

Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

MEITHEAMH 2024

Nuacht ó gCoiste na nDaltaí—Téarma a Trí



The Student Council/Coiste na nDaltaí are contributing to our Nuacht as Gharráin Mhuire. It is very important that the students have a voice within the school. On this occasion members from the council are recounting the highlights of Term 3. *Míle Buíochas to Ms. Byrne and Ms. Ryan for supporting and guiding the members of our Coiste na nDaltaí.*

PJ Day

For so long our student council, and I am sure other student councils, have asked to have a PJ Day. This



term we finally got to have a PJ Day. We made lots of posters. There were lots of charities to choose

from. Ciara one of the student council members said we should do As I Am, which was our chosen charity. Finally, the day came and we had so much fun. We hope we get to do it again!

Edie 5th Class

Grove Vision

Grove Vision is a song competition held every year. First you have a class final and only three groups from each class get through. There are two categories in Grove Vision - English and Green. We used to have Irish but we didn't have it this year. Three groups from the English and Green category will go through to the final. In the final you perform your song in front of the whole school. You are not allowed to perform a song or copy a tune that already exists or you will be disqualified. After everyone has finished performing their song the judges will discuss who they think, from 2nd-6th class, are the winners from their class group. They also chose an overall winner. The judges announced the top three best songs from each class in each category. First place got a plaque, second place got a gold medal and third place got a silver medal. The overall winner of the Grove Vision was Isabelle from 4th class, room 11. ME! I was invited back on stage and was given a GIANT plaque. I was asked to sing the song again and I did. After that Ms. Carolan said that my name would be engraved on the plaque. Grove Vision was a truly great experience and I hope it never changes!

Isabelle (the winner of Grove Vision) - 4th Class

As I Am

As I Am is a charity we all raised money for this term. One of their main goals is to help and support people with autism. We had a past pupil Max visit our school and speak to us during assembly during PJ Day. We also got to ask him questions.

Rayyan 6th Class

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Aviva 5-aside

A couple of weeks ago seven girls from 6th Class made it to the Aviva Stadium in a football final against all of Ireland! They were representing Leinster and played a couple of matches against teams from Munster, Ulster and Connacht. They ended up WINNING the whole tournament and were celebrated the next day with a Guard of Honour that the whole school took part in.

Lucy 6th Class

Camogie

Hi. I'm Emma and I am on the camogie team. We have a very good team and amazing coaches- Ms. Hickey and Mr. O'Flaherty. They organise the matches and all the training which is on Monday after school.



Now I'll start telling you about the matches. They were typically on a Wednesday. Since we have a very good team it led us to the semi-finals which we knew, if we won, we would be playing in Croke

Park. Everyone felt excited, nervous and scared. We played a school called Pope John Paul II National School. But at half time we were losing and we were kind of sad until Mr. O'Flaherty gave us a talk and we felt better. We then went back on the pitch and played. Sadly we lost and there were tears but we kept our heads high and we were still happy with how far we got.

Then we were invited to a camogie blitz on Thursday 13th June and it was great fun. We played three different schools in the quarter finals and we won them all so we made it to the semi finals ONCE AGAIN! We played an Irish school, they were rough and we sadly lost once again. But we were glad it was over because it was cold and rainy so we were happy to go home. And that brought an end to OLG camogie 2024. We are so grateful for our coaches because we wouldn't be able to make it to TWO semi finals without them!

Camogie 5th Class

Girls Cup Final

On Monday 17th June our girls football team made it to their Cup Final in Wayside. Their coaches Tommy and Stephen coached them all the way and gave them the courage to take this on with confidence. Well done because the coaching paid off and the girls won 6-0 against !!!!!!! and were crowned champions.

Lucy 6th Class

Santry

Santry happened at the end of May. I went to it, so I'll be telling you about how we got there and back, training for it and the results of going there.

Mr O'Flaherty said to us that there will be try outs, lots of people tried out for it. The stuff people could do is a girl and boy 5th and 6th sprinter, a girl and boy 5th and 6th relay team, a girl and boy 6th long distance, a girl and boy 6th shotput and girl and boy 6th long jump.

Only 5th and 6th class can do the try outs. The relay team and the long distance got a bus there and the rest came in a car so they wouldn't be late for their races.



It was a fun day and the results were good. Lou Lou came 2nd in her long distance then we came home on the bus.

The next day we were treated to ice pops by the school because we represented the school. We enjoyed every second of the day. Thank you for reading my piece.

Emma 5th Class

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Handball

On Thursday Eoin and his Multi-Sport team came in to teach us the basic rules of the sport Handball. Some of rules are that you are not allowed to **kick the ball, you can only take three steps at a time, you** are not allowed to grab the ball out of someone's hands and you are not allowed to step in the goalkeepers semi-circle when you have the ball. After they told us the rules, we played three games. The playing area was about one third of the halla and we had five or six people on a team. It was great fun and we enjoyed playing handball. Thank you for reading my piece.

Euan 5th Class

Orienteering

Earlier this term Orienteering Ireland came to do Orienteering with us. Orienteering is a sport where you go through a maze to different points as fast as you can. Once you are done you get another map and do it again. On the map the triangle means start and the circle means the end.



There are 5 points you have to get in the maze and then you are done. It was great fun!

Sean & Fionn 3rd Class

Sports Day

On the 18th of June 3rd to 6th and on the 19th of June Junior Infants to 2nd did their sports day. There were races and games. The games we did were bean bag toss, fun races, dodge ball, boules and orienteering. The races for the medals were lots of different races depending on the class.



Lottie 3rd Class

Teach the Teacher

This term 5th and 6th class got to choose a topic like music, art, general knowledge and to teach the class about this topic. I chose a topic called an Illusion of Monkey Business – which is about the learning of objectives- noticing everything rather than focusing on just one thing. Ms Boylan loved learning about it.

Jake 6th Class

Carlingford School Tour

For our school tour the 6th class went to Carlingford. To start the day, we had to go to school at 7 in the morning to get the bus. The bus was a lot of fun. We sang songs



and talked to our friends. Eventually after 2 hours, we got there. We started by doing some raft building. We built our rafts before getting changed into wet suits and having a

race in 4 teams. Our boat managed to win but don't listen to the other teams... After we got dried off, we went to the café to have sausages and chips. Next, we went to the ziplines (which is basically like Zip-it) and we had lots of fun. I didn't even get too scared of the heights. After this we had dinner in the café before going home on the bus. There wasn't as much singing as we were very tired. All in all, it was a great school tour. I would recommend it.

Ruairí 6th Class

Grandparents Day

We started the day by getting ready, moving the tables and moving around. Our grandparents arrived and we went to the hall and sang them a song. When we finished the song we came over to our grandparents and lined up for a tour of the school. We showed them everything that was special to us and what our school is proud of.



When the tour was over we came up to our classroom and showed them where we sit.

Then we sat down and did some artwork. Room 11 did a tree and a sunset and room 12 did an animal collage and stuck loads of paper on it. After that the grandparents had tea and coffee and biscuits. The tea and coffee was very nice! Everybody had a great time.

Beth, Mark, Patrick and Sophia 4th Class

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Wind Farm

In February our class entered an art contest. We had to design a poster for Wind Energy Ireland. The prize was a class tour to a wind farm in Offaly and your design was turned into a jigsaw. A few weeks later, our teacher, Ms. Conway, got an email saying that I had WON! I was flabbergasted! Then, on the 22nd of May, my whole class got to go on a bus to Offaly, which was where the wind farm was. We met a woman called Catherine, who taught us all about what they do at the wind farm. After that, she let us explore the building that we were in. It had loads of fun activities we could do. Then, after we had lunch, we got to go out and see a wind turbine! We even got to play on it! (Well, not up at the top, at least.) Once we had finished playing, we went on a walk to see a different wind turbine. Finally, we walked back to the bus and went back to school, where our guardians picked us up. Altogether, it was a great experience and I enjoyed it.

Pearl 5th Class

School Tours

In May and June everyone went on their school tour.



Junior and Senior Infants went to Glenroe Farm. Ms. Kernan went with them as it is her last year in OLG. 1st class went to the forest in Wicklow, Belmont De-

mesne. 2nd class went to Russborough house for lots of activities. 3rd class went to Dublin Zoo, my favourite animal was the elephant doing his POO!! 4th class went to UCD for sports activities. 5th class went to Emerald Park and saw the new Tír na nÓg area. 6th class went to Carlingford for their last school tour in primary school. Everyone had a great tour.

Ciara 3rd Class

Our Class Book

In 5th class we made a class book. Room 13 made a book called 'Things I am Interested In' and Room 14's was called 'People and Things we Admire'. It took us a few weeks to finally finish it because we had to write a rough draft and figure out what we wanted to write about. Then we got the real piece of paper and had to write it out all again. We also drew a picture to go with our story. In room 14 people wrote about sport, singers, actors, animal etc. and in room 13 people wrote about countries, pets, sports stars etc. We had a lot of fun making the books and it took around six weeks for them to arrive. They turned out great!

Eliza 5th Class

Garda Visit



Earlier this term Garda Linda came to talk to us about cyber safety. She talked about how to block cyber bullies and how to stay safe on the inter-

net. We also learned a song like this 'Stop! Block! Tell!'

Fionn, Sean & Georgia 3rd Class

Goodbye Ms. Kernan

This year is Ms. Kernan's last year being principal of Our Lady's Grove. We will be sad to see her go but excited to see how our new principal will affect how we learn as a school. The 6th class are disappointed not to see the new principal in action and the junior infants next year will never get to meet Ms. Kernan. We are sad, but excited for new beginnings. We'll miss you Ms. Kernan.

Zoe 6th Class

School reopens Wednesday 28 August 2024



On behalf of the Board of Management, thanks to all of the families who contributed to the upkeep of our school through the Voluntary Contributions. There is still time for you to send in your Voluntary Contributions for 2024.

Afterschool Activities

Thanks to the Parent Association, teachers on staff, outside providers for offering a wide variety of activities to our families every weekday afternoon and evening. We extend a huge thank you to the coaches, teachers, supervisors and co-ordinators of the following activities that took place during the year: Cumann na mBunscol, Hockey, Athletics, Soccer, Chess Club, Gaeilge Club, Guitar, Creative Keyboards, MultiSports, Gymnastics, CraftyKids Art Club, Debating, Irish Dancing & Taekwon-Do. We look forward to resuming the activities in September.

A Last Word from AK

Children, Parents & staff,

The last nine years have been the highlight of my forty years in education. It has been a pleasure to serve the OLG Community. I will dearly miss all of the children. I believe I have chosen the ideal time to pass on the 'leadership baton'. There is an exciting future for Garráin Mhuire as a school and a community. I will look forward to watching its success year on year. Success comes with hard work and dedication and without a doubt the staff in OLG will continue to be at their best in this regard.

Friday, the last day of the school year was wonderful. I have memories and hugs to last me my lifetime! Your cards, gifts, and gorgeous messages on Kudos, were truly appreciated. I spent the weekend with my family savouring your kindness shown to me. I will be in touch with families over the summer. I thank you all from my heart and wish you every happiness and success in the future.

Míle Buíochas,

Anne Kernan



Bainigí taitneamh as na laethanta saoire!

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