



O'BRENNAN NS NEWSLETTER

June 2021

Welcome to our final Newsletter for 2021. Thank you to all who have contributed to our newsletter throughout this school year.

Junior Infants

Junior Infants have had a busy last term in school. In Aistear we looked at the Airport and Holidays. The children can't wait until they can go on holidays again. They learned lots of new words such as metal detector, check in desk, arrivals, departures. In role play they transformed the classroom into an airport. Our small world area had a busy airport with planes and helicopters arriving and departing on the run way.

We had three birthdays Billy and Cara in May. Oisín B in June. We want to wish Timmy, Ryan and Charlie a very Happy Birthday for July.

Junior Infants had lots of fun on our Fun Day in school the children all said the Puppet Show and the Ice-Cream was their favourite part of the day.

When Junior Infants were asked what was the best thing about Junior Infants they said: Aistear, the Zoom Calls for Remote Teaching, Making New Friends, Maths, Tricky Word Games and iPad were among the favourites.

Have a Lovely Summer Everyone and all the Best in Senior Infants!!!

Ms Carroll

Senior Infants

Senior Infants have had a busy end to term at O' Brennan. They have enjoyed hurling with Colm (Kerry Hurling GDA) over the last few weeks. The class had lots of fun camping at school where they pitched their tents, built a campfire and played lots of games. The highlight of the year so far was the school 'Fun Day' where the children had lots of fun on the inflatables and enjoyed an ice cream at the end of the day!

Thoughts about senior Infants 2021:

Jason: "My favourite part of the year was the 'Fun day' because there were lots of things to do outside".

Isha: "I had lots of fun with my friends this year in Aistear and enjoyed the stories."

Chloe F: "My favourite part of the year was the 'Fun day' and I really like the inflatables."

Clódagh: "I liked the very first Aistear of the year and I had lots of fun with my friends."

Kyle: "I liked Aistear because I get to play with my friends".

Caoimhe: "I really liked camping because I got to put a sleeping bag in my tent."

Hannah: "I liked the 'Fun day' and I really enjoyed the rock-climbing inflatable."

Eve: "I really liked when we had the 'Fun day' and I liked the giant inflatable ball games."

Emma: "I really doing maths and playing games".

Chloe T: "I like doing maths because it is lots of fun".

Conor: "I liked the start of the year and learning lots of new things."

Sadhbh S: "I liked camping outside because we got to play lots of games."

Grace: "I really liked the 'Fun day' as we got to go on an inflatable climbing wall."

Ciara: "On the 'Fun day' I liked playing with my best friends."

Eva: "I liked my first day in Senior Infants as I got to meet my friends again."

Sara: "I liked the music lessons this year because they are fun to do."

Joey: "I liked the 'Fun day' and my favourite part was the disco."

Sadbh O' S: "I really Aistear and moving around to all the stations."

Ella May: "I really liked the bouncy castles outside on 'Fun day' and also when we had the camping."

Rory: "I really liked doing Aistear because we got to move to different groups."

Katy Rose: *"I really liked the 'Fun day' because I got to go on the bouncy castles and we got ice-cream."*

Róisín: *"I really liked 'Fun day' and going on the bouncy castles."*

Zofia: *"I liked the climbing wall on 'Fun day' and I liked playing with my pod."*

Darragh: *"I liked getting an O' Brennan pencil case from 6th class at the end of the year."*

It has been a pleasure teaching Senior Infants this year and they have shown their resilience through two periods of distance learning in their school life so far. Also, thanks to the parents for the engagement during distance learning; it was not easy!

I look forward to seeing the children's journey through O' Brennan N.S. Enjoy the Summer holidays everyone!

Mr. O' Neill

First / Second Class

During May & June we have learned about the honey bee in Science and Cameras through time in History. We tried out skipping elastics in P.E. We painted beautiful summer triptychs and learned a lovely song called 'Tinga Layo'. Fun Day was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all in 1st and 2nd class!

We have been very busy preparing for our **First Holy Communion** both in school and at home. We created beautiful Communion Banners in art. The date has been set for **July 3rd** and we are really looking forward to it!

When I archive the class on Seesaw, feel free to download your child's journal from this year.

We decided to **end the year with a bang!** We counted down the days until our summer holidays with little treats written down inside balloons which we burst in class. Some of the ideas were a Science experiment called 'Magic Opening Flower', Talent Show, extra break, bubbles and homework off to name but a few!

Well done to 1st and 2nd class on a great year. Ye were fantastic! 😊

Wishing everyone a fabulous summer!

Mrs Corridan

Second/ Third Class

The end of the school year has arrived ever so quickly and so our journey together in 2nd/3rd Class comes to an end.

Our last three months have certainly been action-packed and full of fun and learning. A highlight of recent weeks was learning about different types of bridges including arch, beam, suspension and cantilever bridges as well as famous bridges all around the world in Geography. The children located different types of bridges in our locality and did an amazing job in science designing and making bridges which they presented to the class.

Wonderful learning and classroom discussions took place in SPHE class as the children learned about the importance of training our brains to identify Rainbow Moments (positive moments) in their day while completing our Weaving Well-being Programme. In keeping with this theme, the children created lovely rainbow-coloured Art and we all enjoyed singing 'Cover Me in Sunshine' by Pink and her daughter Willow Sage.

The children have also wonderfully participated in our Stay Safe programme and contributed fantastically to class discussions, pair work and Drama activities as we learned all about Feelings, Friendship, Bullying and how to keep ourselves safe. The children made lovely memory books of their time in 2nd/3rd Class in English and enjoyed recalling their favourite moments.

Our recent Fun Day was a huge hit with the children and we all had great fun playing games and munching on tasty treats. 3rd Class children have been working very hard on their cursive writing and are mastering this new skill very well. They have also done fantastic work learning and using one syllable verbs in Irish while embracing our motto 'Bain triail as!' (Give it a try!).

2nd Class have been very busy preparing for their First Holy Communion the past few months. They have wonderfully dedicated themselves to their preparation learning prayers, mass responses, songs and creating lovely Communion scrapbooks and artwork. I am looking forward to seeing you all in July for your special day and hope you all have a truly wonderful time with lots of happy memory making moments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, their parents, for your constant support and co-operation throughout the year. The ease with which our boys and girls transitioned so well from the return to school last September to Remote Learning in January to settling back to school life again in March is thanks to the great support they received from you. It has been my absolute pleasure spending each day with our wonderful 2nd/3rd Class children. Their great enthusiasm for learning, their ability to work hard while also having great fun, their praiseworthy eagerness to spread kindness as seen in our 'Kindness Detective' and 'Secret Friend' activities and their willingness to always try their best made for a very enjoyable year together.

I wish you all the very best of luck in 3rd and 4th Class and I hope you all have a happy and healthy summer.

Ms Brosnan

Fourth Class

We have had a busy but fun filled June in 4th class. Pupils learned all about the Native Americans and weaved lovely dream catchers from wool, feathers and beads.

In Art we got to take off our own shoes and create 3D pencil drawings of our shoe using shading techniques we learned. In science we had fun learning all about the digestive system and in history we learned about the Famine in Ireland. We are really enjoying reading our class novel 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' which is based on the famine. Wildflowers are all around our school and we learned the names of these wildflowers and

picked some to make some very pretty bookmarks.

The best fun of all was had at our school fun day. From parachutes to obstacle courses, virtual reality to climbing walls, from yard games to ice cream, it is safe to say that all of the children thoroughly enjoyed the day.

I will really miss this class, having taught them for two different years. They have been a joy to teach and I wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer.

Ms Broderick.

Fifth Class

So, we have come to the end of another chapter for our 5th Class. We have experienced so much this year and it was testing on all of us. But even in this tough time we have made so many great memories. We are now very fortunate to be familiar with technology for the future.

I am very pleased to say that the school was awarded our Fourth Green Flag for Travel and the 5th class were involved in the committee this year. Well Done!!

To finish up this week we decided to make some ice-cream that I hope the children will make some this summer for you!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all involved with 5th class this year and I want to wish 5th the best for the future.

Ms Buckley

Fifth/Sixth Class

Greetings from the fifth and sixth classroom.

It has been an extremely busy end to the term for us. The boys and girls have just finished distributing the pencil cases that they made for their J.E.P project. The students formed a company and designed eco-friendly pencil cases which were sold around the school. We would like to say a massive thanks to all who supported the project.

The sixth-class students are preparing for their confirmation next week and had their graduation

mass on Tuesday which was celebrated afterwards with lots of pizza! Everyone in the room was very disappointed not to be able to go on a school tour this year, but the fun day we had more than made up for it. We all had a wonderful day and have just about recovered from it!!

As we heading into the summer holidays, we bid farewell to 16 wonderful students in sixth class and wish them all the best as they begin their adventure in secondary school next year.

Mr Sheehy

Dates/ Upcoming School events

- Our 6th class will make their Confirmation on July 1st in St Brendan's Church, Clogher at 4.30 under the guidance of their teacher Mr Sheehy and their parents.
- Our 2nd class will make their First Holy Communion July 3rd in St Brendan's Church, Clogher at 12 noon under the guidance of their teachers Mrs Corridan/ Ms Brosnan and their parents.
- School will reopen on August 26th 2021.



Green School Update

We are delighted to report we have been awarded our 4th Green Flag for Travel. Well done to our Green Schools Committee - our 5th class. the whole school made a fantastic effort throughout the year under the guidance of Ms Slattery and Ms Buckley.

Best Wishes

As we come to the end of what has been an extraordinary school year, I would like to take a few moments to thank each and every one of you.

I would like to thank the school staff for their hard work and dedication all year, to our pupils for adapted to working in pods, staggering their breaks and for coming to school each day with a smile on their face! And finally, to our parents for supporting our school always. We all played our part in keeping O' Brennan NS Covid free all year – so well done everyone and Thank you!!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish pupils, parents, staff and wider school community a pleasant and restful summer break!

Le gach dea-guí,
Michelle O' Brien
June 2021

