

# Knockanean N.S. Easter Newsletter

March 2023

Dear Parents /Guardians,

As Easter approaches we are finishing a busy term of the school year. This newsletter is an account of the term's activities, written by the children as they saw it. Photos of a lot of these activities can be viewed on our website, [knockaneannationalschool.com](http://knockaneannationalschool.com) .Enjoy!



## World Book Day

On the 3/3/2023 our school had world book day. Everyone dressed up as a character from a book such as soccer players, Shrek, Puss in Boots, the Tin man Alice in Wonderland and Harry Potter. Anne dressed up as Wednesday, Amy and Tina dressed up as the Trunchbull and Mr Curran dressed up as the Mad Hatter. On both lunch breaks we had a disco. All the songs we played were from movies and everyone did alot of dancing. Everybody got a chance to listen to a song they liked.

By Isabelle Mangan and Ella Johnston



# Lego Spike and Coding



We went to Amy's room in pairs at about half nine. Colm sorted us out into parts of the room with our first-class coding buddy's. Half of us stayed in Amy's room to do Lego coding and half of us went to Colm's room to do Scratch coding. We got an iPad and a Lego spike kit and got to work on our Lego projects. Our first project was the "Animal alarm". We coded our alarm to go off when the sensor saw an animal. Then we taught both of the first classes how to build the Lego and built the "Animal alarm". After that we tidied up our first project we moved to the next project. We built a row boat and coded it to move along water.

You have heard about the Lego spike so we will tell you about coding (Scratch). It was two first class with one fourth class. The topic was the farm some of us added Irish words. We taught them how to move the animals around and showed them how to get the animals to talk and also change the background and some of the characters.

We had so much fun with 1st class and we can't wait to do it again next Friday!

By Eve, Roisín, Ellie, David & Abi

# Munster Credit Union Quiz



On 2/3/2023, the quiz team met at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Limerick at 6:00pm. There were schools from Clare, Limerick, Tipperary and Kerry though most of the schools were from Limerick. There were 10 rounds for the junior teams and 12 for the senior teams with 6 questions each they told us the score every 4 rounds. On the 4th round, when they told us the score, we were second last so we thought we lost. On the 8th round, we were tied second! And after we waited for the senior rounds to finish, we heard that we got 41 points which was the highest score by one. Ennis National School came first in the senior rounds. Some of the questions were really hard but some were easy and some we knew by luck!

Now we are going to the RDS in Dublin on April 2nd for the All-Irelands.

By Aidan Hogan



# Intel Mini-Scientist

On Wednesday 22nd of February, Jack and Mark went to Maynooth university for the INTEL Mini Scientist. We got there at around 10 o'clock. When we got there, we met our principal. We started to get ready at about half 10. We went down to our seats and the judges told us about themselves. The main judge was called Phil Smith the next judge was Sarah Sexton and the last judge was Tracey Nolan. At half eleven they started to judge. After that there was a book judge then a visual judge.

Following that, we went to have our lunch. They looked at our project and how it was about to change the climate aka saving the world. After that, we went back and Phil Smith did a few experiments with us. First, he did a rocket experiment. After he did a few other really cool, fun experiments. The judges tallied their scores but sadly we didn't win but we had a brilliant day!

By Mark Reynolds & Jack O'Driscoll



# Cycling

First, we cycled or got dropped to school with our bikes.

Then the instructors brought us through a quick theory about bike safety and appropriate clothing for cycling. After that we got our bikes and they showed us some skills such as: Starting position, shoulder check and right and left-hand signals. They set out some cones and we cycled around them leaving two bicycle spaces between each other while Leroy told us some signals to do. Soon after we went through some drills. Then we got paired with another pupil and proceeded to go at the same pace through some obstacles. We got put in groups of four and did another obstacle while working together at the same pace.

After that we put our bikes in the bike shelter and said goodbye and thank you.

We had an amazing time! We are all so excited for the next session.

By Sophie O'Connor and Isabelle Kelleher



# Indoor Camogie

On Thursday the girls in 5th class went to Gurteen. We played three matches against ClareCastle, Barefield and Gael Scoil. The matches were seven aside and twelve minutes. We had two captains Layla Moloney and Isabelle Mangan. We first played Gael Scoil and unfortunately lost. We lost to doora barefeild aswell. We drew with ClareCastle 1 point to all. We had a great time. All of us did really well .

By Layla Moloney and Solange Kawara.

# Indoor Hurling

First the bus came to collect us and brought us to Gurteen. When we got there, we warmed up and got our hurleys and helmets. Then Jamie told us who was playing and our positions for the games. We lost our first 2 games in the group against Barefield and the Gaelscoil but we had a great win in the last game against Clarecastle! We didn't make it out of the group stage but we had a great day and it was lots of fun! Thanks to Jamie, Colm and Mr Curran for coaching us.

By James Cosgrove & Dylan McInerney



# FAI Soccer Blitz

On the 2/3/2023 we left at 9.40am and the buses brought us to Gurteen. When we got there, 2 teachers took the boys and two teachers took the girls. Everybody had at least 5-8 people on their team. First everybody played 3 games. We played one match and then had our small break. After that we played another 2 games and had our big lunch. It was 5 aside and hard to pick subs because everyone wanted to play. The boys match had to go to penalties and was very competitive.

By Isabelle Mangan and Ella Johnston



## 7-a-side Girls Football

On Thursday the 9th of March the girls played in the mini sevens in Gurteen. Our first match was against CBS and we won quite well. We had a match straight after against Holy Family and we won. That got us into the final. We had a 20 minute snack then played against Barefield in the final. It was a tough match and it went into extra time as it was a draw. Then half way through extra time Barefield got a point and then a goal. It was sad to lose but overall it was a great day.

By Isabelle Kelleher and Eilbhe O' Gara

## 7-a-side Boys Football

On Tuesday the 14th of March the boys played in the mini sevens in Gurteen. Our first match was against CBS and we won by loads. We had a 20 minute break to eat snacks and drink some water. Our next game was against Barefield it was a really close game and we lost by a last minute goal. After that we had a quick break and watched the final. The final was between Barefield and Gaelscoil. It was a really enjoyable game and we loved watching it. In the end

Gaelscoil defeated Barefield.

By Liam Hanrahan and Dylan Price

## 1st Class Trip to the Farm

We went to the farm on Thursday the 23rd of March. First we walked down to Brookes farm, we were told to wear old shoes or wellies. When we got to the farm we got split up into two groups: people with wellies went to herd the cows and people with shoes helped Adrian milk the cows. After that we had lunch on hay bales. We also saw cows get milked. Then we walked back to school with our class. We had great fun!

By Eoin Erskins, Naoise Murphy, Lucy Mc Gann,  
Ruadhan O'Loughlin



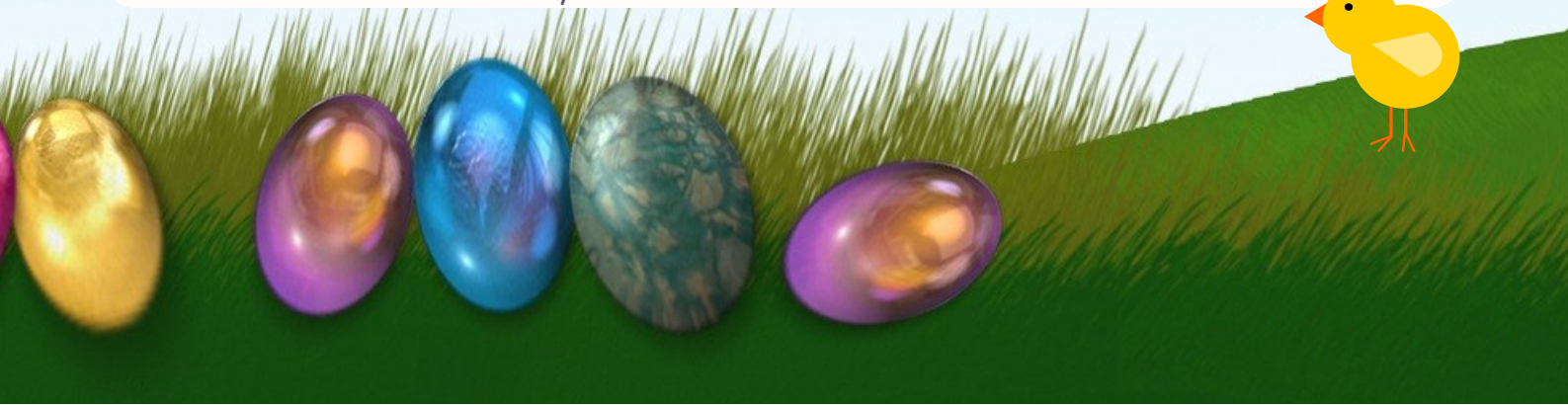
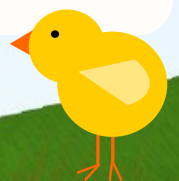
# 4th Class Trip to Ardnacrusha

First, we went into the canteen. They gave us refreshments and we ate some of our lunch. Dermot brought us into the visitor centre. He gave us hardhats and a high-vis each. We went outside for a quick chat near a very cool fountain, we all got splashed! After, we went up a few steps to a machine that picks up rubbish out of the river, it was very cool! We went to a very high pit of water for the boats to get down to the river 100ft down! We were all quite scared of the large height and the horrific wind!



Then, we went inside to a museum with trophies, and old appliances. We saw this incredibly amazing diving suit! It was really cool as well as there were all the old fridges and ovens etc. We went into a room of paintings. It was amazing because all of them had stories behind them! Finally, we went into the control room, full of different switches. We met a wax mannequin called Charlie, he looked extremely realistic! Dermot said he was sitting at the same desk for seven years! When we got back to school, we got goodie bags with an Easter egg, a pencil, pen, soap, information book and more. We really enjoyed the experience at Ardnacrusha! A huge thanks to Anne Reynolds and the ESB for organising the trip, the bus and the goodie bags! Also, thanks to Colm, Michelle and Fiona for looking after us and making it so much fun!

By Michaela Harte & Annie O' Halloran



# 3rd Class Trip to Ballybeg Woods, Clare Museum and Library

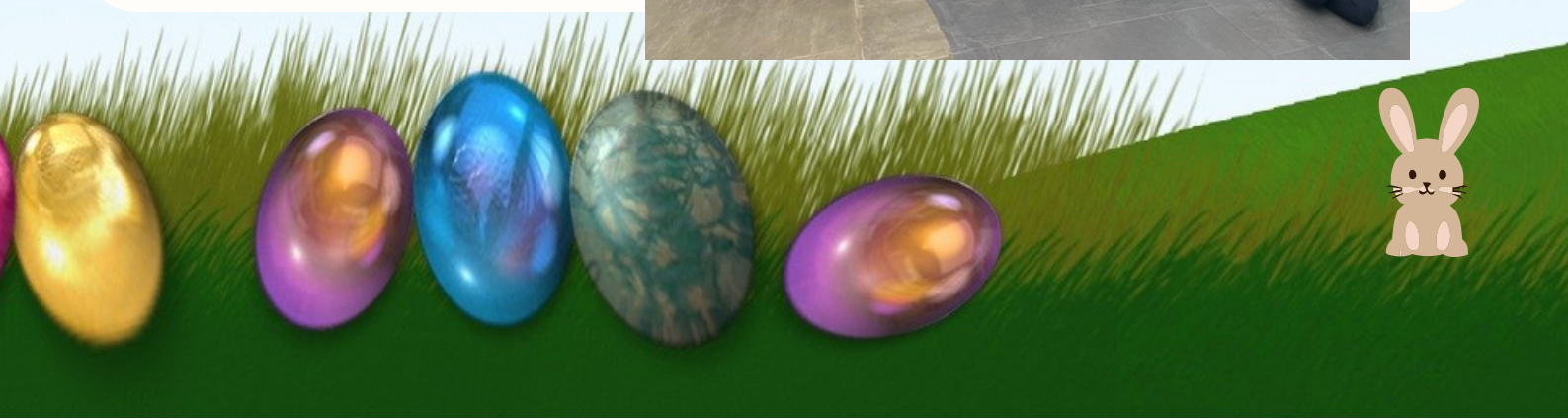
3rd class trip to Ballybeg Woods, Clare Museum and Library On the 28th of March we went to Ballybeg Woods. When we first went in we had a competition to see who could make the best den in the forest. Then we saw a sculpture of a fairy. After that we sat on benches and ate mars bars, our lunch and had a warm hot chocolate.

After we ate our lunch we took a bus into town. The class split up, our class went to the library first. In the library we read books about a secret inventor, a unicorn and the famous five and more.

After that we went to the Ennis Museum, our favourite parts of it were the underground well, computers that tell stories, cool mirrors, the president's car and old guns and bow 'n' arrows.

Then we went to the World War Two memorial exhibit and we ate lunch there. We stayed there for approximately an hour. Overall we had a fantastic time.

By Megan Downes, Alison Casey and Cillian Fahy.



# Chess

At 9:30 we left on the bus to go to the Ennis National School. 8 of us were on the team with three subs and Joe O Reilly minded us. There were six games each but if you lost you would sub out for one round. We had sos at 11 and lunch at 1. We came back on the bus at 2 o'clock with smiles on our faces.

Tiernan was the best on the team winning all except one. Everyone played great and we would love to do it again. When we were a sub, we got to play the other subs in friendlies.

By Cillian Sullivan and Jonah Quinn



# Marion Keane Basketball Tournament



On the 2nd of February, we went to Gurteen to play our first round of the tournament. In the first match we played Crusheen, then we played Clarecastle and we won both matches. In the final we played Barefield. It was a tough match but we won 17-2.

On the 15th of March we played our second round against Cloughleigh and we won 30-2. In the final we played Ballyea and we won 20-8.

On the 28th of March we played our final round of the Marion Keane Tournament. We played Lissycasey in the semi-final. At first our heads weren't in the game but once we got to the second quarter we were on fire. The final score was 17-8.

The final was against Lahinch. In the first half we were winning 9-5 but when it came to the second half it got really physical. In the end they got a few lucky free throws and the overall score was 12-11 to them with 11 seconds left. At the end of the day we played our best and we had a great time. In loving memory of Marion Keane.

By Isabelle Kelleher and Erin Kennedy.





# Clare Education Centre 50th Anniversary.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Clare Education Centre each school were asked to send in an A4 page that would represent their school. Before we made this art piece Mr.O'Reilly sent everyone home to make a rough sketch of what they thought it was to be a student of Knockanean. Naya Sorohan based her picture of the hills of Knockanean. On the picture you might have noticed a big swirl on the right which was made to represent sport. On the left there is a paintbrush painting the colour of the rainbow to represent art and in the middle there are some maths sums which you can attempt to solve for fun. Naya also added a couple more things to show what it means to be a pupil of Knockanean.



Sofia Hoskova based her artwork of figures playing football/basketball in the yard to represent sport and friendship. Sofia drew this because sport and friendship is a big part of the school.

After everyone in 6th class had finished their sketch we all had a vote and were only able to pick our top two favourite drawings apart from our own. Once everyone had told Mr.O'Reilly their vote we couldn't decide between two art pieces which happened to be Naya and Sofia's so we decided to mix them together.

After a lot of thinking Sofia and Naya were able to figure something out. They used the background of Naya's piece and the figures from Sofia's piece by adding a couple stick men and making sport a bigger part of the poster.

By Naya Sorohan and Sofia Hoskova.



I want to take this opportunity to thank our school community- parents, pupils, board of management, parents association and staff for all their hard work, dedication, commitment and help over the past term. Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well on April 17th

Jim

