



**Mar. 21st** As part of a Triduum of Masses our 6th Class pupils participated in a celebration of the work of Edmund Rice. They performed a short Drama on his life high-lighting the Brothers great contribution to education locally, nationally and internationally.

**Mar 21st** Our U/13 7-a-side hurlers played the 2nd round of the competition having qualified comfortably from the 1st round. They won the final by 2 points having showed great determination and fighting spirit to come from behind and win the final match. Many thanks to GARRY, OLLIE, and NOEL for all their coaching and for preparing the team so well. A big congratulations to the boys themselves, who represented our school excellently on the sporting field. At the moment school league teams are being picked for next term.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Mar 23rd** In preparation for Easter many classes participated In The Stations of The Cross. Each class read the prayers and told the story of Jesus on His journey to Calvary.



Don't forget to check our Web Site [www.stbrendansps.ie](http://www.stbrendansps.ie) Thanks to Emer Dolphin-Murray for regular updating. Many thanks to our B.O.M., Mr. Colin Roddy our chairperson, Fr. Cahir our Chaplin, Parents' Association, Teachers, S.N.As , Mark, Mai and Chrissy for all the wonderful and practical help and support throughout the term.

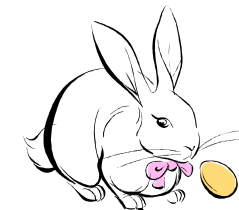
**Holidays begin on Friday 30th March at 12.30. School reopens on Monday April 16th.**

Best wishes and Happy Easter,

*Michael Donegan.*  
Principal



## **St. Brendan's Boys P.S.** **Easter Newsletter 2007**



### **GREEN SCHOOL CALENDAR REMINDS PUPILS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

**Jan. 16th** All classes had a very interesting talk from Garda. P. Connaughton on a variety of topics including road safety and cycling safety followed by a poster competition on Safety in general.

**Jan. 15th** Teachers attended an in-service on the Alive o Religion Programme.

**Jan. 17th** the Green Schools Committee with the help of every class produced a beautiful calendar to remind us all about environmental issues and the small things we can do that make a big difference.

**Jan. 18th** and 22nd Parent/Teacher meetings took place in the school.

**Jan. 24th** Fourth class participated in a design/engineering project using K'nex. The pupils had to design and make their own models and explain how they worked.

*Mr. Crofton again started off his very popular Dodge Ball League for both junior and senior classes.*



**Jan. 26th** We held a 'No Ball Games Day' where pupils concentrated on playground activities other than football. In doing so they raised much needed funds for the Dyslexia Association of Ireland. Well done to all involved.



### **QUIZ WIN FOR JUNIOR TEAM**

**Jan 29th** Two teams participated in this years Credit Union Table Quiz and both teams performed very well with our junior team winning their section and finished 3rd at Chapter level. Well done to C. Sampson, N. Dolphin- Murray, K. Taylor and J. Doonan.

**Jan. 30th** Author Liam Farrell arrived. He dressed up as the 'Big Bad Wolf' and read some of the stories while in the senior classes he held a writing workshop. We hope he sparked the creative spirit and imagination of all pupils.

**Jan. 31st** Gary, Noel and Ollie organised indoor hurling training for the senior pupils in preparation for the upcoming Indoor Hurling Blitz.

### **ST. BRENDAN'S PUPILS ON ROAD SHOW**

Midlands 103 interviewed some of our senior pupils asking them to speak about the various projects they had been involved in during the year and their views in general. They represented their school very well over the airwaves.



**Feb. 1st** A St. Brigid's Day Service was held in the gym to mark the arrival of Spring.

**Feb. 2nd** Many classes availed of the invitation issued by the New Library to go and visit. All agreed it was a great place to read and study.

**Feb. 5th** Conor Nolan (6th) won a wonderful prize for his participation in this years Readathon. He will spend a day in Dublin meeting a variety of radio and television personalities as well as rugby star Gordon Darcy before going to see a premier of one of the latest films.

**Feb. 6th** E.N.F.O. organised in/school environmental workshops for all classes dealing with topics such as recycling, reusing, reducing and energy conservation.

**Feb. 8th** Our senior classes participated in the Anniversary Mass for Canon Shaloo, reading prayers and singing hymns.

**Feb 10th** Mrs Sampson continues our Sammy Stamps scheme to encourage our pupils to save their money.



**Feb 15th** Our Senior classes played Tullamore in a friendly Soccer Match. Drew on the day and all looking forward to the return visit. Many thanks to Mr. Crofton for organising the trip.

**Feb 16th** Mrs. Owens' class visited St. Anne's in Roscrea and all had a great time.

*Buddy Reading' continues between classes giving the senior pupils opportunities to help junior pupils to develop their literacy skills.*



**Feb. 21st** Sixth class pupils participated in the Sunday Mass by saying prayers and doing the readings.

**Feb. 22nd** Many thanks to all who helped in the collection of the Super-Valu Tokens. Over 21,000 tokens were collected and will buy much needed equipment for the school.

*Our Parent's Council are at present sourcing the New Track Suit. We hope to have news on the new design soon.*

**Feb. 26th** Again this term there was some beautiful artwork on display around the school using seasonal themes for inspiration e.g. Valentine's Day, St. Brigid's Day, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day. Well done to all classes.



**Mar. 1st** To celebrate World Book Day each class made an extra effort with their reading and many vouchers for books were given to the pupils.

**Mar. 5th** Our senior pupils participated in an Indoor Hurling Blitz in Shinrone. They played very well and were narrowly defeated in the final. Well done to all coaches and players.

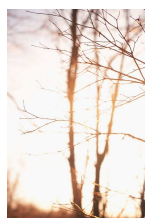
**Mar. 6th** Many of our pupils participated in the Football Blitz held in Ferbane. Many thanks to Mick Kenny and his team for all their work with the pupils.

**Mar. 7th** The Book Fair arrived in the school providing both parents and pupils with the opportunity to view, read and study a wide variety of books covering a vast array of subjects.

*Our School Garden is a work in progress. Many thanks to all who are helping out with the project. It will be a wonderful place for the pupils to work, play and learn in.*



**Mar. 8th** A Physiotherapist visited the school and gave an in-school workshop to the senior pupils on topics such as posture, bone structure, exercise, the spine and the neck. A very informative and Educational project.



**Mar. 12th** As part of National Tree Week our senior and junior pupils performed a tree planting ceremony. Two new trees were planted in the school grounds.

**Mar. 13th** As part of their preparations for Confirmation 6th Class went on retreat to Esker Retreat Centre in Galway. A very enjoyable and reflective day for all participants.

**Mar. 14th** Second class made their First Confession in preparation for their First Holy Communion. A lovely ceremony was held in the church with the music performed by Mr. O'Connor. Many thanks to Mrs. Kelly and Fr. Cahir for preparing the boys.

**Mar. 15th** A prayer service was held in the Gym for St. Patrick. The pupils prepared art work, said prayers and sang Hail Glorious St. Patrick in honour of our National Saint.

