It is taking place in the Convention Centre in Dublin. We will be working with other singers and musicians and there will be an orchestra. It will be televised on RTE. We have to wear a white long sleeve/blouse t-shirt with no logos black trousers for the boys and black tights and skirts for the girls. Every child that is going gets two tickets for their family. We will get bus from Abbey at around 10 o'clock. The concert is two hours but we have a three hour practice beforehand. There will be dancers there too. We are hoping to have a great time.

By Ella OR and Ciara Mc



## SCIENCE WEEK

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of November we had Science Week.

Our first experiment was with sand. We found out that if you wear high heels in sand you will sink! If you wear broad flat shoes you will not sink. Our second experiment was with oil, water, washing up liquid and food colouring.

Oil and water don't mix but when you add washing up liquid it does mix but after a while it will still separate.

Another experiment we did was on an egg and vinegar. We left the egg in the vinegar for four days. In the end the shell melted completely! It looked disgusting!!!

We loved Science Week and had great fun.

By Maria and Ciara Mc.





## TIN WHISTLE

When we came back in September, the senior room started tin whistle lessons with PJ Kennedy. After Halloween first and second class started doing lessons as well. They have their lessons in the staff room. The parent association helped with the cost of the lessons. Since we came back we learned lots of songs. We love the Christmas songs the most.

PJ is really nice, he also plays the fiddle. When we are really good at a song he will play along with us. It is lots of fun. Everybody can't wait until the next Monday when we have PJ.

*By Ella M and Paul*



## THE RAIN GAUGE

Miss Quinn brought in a plastic rain gauge so we are now able to measure the amount of rainfall. We put the gauge outside in the vegetable patch. We stuck it in the clay. We put it in because there has been a lot of rain lately. We had to put it in soft soil. Ella put it in and Leah checks it. It is shaped like a cone with an open top and a spike at the bottom. You stick the spike in the ground and the water will fall from the clouds into the rain gauge. We check it every two days. We normally check it after a big rain fall like last weekend. It was full to the top after the weekend rain. Our highest reading was 30mm. This was during the weekend of the really bad floods. That is the first time it has happened this year.

*By Ella O'R and Leah*



## THE PRIMARY PLANET

This year in school we are getting a monthly magazine called 'The Primary Planet'.

We like reading all the different articles. There are lots of articles, some are about sports, farming, science, history, movies, music, cars and motoring. County Mayo is featured this month. You can go online and enter the competitions. There are some good poems written by other children in it too. There is a page about music.

There is something for everyone. It is published on the first Thursday of every month.

We can enter lots of competitions also by going onto the website [www.primaryplanet.ie](http://www.primaryplanet.ie).

We really enjoy reading it!

*By James B, James M and Padraig*



## INTERVIEW WITH JUNIOR INFANTS

We interviewed this year's Junior Infants. We asked them lots of different questions about school and their favourite things. Holly and Christopher both chose art and Aaron's chose English and Eimear chose Music as their favourite subject. They all liked playing with the Toy Shop the best. They all like school. Three of the junior infants like colouring. They discussed the differences between play school and Primary School. The biggest change is homework! There was no homework in playschool. The tablet and computers are new and there was no interactive whiteboard in playschool. All the junior infants were excited about starting school.

*By Caolán and Ella*

