Newsletter Easter 2013 Presentation Primary School

Green Flag

Wonderful! The school has received its third Green Flag for saving water! Thank-You to Mrs. Keane, the Green-School's Committee and YOU for all the hard work at saving water. We are all looking forward to starting work on the next Green Flag for Travel.

World Book Day

On the 7th of March 2013 we celebrated World Book Day! Students (and even some teachers!!!!), dressed up as characters from their favourite book. We had Fern from Charlotte's Web, Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz, the Twins from Double Act and many, many more!

Credit Union Quiz

This year four students from our school qualified for the Credit Union Quiz. They had to answer lots and lots of hard questions, but at least they got a few goodies afterwards! Congratulations to Ali Corcoran, Livvy O'Brien, Sine Landers (6th Class) and Casey Last (5th Class) who got 76% in the quiz.

By Sine Landers

Suzanne Grogan

In February, 5th and 6th Class had a visit from Suzanne Grogan. Suzanne works for the Naval Service. She explained about her work and how she was the first women to become a Petty Officer in Ireland. Her daughter Leigh O'Driscoll, 6th Class, watched proudly as her mother showed pictures and she helped her mother explain about her work. It was a very interesting visit and we appreciate Suzanne's time and effort.

Community Games Art Competition

Congratulations to Aimee Hennessy, Chimaka Aghamelu, Ellie Toomey, Jasmine Orias, Tzvetelina Dimitrova, (4th Class) Eman Rehman and Sophie Corcoran (3rd Class) who qualified for the second round of the

Community Games Art Competition in the Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel. Well done girls!

Seachtain na Gaelige

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place on the 11th - 15th March. On Friday 15th March, classes 2nd to 6th performed at the senior concert and Junior Infants to 1st class performed at the junior concert. Children and staff got the opportunity to dress up in the colours of the Irish flag for the day. Six pupils from the Presentation Secondary School performed a traditional concert with Irish dancing and traditional music. Bhí an-spóirt againn!

Communion, Penance, Confirmation and Ceremony Of Light

2nd class made their First Confession on 6th of March 2013. Ms. Conway's folk choir sang at the mass and were accompanied on the flute by Ms. Keane. It was a lovely night! 2nd class are also preparing for their First Holy Communion, which will take place on the 18th of May 2013.

6th class had their Ceremony of Light on the 14th March. After the Mass, everyone was invited over to St. Mary's Hall for refreshments. Thanks to the Parents' Council and the Parish Council for the great night! 6th class are also preparing for their Confirmation, which will take place on the 23rd of March 2013.

Short Stories

Congratulations to Róisín Nolan 6th class who wrote "Chat over Dinner" and Kelly Joyce 5th class who wrote "The Best Day Ever". Both won a prize in the Short Stories Competition run by "The Book Market". They got their prize on 16th of March and will read their stories at Assembly soon.

A Short Story for you to enjoy!

Mrs. Skehan was so delighted to read the wonderful stories her pupils in Rang I wrote recently that she decided to share one of the stories with us all. Well done to newly published author, Ciara Ryan!

My Journey

I am at the moon. I see lots of rocks. I am eating moon cheese. I went in a rocket. I have a special astronaut suit on me. The stars are shining brightly. There are 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 oh I cannot count anymore stars. There are too many. My rocket is pink, purple, red, green, blue, yellow and turquoise. The moon is grey and rocky. I see green aliens with eyes on their antenna. Wait! Some have an eye on their face. Oh also some with 1000 eyes. They are all different. In the rocket it was bumpy. I drove to the spaceship centre. I was so excited. I reached out and touched a cloud.

By Ciara Ryan Rang 1

Clonmel's Got Talent

Well done to Hannah McCabe who played her flute and made it to the semi-finals of Clonmel's Got Talent! Congratulations also to Kate Lonergan who sang "It Will Rain" by Bruno Mars and played her guitar in the finals. Kate came 2nd place in the Primary School section.

Aistear

The Junior Infants have been enjoying a new programme called Aistear. It involves learning a new thing every day through play and helping the children to learn and develop their oral language skills. Recently Junior Infants have been learning about spring and St.Patrick. They seem to be enjoying it.

Catholic Schools Week

We enjoyed Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year was 'Catholic Schools in the Community of Faith: Sharing the Good News'. Pupils were delighted to celebrate the role of grandparents in their lives and wonderful poems and stories were written.

Bottle caps

Casey Last in 5th Class has been collecting milk bottle caps for the Wheelchair Association. So if anybody has any spare milk bottle caps at home, it would be appreciated if you brought them in. Thanks!

Food Dudes

For the past 3 weeks our school has been taking part in a programme called "Food Dudes." Food Dudes is a programme that runs for 16 days and is made possible by Bord Bia. The programme aims to get children to develop a new liking for fruit and vegetables. Every day a child gets the opportunity to try a new fruit and vegetable. For the first week, children just had to taste each fruit and vegetable and if they did, they would get a small prize. For the rest of the weeks each child had to have a portion the size of their cupped hand. The child would only get a prize if they had successfully eaten the proper amount. The fruit and vegetable that the children have eaten are bananas, peppers, apples, tomatoes, carrots, raisin, cucumber and orange. At the end of the programme, the children who the teacher thinks had made the best efforts get a few extra prizes. Remember to keep encouraging your child to eat lots of fruit and vegetables!

Chicks

But we do like sweet things too! 6th Class knitted chicks for the Apostolic Society. Thank you to Livvy's mam, Anita O'Brien, for knitting so many to help us out. The chicks were on sale in the office with a Crème Egg for 2 euro each. The proceeds are going to the Apostolic Society which helps missionaries abroad.

Visit from Mr. Power

On the 21^{st} March 2013, a man named Patrick Power came to our school to talk to 4^{th} and 6^{th} Class about his work in Antarctica. Mr. Power works for The British Antarctic Survey. He told us about life in the Antarctica. He told us that living in the Antarctic is not easy but is the best experience of his life. We loved looking at his pictures of the penguins and the Aurora lights.

Thank You!

Thank you to 6th Class pupils Ali Corcoran, Leah Lambe and Síne Landers who wrote this newsletter! Thank you also to their classmate, Róisín Nolan, who drew the Easter Bunny for you to colour. Their work on this newsletter is much appreciated. Noelle Lambert ©