



ST. BERNARD'S N.S

Summer Newsletter 2017

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We have had a very busy term and we have been very active both inside the classroom and outside.

First Communion

Well done to the children who looked their very best as they made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May in St. Bernard's Church. Thanks to Mrs. Guckian for her dedication to the preparation of the children and thanks also to the parents who helped with catering in the hall on the day.

Sports Activities

Well done to our **Under 10 football team** who beat Killeen in their final. Thanks to Roseann Galligan and Jimmy Brady who worked with the children (and also for providing treats for the team on Friday last).

Congratulations to the Girls' Football team who won their Cumann na mBunscol Championship Final against Killasonna in a keenly fought match. Thank you to Ms. Crean Lynch and Wesley Farrell for their work.

Well done also to the Mixed Team who performed well in the championship.

Sports Day this year was a great success with lots of events. We congratulate the winning team and the children who received special awards on the day.

Board of Management Report and Staffing

The Anti Bullying Policy was reviewed and updated this year and the Child Protection Audit was carried out.

The staffing schedule for the new school year will mean that Ms. Crean Lynch will be covering all Resource and Learning Support hours in Abbeylara NS and some hours in Aughnagarron NS due to new clusters being formed. Abbeylara NS were involved in a cluster arrangement with Finea NS and parochial school Castlepollard, which will end now as a result of the new Special Education model.

Mrs. Donohue is now redeployed to Mullahoran NS from September. We are sorry to see Mrs. Donohue leave our staff but we wish her the very best in her new school.

Under the new Special Education model Abbeylara NS will retain the learning support / resource allocation as last year but these hours will now be covered by one teacher.

Parents' Association

Thank you to Parents' Association for all their hard work this year. The recent Clothes Collection raised €140.00

The parents provided pizza, drinks and an ice cream for all children on Sports Day. Thank you for this kind gesture which was appreciated by the children.

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to Ms. Crean Lynch on the death of her father, Andy Crean Lynch, Tralee who died over the Easter holidays.

Just a note

- You can follow various school events on the school website abbeylarans.ie and facebook page [stbernardsns](https://www.facebook.com/stbernardsns) and twitter feed [@abbeylarans](https://twitter.com/abbeylarans) Photos of the children's work are uploaded regularly.
- The uniform is available in Sheridan's Drapery, Main St., Granard. If any parent wishes to buy a separate crest for a school Jumper, they are available from the school for €6. The crest is also available from Singer Sewing Centre in Cavan for €6 (including sewing on)

Curriculum Matters

We would ask every parent to continue to encourage your child to read over the holidays. Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds (Junior Room) can also be continued. Each child has their own password to access these educational programmes on the internet and we would encourage their use over the summer.

Pushkin Project

The children in the senior room took part in the Pushkin Project this year. They completed various writings in English on the theme of water. They also made a 3D map of the local areas which now is on display in the school hall. The finished project was displayed on June 14th in Backstage Theatre as part of Longford Co. Council Creative Ireland workshop. We were very proud to see our work showcased and the project received much praise. We had the children's writer Chris Thompson do a writing workshop in school and Marina Harten, local artist worked with the children on producing the map.

Discover Science and Maths Awards

This year all classes took part in the Discover Science awards. The children completed a number of experiments involving science, technology, engineering and maths which they demonstrated for others.. Teachers had to record the work in digital form. The children had to demonstrate their work for others. The school staff linked up with Gowna NS over the school year to attend in service in science also. Finally after inspection of our log of evidence, we received our plaque which will be proudly displayed in the hall. Well done to all the children for their engagement and hard work.

School Tour

All pupils had a very enjoyable school tour to the Athlone IT Sports arena where they were involved in many varied activities which they enjoyed

School Garden/Window Boxes

Thanks to those families who have volunteered to look after the vegetables and window boxes over the summer months. Anyone else who wishes to help out is always welcome. The potatoes are late crop so they will be ready for harvesting in September when school reopens. Hopefully we might get a few pumpkins in the Autumn.

Coding Classes

Coding Classes with Eamonn O'Callaghan were a great success with ten children attending each Wednesday after school. We will try to continue the classes in September if there is sufficient interest.

Visit by Fire Service

The children in the Senior Room learned a lot about fire prevention from Shane McGovern from Granard Fire Service. We also had a fire drill.

Book Lists for September

All booklists are available on the school website www.abbeylarans.ie.

Reminders

- The children will get **holidays** on **tomorrow, Tuesday at 12.30p.m.** There will be a bus running at this time.
- **School will re-open on Wednesday 30th August for all pupils.**

Wishing all our pupils parents and friends a safe, happy and sunny Summer.

*Le gach dea ghúí
Mary Quinn, Prínicipal*



A Word of Thanks

Sincere thanks to Rev. Chairman, Fr. Michael and all the members of the Board of Management for their help and support.

Thank you to our Parents' Association for their interest and support this year.