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Please take some time to read our February
newsletter.

Green Schools

The Chairman and Secretary of the Green Schools Committee recently visited Arrabawn creameries in Kilconnell and met with the Manager Mr Cormac Synnot. We would like to thank the Manager and Arrabawn dairies for sponsoring the costs of our bug hotel, apple trees, poles and ties, nesting boxes and hanging bird table.

At the beginning of next month we have a visit from the County Council, Biodiversity Assessor for our Green Flag. Regarding awareness we need to know that Biodiversity means; our life support system, it is the variety of all life on earth.

Threats to biodiversity include; invasive species, like mink, grey squirrel, zebra mussels and Japanese knotweed. Litter and pollution, intensive farming and climate change are also threats to biodiversity. How can we help? We can help care for habitats and ecosystems. We can carefully maintain food systems as humans depend on plants and animals. We can find out more information to prevent climate change, a 2% rise in temperatures will kill many habitats.

Well done to all who took part in the Green Code Slogan Competition. We received a big number of entries and the Green Schools Committee chose the winning entry for each classroom. Special prizes will be awarded to the winners at our next school assembly. Our new Green Code Slogan Biodiversity goes: *Be good to bugs, plants, animal and fish in the sea. Follow this rule for biodiversity.*

The Green Schools Committeee

Ballinasloe Credit Union Schools Quiz

Ballinasloe Credit Union Quiz took place in Scoil An Chroi Naofa on **Friday the 31st January 2014**. We were represented by 3 teams, composed of children from 3rd to 6th class. Well done to all involved.

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Congratulations to Ryan Donohue in 1st class and Iosabella Treacy in Senior Infants who are both semi-finalists in this prestigious competition. We wish both students every best wish in the next round.

Fundraising Committee

We will have a fundraising committee meeting early in March to discuss plans for our upcoming monster raffle. If you are interested in becoming part of this team and have ideas to help us build on the success of last year where we raised a staggering €6,000 please contact Sheila in the office.

Discover Primary Science

5th and 6th classes are busy working on their Discover Primary Science Award. However we need your help. We are looking for signs of spring. If you see any of the following signs of spring please let us know - Frogspawn, primrose, horse chestnut, swallows, hawthorn or ash. Please send your photos to cappyns@hotmail.com and we can upload them to the www.greenwave.com website. THANK YOU BY Ellie and Kate

Work Experience

We would like to welcome past pupils Gene Donohue and Colm McHugh who are with us on work experience this week from Garbally College & New Inn schools respectively. Thanks to the students and teachers for always making our visitors feel welcome.



Enrolments

It's that time of year again. We are now beginning the enrolment process for the school year 2014/2015. Please contact the school office to request an enrolment form if you wish to enrol children for September 2014 or download forms from the school website www.cappatagglens.com

School Open Evening

Cappataggle National School will hold an open evening on Thursday 13th March from 7pm - 8pm for all new enrolments for school year 2014/2015. Any parents interested in enrolling children in the coming school year are invited to attend. There will be a tour of the school, fun activities for the children, a short presentation about the school and refreshments provided on the night. Please spread the word to neighbours and friends who may be interested.

Sport Update

Aughrim Soccer Sevens - this 7- aside competition will take place on Saturday 8th March (venue to be confirmed). Children in the senior classes have started training sessions with Derek Treacy and are enjoying learning soccer skills. We look forward to encountering our near neighbours from Kilrickle, Aughrim and Kilconnell on the sporting field in this new competition.



School Opening/Closing Times

We would like to remind you that the official school opening time is 8.50am. Please note that only children arriving by bus should be on the premises before this time. Please be advised that parents are responsible for children before this time and children are not supervised or covered by insurance. School closing times are 1.30pm for Infants and 2.30pm for all other classes. Please ensure your child/children are collected on time. Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.



Office Hours

Our Secretary, Sheila, will be in the office Monday to Thursday 9.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. The office will be unattended on Fridays. Please leave a message on the telephone answering machine and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Meetings

I am available to meet with parents before and after school Monday - Thursday by appointment only. Please ring Sheila in the school office to make an appointment.

Dates for your diary...

- ✚ Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February Midterm Break
- ✚ Monday 17th March - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Friday 11th April - Easter Holidays 12 Noon
- ✚ School Reopens Monday 28th April
- ✚ Saturday 3rd May - Confirmation (time to be confirmed)
- ✚ Thursday 15th May 2014 - First Confession Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Sunday 18th May 2014 - First Communion Mass 11am
- ✚ Monday 23rd June 2014 - 6th Class Graduation Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Friday 27th June - Summer Holidays 12 Noon

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