

June 26th - End of Year Mass. This year's theme was Summer.

A special word of thanks to all the parents who helped out with various projects (fruit, safety, garden, games, maths, sports, committees, computers, green schools, sponsorship etc.) during the year. Your continued support is vital and much appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to give 6th class our best wishes as they take the next step on their educational journey through life. We also wish our new Infants well as they begin their journey through the school next September.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr. O'Connor as he leaves our staff to take up a new job in St. Brendan's Community school. We thank him very much for all the wonderful work he has done with the boys and wish him great success in his new position.

School tracksuits will be available later in the summer from Declan Phelan's in Connaught St. The polo shirt is now white and can be purchased from any chain store. School uniforms and shirts may also be purchased from chain stores. (Dunnes, Penneys, etc.)

I would like to thank our Board of Management under our Chairman Colin Roddy, our school Chaplin Fr. Tony Cahir P.P., Our Parents' Association under its Chairman Noel Russell. I would also like to thank Noel Russell, Gary Cahill, Ollie Nolan, Larry Lyons, Michael Kenny and all those involved with coaching and training. I would like to thank our teachers, S.N.A. staff, our secretary Delia, and our caretaker and cleaning staff, Mark, Chrissie and Mai. To our parents a sincere thanks for your support and cooperation.

School will close at 12:30 pm on Friday 29th of June and reopens on Monday 3rd of September.

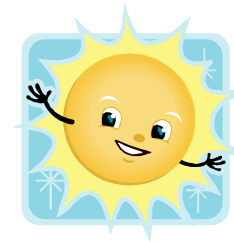
On behalf of all at St. Brendan's, I wish you a warm, relaxing and safe summer.

Best wishes

Michael Donegan
Principal



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April 18th –Our entry into the "Garden Makeover Competition" caused great excitement in our school and in the wider community. We were unlucky on the day but did win €1000 to help start off our garden.

April 20th –Our school facilitated a "Used Textile Collection" run in conjunction with Offaly County Council. There was a good response to the project and many thanks to all who contributed.

April 24th Our U/13 hurlers began their campaign against Banagher with a good win. They were unlucky to be beaten by a single point in the final.

April 25th Hurling Coaching continued this term with Noel Russell.

April 25th Some of the junior classes attended a Magic Show in the Oxmantown Theatre with the environment as the central theme.

April 26th –Dave Treadwell gave an exciting presentation to the pupils on "Bugs".



April 26th –U/13 Footballers began their campaign with a win over Clara. They went on to play Tullamore and Rhode.



April 27th This term teachers had Inservice Days on Science, Drama and S.P.H.E. to help them implement the Revised Curriculum.
April 30th –Mr. Carroll began his Junior Hurling League.

May 2nd –Mrs. Sampson's class (3rd) were involved in a "Maths for Fun" project where parents came into the classroom and played Mathematical games with the children.



May 3rd –The second of our "Playground Games" days took place. The pupils took a break from their usual playtime activities and participated in a variety of other all-inclusive games.

May 3rd –Three teams from 6th class participated in an F.A.I. Soccer Blitz in Tullamore. Well done to Mr. Crofton. Team B then went on to represent our school at Leinster level and again performed very well. They were narrowly beaten in the final by a very strong Kilkenny team

May 5th –2nd class made their First Holy Communion in St. Brendan's Church. Many thanks to Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McManus, our local priests, Mr. O Connor and all the parents for making the day such a special occasion.



May 10th –Peter Kearney gave a Musical Workshop to all classes in the school. It was a really enjoyable musical experience for all the pupils.

May 10th—6th class pupils participated in " Write a Book" Competition. Special congratulations to James Guinan, Dale O'Brien, Tom Doyle, David Kearns, Nathan Stapleton and Peter Dooley.



May 15th –Mrs. Owens class and a group of pupils from St. Anne's in Roscrea visited the castle.

May 16th –Snr. Infants visited the Oxmantown Theatre for a performance of Cinderella.

May 16th Aileen Grimes gave an informative talk to parents on R.S.E. followed up by a similar talk to pupils of 6th class.

May 18th -Well done to James Coyne (4th class) and Cormac Kenny (4th class) who represented our school in a K'Nex design/engineering project in Birr Castle. Both pupils enjoyed the project and are already looking forward to designing things for future projects.



May 19th—6th class received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Brendan's Church. Many thanks to Mr. Crofton, Fr. Cahir, Fr. Greed and to Mr. O Connor for all their effort in preparing the boys and the day went off very well.

May 22nd—Our gym was transformed into a giant laboratory for our junior and senior "Science Day". This years theme was "Energy and Forces".

May 24th –The Edmund Rice Awards were presented to 6th class. The guest speaker on the day was Mr. Ken Hogan and he presented the boys with their certificates. Many thanks to Mr. Crofton, Ann Barry Murphy, Br. Barry and especially the pupils themselves.

May 25th –We had our "Road Safety Awareness Day" which marked the official launch of the "Road Safety Leaflet". Brian Whelehan made the official launch. The official ceremony was followed by a practical demonstration by the Gardaí on Road Safety to all classes.

June 8th -An Exhibition of Exotic Birds and Animals arrived in the school. The exhibition covered nature, science, geography, visual arts and musical areas of the curriculum.

June 9th -Many thanks to Joe Rowland (Jewellers) and Marie Kelly and Bernie Cahill (Birr Curtain Designs) for all their generous sponsorship of medals plaques and trophies for our hurling leagues which began this week.

June 22nd –Our Sports Day this year was held in the school grounds. Winning teams were Jnr. Conor Guilfoyle and Snr. Kyle Lynskey. Many thanks to Mrs. Lonergan for organising the day. This years winner of the Br. Finnian Cup was Emmet Nolan.

June 7th –Again this year our Visual Arts displays were colourful, creative and highly decorative making our school a lovely place to study in, work in and visit. Many thanks to all the pupils for their brilliant work and to all the hard working teachers and S.N.A.s who inspired and guided the pupils in producing such creative work.

Green Schools News: The Green School Calendar Project is still up and running reminding everyone how to save energy.

June 11th—5th class participated in a Visual Arts Workshop in costume design run by Ballinasloe Street Theatre Group. It had a "Green Theme". Keep an eye out for Birr Vintage Week Parade.

June 12th -School tours this year included trips to Dublin, Limerick, Athlone, Galway, The Castle, Science Museum and thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils.

This years Student of the Year award went to David Kearns and joint Hurlers of the year went to Eoin Pilkington and Darren Cahill.