

Monaleen NS eNewsletter

Term 2, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our second term in school has been extremely busy and successful. We had a variety of events and activities which took place including Peace Proms, Vex Robotics Projects, Junior Achievement, Junior Entrepreneur, Féile, Culture Day and a multitude of sporting engagements, to mention but a few.

The Easter Raffle organized by the Parents' Association took place on Wednesday, 10th April. There were forty-two successful prize winners overall. Comhghairdeas libh.

All pupils participated in the Team Limerick Clean-Up in the school and in areas in the surrounding local community. It was fantastic to see all of the children becoming more environmentally aware. The school is also working on becoming a plastic free zone so the clean-up was a great way for them to see first-hand how litter is such a prevalent but preventable issue.

Huge thanks to all pupils, teachers and parents for all of the help and support they have given which has made the term so enjoyable and successful.

We look forward to term three with energy and enthusiasm.

Wishing you all a very restful and happy Easter break.

Kind regards,

Tony Cahill

Scoil Mhóin-a-Lín



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Monaleen Choir Sings for Peace Proms 2019

Monaleen National School Choir had a wonderful time performing at Peace Proms 2019 in U.L. Sports Arena on Sunday, 3rd March. We were all very excited when we arrived for rehearsal at 5pm, our conductor Mr. Greg Beardsell's passion was palpable and we were full of exhilaration by the time the concert commenced at 7pm. The orchestra and the singers were amazing. One of the soloists, Lauren Murphy sang Zombie as a tribute to Dolores O' Riordan and it was outstanding. We sang the Pop Medley, Matilda Medley, The Greatest Showman Medley, The Boogie Medley, I Sing Out Peace, Make Some Noise and You're The Voice. Greg got all the audience up dancing for the Boogie Medley, the room was pumping. It was so much fun!

Huge congratulations to Éabha Downey who won the Peace Proms Poetry Competition, her poem 'Celebrations' featured in the Peace Proms 2019 Programme.

We also really enjoyed performing some of the Peace Proms medleys for the classes at school.

We recorded Trasna na dTonnta for our school CD and can't wait to hear it!

We really enjoy Choir every Thursday afternoon from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. with Ms. Healy, Ms. O' Herlihy and Ms. Collins.



Thanks to everyone who supported our sixth class bake sale. We were delighted to welcome back past pupils to accept our donation to the Hope Foundation.



CLASS FOCUS

Acrostic Poetry

Thanks to Ms Linehan's Senior Infants for sending us their wonderful **SPRING** acrostic poems which you will find throughout our **eNewsletter**.

SPRING

Sun shines in the spring

People playing in the park

Rabbits running around parks

Ice-cream melting in the sun

Nuts falling from the trees

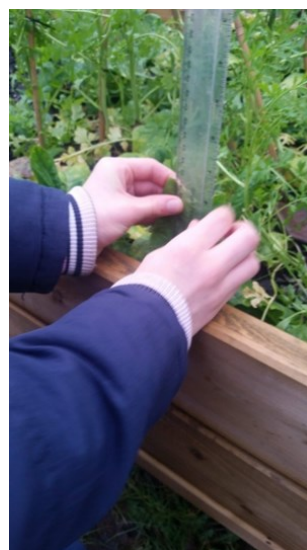
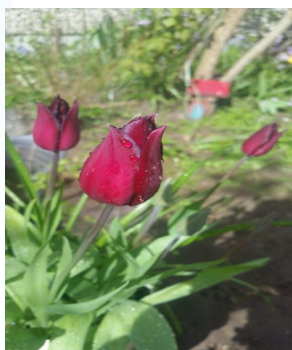
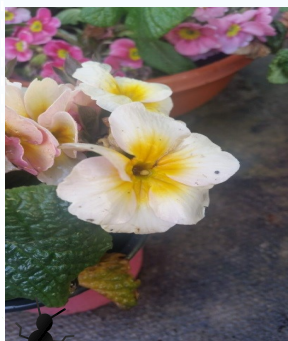
Goats are having kids

Anna, Ms Linehan's Senior Infants

Hope Foundation

Our School Garden

We have a beautiful school garden. There are lots of interesting flowers, shrubs and plants growing there. In the Autumn, various classes checked the soil for bulbs, turned the soil and planted new bulbs in the garden and in pots. In December, we planted cyclamens in pots. Rang a cúig and the green schools officers did a big clean up after the winter. In the spring, the flowers started to bloom. Rang a ceathair have been busy maintaining and watering the flowers. In the garden, you will notice that there are lots of different flowers growing such as tulips, daffodils, primroses and camellia. There are lots of insects getting cosy in the bug hotel too! Next time you pass have a look out and hopefully when the weather gets warmer we will enjoy lots of happy days out there!



Measuring the School Plants

Rang a ceathair have been busy measuring cress, spinach and peas for the last few months. We have been keeping data for all the plants and graphing it. We discovered the cress was growing really well in comparison to the other plants. But sadly all the peas all have died. We hope that with some TLC they will grow again! Spinach was growing well too. Measuring and looking at how much the plants have grown over the months was really fun!

By Megan Love, Gráinne Murphy and Lily Fillin-Krivicov

Logging and recording

Rang a cúig have been busy recording plants, shrubs and flowers which are growing in our school garden. We can't wait to follow their identification keys. Watch this space!

Editors: Eugene Ruskulis & Adam Sweed

CLASS FOCUS

LEAF Programme

Mr McAuliffe Rang a Cúig

On Thursday the 4th of April 2019, Mr Mc Auliffe's class went on a trip to Curragh Chase to go to the LEAF programme to learn about trees, which was run by An Taisce.

When they arrived at Curragh Chase, they met with Rachel Geary and Ray Foley who worked with the LEAF programme. They started by playing a game of mosquito, salmon and otter. (Which is rock paper scissors but with different names.) They were then split into 2 different groups to do separate activities.



After that, they were taught how to measure trees to find out their ages. The oldest tree they found was 82 years old! They used stethoscopes to hear the water ascending and descending through the trees. They then used magnifying glasses to see the bugs living and running through trees.

They were also interviewed by tRTÉ throughout the activity!

Next, the two split groups joined back at the house where the bats lived. Rachel and Ray taught them about the people who used to live in the house.

After that, they planted trees in one area of the forest. First they got dormant trees which were dormant since winter. Then the children dug a hole in the ground and put the tree into the hole. They then filled up the hole with soil and decorated leaves around the tree.

At around 12:30 the class had lunch. Ray and Rachel gave them some warm hot chocolate as they ate their lunches. There was also a playground where the children that finished their lunches would play.

After they all were eaten and ready to head back out, they visited a spooky ghost house in the forest, which was actually the house of the other houses maids!



Afterwards they made pendants out of ash trees. They drilled a hole into the pendant to pull some string through the hole and tied a knot. Ray also showed them a fox's

tail and the skin of a squirrel. The fox's tail was bony and fluffy at the same time, and the nails on the squirrel was very sharp.

Everybody joined back together and then headed out and on the bus to head home at 2pm. Overall, they really enjoyed their experience in Curragh Chase and they had a brilliant time at the LEAF programme and they were very grateful that they had the opportunity to be a part of the LEAF programme.



Editor: Athena Butler

Team Limerick Clean Up

From the 2nd -11th April all classes, Juniors to 6th, have been participating in Team Limerick Clean Up. This is an initiative supported by J.P McManus, Paul O'Connell and Live 95FM where citizens of Limerick are encouraged to clean up their localities. All pupils were provided with High Vis jackets, gloves, pickers, buckets and bags.

We went out with our class mates to clean up various areas around Monaleen. All the rubbish we gathered up will be collected by Mr. Binman. As a Green School, Environmental Awareness and care is very important to us and we were delighted to be involved with Team Limerick Clean Up.

The Green Schools Committee



Five a Side Spar Soccer

The hugely enjoyable Spar 5-a-side city blitz took place in Seanchóill on March 11th. Almost eighty 6th and 5th class pupils participated with credit in the event. Pupils were divided into panels of 8, with each panellist getting ample playing time throughout the day

Smiles were very evident on the faces of the pupils all day long, as they interacted with children from both Monaleen NS and many of the other schools present on the day. Great skills, saves, determination and team-play were obvious from our boys and girls, and a few cracking goals were scored including a memorable header from one elated 6th class boy.

Many of our teams came within a whisker of qualification for the Limerick finals. We are delighted that both boys and girls will be represented on Limerick County finals day, May 2nd in Seanchóill. Well done to all these amazing boys and girls

Camogie & Hurling

The U13 camogie team played An Mhodscoil, Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh and Ballybrown N.S. and secured a place in the semi-final.

The U11 camogie team played one match this term and had a great win against Milford.

We competed in the Mini 7s competition in both hurling and camogie this term. The boys were victorious on the day.

The U13 hurling team are through to the semi- final after beating St. Nesson's N.S..

The U11 hurling team have played two games with one win and one loss.

A massive thank you to all the teachers and parents for coaching these teams! Well done to all pupils for representing our school so well.



Editors: Eugene Ruskulis & Cillian Keane

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VIKING ART

Ms Hurley's Rang a Ceathair

We studied all about The Vikings in History and rather than doing individual art pieces, we all joined forces to create a Viking Art display.

We used fabric and fibre to add texture especially to our Viking 'Eric the Red'. We designed shields to adorn the Viking longship which we made from cut up pieces of painted strips of card and coated it with PVA glue to harden it. We then hung it so it would warp to give the realistic effect of depth to the ship. We used cardboard to create oars of different lengths to again, add depth. Pupils in our class drew Eric's face and the dragonhead of the longship.

We painted the waves using swirling motions to give a sense of movement and realism to the sea and finished it off with a brightly painted sail.

We are very happy with the end product! Please come and check it out on display in our classroom!



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Bhí dhá seachtain ar Seachtain Na Gaeilge. Bhaineamar taitneamh as an gcéad seachtain. Ní dhearnamar a lán rudaí, ach bhí an spóirt againn. Ar an Máirt, bhí an Feile ar siúl. Dúirt gach duine dán. Ansin, rinneamar dráma faoi Peigí Litir Mór agus Pádraig. Bhí Pádraig i ngrá le Peigí ach bhí sí ina gcónaí i gContae na Gaillamhe agus bhí Pádraig i Luimneach. Bhí Pádraig chroí bhriste. Ag an deireadh, sheoilaidh sé bád go gContae na Gaillamhe. Tar éis sin, chanamar amhrán grá do Pheigí. Ar an gCéadaoin, thosaíomar ealaín faoi seanfhocail.

"Bhaineamar taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge!"

Bhaineamar taitneamh as an dara seachtain freisin. Ar an Luan, bhíomar ag imirt cluiche seanfhocail ar an Kahoot. Bhí sé sin an-spóirt ar fad. Ar an Mháirt, bhíomar ag imirt cluiche seanfhocail ar Kahoot arís. Ar an gCéadaoin, bhíomar ag cleachtadh damhsa sa seomra ranga. Ar an Déardaoin, bhí céilí ar siúl sa halla. Bhí an spóirt againn. Bhí tráth na gceist ar siúl ar an Déardaoin freisin. Bhuaigh bord a dó dhéag. Bhí siad ón rang Mr. Nicholas. Ar an Aoine, bhí Culture Day ar siúl. Chan rang a sé an Spanish Lady. Chan rang a cúig Phil the Flutter's Ball agus chan rang a ceathar Molly Malone. Bhíomar ag caitheamh éadaí glasa. Tar eis na h-amhrán, Roghnaigh rang Mrs. Martin dhá buaiteoirí ón Comortas Ealaín. Is maith leo an ealaín a bhí ag Emma ach is maith leo an coincheap a bhí ag Jake. Bhuaigh siad uibheacha Cáisce. Bhí an-spóirt againn i Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí na gníomhaíochtaí an-mhaith agus bhaineamar taitneamh as an coicís

ó Dani agus Hazel (Rang a Sé, Mr Shier)



The Kindness Committee

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**"It costs
nothing to
be nice"**

The Kindness Committee are continuing to work hard to spread kindness.

The initiative was started by *'Pay it Forward Limerick'* and the idea is to create a kinder Limerick and world and to encourage people to be kinder in general. The following are a list of kind deeds we've done....

We surprised some classes by throwing sweets in the door and running away.

We raffled a selection box to every class in the school around Christmas time.

We made a *'Kindness Advent Calendar'* for every class in the school. Each day it suggested a way to spread kindness. shows (band and Christmas shows).

We did carolling with the 6th classes.

We made sock puppets and used them to play with the 4 junior infant classes.

We did science experiments for other classes (Science week).

We helped James put out seats for and raised money for The Simon Community.

We made 2 display boards to promote and encourage kindness.

We've held a few *'surprise'* pop-up cinemas for different classes in the halla.

We made a pancake for one person in every class.



Remember, if someone does something kind for you, try your best to pass that kind deed forward by doing something kind for someone else.



The Kindness Committee visiting infants with our sock puppets.



One of our surprise pop up cinemas in the Halla.

Editor: Cillian Keane

STEM Update

It has been another busy term for STEM in Monaleen NS. At this stage we are preparing for our submission for the Discover Primary Science and Maths Award (DPSM). This award is for whole school participation in STEM activities throughout the year. Pupils with their teachers document their activities and then we submit a log for review. By the governing body. In addition to all the classroom activities there were a number of significant events that we participated in:

- 1) For Engineering week we introduced classes from Juniors to 2nd to programming via the use of Bee-Bots. Bee-Bots are little robots designed for use by young children. They are easy to operate, and perfect tool for teaching counting, sequencing, estimation, problem-solving and just having fun. We were delighted to have the assistance of several pupils from 5th and 6th classes and 5th year students from Castletroy. Who were on work placement. In addition, 6th classes used to Lego We Do to kits for construction and programming. Thank you to Mr. Shire & Ms. Martin for their expertise.
- 2) We were delighted to welcome back Cook Medical again this year. This time they visited Mr. Roseingrave's 5th class. Pupils got to use a real Gall fisher !! It is a device used to capture and remove gallstones

from the bile in the human body. We tried a t-shirt that had a code on the front. An app (Curiscope) on an iPad allowed us to scan the t-shirt and show us our organs. It was a wonderful learning experience combining science and ICT.

3) 3th Regeneron visited the school on April 9th. This is their first demonstration in the school and a special thank you to Sandra Liddy for working very closely with out STEM personnel over the past few months to make this possible, This visit was hosted by Mr. Nicolas's 6th class.

4) National Tree Week 2019 was celebrated from March 31st – 7th April.



Extracting DNA

Mr Nicholas Rang a Sé

Regeneron visited Mr. Nicholas' 6th class on the 9th of April 2019 and carried out various experiments. The students were divided into groups and travelled to the different experiments. There was a station creating lava lamps, looking at bacteria on Petri dishes, extracting DNA from strawberries, making elephant slime, looking at the effects of eye disease, cracking crimes using chromatography and a station where we could put on our own cleaning suits as if we worked in the cleaning labs. Regeneron were very kind and generous and they even gave us a free goody bag and laboratory jackets. It was a very enjoyable day and we even learned a thing or two.

REGENERON



CLASS FOCUS



FRANKIE THE FISH

The after school art and craft class were very busy making art. They spent the last term working on a very special project to highlight the importance of recycling plastic. Plastic pollution has a devastating impact on our oceans and on the animals that live in the oceans. There is a lot of plastic found on beaches as well.

The students in the arts and crafts class decided to make a giant fish using wire and paper mache. The fish has brightly coloured scales which were cut from the children's printing exercises.

You put a plastic bottle in the fishes mouth to recycle the plastic bottles. They're also trying to make the children bring re-usable bottles to school instead of plastic.

They named the fish Freddy. Come to the school hall to see him on the stage! *Happy Recycling!*



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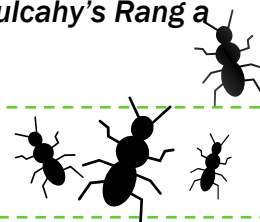
Ms Mulcahy's class invited to Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh

Ms. Mulcahy's 3rd class were invited to Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh for a Ceilí during Seachtain na Gaeilge. We had lots of fun and we learnt new dances. We enjoyed meeting the other boys and girls. They surprised us afterwards with a chóisir.

Thank you to Múinteoir Múireann in the Gaelscoil for organising the Ceilí. Bhí lá iontach againn.

Written by: Natasha (Ms Mulcahy's Rang a Trí)

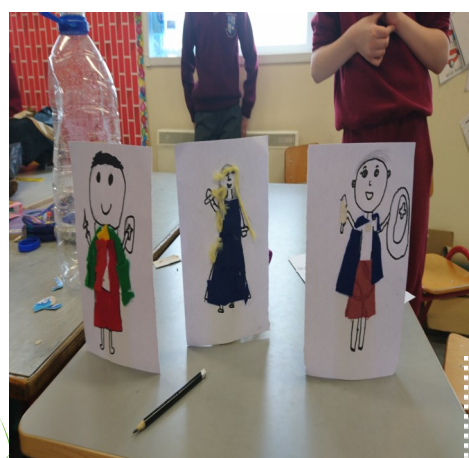
"Bhí lá iontach againn!"



Creative Art Clusters

A number of classes in our school are working on an Art Project in conjunction with Creative Art Clusters and Limerick Education Centre. The theme of our Project is Irish Mythology. We heard the story of Óisín in Tír na nÓg. We worked well together in groups to create scenes from the story. Everyone brought in recyclable material from home to make our project. We made the characters and the backgrounds. All of us had fun and got messy with paint and glue! We are still working on our project. When it is finished we will show our project to other classes. Ms. Mulcahy is working with Ms. Ryan in St. Paul's school and we are sharing our Art ideas and skills. Ms. Mulcahy is enjoying working with Ms. Ryan and we are enjoying the project in school.

Written by: Mary Ann, Ella and Charley (Ms Mulcahy's Rang a Trí)



Happy Easter

Spring Acrostic Poems

Sun shines in the spring

People having picnics

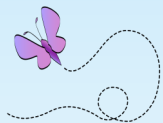
Rabbits hopping

Ice cubes melting

Nests in the trees

Goats.

By Brynn, Ms Linehan's Senior Infants



Sun shining in the spring

People having picnics in parks

Rabbits hopping into holes

Ice creams being licked

Nuts falling from the trees

Goats having kids

By Sam in Ms. Linehan's Senior Infants



The Culture Day CD



Monaleen staff and pupils have been very busy preparing for their Culture Day CD recording.

Children are singing beautifully throughout the school building. Rehearsals are building voices, confidence and team building through music.

The Band and Choir are rehearsing weekly, putting the finishing touches to their chosen pieces.

The recording studio was in place on Wednesday April 3rd and all classes became recording artists over two days, April 4th and 5th. Dominic Chappell put everyone at ease and hopefully you will enjoy the cd as much we enjoyed performing.

CDs will be available to purchase for €10. Any profits will go towards the musical development of all children in Monaleen N.S.

In May, the band will have a final year concert. They have performed for Roseville Nursing home and for staff and students on Culture Day. They are a credit to themselves.

Choir students and their respective teachers have been extremely busy singing at the Peace Proms in UL. What an amazing experience for all children



Students from LIT took a number of Limerick schools for soccer training recently. A tournament took place on March 27th and Mrs.

Martin's Class won. Well done boys & girls!



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Easter Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Raffle. The money collected will be used to purchase a set of class iPads for the school. *The Parents Association*



No. Prize

- 1 Return flights for 4 to Europe - Sponsored by FlyShannon.ie
- 2 Nintendo Switch - sponsored by PJ Matthews
- 3 €300 Matthew Stephens Voucher
- 4 Smart TV - Sponsored by the Parents Association
- 5 €150 Smyths Voucher - Sponsored by Sullivan Insurance
- 6 Halleys Commetic Hamper
- 7 Johnson and Johnson Cosmetic Hamper
- 8 Munster v Connaught Stant Tickets
- 9 2 x GAA Camp Passes
- 10 Large Apache Pizza Voucher x4
- 11 Large Apache Pizza Voucher x4
- 12 Marbles Voucher €50
- 13 Tuscany Voucher €50
- 14 Signed Limerick Jersey Aged 13 Years
- 15 Odeon Cinema Passes x8
- 16 Munster V Connaught Terrace Tickets
- 17 Castletroy Park Lunch for 2
- 18 Morrisseys Butcher Voucher €50
- 19 Morrisseys Butcher Voucher €50
- 20 Flanagans Barbers Voucher
- 21 Bella Italia Voucher €25
- 22 Bella Italia Voucher €25
- 23 Henshin Voucher €35
- 24 Argos Voucher €30
- 25 Easons Voucher €30
- 26 Odeon Voucher €30
- 27 Smyths Voucher €30
- 28 Fennessys Voucher €25
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- 30 Easons Voucher €20
- 31 Lana Voucher €20
- 32 Chawkes Voucher €20
- 33 Chawkes Voucher €20
- 34 Scholastic Book Pack
- 35 Scholastic Book Pack
- 36 Scholastic Book Pack
- 37 Scholastic Book Pack
- 38 Scholastic Book Pack
- 39 Scholastic Book Pack
- 40 Scholastic Book Pack
- 41 Scholastic Book Pack
- 42 EZ Living Dinnerware Set

Winner

Brynn Dooley
 Nancy O'Reilly
 Tom Hussey
 Helen Dalton
 Rachel Murphy
 Helen McSweeney
 Susan mononey
 Shane Guinan
 Hugh Mulqueen
 Marzena Kwapin
 Lucy McNamara
 Mason Harper
 Lina Mulcailauskaite
 Dorota Bwanakeri
 Noel Broggy
 Geraldine Monahan
 Emer Carroll
 Kieran Beegan
 Roisin McCarthy
 Beryl Guerin
 John Fleming
 Lucasz Szczebamaic
 Marie Butler
 Adrian Roche
 Petra Puskas
 Cillian Keane
 Marianne Naughton
 Brian McKeon
 Liam Scully
 Ann Setright
 Patsy Reale
 Finbar Nash
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