

School Tours

2nd classes: A great day out was had by all at Lets Go Summer Camp in Kilcullen.

3rd classes: The boys and girls loved their trip to Fort Lucan. They enjoyed the adventure playground, the water slides and the mini golf.

4th classes: Tayto Park was the destination for this fun-filled tour. Ms. McGrath particularly enjoyed 'supervising' the children on the rollercoaster and the rotator.

5th classes: Castlecomer Discovery Park didn't know what hit it when our 78 pupils descended on it, to sample its adventurous activities. Unfazed by the challenges, they participated enthusiastically in all the park had to offer.

6th classes: A mighty day out was enjoyed by all at Avon Rí, Blessington, where activities such as archery, zipwire, canoeing and team-building exercises were mastered. It was a trip to remember for all our final year students.

Talent Show

This popular, end-of-year event was held on Monday, last, ably compered by Cian Whiteley. Pupils from all classes took part and, as usual, the talent on show was amazing. Well done to all on their brilliant performances!!

Green Flag

This year our school was awarded our 6th Green Flag, for Global Citizenship. Comhghairdeas to all, but especially to the Green Team and to Mrs. Forde, who has been the mainstay of our Green School Programme for so many years. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank her and wish her every happiness in her forthcoming retirement.

Upcoming Events

- The 6th class Graduation will take place on Wed. night. We wish all our departing pupils every success in the future and remind them that they will always be welcome in St. Conleth and Mary's. We'll miss you!
- The new Green Flag and Active Schools Flag will be raised on Thursday morning. As a mark of appreciation for all her hard work on the project over the years, Mrs. Forde has been invited to raise the Green Flag, while our Volleyball Coach, Tom Landers will raise the Active Schools Flag. What a successful end to a busy year.! Well done to all!

St. Conleth & Mary's



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Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Unbelievable as it seems, another year has come to an end. I'd like to acknowledge all the effort put in by pupils, members of staff, Board of Management, Parents Association and families this past twelve months. The truth of the old Irish proverb 'Ní neart go cur le chéile' is borne out every day in our school. Thank you all for your support. I'd like to pay special tribute at this time to Mary Forde, who is retiring after 38 years of loyal service with us. We'll all miss you greatly Mary. Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and sunny summer. Bainigí taitneamh as na laethanta saoire. S. O'Neill.

Rose of Tralee Visit

On April 14th, the school was visited by a very special person, none other than the 2014 Rose of Tralee, Maria Walsh, whose Rosebud during last year's festival was Anna Lambert, Rm. 14. Classes had doubled up for the occasion, and Maria met all our pupils, who sang and recited poems for her as well as asking her lots of questions about her year as Rose. Needless to say, she charmed us all, adults and children alike.

Congratulations

Well done to the boys and girls of 2nd and 6th classes who received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation recently. Maith sibh to the school choir whose beautiful singing made the ceremonies even more special. **A big thank you to the Parents Association** for their cinema and goodie bag treats for 2nd classes and for providing refreshments and memento USB sticks, loaded with photos, for the 6th class Graduation.

Orientation Night

The parents of the incoming 2nd class pupils visited on 30th Apr. They enjoyed a musical interlude from the school choir and were invited to tour the various classrooms, where the choir members were waiting to meet and greet them as wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Success Stories

Maith sibh to **Emma Byrne**, Rm. 4, who won a prize for her poem 'What Newbridge Means to Me' in the Junefest Competition and to **Aoife Fagan**, Rm. 16, for receiving a 'Yeats Among Schoolchildren' Award in Sligo. Well done too to **Kela Heeney**, Rm, 16, on her commendation in the Kildare Yeats Competition and to **Jade Tidd** on winning a Golden Pen Poetry Award.

Cake Sales

Rooms 1 and 8 held a joint Cake Sale with some fabulous cakes and buns on offer. They raised money for the Concern Nepal Appeal, to benefit victims of the recent earthquake. Room 4 also hosted a very successful Cake Sale, raising €205 for the Red Cross Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

World Book Day Presentations

The 2015 World Book Day was marked in style. The theme this year was fairy tales and all classes took to the stage on Friday, May 29th, to enact their interpretations. Stories such as The Elves and the Shoemaker, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, to name but a few, kept the whole school enthralled. Well done to all who took part and to Ms. Conway for organising the very entertaining spectacle. 'Today a reader. Tomorrow a leader!'

Active Schools Week

This very popular event was held in glorious weather from June 8th-12th and took in Sports Day, a Picnic in the Park and various other activities. During the week we were awarded our first Active Schools Flag. Míle buíochas to our organisers, Ms. Bolton and to Mrs. Treacy. Huge credit is also due to our Active Schools team, who led us so well.

Miscellaneous

Paired reading between 2nds and 6ths was enjoyed by all. y5th classes enjoyed a fascinating tour of a sunny **Curragh Racecourse** on 21st April, with **Robbie Dillon**, Rm. 5, winning the runner-up prize in the subsequent essay competition. Many thanks to **Anita Dunne** who provided a very generous cinema treat for Rm. 7.

Sport

Well done to our **Senior Boys and U-10s** for getting to two semi-Finals, and to the Senior Girls also. Thanks to all parents for their support and to their very busy trainers. Maith sibh to the runners-up in the **Scoil Mhuire Senior Blitz**. Our **Boys' and Girls' basketball teams** played friendly matches with Scoil Mhuire. It was a lovely way to end the term, especially for our departing 6th class pupils.

Thank you.....

To Adam English for helping to create an Anti-Bullying movie starring pupils from Rm. 16.