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## Nuachtlitir an tSamhraidh 2009

### Ó Pheann an Phríomhoide

Sa Nuachtlitir seo féachaimíd siar le meas ar a bhfuil bainte amach againn i rith na scoilbliana '08/'09 agus tugaimíd srach-fhéachaint ar ár gCuimhniú Daichead Bliain.

As we reflect back over the numerous events and achievements of the past year, we bid our graduating 6th Class a fond farewell and look forward to meeting our new Infants in September. Nach tapaidh a chasann rotha an t-saoil?

Bíodh samhradh deas agaibh go léir and we look forward to seeing you all again on 31 August, when the school re-opens.

Le meas oraibh,  
**Norma Ryan, Príomhoide**  
Meitheamh 2009.



## Sciath na Scol

This year proved to be a very fruitful one on the playing fields with our footballers and hurlers managing to complete a coveted double. In October the Big Ball Brigade were successful over Ovens while the hurlers had a nail-biting win over Millstreet in June. A super achievement!

Congrats to Daniel Meaney, Alan O'Callaghan and David King who represented Cork against Limerick prior to the National Hurling League fixture and Alan also played Primary Game Football against Kerry in June.



## Table Tennis

In January 2009, we began after-school table tennis coaching in the school, under the guidance of Ivan Shorten. We won our first two beginners competitions, which was a super achievement. Well done to both victorious teams, and to their mentor, Mr. Murphy



## Quiz Champs

Scoil Barra emerged victorious in the annual Sciath na Scol County Sports Quiz in October, from an entry of over 80 schools. Part of their prize will be a Team Fun Day, sponsored by O2.



Sciath na Scol  
County Quiz Winners 2008

## Cork Primary School Sports

Due to the inclement weather, the Sports had to be cancelled in June and will now be staged in September.

## Sports Day

The addition of a Fun Day in association with our traditional Sports Day proved to be a great success this year. Our thanks to O' Driscoll's Superstore, Ballinlough, for sponsoring all the trophies.

## Tennis

Congrats to our team who reached the Munster semi-finals and to their coach Paul O'Callaghan.



## Tag Rugby

Boys from R.VI participated in a tag rugby blitz in late March at Scoil Stiofain Naofa. Buíochas to coach Eliot Cantwell, for his work through out the year.

## School Leagues and BBQ

Our end of year school leagues finals - held in tandem with the now traditional BBQ - was once again a wonderful evening. The leagues gave an opportunity to every child from Infants right up to sixth class to participate in our national games. Míle buíochas to Valerie O'Riordan and her chefs for the tasty fare and to the PA who ran a very popular tuck shop on the night.

### Graduation Mass

Fr. O Mathúna celebrated the 6th Class Graduation Mass on Thursday, June 18th in the Halla Mór. Both he and Ms. Ryan congratulated the boys on their achievements in school. They also thanked the parents for their tremendous support for the school. Parents and pupils were touched by the very imaginative presentation made to each of the boys by the Parents Association.

### Cúrsaí Eolaíochta

- During the Spring, Blackrock Castle Observatory co-ordinated a visit of speakers to the school who presented a slideshow for the children on the topic of the Planets.
- Local wildlife expert, Jim Wilson, visited Ranganna III + IV and reported to them on his recent visit to the Antarctic
- As this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Lunar landing, facilitator from the Group "Educate Me" put on a presentation for the boys on the topic of The Moon.
- The Senior Classes paid their annual visit to the Discovery show, Cork's yearly interactive science exhibition.
- Experts from the microbiology Dept. of U.C.C. visited the sixth classes and presented a most interesting slideshow on Microbes - Our Body's Protectors

### Parents Association

Our Parents Association have been involved in a range of school - based activities this year: our 40th Celebrations, Sports Day, Barbeque and Graduation Mass to mention a few. We thank the PA sincerely for their tremendous goodwill, energy and support.

### Cór-Fhéile na Scol

Pupils from Rang 2 performed **Jack and the Beanstalk** at Cór-Fhéile na Scol in the City Hall.

### Seussical the Musical

In March, all classes from Junior Infants to Second Class attended the Cork Arts Studio production of "Seussical the Musical" at the Everyman Palace. Pupils were enthralled by the story of Horton the Elephant and other Dr. Seuss creations. A great time was had by all!



### First Holy Communion

Second class boys celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion at St. Michael's Church, Blackrock on Saturday May 9th. It was a wonderful occasion at which the boys and girls sang beautifully. Afterwards, the children, their families and their teachers attended a very pleasant reception in the Parish Centre. Thanks to the "Do This in Memory of Me" committee of parents who organised the reception as well as the family masses throughout the year.



### Confirmation

Archbishop White conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on the boys and girls of Blackrock Parish on May 9th.



### Magner's League

Our thanks also to parent, Jennifer Kiernan who organised the visit of the Magner's League trophy to the school in May.



### More Success at Feis Maitiú

Beaumont Boys pupils swept the boards once again at this year's Feis Maitiú. The Weston Perpetual Cup for Choral Verse went to Mr. Keating's fifth class, Ms. Culhane's third class took the Teresa Harris Perpetual Cup while much fancied Miss O' Sullivan's fourth class were runners up in their competition.



### Book Fair

Things took an unusual twist at Scoil Barra Buachaillí's book fair held just before Easter! Picture shows Miss O'Mahony's junior infant class having fun with a seldom seen man from a well-loved tale. Also in attendance was real live authour Nick Addey, who talked about the subject of his book, **Stars – the Real Pictures**, as well as the story of **The Three Billy Goats Gruff** with pupils from infants to second class.



### Schools' Fantasy Leagues

This year's League was very competitive with Patrick Fitzgerald edging out Adrian Daly and Conor Clarke. Jack Dignam won the F.A.Cup competition. Comhghárdeas libh a bhuachaillí.

### Creating Waves

Fourth class pupils were very lucky to be chosen to partake in an exciting pilot project called 'Creating Waves' in the Crawford Art Gallery, an art-in-schools initiative supported by Cork City Council. The boys participated in a wide-ranging series of gallery and classroom based workshops with six different artists.

The artwork they created as a result of their gallery visits, which includes stained glass, ceramics and a film of their response to the 'Hero with a Thousand Faces' exhibition, is currently on view in the gallery. Beaumont Boys' School has the distinction of being the first primary school to have its own exhibition in the Crawford Gallery and the opening night on Thursday June 11 was a hub of energy and excitement.

A guide for young people to the Crawford Gallery, created as a result of this project and featuring artwork and photographs of Beaumont pupils, will be available in the future as a resource for children visiting the gallery. Congratulations to all fourth class artists, their class teacher Jacinta O'Sullivan, Julie Devine SNA and Norma Nagle, Resource Teacher for co-ordinating the project.



## Anniversary Celebrations at Scoil Barra



On Thursday 4 February, the Board of Management and the Parents Association hosted a reception to mark the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the school. Special guests of honour were the past pupils of the first intake as well as parish and community representatives, staff and sponsors of the school down through the years.

Mr. Seán Logue, Chairperson of the Board of Management, welcomed those in attendance and acknowledged the enormous contribution made by his predecessors in maintaining the standards of excellence in education for which the school is recognised.

Former Principal, Mrs. Mairéad Murphy, entertained the gathering with her personal reminiscences of the establishment and development of Scoil Barra while Paschal Griffin provided an equally entertaining account from a past pupil's perspective.

Ms. Denise Ginn presented the past pupils with a commemorative scroll to mark the occasion and thanked those who had travelled from as far away as London and the U.S. to attend. Many remarked on the new framed pictorial collages in the corridors and we thank the P.A sincerely for organising this.

Bheannaigh an Canónach Tadhg Ó Mathúna, S.P., an scoil agus na daoine a bhí bailithe. Níl aon amhras ná gur bhain gach éinne taitneamh agus tairbhe as cursaí na hoíche sin!

On the following day, it was the turn of the present pupils and staff to celebrate. Canon Tadhg presided over the Mass for Children in the Halla Mór. The boys from first class to sixth sang beautifully and participated with reverence in the readings, special prayers and presentation of gifts. This was followed by the cutting of the 40th Birthday cake and the consumption of treats generously supplied by the children's parents.

***They don't look a day older!!***



### **Class of 1975 at 40th Anniversary Celebrations**

**Back L-R;** Kieran Keyes, David Quirke, Alan Forde, Denis O'Kelly, Roddy Lacey, Eoin O'Regan, Declan McDonald, Kieran O'Sullivan.

**Centre L-R;** Wally McCarthy, David Williamson, Denis O'Callaghan, Paul Hanover, Robert Tyrell, Pat O'Brien, Brian McGrath, Eddie Murphy, Kieran O'Sullivan, Billy Whitnall, Billy O'Sullivan.

**Front L-R;** Barry Hallinan, Pádraig Long, John Kelly, Maireád Murphy, Frank Quinlan, Seán O'Sullivan, Gerald Murphy.

# Our Conferring Trip to U.C.C.

Yesterday we went to U.C.C. (*University College Cork*). When we got there we went into the gift shop and we met our tour guides JP and Dermot. They were really nice.

Dermot showed us around first and then we went into the observatory. He showed us how to open the dome roof and move the telescope. He also said you could burn it onto a piece of glass in 1 or 5 minutes. He told us some stories about the place, like the superstition that if you walk across the path in the middle of the quadrangle that you will fail your exams. We really enjoyed our Conferring Tour of UCC.



**Cian Ó Gallachóir**

*Rang a Trí*

# Creating Waves at the Crawford Gallery



## Dátaí don Dialann

School Re-opens :: Monday, August 31

Mid-Term Break :: Friday, 23 October – Mon 2 November

Saoire na Nollag :: Tue. 22 December – Thurs. 7 January