



**St. Brendan's Boys Primary
School**

Easter Newsletter

Dear Parents

Jan 9th Our school won a com-
poster in a Green School
Competition.

Jan 12th Our Child Labour Project
and Book 'Sums Not Sticks'
featured on RTE. Interviews were
given by pupils, parents and our
principal. We were all very proud
that our school was so well
represented on our National
airwaves.

Jan 13th Teachers had an inservice
day on P. E. to help them
implement the revised curriculum.

Jan 16th Two teams represented
our school in the Credit Union
Table Quiz. The standard of
answering was very high. Well
done to all.

Jan 17th We welcomed Antoinette
Fahey on teaching practice in Miss

Hennelly's room. We wish her
well in her future career.

Jan 18th Louise Killeen (of
YOU'RE A STAR fame)
visited our school. She
sang and played some
beautiful songs. We hope
that her visit will inspire some of
our boys to develop their musical
talents.



Jan 23rd N. Russell began some
indoor hurling at lunch time in
preparation for the upcoming
season.

Jan 24th Mrs. Lonergan and Mr.
O'Connor continued their very
successful table tennis league.
Thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Jan 25th Mr. Crofton ran a very
successful Dodge Ball league.
Seldom has any activity sparked
the interest and enthusiasm of the
pupils as much as this league did.
Mr. Crofton and Mr. Donegan
presented the winners with their
trophies.

Jan 26th The teachers had a staff
meeting from 2 pm. until 4 pm.

Jan 27th Sr. Kathleen and Sr.
Roberta continue to give of their
time and energy helping our non
national boys with their literary
skills.

Feb 2nd Mrs. Loughnane and Mr. Kennedy from St. Brendan's Community School visited 6th class giving them all the necessary information they will need going into the Community School. This was followed by an open night which the pupils really enjoyed.

Feb 9th Parent teacher meetings were held in the afternoon 3-6pm.

Feb 10th Puppet Show 'Moving House' in the school



Feb. 14th Peter Gunning (Writer) visited our school. To prepare for the visit it was great to see various displays around the school based on his books. Peter shared his ideas and inspirational techniques and good humour with our budding writers of the future.

Feb 23rd Our school participated in a 7-a-side football tournament in Tullamore under the guidance of M. Kenny, M. Mulrooney and C. Mullins. They gave a fantastic display to reach the final. Well done to all.

Feb 24th We held a casual day to raise money to fund the purchase of new goal posts. It was a great success and they are now installed in the school. Well done to all involved.

Feb. 25th In preparation for our Green Flag we have formulated our GREEN SCHOOL CODE and preparations are under way to have a garden up and running very soon. Congratulations to Colm Witts from 4th whose code was chosen.



Mar 7th Our U/13 7-a-side hurlers had a fantastic win in the competition. They are now at Leinster stage of the competition. Keep an eye out for some of the players in Croke Park. A great job again by all their coaches and selectors. Well done to all.

Mar 8th There was a great literary atmosphere in the school during the write a book project. Many classes put in a great effort and as usual the standard was very high.

Mar 9th Many of our pupils participated in the Community Games Art and Modelling Competition, testing out their creative and artistic skills. It was really enjoyed by all the participants. The following boys will now go on to the County level of competition, Conor Guilfoyle, Conor Sampson, Brandon McEvoy and Ciarán Cooney.

Mar 15th Many pupils from our school participated in the Birr Minor Club Table Quiz.

Mar 15th The boys from 2nd class made their First Confessions. Again thanks to Mrs. Kelly for preparing them and Mr. O'Connor for providing the music at a beautiful ceremony in the church.

Mar. 16th Our St. Patrick's Day celebrations this year produced some lovely art work and displays. We had a prayer service in the gym and afterwards Mr. Carroll played the accordion and his class performed some excellent Irish dancing. Ciaran Cooney played the banjo. Well done to all.

Mar. 18th saw a visit by Spring Onion Puppet Theatre to the school with a wonderful puppet show and workshop for the boys.

Mar. 21st Br. Stephen and Ann Barry Murphy visited 6th class in preparation for the Edmund Rice Award Project. They were accompanied by secondary school pupils from Cork who spoke to the boys about their work with S.H.A.R.E., the organization for housing the elderly.

A number of students from the Community School visited the school to participate in their work experience project. Michael Mulrooney and David Kelly are past pupils of the school and they were a great help to all here and

we wish them all the very best in their future careers.

Mar 24th As part of their preparation for their Confirmation 6th class went on retreat to Esker Retreat centre. All the pupils enjoyed the day very much and we wish them well as they continue to prepare for the big day.

Mar 27th Noel, Gary and Ollie are very busy at the moment preparing our U/13 hurlers for the championship. After school training is in full swing and Mr. Carroll and Mr. Crofton are helping to run a lunch league that is still on going. We have just defeated Banagher in the first match.

Noel, as ever is giving his expert coaching advice to all classes in his Tuesday coaching sessions. Mr. Kenny is busy training our U/13 footballers. Sincere thanks to everyone involved with sport in the school.

Thanks to Mrs. Emer Dolphin Murray for her great work keeping our computer system up and running and for her computer tuition too.

Mar. 31st In preparation for Easter Mr. O'Connor's class started off our presentation of the stations of

the cross. The boys did a great job.

Our Parent's Council will be looking for volunteers to help clear and lay out our new garden after Easter. More information to follow.

Watch out for a track suit survey which will be arriving after Easter.

Your feedback on this will be very important in helping us make decisions about tracksuits for next year. thanks to everyone who supported our Church Gate Collection recently. Over €1100 was raised and this will go towards developing our garden.

The parents pupils and staff would like to thank Mr. Pat. Guinan of Guinans Footwear for his kind sponsorship of a new set of jerseys and Birr Town Football Club for a generous donation to our collection for the Moveable Goalposts. These are really working a treat. Many thanks to everyone who responded to our appeal to keep the car park clear. It has made things a lot safer. However there are still a few drivers who need to remember that the area is for set down only.

Apr. 5th We had a wonderful show about the story of Fionn Mccumhail in the gym. It was

enjoyed by both younger and older pupils alike.

Apr 6th the school immunisation programme for 6th and infants began.

Thanks to our B.O.M., Mr. Colin Roddy our Chairperson, Fr. Cahir, our Chaplin and our Parents Association for all the wonderful practical help and support throughout the term.

**Holidays begin on Friday
next 7th April at 12.30.
School reopens Monday
24th April.**

*Best Wishes and Happy
Easter
Michael Donegan
Principal*

