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Please take some time to read our February newsletter.

### Work Experience

We would like to welcome back past pupils Caoimhe Garvey and Emma Reynolds from St. Brigids Vocational School, Loughrea and Leah Treacy from Ardscoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe who recently spent a week with us on work experience. A welcome also to Paul Claffey who spent 2 weeks with us on work experience in January.

We would also like to welcome student teachers from Mary Immaculate College of Education who are working with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class every Monday and will complete a block week teaching in March. Thanks as always to the students and teachers for making our visitors feel welcome.

### Pancake Tuesday

On Pancake Tuesday we watched Ms. Kerrigan demonstrate how to make pancakes and we had the very important job of tasting them. They went down a treat! We have all been making huge efforts to keep our lunch boxes healthy over the last few weeks so we really enjoyed nutella, sugar and golden syrup on our pancakes. We are already looking forward to next year! If only we could have pancakes for lunch everyday!



### Ballinasloe Credit Union Schools Quiz

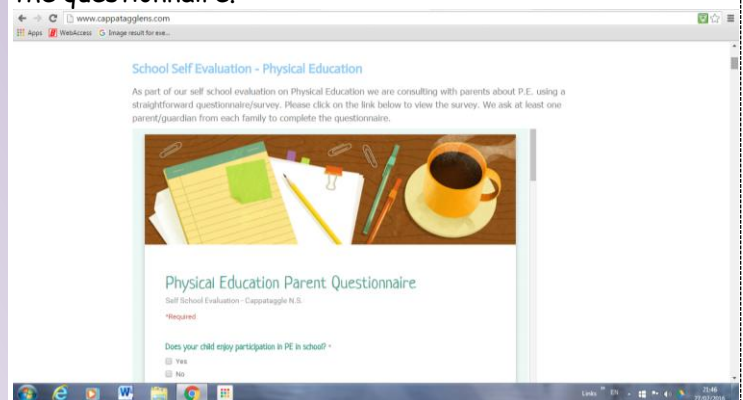
Ballinasloe Credit Union Quiz took place in Scoil An Chroí Naofa on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016. We were represented by 4 teams, composed of children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Congratulations to all of our participating teams on a commendable performance on the night.

### Sport Update

Teams are busy preparing for upcoming matches in Cumann na mBunscoil Mini 7's competition. Girls football takes place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in Kilconnell. Boys football takes place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March in Cappataggle. We wish all our teams the very best of luck in their upcoming competitions and thanks to Ms Mannion and Ms Fallon for their hard work with the boys and girls teams. Children are doing very well with their weekly running on the sports track. Fitness levels are increasing steadily. We hope to take part in the Manning Cup, Athletics competitions in April. Further information to follow.

### Self School Evaluation - Physical Education

As part of our self school evaluation on Physical Education we are consulting with parents about P.E. using a questionnaire/survey. Please visit the school website [www.cappatagglens.com](http://www.cappatagglens.com) to complete the survey. We ask at least one parent/guardian from each family to complete the questionnaire.



### Killalaghton Drama Group

Killalaghton Drama Group will perform 'A Wake in the West' on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Killalaghton hall at 8.30pm sharp. All proceeds will go to Cappataggle Playground and Walkway.



### School Open Evening

We will hold our annual open evening on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm - 8pm for all new enrolments for school year 2016/2017. 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.

### Green Schools Global Citizenship Poster Competition

Children recently took part in a Green Schools Global Citizenship Poster Competition and efforts were commendable in all classes. Well done to all children who took part. The entries were judged by members of the Green Schools Committee in 6<sup>th</sup> Class. The winners are Maia Nevin (Junior & Senior Infants), Iosabélla Treacy (Rang I & II), Aisling Curley (Rang III & IV) and Lewis Coughlan & Katie Sheridan (Rang V & VI). Children will be presented with their prizes over the coming days.

### Parents Association News Update

Our Parents Association will run a non-uniform day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. All donations welcome. An Easter Cake Sale will take place in the community centre on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4pm - 8pm and on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am - 12.30pm. There will be a coffee stand, face painting and a raffle for an Easter Egg Basket plus lots more on the day. All funds raised go back into the school for Communion and Graduation parties etc.

### Proclamation Day - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 has been designated 'Proclamation Day' for schools in Ireland. As part of the Ireland 2016 commemorative programme, the Department of Education and Skills has provided time for schools to commemorate and reflect upon the events of 100 years ago. As part of our celebrations children will participate in a traditional Irish music recital and Irish dancing display. We will sing Amhrán na bhFiann, our national anthem, with pride. We will enjoy a short presentation on the history of our flag and listen to a short passage from the 1916 proclamation. We will unveil our very own 2016 proclamation before we raise the tricolour. Senior classes have been very busy completing projects which will be on display for all classes on the day. We look forward to commemorating the events of 100 years ago.

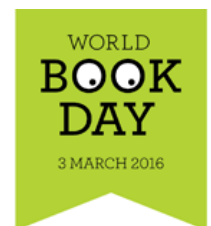


### Discover Primary Science

This year Ms Kerrigan and all the classes are undertaking the Discover Primary Science Award and are currently very busy working on this project. We will have a visit from Engineers in early March, who will tell us all about engineering and the different work they do. Engineering week takes place this week from 28<sup>th</sup> February until the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### World Book Day

World Book Day takes place this year on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children have already received their World Book Day book tokens which they may use in exchange for



exclusive, new and completely free special World Book Day books. Or if they would prefer, children can use their book tokens to get €1.50 off any full price book instead! The World Book Day Tokens are valid from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Please visit [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) for further information.

### Dates for your diary...

- ✚ Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - World Book Day
- ✚ Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Girls Football, Kilconnell
- ✚ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Boys Football, Cappataggle
- ✚ Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Proclamation Day
- ✚ Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Non - Uniform Day/Easter Holidays 12 Noon
- ✚ Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Cake Sale
- ✚ School Reopens Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April
- ✚ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Confirmation Mass
- ✚ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May - First Confession Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May - First Communion Mass 11am
- ✚ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June - 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Mass
- ✚ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Sports Day & Prize Giving
- ✚ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Holidays 12 Noon

