



# Nuachtlitir an tSamhraidh 2012

## RÉAMHRA

Is deacair a shamhlú go bhfuil deire na scoilbhliana nach mór sroiste againn. Agus ag smaoineamh siar ar na himeachtaí éagsúla a thit amach i rith na tréimhse seo, is léir go raibh scoilbhliain that barr againn. Yes, without a doubt, this was truly a wonderful year for Beaumont Boys with so many diverse talents and skills being recognised and lauded throughout that period. What follows is just a taster from the comprehensive menu of events and occasions that took place since September. For more, check out our website at: [www.beaumontboys.ie](http://www.beaumontboys.ie)

## SCIATH NA SCOL CHAMPIONS

The 28th May 2012 was the day all Beaumont hearts soared at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and we haven't come down to Earth since! We were there to compete in the Roinn H3 Sciath Na Scol Final against Bunscoil Chríost Rí. We had beaten them in the round robin stage but we knew that it would be much tougher in the final. Before we headed off to Páirc Uí Chaoimh we were delighted to welcome our former pupil and All-Star, **Fergal Ryan**, who gave a motivational talk to the team. The game itself was a tight affair and we found ourselves behind almost immediately when Críost Rí got an early goal. We were unable to catch them and found ourselves 3 points down at half time. However, the second half was a different story and we managed to claw our way back into the game with wonderful scores from **Conor Twomey**, **Iain Aherne** and a fabulous goal from **Donagh Gribbon**. With only minutes left we were 2 points down but this team was undeterred.



## SPECIAL VISIT OF OLYMPIANS 2012 TO BEAUMONT BOYS

**Robert Heffernan** and his wife **Marian** took time out of their busy pre-Olympic training schedule to visit the school on Tuesday May 22nd. They received a very warm welcome particularly in their son, Cathal's, class. Robert will compete in the 20 K and 50 K walks. The course will involve Rob passing back and forth in front of Buckingham Palace several times where he hopes to get a wave from the Queen! Marian will compete in the 4 x 400m relay team in the magnificent Olympic Stadium. Go neirí go geal leo.



A goal from **Eoghan O'Shea** put us a point up but Críost Rí equalised quickly. As everybody checked the scoreboard we saw that time was almost up. With 3 minutes of injury time played, **Eoghan O'Shea** found himself near the halfway line standing over a free. He composed himself and fired the sliotar remarkably over the bar. The referee soon blew the whistle much to the delight of our amazing team and ecstatic supporters. This game will be forever remembered in Beaumont as one of the greatest Sciath Na Scol victories ever. Beaumont Abú!!!

*Panel: Craig O'Driscoll, Stephen O'Riordan, Seán Greene, Jack Clarke, Alan Connolly, Eoghan O'Shea, Cian Cashman, Matthew Bowen, Brian Holland, Charlie Cremen, Conor Twomey, Jack Sweeney, David Hanley, Donagh Gribbon, Iain Aherne, Conor O'Riordan, Adam Gilbride, Ronan O'Callaghan, James Walsh, Sam Crean, Brian O'Neill, Thomas Fitzgerald, Conor Cronin, Darren Smyth, Cian Punch, Sam Williamson and Zach Williamson.*



## SMILES PROJECT

On the 14th of March a sea of green was seen approaching the school, as the boys of Beaumont strutted out in green attire for the launch of this year's WOW Days. This is our second year participating in the SMILES (Sustainable Mobility Involving Learning and Experiences) Project coordinated in partnership with the Cork City Council and An Taisce. The theme of green was chosen to reflect our environmentally friendly attitude. We are committed to reducing the number of cars travelling to the school and thereby do our little bit for the planet! The wearing of the green coincided nicely with the St. Patrick's Day festivities which took place in the Halla later that day. Well done to all the boys who stepped out this year in support of our WOW Days!! We hope to continue the scheme in the next school year. During the year we were also delighted to accept a new bicycle rack from the Cork City Council. This has now been placed in the school yard to facilitate the growing number of boys choosing to cycle to school.



## CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Rang 6 received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday March 30th. **Archbishop Coveney** once again presided over the ceremony. Liam Lawton's Mass was punctuated by soloists **Jamie Dunne-Feely** and **Luke Hogan**, who sang the beautiful psalm *I will celebrate* and *Panis Angelicus*, the magnificent anthem by Cesar Franck, coupled with a fine semi-chorus who led throughout in fine voice. The orchestra was led with finesse by **Mr. Sexton** while **Mr. Gannon's** expertise in conducting made for a musical and spiritual experience that will live on in our memories for a long time.



**Mr. Horgan's** class received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12th May. Another flawless and joyful occasion marked by the children's reverence and angelic singing which was much appreciated by all in attendance.



## GREEN SCHOOLS

The Green Schools committee had their inaugural meeting on the 27th of April 2012. It consists of six pupils from first, third and fifth classes. As the project grows, the committee may need to expand. The school has already done some great work on the first of our themes – Litter and Waste – but now it is time to build on it. All classes recently took part in a litter and waste survey and the results are helping our committee to formulate an action plan which will hopefully be up and running in September when we will be one step closer to earning our green flag. A competition to suggest mottoes for our green school campaign attracted some excellent entries. Our top 3 choices were as follows: **Cian Ó Gallchoir** from 6th, "Beaumont Boys are going green so pick up your litter and we'll be clean", **Emmet Harrington** from 5th, "Don't start a fight, start a litter blight", and finally **Conor Sweeney** from 3rd "Join the Green Team".



## CHESS

**Mr. Gannon's** 6th Class entered their first ever chess tournament. It was run over 2 days in April and May. Three teams qualified from our school for the semi-finals and finals which took place in our school. Beaumont took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place with Kilcoman N.S., the other semi-finalists, coming 4th. The winning team was **Adam Gilbride** (captain), **Brian Chan**, **Mark Healy** and **Eoghan O'Shea**. The team in second place comprised **Cian O'Sullivan** (captain), **Efe Esheyigba**, **Conor Twomey** and **Donagh Gribbon** while in third place were **Brian Holland** (captain), **Jamie Dunne**, **Fionn Barrett Crean** and **Adrian Lamug**.

*Pictured above is Brian Chan from first class who was runner up in the Munster Chess Championships recently.*



## BEAUMONT'S YOUNG THESPIANS

We are very proud of our pupils who are creating a name for themselves on the Cork stage. **Robert Neff**, from fifth class, who performed in *The Winter's Tale* at the Cork Opera House and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at the Everyman; **Billy Kelly** also from fifth class and **Luke Hogan** from sixth class, who have been selected to play the role of Frederic von Trapp in the Cork Opera House's forthcoming production of *The Sound of Music*.



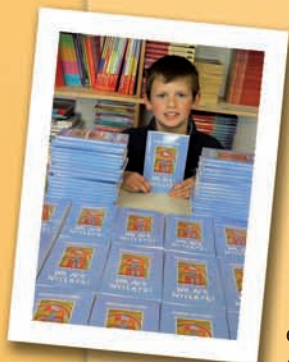




## FILM-MAKERS' PROJECT – THIRD CLASS

**Ms. Mulryan's third class** has spent the past few months planning, filming and editing a short school film. The focus of the film is on all the wonderful things that take place in Beaumont Boys School, including Grandparents' Day, the school concert, the publishing of our school book *We are Writers* and the various sports played in our school. On a recent visit to the school for **TG4**, film-maker, **Mr. Matt Sullivan**, was so impressed by the boys' work that he has offered to mentor the boys in their editing skills and officially launch the film.

## WE ARE WRITERS!



I wonder how many of us can casually mention in conversation that we have had a piece of writing published? Not many I fear. The boys from second to fifth classes know exactly what it feels like: that sense of pride on seeing your very own writing 'in print'. To coincide with our annual book fair, the boys were busy drafting, writing and editing for our school publication, *We Are Writers*. A wide variety of writing

genres were explored: auto-bio poems, acrostics, cinquains, kennings, limericks, recipes, narratives, persuasive texts, information texts and fantasy. The cover was designed by **Billy Kelly** from fifth class (pictured above). Many thanks to **Mrs. Nagle** for co-ordinating this very successful publication.

## MODERN LANGUAGES PROJECT: LA GIORNATA ITALIANA 2012

Wednesday 6th June marked a very special occasion – our second and sadly, our last, Italian Day, held in conjunction with our school's involvement in the Modern Languages in Primary Schools Initiative (MLPSI). This project has among its aims the promotion of language and cultural awareness through the teaching of a modern language – in our case, Italian – to pupils in senior classes. Unfortunately, this was one of the initiatives to be sacrificed in the recent spate of education cuts and the project will cease at the end of this school year.



To mark this special occasion, our foreign language teacher, **Signora Annamaria Ardito** and her father, **Nicolas**, who hail from Florence, shared their family recipes with us. **Ms. Goggin's** and **Mr. Murphy's fourth class** boys learned how to make the perfect pizza, using their favourite toppings. **Mr. Keating's** and **Ms. Farrell's fifth class**, meanwhile, made some mouth-watering bruschetta and pesto dressing. As well as learning the names for the ingredients and cooking instructions in Italian, the pupils and their teachers now intend to follow up this memorable day with a trip to the English Market to source the essential ingredients for future use. Buon appetito a tutti!

## SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Bhí an t-uafás Gaeilge le cloisteáil ar fud na scoile níos luaithe sa bhliain i Mí Márta le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge. The language and culture was vibrant in school during Seachtain na Gaeilge. The children practised their 'frásaí an lae', illustrated seanfhocails, and participated in Tráth na gCeist. Craoladh Radio Gaeilge Beaumont gach lá nach mór. A wonderfully entertaining childrens' concert of songs and poetry was held in the halla mór. Visiting traditional musicians **Con 'Fada' Ó Drisceoil** and **Johnny McCarthy** entertained us and accompanied members of staff in a rousing rendition of An Poc ar Buile. And parents/ grandparents displayed their 'bród' nuair a tháinig siad go dtí an scoil don Chiorcal Cainte. **Míle buíochas, Mr. Buckley don sár-obair.**

## ROXY THE IRISH GUIDE DOG DROPS BY!

**Ms. O'Brien's senior infants** warmly welcomed **Mr. Cyril Morley** from the Irish Guide Dog Association who was accompanied by beautiful 14 months old "Roxy". Roxy spent an exciting time in our classroom obeying commands and happily interacting with everyone. She rolled, played and stood for the numerous photos taken with the boys which everyone enjoyed immensely.



## COMHALTAS SCHOOLS OUTREACH PROGRAMME & TG4 VISIT

Tin whistle classes for pupils from first to fifth classes are going from strength to strength. We were delighted to be chosen by **TG4** to feature in **Guth an Phobail** as a school promoting best practice of the programme.



## ATHLETICS & SPORTS DAY

Lúthchleasa Bunscoileanna Chorcaí were held in Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Friday May 18th. Although competing in Roinn A, the Premier Division, the Scoil Barra athletes more than held their own. **Hugh Collins** (2nd Class) won gold, **Charlie Cremen** (4th Class) bagged a silver, with both **Cathal Heffernan** (1st Class) and the u/11 Relay of **Kevin Morgan**,

**Charlie Cremen**, **Ciaran Power** and **Adam O'Reilly** winning bronze.

Our annual Sports Day was held on Fri. June 1st in lovely sunny weather. All races were keenly contested, none more so than the two parents' races. Great fun was had in

the novelty races as was the case with the 'Sport for All' segment of the day that ensued.



## CÓR-FHÉILE, FEIS MAITIÚ & SUMMER CONCERT

Teachers and parents got a sneak preview of the treat that was in store at the Summer concert when the boys from **Mr. Horgan's** R2 and **Mr. Gannon's** R6 took to the stage at City Hall for the annual Cór-Fhéile na Scol. The boys performed a selection of favourites from *Les Misérables*. Their solos and choral singing allied to the creative choreography by **Irene Warren** and superb preparation by their class teachers and Mr. Sexton clearly stole the show on the night.

Meanwhile at Feis Maitiú, Beaumont Boys swept the boards when R3, R4 and R6 took first place in their respective choral-verse competitions!

Our annual Summer concert for the middle and senior classes, in early May, provided the ideal vehicle to showcase all this wonderful talent on the same occasion. As well as reprising the lauded performance 'Les Mis', other classes presented *Honk*, *Willy Wonka*, *The Wiz*, a rendition of *Mama Mia* as Gaeilge, as well as reciting the winning Feis poems. Mo cheol sibh a bhuachaillí.



## "SLIM" JIM MCCARTHY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Beaumont marked the 21st anniversary of this event to commemorate the late "Slim" Jim Mc Carthy by claiming victory over our neighbours, Holy Cross NS. In a convincing display, in Beaumont Park, the final score was Beaumont: 4, Holy Cross: 2. Goal scorers for Beaumont were **Donagh Gribbon** (2), with **Eoin O'Sullivan** and **Brian Holland** scoring 1 goal apiece. There were some fine performances from **Seán Foley** in goal as well as from **Adam Gilbride** and **Matthew Bowen**, to mention a few. Deputy Principal and team coach, **Mr. Keating**, welcomed the team from Holy Cross as well as **the McCarthy family** to Beaumont Park. He also acknowledged the contribution of **Mr. Noel Long** of Avondale, who has

co-ordinated this popular event down through the years. On behalf of the school, we would like to express our sincere thanks to **Avondale Utd.** for the use of the pitch, which was in tip top condition for the occasion.



## PAST PUPILS IN THE NEWS

From the world of drama, we congratulate **Mike O'Leary** (pictured above) on his recent BAFTA nomination and **Michael Mc Loughlin** on receiving the top individual award at this year's Feis Maitiú. We salute our sportsmen **Simon Zebo** on winning his first cap for Ireland, **Eoghan Buckley** on being selected for the Cork Junior Football team, former schoolboy international **David O'Leary** on his midfield displays for League of Ireland Division One team Limerick F.C. and **David King** on being called up for the u15 Ireland soccer squad and named player of the tournament. We were delighted to hear that some of our recent past pupils featured in the annual prize-giving ceremony at Douglas Community School. These included **Seán Keating** (football), **Billy Murphy** (athletics) and **Patryk Haydul** (mathematics).

We welcome back ... from maternity leave **Mrs. Moore** and **Ms. O'Brien** and congratulate them on the birth of their little boys, both called Matthew! Also back this summer are **Eoin Nation** and his family after their 2-year sojourn abroad.

We bid farewell ... to **Ms. Culhane** who commences her maternity leave and we look forward to her return...to **Guillaume Citti**, 4th class, his brother, **Nicholas** (Douglas Community School) and the boys' parents, **Stephan** and **Valérie** who return to Paris after 5 years in Beaumont. Heading back to Sopot, Poland are **Tomasz Hulanicki**, 5th class, **Kuba** (Coláiste Chríost Rí) and parents, **Anna** and **Tomasz**. We thank both families for enriching our cultural awareness during their time in our school and we wish them every success and happiness in the years ahead.

## Nóta Buíochais!

Sincere thanks to all the staff for the excellent standard of education they continue to provide against a backdrop of ever diminishing resources. Of particular note is their interest in and concern for all the pupils under their care. Thanks to our sponsors, our local clubs, clergy and societies for their continual involvement and support, which marks Beaumont Boys School out as a community school, in the true sense of the word.

Finally, míle buíochas to you, the parents, who entrust your children to us year after year, and to your representatives, the **Parents Association**, who work with us as partners to ensure the highest possible standards are achieved in the delivery of your children's primary education.

**We wish all our families a well earned and enjoyable Summer break and look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens Friday 31st August 2012.**

