

Ballycahill NS News

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Note from the principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have come to the end of another successful school year. Thankfully we have returned to a more normal school life following 'Covid 19'. On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to commend the children on their great work. We will greatly miss our 6th Class as they move on and wish them every happiness. I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to the staff for their wonderful work. Many thanks to the Parents Council for organising the Cake Sale and all who supported it raising €1700. Enjoy the Summer Holidays.

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JUNIOR ROOM

See page 2 to find out about our fantastic tour and 'Teddy Bears' Picnic.'

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MIDDLE ROOM

On page 3 find out more about our busy final term.

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SENIOR ROOM

See how we're spending our last days of primary school on page 4.



Special Mention
to David for being so good to show kindness to his classmates.



Well Done
to Éabha for always including everyone; whether it be an activity in class or a game on the yard.



Congrats
to Tara for being a great role model and always looking out for those younger than her.

Junior Room News

The children in the Junior Room enjoyed a wonderful year which thankfully saw the disappearance of 'Pods' and allowed greater freedom.

The school tour to Parsons Green was the highlight of the year and the excitement was palpable as we boarded the bus.

We had great fun on the farm, boat ride and pony and trap. The weather obliged and the sun shone all day for us. A lot of sleepy heads on the return journey.



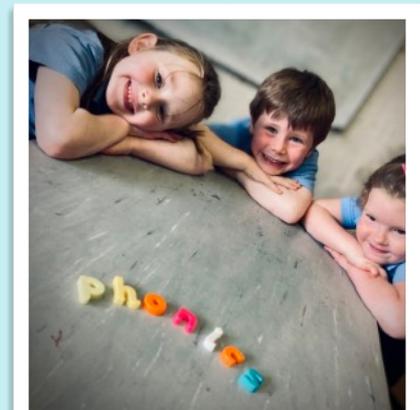
The day the Teddy Bears came to school for their picnic was amazing. The varied and colourful array of teddies brightened up the classroom. A picnic was enjoyed on the grass followed by Teddy races. All including the teddies slept well that night.



SET - PHONICS

The Juniors have been going to the SET to work on their phonics. We have been blending and segmenting like crazy and they've been smashing their record every week in the weekly challenge.

They've been using some sneaky tricks like making words quicker by making sure the vowels are in the middle. They've even figured out some tricks of their own like putting an 's' on the end of a word to make a new word.



Greetings from the Magnificent Middle Room

We've packed a lot into the last term and have enjoyed every minute of it!

We have had a very busy term. We started with a visit to our classroom from Andrew Looby from Tipp FM. Andrew presents a show called "What are the kids talking about?" Second, Third and Fourth Class helped to prepare a list of topics. Fourth Class then recorded and presented the topics on the radio each morning for a week. People had to ring in and guess what the children were talking about. It was an exciting, entertaining experience to prepare and present material for a live radio show.

On the 21st of May 2022, our seven wonderful second class students received their First Holy Communion. We would like to thank Fr Tierney and those who helped to make the church and hall so beautiful. We would also like to thank our families, Mrs Ryan, our school choir, staff and all those who helped to make our day so special in any way. The first Class parents prepared a most memorable party for us in the hall. It is a day we will always remember and never forget.



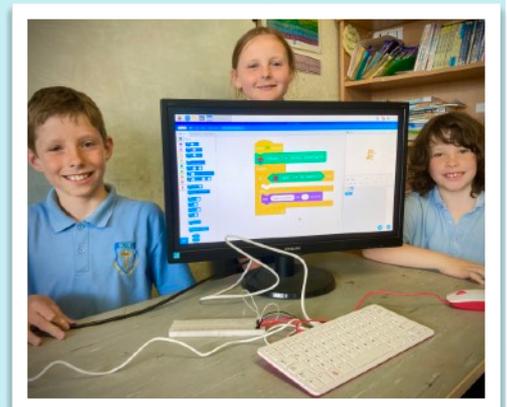
We had the best School Tour ever on the 14th of June. Our Destination: Aqua Splash in Dromineer on the Lake of Lough Derg. Our mission: To have fun! The waterpark, canoeing and pedal boats were amongst our favourites. Treats in the shop were also a highlight.

We are really looking forward to going to Templemore Park and our Teddy Bear's Picnic this week and of course our annual Sports Day on the 27th of June. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Remember to bring your sunscreen! Wishing you all safe and happy holidays.

SET - CODING

Some of the children in the middle room got a chance to try out some coding using 'Scratch' and the 'Raspberry Pi'. 'Scratch' is a block based visual programming language and we used it to create online games and other projects.

Once we became comfortable with 'Scratch' we moved on to physical computing. The 'Raspberry Pi' allowed us to connect buttons, lights etc. and control them using the code generated in 'Scratch'. There was great excitement when we hit 'run' and everything worked out and we can't wait to try more projects next year.

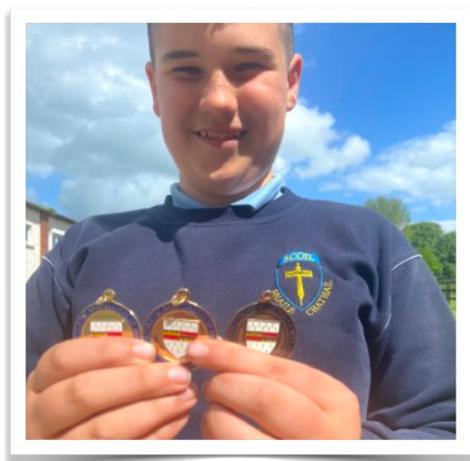


Senior Room News

It has been a busy last term, but hopefully one that will have given our sixth class lots of great memories.

5th and 6th classes went on their school tour in Aqua Splash in Dromineer in June alongside 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes. They got to try out the obstacle course on the lake, paddle boarding, kayaking and team building activities while rowing in groups. Luckily the weather was good and they had a brilliant day!

Our 6th class student, Luke Dwyer, experienced great success in athletics over the last few weeks. In late May, he came third in shot put and won the hammer throwing and discus U14



competition which took place in Templemore athletics track. On Saturday June 18th, Luke came 2nd in the hammer throwing competition in Cork MTU. We are very proud of you Luke and your achievements to date and look forward to hearing more of your successes in the future!

Our 6th class had their Graduation Mass in the church last Thursday evening, June 16th. We are very fortunate to have had Fr. Tierney to say Mass and the school choir, comprised of 1st – 5th classes, to provide the fabulous singing for our Mass. All students had a role to play and every single one of them did a fantastic job. We wish our 6th class the very best of luck in secondary school and are excited to hear how they all get on.

SET - MATHS GAMES

It can be hard in the senior room to stay enthusiastic when maths becomes more abstract and computation heavy. We invented some games to try and keep things interesting.

From a teacher's perspective, it was *'pure joy'* to watch the same kid who was blasé about errors in their copybook or test become utterly frustrated with a similar mistake when it cost them points in a game. It's also astounding how quickly you will remember that '2 is the only even prime number' when you know it'll help you trash your friends!!!

