

# Scoil Nn. Peadar is Pol.

## Summer Newsletter - June 2011.

### **Musical Extravaganza in Ss. Peter & Paul's C.B.S.**

On Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> a music extravaganza was held in Ss. Peter & Paul's School featuring choirs & music groups from around the County and beyond. Groups involved included Our Lady of Mercy Girls School, Cahir, Ardfinnan N.S. and Cork's North Mon (last year's hosts of the event) as well as the Ss. Peter & Paul's Choir and Ss. Peter and Paul's C.B.S. Band.

A feast of music was enjoyed by all with over 180 children performing at the event. Highlights included Ardfinnan's rendition of "The Dublin Saunter" which they had previously sung at the National Children's Choir event in Thurles, Cahir's version of "May the Road Rise to Meet You" and the all-singing all dancing "Abba Forever" from the Ss. Peter & Paul's choir. The concert concluded with the Ss. Peter & Paul's C.B.S. band playing "Superheroes 'r Us" and some lively audience participation for the Black-Eyed Peas "I've Gotta Feeling". A great performance was enjoyed by all and the performers are eagerly awaiting next year's event.

After the Highlights of the musical extravaganza, the lads downed their musical instruments and picked up their Hurleys. In a very competitive game of Hurling our lads beat the famed North Mon – the nursery of Cork Hurling for generations and conveyer belt of Hurling superstars to Cork Teams over the years.

### **Sixth Class Highlights.**

Undoubtedly Confirmation Day and Retreat Day in Glencomeragh with Sr. Antoinette were amongst the highlights of last term. Sports Day, Graduation Night, Jersey Day, the school tour to Dublin, drumming with the African Drummer and the Mayoral reception in the Town Hall with Mayor Siobhan Ambrose will be memories the boys will have long after leaving Ss. Peter & Paul's.

Finally Bon Voyage to this year 6<sup>th</sup>. Everybody is agreed without exception that they were amongst the best 6<sup>th</sup> ever to graduate from the school. A multi- talented, creative group they embellished everything they did with an innate decency, kindness and generosity of spirit. They were respectful, caring, courteous and co-operative and were imbued with a 'niceness' and caring spirit that was very obvious to all who attended their graduation night.

**What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us**

### **George's Jersey Day – Thank you boys and parents.**

On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June George organised Jersey Day to do some fund raising for Ronald McDonald House where he stayed while in Hospital in Crumlin. We were totally over-whelmed by the generosity of YOU the parents towards this very deserving cause. Your kindness raised €2000 and was gratefully appreciated and acknowledged by Ronald McDonald House where a plaque on the "Donation Wall" will always be a testament to the generosity of Ss. Peter & Paul's C.B.S. School Community.

## **Graduation Night.**

On Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> our 6<sup>th</sup> class boys had their Graduation Ceremony. A wonderful night was had by all with star guest Eoin Kelly being the highlight of the night. Eoin's message to the boys emphasised positivity and support in all walks of life. What a true sporting legend – our hero in every respect. His key remark was: **“Hard work beats talent, if talent does not work hard”**.

## **Senior Infants.**

Senior Infants have been very busy in school this term. They have been learning lots of new words and are now able to write their own stories. They had a great day when they visited the Copper Coast Farm and saw all the interesting animals. Their favourite animals were the chipmunks, the miniature ponies and the Llamas. They are all looking forward to the Summer holidays and moving to the 'big school' in September. Ss. Peter and Paul's greatly appreciates all the wonderful work Ms. Parsons has done with this group of boys and hopefully her thorough professionalism in all matters educational will be rewarded in some school soon lucky enough to employ her.

## **First Class – Ms. Cooney.**

Over the Easter holidays 1<sup>st</sup> class boys (Ms. Cooney's & Ms. Lawlor's) were busy making inventions out of recycled items. They had great fun at the follow- up exhibition in the school hall. First class had a great day out at Monkey Maze in Glanmire and Glengarra Woods. They boys really enjoyed their five visits from Gráinne the Junior Achievement Leader and were delighted when she presented them with Certificates on her final day. These boys love PE and Hurling and have amazing eye/hand co-ordination skill levels for boys so young.

## **First Class – Ms. Lawlor.**

Ms Lawlor's recycling exhibition was a great success. The boys were very creative and made some amazing things out of recyclable materials. The boys in 1<sup>st</sup> class completed the Junior Achievement Programme on Families & Communities. They worked very hard and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. They had great fun at their first Sports Day up in Clonmel Óg. They really enjoyed their trip to Monkey Maze in Cork. It was very exciting. Also this year these boys began hurling training. There is sure to be a number of boys from 1<sup>st</sup> class on Tipperary teams in years to come.

## **Junior Infants – Mrs. O'Dea.**

Mrs. O'Dea's boys are looking forward to their sports day and have been practising over the last few weeks. They have their sights set on 'medals'. The boys had a great day in Parson's Green enjoying the boat trip and the spin in the pony and trap. Mr. Darragh Kearney spent 3 weeks with the boys and often speaks of the wonderful enjoyable experience he had with Mrs O'Dea and her class.

## **Junior Infants – Mrs. Donnelly.**

Mrs Donnelly's boys had a very busy fun filled year – from making rice krispie buns to planting sunflowers as well as reading over 100 library books each!! The boys had a very enjoyable trip to Parsons Green and are eagerly awaiting their sports day this Wednesday.

For 3 weeks John Morris, a student teacher, worked his magic on the class and was a big hit with all the boys. Well done John and Darragh. 20% of the male student teachers in Froebel College of Education, Dublin are former pupils of our school.

## **Second Class.**

Second Class had a very busy term. The boys made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone had a wonderful day and the boys were a credit to themselves, their school and their families. On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June they travelled to the Trabeg Sports Centre in Douglas, Cork for their school tour. The boys took part in numerous fun activities, the highlight for most boys was the zorbee baus and the buigee trampoline. Overall they have had a fantastic year and hopefully the boys will keep up their wonderful tin whistle playing over the Summer!!

## **Third Class.**

3<sup>rd</sup> class enjoyed a brilliant school trip to U.L. activity centre in Killaloe this year. They were overwhelmed by the amount of activities offered to them, including kayaking, canoeing, wind surfing, high rope challenges, archery and forest activities. They became a class of avid readers and were enthusiastic throughout the year about building their own library. The boys really showed their creative side and talents through the wonderful displays they created. They look forward to 4<sup>th</sup> class!! Sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Kearney for her service and commitment to Ss. Peter and Paul's over the last two years and best of luck in your future career.

## **Fourth Class - Mr Fenlon & Mrs Power.**

Both fourth classes has two outings this term - to Kilfinane O.E.C. and a walk from Carey's Castle back to Clonmel via the Holy Year Cross. In Lough Gur the boys did Kayaking and Canoeing while back in the Kilfinane Centre they learned the art of orienteering and indoor wall climbing. All the boys enjoyed the outing. Unfortunately the weather was very wet for our Glenary Walk but it was awash with geography, history, science and character building skills! Crossing the stream in bare feet was an adventure. The long slog home in wet clothes was very uncomfortable but at least we all had dry clothes waiting for us in school. Mrs Power's boys were very proud of the creative Fair Tales they recently wrote, typed and read to the Junior Infants. Overall we had a very good year in school with the boys participating wholeheartedly in all aspects of school life – academic and sporting.

## **Fifth Class.**

Mr Ring's fifth class had a very enjoyable trip to Doneraile Park recently where they learned all about trees, plants, flowers and animals. They also visited Ardmore Adventure Centre where they did sea kayaking, archery and a host of other activities. Many of the boys were on the Hurling and Football panels and Mr. Ring's U. 11 Hurlers were only narrowly defeated in the County Semi-Final. Working with the African Drummer, making parachutes in Science, reading 3 English novels, learning about Agriculture and Poultry keeping as well as studying for Drumcondra are some of the exhausting activities these boys have been involved in.

## **Parents' Council.**

Another School year over and this selfless dedicated group goes from strength to strength. Each year the council seems to surpass itself. The skill and efficiency with which the Sports Day, Book

Rental, Graduation, Easter Raffle, Cake Sale and various events were run this year shows the total commitment and support available to the school. We place on record our sincere heart felt gratitude to two wonderful ladies Regina Power and Helen Ruth who worked tirelessly for the school over many years and who will be sorely and sadly missed. Thanks Regina & Helen from your many friends in Ss. Peter & Paul's.

## **Band/Choir.**

Ms. Moran would like to place on record her deep appreciation and gratitude to all the boys in 6<sup>th</sup> class leaving the School Choir and Band. They were wonderful ambassadors for music and singing in Ss. Peter & Paul's and gave us all many hours of happiness and entertainment through their magical performances. **Music speaks what cannot be expressed. Soothes the mind and gives it rest. Heals the heart and makes it whole. Flows from heaven to the soul.**

## **Sympathy.**

The whole school community offers sincere sympathy to Mr. Sean Nyhan our B.O.M. Chairman on the sad passing of his wife Betty recently. We also were deeply saddened and shocked to learn of the untimely death of Aine Sheahan sister of Roz Browne over Easter. May both ladies rest in peace.

## **Best Wishes.**

We send the best wishes of the school community to Ms. Emma Joyce and Ms. Karen Morrissey for the safe arrival of their babies.

## **Resource/Learning Support/Home School Liaison.**

Sincere thanks to Catherine Senior, Catherine Condon, Cathal Ryan, Catherine Kearney and Roz Browne for all their support during the year.

## **S.N.A.'s.**

The staff appreciates the wonderful in-class support from Monica Harvey, Stella O'Sullivan, Therese Maunsell, Audrey Power and Helen Hawkins.

## **Ancillary Staff.**

We also appreciate the invaluable work of Linda, Siobhán, Oliver, Karen, Paddy, Seán and Diarmuid for all their help and support.

We are indebted to Valerie in the office for the smooth, efficient running of the school on a daily and without whom this newsletter would not be possible.

## **Principal.**

Sincere thanks to Principal Mr. Hickey for creating a wonderful, caring, supportive atmosphere in the Ss. Peter and Paul's which allows the work of pupils and teachers to take place in a happy and pleasant learning environment.

## **Fourth Class - Mr Fenlon.**

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## **Fourth Class – Mrs Power.**

Mrs Power's fourth class had a great day at Kilfinane Outdoor centre. They enjoyed orienteering, wall climbing, kayaking and canoeing. The boys were very proud of the creative Fair Tales they recently wrote, typed and read to the Junior Infants.

Despite the wet conditions the boys had a day to remember last Friday. It was awash with geography, history, science and character building skills!