

NEWS @ St.Comgall's

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“Willy Wonka JR”

The Primary 7 Pupils of St. Comgall's Primary School Antrim presented their version of the musical Willy Wonka Jr. The pupils performed two evening shows on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th of June. Lorcan Rooney played the title character Willy Wonka. Before the shows he commented for the school souvenir programme (which the pupils created themselves) that, “I am nervous about the high notes in the songs and forgetting my lines and of course I get on with the co-stars and we are all working really hard.” Lorcan need not have been concerned. All the hard work and practice paid off as all the cast performed with aplomb.

Charlie Bucket Played by Sophie Shields summed up the feelings of the cast as excited, confident and proud. The show included all the classic characters including Charlie's family and friends, the Oompa Loompas, squirrels and the lucky golden ticket winners and their parents, who amazed everyone with their mature portrayal of their roles (Augustus Gloop, Veruca Salt, Violet Beauregard and Mike Teavee). To bring Wonka mania closer to Antrim the reporters from the cast filmed themselves (using school I-pads) and created a 'visual media' touch to the performance.

The production was a huge success thanks to the children who performed and all the school staff who prepared costumes, painted faces, designed a magnificent backdrop and fascinating props. Sound and lighting added to the children's memorable experience. On the night Oompa Loompas from the show sold programmes and popcorn to add to the atmosphere.

The show had their own production team made up of children who were in charge of Marketing, Finance, Sales, Promotions and the overall event. This was supported by the Enkalon Foundation and Young Enterprise Business Beginnings Programme.

The show was a huge hit and feedback from parents, friends, family, and staff was highly positive and full of praise and pride of their children! A truly memorable experience for the children and a perfect way to end their primary school years!



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St. Comgall's Fundraising Group

Asda Green Tokens

Our Fundraising Group arranged for green tokens to be collected at Asda when parents did their shopping. Our school was donated the most tokens and were awarded £200.00. Barbara from Asda came to the School on Tuesday 14th April and presented the cheque. We would like to thank all parents who choose to give their tokens to our school. The money we received will go towards, much needed, school resources.

Thank You All Very Much!



Logo Competition



Congratulations to Ryan McMaster, P5A, whose design was chosen to become the logo of St. Comgall's Fundraising Committee.

Well Done! Ryan

Night at the Races



Many thanks go to our School Fundraising Group for their latest venture 'Night at the Races!' This event, which was superbly supported by our parents and friends, raised an amazing £6,500!!!

It was a great night of fun with all monies going straight to buying books for the whole school.



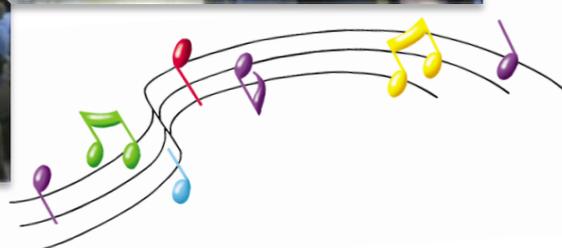
Congratulations and thank you for your hard work in the first year!!

The Fundraising Group, after a number of events, have managed to raise an unbelievable

£9,134.00

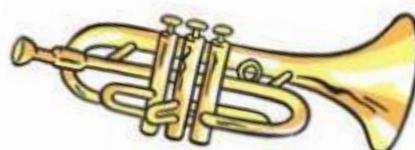
Thank you so so much!

Music Concert by NEELB Orchestra



We had the wonderful privilege of the orchestra of the NEELB playing for us. They showed us all the different instruments of the orchestra and we listened to their differing sounds. We enjoyed the sweet soaring sound of the flutes and the low rumbling sounds of the bassoons. We even saw one musician make a tune out of a hose pipe and funnel! They played us lots of different styles of music, from classical to 'Frozen.' It was fantastic to hear professional musicians play and it has encouraged our own instrumental players to keep up the hard work!

We would like to thank the musicians for a superb musical extravaganza, which was enjoyed by all pupils and staff.



P.5's Learn About Fire Safety



One day two fire fighters came into our school. They talked about fire safety and how to call the fire brigade if we discovered a fire in our house. They could put their uniforms on in 40 seconds. Mrs Duffy had to try it on, she took 1 minute! All the P5's were in the safety team. We all got safety packages which included:

- A door hanger
- Stickers
- Cards
- Questions and answers
- Page for colouring in
- A board game





Helicopter Pilot Visits P.5

As part of our Topic "Flying" we had a visit from a helicopter pilot. Mr Gusterson gave us a pencil and he showed us the fastest and biggest helicopters. We learnt about a helicopter called the X3 and one called the Homer. He said they have a lot of controls for the helicopter. He showed us loads of helicopters. He said he goes faster than a car and he flies to oil rigs in the North Sea. He answered loads of questions. At the end he got a picture with us. We thought it was really fun to learn about helicopters.

Daniel's Story



Daniel Noade pictured with his grandmother Marian McIlmuna. GA1409013

Seven-year-old Antrim boy and his mum urge family members to look out for the signs of stroke

Daniel, the boy who saved his Nana

By Clare Weir
AN Antrim schoolboy has urged other youngsters to keep an eye on their families after assisting his grandmother as she suffered a stroke.

It's almost a year since seven-year-old Daniel Noade, from Parklands, stepped up to the mark when his beloved grandmother Marian McIlmuna became unwell during a family meal. Since then he has

taken part in the Belfast Marathon Fun Run, raising around £400 for Northern Ireland Chest Heart & Stroke and is keen to make other young people aware about the symptoms of stroke. Daniel's proud mum Sandra said that the incident occurred as the family gathered for Sunday lunch.

"Whenever my mum came into the restaurant, I thought she didn't look right and she didn't seem herself," Sandra said. "She seemed confused and muddled. Daniel kept asking her what was wrong and thought she wasn't making any sense, so he started giving her little tests to do, but she wasn't able to form her words properly and she was mixing up the kids' names."

"Because I am a nurse we got her to Antrim Area Hospital right away and it turned out that she was having a stroke."

Daniel's grandmother has recovered well, but his help has not ended there.

"He was looking at Facebook on my phone a few weeks later and he asked what Chest, Heart and Stroke was, and I told them they were a charity who helped people like Nana and he said he wanted to do

something to help," said Sandra. "He is still very keen that people recognise the subtle signs of strokes. My mum was only 58 at the time and they were just small things like blurred vision and impaired speech, but catching the signs of stroke in time is really important to recovery."

Daniel said that his

grandmother is 'feeling a lot better'.

"We were having our lunch and my granny didn't know who everyone was, she thought my mum was someone else," he told the Antrim Guardian. "I kept talking to her and we took her to the hospital and they had to do a big scan of her head and found out she had a stroke."

"I am very fast at running and I wanted to raise money to help people like my granny."

"If you are worried about anyone you should ring 999 and ask for the ambulance and they will ask you questions about the person you are with."

"I am pleased that I was able to help."

Signs of Stroke

F. Face Has their face fallen on one side? Can they smile?



they smile?

A. Arms Can they raise both arms and keep them there?



them there?

S. Speech Is there speech slurred?



T. Time to call 999 if you see any single one of these signs.



these signs.

Daniel Noade a P.3 pupil here at St. Comgall's featured in the Antrim Guardian last year. Daniel wants all young people to be aware of the symptoms of stroke. His alertness helped save his grandmother's life. Since then Daniel has taken part in activities to raise money for Northern Ireland Chest Heart & Stroke Association. On 11th April he was interviewed on the John Toal Show at BBC Radio Ulster. He's doing a great job at promoting awareness. Well Done Daniel! Keep up the good work!



Big Spring Clean at St. Comgall's

Live Here Love Here is about creating pride. About loving where you live. About caring for your surroundings, feeling responsible for the landscape around you and creating a better environment for our communities. It's our Northern Ireland, it's up to us to help look after it.

Here at St. Comgall's we joined in the campaign to keep our community tidy, the pupils and staff rolled up their sleeves, got their gloves on and headed out to clean up our school grounds. They all did an amazing job, worked hard and had fun along the way. The grounds look great and the children have learnt how it can be fun looking after their community and environment.

Well Done Everyone!

ST. COMGALL'S NEWS

St. Comgall's Spring clean

Reported by: Valle

On Monday 20th April St. Comgall's children did a spring clean.

At St. Comgall's School in Antrim we all did a spring clean in our playground. We needed gloves and a bin bag. Sewerin had the bin bag it was very sunny and my friends and I put the weeds in the bin bag.





On Monday 20th April we all had to help with a big spring clean in our school. Primary 5's were in charge of the front garden. We were told to bring gloves to make sure our hands did not get dirty. We all shared gloves if our friends forgot. Then we all went to the front garden to clean up.

At first we found lots of litter and put it in the bin bag. Then we formed a line to get any litter we missed. We found lots of litter near the gate where people were careless with littering pollution.

Dylan found most of the litter in the bush. Primary 2 did the mini playground while Primary 3 cleaned behind the mobiles. Primary 4s cleaned the junior playground and the football pitch. Primary 6s cleaned the back car park area. Primary 7s cleaned behind the junior playground where the vegetable patch is and where our new bottle greenhouse will go. Mr Matthews and Mr Henry were VERY happy with the pupils and teachers of our school.

It is really important to keep our Eco Flag and keep our school Eco Friendly.

By Noah, Eva and Georgia
(P5A Eco Committee Members)

Triathlon in the Antrim Forum



Our school took part a Triathlon in the Antrim Forum. First we swam, 75metres, changed (in triathlon this is called a transition) really quickly no drying and put on our trainers and helmets. We ran to our bikes and cycled furiously around the track for 800m and to conclude we had to run for another 400metres. It was exhausting and trying to move over the last 50metres was very difficult. Tom Poulter, from P7B, finished 3rd overall. Iarfhlaith McKeating was running for pride and became involved in a dramatic sprint finish with a boy from Maine Integrated. They swapped the lead 3 or 4 times down the final stretch before both crossed the line in a dead heat.

Only after a long rest could the primary 7s comment as most were too tired to speak. All the pupils who took part thought it was an awesome event and really cool. They agreed they would love to try it again but with more time to practice.

Well done to all the pupils who took part. Keep practicing for next year!



Swimming



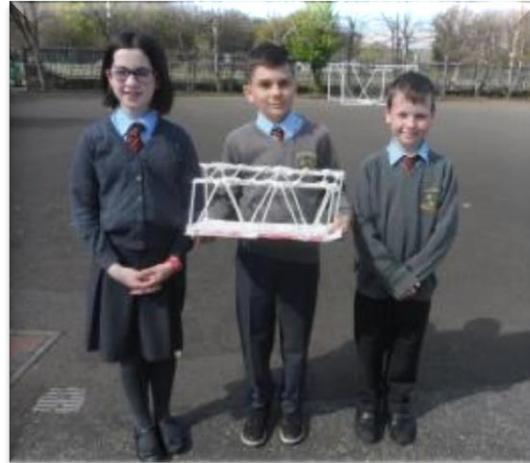
Running



Cycling

Construction Challenge

On Monday 20th April three of our P.7 pupils went to the Antrim Board Centre to take part in the S.T.E.M. Construction Challenge.



We went to Antrim Board Centre with Mrs O'Neill and Rory McLarnon from P.6B, to compete with other schools at building a bridge that holds 250 grams. We had one hour to complete our bridges, We were given masking tape, 24 straws, glue, markers, blu-tack, scissors, paper, card, paper-clips and a questionnaire to fill in and also draw on. When we arrived most of the schools were getting ready to begin the competition, however, there was still some more schools to arrive. At 10.05, the lady in charge told us the instructions and the rules. After they explained everything to us the teachers were sent out for a cup of tea/coffee, just to make sure they weren't going to help anyone.

In the first 15 minutes we had completed our designs on the page, so now what we had to do was use the equipment we were given to work with and answer the questions on the page. After we answered the questions on the page we started working on our bridge. We made a Warren Bridge and it held the right amount of weight and it held for 30 seconds. Our bridge could have held more because it was a really strong bridge. We also did designs on it, using our coloured markers. We drew stars and stripes and also put our school name on it. We enjoyed the day very much and it was friendly competition against other schools. We had a very good time and I think there should be more competitions like this one.

By Cara Brennan and Rares Dan P.7A

On Monday 20th April Myself, Cara Brennan (P.7A) and Rares Dan (P.7A) went to the Antrim Board Centre for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics competition run by Sentinus. We walked up to the Antrim Board Centre in the morning with Mrs O'Neill. When we got there, there were a couple of schools. We went over and sat at our seat.

We had a limited amount of supplies and a sheet for our designs. We had an hour to build a bridge while the teachers went off to have coffee and buns. Our bridge had to hold 250g or we would not win, but ours did hold 1/4kg. There was only one school that couldn't hold the 250g.

At the end we got a bag of crisps and a bottle of water. The person in charge said that we would find out who was through to the next round at the end of May. I really enjoyed my day at the Antrim Board Centre and I hope we make it through.

By Rory McLornan P.6B

P.2's Visit Carrickfergus Castle



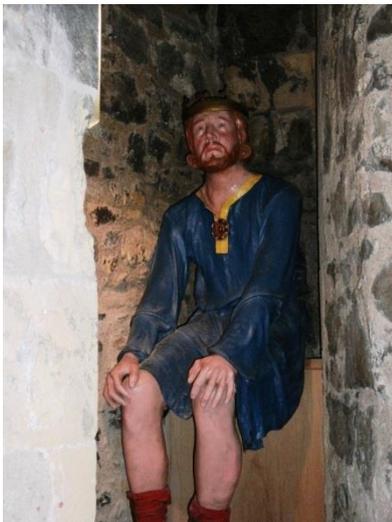
On Monday 27th April we went to Carrickfergus Castle. We saw a King sitting on the toilet. We went into a keep. We saw a real princess. She is called Princess Africa. It was so much fun!

By Róisín Maguire P.2A



Yesterday we went to Carrickfergus castle on the bus. I saw King John sitting on the toilet. My favourite part was dressing up in armour.

By Finn Arbuckle P.2C



I went on a bus to go to Carrickfergus Castle. We saw a sword and a shield. We did our dance. We had a happy day.

By Oliver Bury P.2B



Yesterday we went to Carrickfergus Castle. We went on a bus. At the castle I saw the guard dog Cuddles. I learned that castles had tapestries on the banquet hall wall. My favourite part was when we played chess.

By Ana McClelland P.2C

Yesterday I went to Carrickfergus Castle and saw the king sitting on the toilet. I stroked Mister Cuddles. I went by bus to Carrickfergus Castle. It was fun.

By Lauren May P2A



We went on a bus to go to Carrickfergus Castle. We got to see a knight at the top of the castle. When we went in there was a knight. We got to see the kitchen then we saw the room where the soldier and knight test their weapons. It was lots of fun.

By Aleena Juby P.2B

Eco Schools News



Bottle Collecting for



our Greenhouse

This year to make our school more eco-friendly the eco team came up with the idea of building a greenhouse out of 2L plastic bottles. To encourage pupils to bring bottles in they ran a competition offering a family cinema ticket for the Omniplex Cinema in Antrim. The greenhouse would be used for growing food for the school. The winner of the bottle collection would win a prize. Everyone collected lots of bottles to help us build our greenhouse. There was one bottle between us, Corey Hughes had 186 and Matthew McCavana had 187 bottles. All our families had helped us to reach our goal. We were delighted! Corey and I both received cinema tickets and a night off homework. We hope you enjoyed our thoughts on the competition.

By Corey Hughes and Matthew McCavana P.6



Our 2nd Eco Flag

We were so excited, but also nervous on the day! First of all we had a practise of doing our part in the presentation all of the eco team had made. When Cathy arrived Mr Henry took us to the first place we planned to take her to, the eco schools notice board. She asked us lots of questions, and we answered them. Next I suggested going to P5A. Cathy asked about eco monitors. We said that they switch of lights and make sure that pc's and whiteboards are switched off when we're not using them. Then we went to P7 to visit Lorcan, Arshia and Tom, our Environmental Speech finalists. Cathy asked if we were doing anything else to be eco-friendly. Mr McLaughlin said they were doing an end of year show and they used recycled materials for props. After that we went to show Cathy the starting of our greenhouse project and when we went out, some of the P1's were gardening so Cathy asked them a few questions. After that we went inside to show Cathy the reports of the Spring Clean P3's had made. Next we went to the P3's classroom to ask them a few questions. Cathy then went to talk to Mr Matthews while we waited a few minutes. Then just before lunch Cathy announced that we have earned our 2nd Eco Flag!

By Eva Varghese P5B



Planting Vegetables

The Eco-Schools team broke ground in our edible garden by planting leeks, carrots and celery.

We used a dibber to create a hole to insert the small plant and filled around it with soft, nutrient rich compost before watering well. We want to give our vegetables the best start possible!

St. Comgall's home grown veg, coming to a plate near you soon!



Orienteering at Crumlin Glen

We had lots of fun at the forest. We missed a couple of stations. We all ran as fast as we could and some people fell. They gave us dippers, one between two, we had dippers to make sure we went to each stations. There was 18 stations and we had 25 minutes to get to each station and we had 5 minutes to get back and some people came late and took 10 points off but it was only a bit of fun.

By Karolina Cardenas & Lauren Molloy P.5B

On Friday the 8th May Primary 5 went to Crumlin Glen Forest. When we got there we had our break earlier than usual. Then a woman called Elaine told us some safety rules. After, a boy called Conor came and told us how to follow a map of the forest. Then he explained to us what we had to do. Conor said we did not have to follow the path we could go whichever way we wanted. Where we saw numbers on the map that meant there was a check point there. We had to have a partner to team up with. We all had to start at the same checkpoint which was number 14. Then we all had to split up around the forest. The first checkpoint we came across apart from number 14 was number 13. Ryan and Shea were in front of us and Con and France were behind us. We had to go over the bridge to get some other checkpoints. There was only one checkpoint over the bridge. We had to come from the right side of the bridge but when we came back over the bridge we turned left to go and find the other checkpoints. We bumped into Mrs Duffy and some other children. Then we saw Ryan and Shea again and they took over us so we ran after them and took over them!!! Then we thought we had all the checkpoints so we raced back to the car park. At first we were in the lead but the boys took over us *again*. When we had finished we were running down the steps as quick as possible, but the boys were running after us. We got to the car park and the boys took over us and we came second. We missed 5 checkpoints. We only got 150 points out of 180 points then everyone began rushing back to the start. We are getting our results on Monday, and we are really looking forward to it. Everyone enjoyed today. We really hope we get to do it again.

By Emily Man and Eva McKinney P5A

On Friday the 8th May Primary 5 went orienteering in Crumlin Glen. First we had our break and then we had to listen to the leader telling us the instructions about how to orienteer. Then we got our partners, we started at number 14, we cleared the dippers and then we started. We used a map to see where the checkpoints were and used the dippers to put into the checkpoints and then we found the other checkpoints on the map. There were 18 checkpoints. We had some helpers who showed us the way if we were stuck. When you were finished you had to put your dipper into the computer and you had to finish with your partner or you would lose points. After you finished getting your score you had to get your coats and sit on the grass. The best bit was trying to get the checkpoints first and get back first. It was great fun.

By Shea McAuley and Calum Baxter P5A

We all got on to the bus and headed for Crumlin Glen forest. When we got there we were given a Duper and a map. We went around scanning the stations. Some people missed out a couple of stations so they didn't get all the points. The first station we had to go to was 14 and there was number 17 hiding beside the little hut so not a lot of people got it. People were running to try and get all the points and some people missed quite a lot of stations. We only had 25 minutes to get all the stations because it was a race. We also had 5 minutes to get back to the car park. We will know who won on Monday and we will know what School won. There were 18 stations around the forest and there were assistants to help us get to the stations and back. We had a lot of Fun in Crumlin Glen Forest and if you were late you would of got points taken off you.

By Áine Mc Cafferty, Ada Zagdan & Aimee Mc Clelland P.5B



P.1's Visit the Garden Show at the Castle Grounds



As part of their topic, 'In the garden' Primary One children created an "Edible Garden" to take to the *The Garden Show Ireland*, which took place this year in the Castle Grounds. 8 children from P1 were chosen to go and see what was happening there. There were lots of scarecrows, plants and flowers of all sorts and they even got to see some farm animals! The children got lots of ideas, from all the creative gardens on display, to take back to the classroom. Their favourite garden had giant pencils in it and used pencil shavings as bark!



P.7's Bee Safe Day

We started out by going out on a bus to the All Saints Parish Centre. When we arrived we went into a big room and we were told to sit down and then we had to go to different rooms. Both classes were told to split up. We had to go to various different rooms, all with a different meanings. We then went on to a Fun Bus and Kevin let us watch a short film about danger of buses, after that we went to see the police, they were talking about the danger of cycling and then we went on to another room about drugs and alcohol. We went to a room with a fire fighter and we had to do a short quiz. At the end they gave us a quiz to complete to try and win a kindle.

By Naomh McCafferty P.7A



Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week took place from Monday 18 to Friday 22 May. It aims was to encourage children to take to their feet and discover the health, social and environmental benefits of walking to school.

Travelwise NI wanted children to see how much fun was when they walked to school with their friends or parents. It encourages children to consider the significant contribution they can make to their health and their environment by choosing to travel by a method other than a car. The children got on their bikes and scooters and enjoyed a fun way to get to school!

As well as enhancing the children's understanding of the importance of walking to school, Travelwise NI wanted to show everyone how school children get healthy and fit on their journey to school. Our children were asked to use words and images to describe their journey to school in the run-up to "Walk to School Week." You can read below what some of the children had to say about their Walk to School.



Book Mountain

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and children who donated books to the school. We gathered 1,158 books. These have made a great addition to our independent reading collection.



After School Clubs



Cycling Proficiency

Some of our P.7 children went to Cycling Proficiency Club. They learnt about what to wear for safety, bicycle maintenance and the rules of the road. They also got to practice cycling manoeuvres in a safe environment. The children had fun and enjoyed riding their bicycles in the school grounds.



Netball



Some of our P6 and P.7 children went to Netball Club after school. Where they learnt the rules of Netball and had fun learning to play the game.



Athletics



In term three, P.7 and P.6 pupils were able to be coached in athletics by a man named Dean Adams. Dean is a sprinter who represents Ireland. Dean demonstrated some running techniques then got us to copy him. He tested our reflexes by dropping a ball then two people had to run when the ball hit the ground and catch it. He tested our co-ordination by putting us in the middle of four cones and we had to jump over the cone that was in the direction he told us. We learned the most efficient way to jump over hurdles and how to jump higher. It was really good and we learned a lot of useful tips!

By Katie Walls & Erina McKinney P.7A

Art Club



Art Club has been up and running again, this time to help with the school production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. P7 pupils have been slaving away like little oompa loompas creating all manner of non-edible oversized goodies and other props! They have had a super time and can't wait to see the show.



P.7's Carlingford Adventure

Our P.7 pupils went on a residential trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre. They all had an amazing time taking part in all sorts of activities, see below what some of the children thought about their adventure.

On the 11th May at 08:05 St.Comgall's P.S. P7 children along with six teachers set off on a coach to Carlingford Adventure Centre Co. Louth. When we arrived we had to go upstairs to a common room and were told all the rules and which dormitories we would be staying. When we got to the Skypark we were split into two groups. My group went to the Skypark first. When the instructor was explaining how to correctly use the Skypark I thought it would be quite tricky but I soon got the hang of it. After completing the trial course we could move on to the main bit. On the main bit we could choose either the high, medium or low course, I chose the medium one. I found it slightly scary as the wind was blowing and some of the obstacles started to shake.

Zorbing was great fun! It is where you get into a big blown up sphere which has the centre taken out, for you to get into. I enjoyed being able to run about and bash into others without worrying about getting hurt. Communication Breakdown is where we had to go inside a dark maze and try to find our way out, it was pitch black. I thought it would be a little bit easy but it wasn't. Archery was a bit tricky. We took four shots each.

On the forest walk we got told a scary story about an old lady, a house and the residents of Carlingford town. When we got further into the forest we played a game, where we were put into groups of five and were told a kitchen object which we had to try and act out. My group was a microwave.

We were all very excited for the Water Sports. Once we had all the right gear on we had to carry the canoes to the bottom of the slipway. Once we were in the water we got taken out a bit by speedboat (attached to the canoes) we then separated from the speedboat and paddled over to the shore. When we were on the beach we played a few games. It then got very cold, windy and rainy so we had to get on the speedboat and be taken back to the pier.

Before we headed off to the Laser Combat we had to go to the Laser Lane behind the Adventure Centre and change into overalls and get our gun. We either had a gun with red on the end or with blue on the end which separated us into our teams. When we arrived at the Laser Combat arenas, we were split into our red and blue teams. Half of the reds and half of the blues went into one arena and the other half of the reds and the other half of the blues went into a different arena.

Carlingford was great fun!

By Cara Brennan



My favourite part was the water sports because it was fun in the water but it was cold

By Caitlin Graham P.7A



I thought Carlingford was really fun, it was the best school trip I had ever been on.

By Peter Hunter P.7A



My favourite activity was laser combat because I got to shoot all my friends.

By Shane Kennedy P.7A



My favourite activity was the laser combat. We got to shoot the teachers in the last game because it was the pupils verses the teachers. This activity was located in a mountain in a forest which is beside the Carlingford Adventure Centre Hotel.

By Mini Verma P.7B



My favourite activity in Carlingford was laser combat because it was fun to run around and shoot the opposite team.

By Owen Burke P.7A



I thought Carlingford was awesome and the zorbing was funny because Kian was tipping and rolling all around the place.

By Aaron O'Neill P.7A



My favourite activity was the zorbing because you got to run into each other.

By Matthew Lynn P.7B



I thought all of Carlingford was great fun.

By Gareth Fitzsimmons P.7B

P.4A Planting Flowers

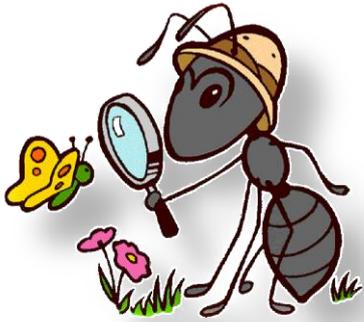


Our P4A children helped the Eco-Schools team improve our school grounds by planting up pots of flowers.



They did an amazing job and brought a touch of spring to St Comgall's. Mucky fun was had by all!





P1's Find Out Who lives 'In the Garden'

Primary 1 went on a minibeast hunt to the Castle Grounds as part of their topic *In the garden*. They brought their bug catchers, tweezers and magnifying glasses to help them search and a clipboard to record what they found! They had lots of fun getting mucky and finding lots of worms, woodlice, spiders and millipedes to bring back to school... Don't worry, they gave them a lovely new home in our P1 garden!!



SPORTS DAY AT ST. COMGALL'S





St Comgall's Primary School from P.4 to P.7 had there Sports Day on Friday 22nd of May 2015. Sports day took place in the Junior Playground on Friday morning. The event finished at 12:15pm. Unfortunately Nigeria came 1st place, Portugal won 2nd place and Cameroon came 3rd place. My team was Japan. In my team we had 3 P7's, two P6's, two P5's and two P4's. The colours of our flag was red and white.

My favourite stations were over the river, penalty shoot, big ball bombardment and knock the cones. The way the Junior Playground was presented was that there were 24 teams in total and 12 stations, which meant there was two teams at every station. Then you move to your new station and you have to stay at every station for 5 minutes. There was also a DJ called Paddy as well as a coffee cart. I enjoyed most of the stations. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and were pretty tired after sports day. I really don't think anyone was disappointed that they didn't get a medal.

By Charlie Anna Ramsey



SILVER



GOLD



BRONZE



P.2B May Assembly for Mary

Our P.2 children performed an assembly in the month of May for Mary. They did a tremendous job and all the children enjoyed being on the stage.



I loved doing the May Assembly and I was dressed in pink. I felt a bit shy. The stage was a bit big. We got to hold the microphone. I loved saying my bit and it came out loud.

By Maria Hassan

I loved the May Assembly. I liked doing the Assembly. I liked being Elizabeth. I liked singing Ave Maria. I liked being on the stage. I liked saying my bit.

By Leah Milliken



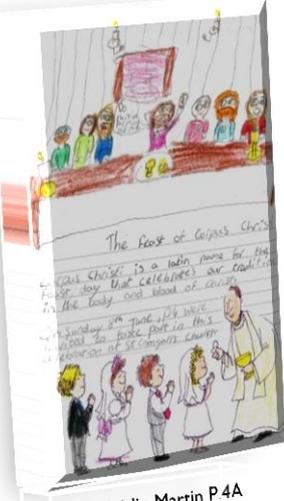
I felt a little shy when the kids were there then I felt ok. I tried my best to speak out to everyone I could. I enjoyed it.

By Jonathan Massarella

I was worried about the May Assembly but the May Assembly was good, I was surprised when I saw the big classes.

By Patryk Orzechowski

Our First Communion Day



By Caitlin Martin P.4A



The first time I received Communion I went up with my parents. Fr. Emerson said "The Body of Christ" I said "Amen" and received Jesus for the first time. I felt so happy and joyful as I went back to my seat. At the end of Mass we had a group photograph taken on the altar. I really enjoyed my First Holy Communion Day because it was fun for me and for other people. By Shine Phillips P.4C



By Eva McClelland P.4A



By Roma Gillen P.4A

I could hear the choir singing. I saw my teacher, Mrs Kelly. I loved seeing everyone in their suits and dresses. I went to receive Communion, for the first time, with my Mum. I felt so happy as I went back to my seat. At the end of Mass we had a group photograph taken on the Altar. After, we went to the Parish Centre. All the P.4's got gift bags with a special message on them. I really enjoyed my Holy Communion because it was a really good day and it was really fun. By Sophie Patterson P.4C



Irene Justin



Molly Allen P.4B



P.6 Reviews

Accelerated Reading Programme



We think that Accelerated Reading should be continued in P6 and brought into P.5 and P.7 because it encourages children and adults to read more. If children use Accelerated Reading they will have a wider vocabulary and will become smarter as they read. Children should read at least 20 minutes or more a day even if they don't have A.R. If children use A.R. they will increase their ZPD. Children will become wiser as they read. A.R. is a system where children can take quizzes on books they have read. At the start of the year they will take a Star Test to find out their ZPD then they can look up books to see if they are in their ZPD. They then read a book and take a quiz on it. After each quiz you achieve points and a word count. The points go towards your target. We really enjoyed Accelerated Reading because it has really encouraged us to read. It is also competitive because on a Friday everyone wants to find out who is in the top 6 and who has the weekend off homework as a reward.

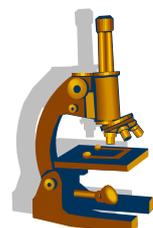


By Ethan McManus and Rory Mc Lornan P.6B

Stem with our Partner Post Primary

On the 11th of June P6A and P6B went for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Day. The two classes were split up into 3 groups. Group A, Group B and Group C. Our group went to Biology first. We got a yellow box and we had to look for bugs of all kinds. After that we looked inside a rat`s body, a sheep`s brain, a sheep`s heart and a sheep`s eyeball!!! Then we put gloves on and we touched all of them. Next we had our break. We had a choice of toast, pancakes and grapes. Soon after that we went to maths. We had to make boxes that had to fit two tennis balls inside. Ours was a cylinder. There was enough room to fit four balls. When we had finished maths we got sweets! Finally we went home. We had a brilliant day.

By Louise Robinson and Erin Scullion P.6B



Junior Reception learn about 'People who Help Us'



In Junior Reception our topic was 'People who Help Us'. We learned about the people who help us in our community and in our school.

We visited Mr Matthews in his office. He showed us his phone and his camera. Some of us pretended to be him and answered the phone!

Mrs Clyde, our crossing patrol lady, brought us to the car park to show us how to cross the road safely and carefully. During our playtime, we dressed up and practised being crossing patrol people.



'On the High Seas'

This term primary 3's theme was 'On the High Seas.'



The children have made Pirates, treasure maps (which they stained with teabags), wanted posters, pirate hats and flags. They learnt about different types of boats, the parts of a ship and the jobs on a ship.

They have created mini videos using the Puppet Pals app on the school I-pad. They made pirate passports and researched famous pirates. They studied maps looking at the oceans and seas of the world and they learnt how to read co-ordinates. They had great fun performing pirate songs and creating pirate music.



P.I's Teddy Bear's Picnic



P.I went on a teddy bear's picnic as part of their end of year trip. We had great fun in the castle grounds and then walked to the play park, where the children and teddies ate their picnic! A great day out was had by all!



Sports @ St. Comgall's



Crumlin Leisure Centre Soccer Tournament

8 pupils from St. Comgalls Primary School, Antrim were chosen to play in a Crumlin Leisure centre soccer tournament. Each school played 6 matches all of which were against different schools. If your team won a match you were awarded points. If you won a match you were given 3 points, if you drew you were given 1 point and if you lost you were given 0 points. At the end of the 6 matches you were awarded a place based on how many points you have which entered you a place in either a shield or a cup. To be in a shield you had to be 8th- 5th place and to be in the cup you had to be 4th- 1st place. Thankfully St. Comgalls Soccer Team made it into the cup but unfortunately were eliminated in the semi-finals due to 3 unfortunate last minute goals. On the car ride going home we were sad of our losing, but proud to have made it that far into the tournament.



Netball Tournament at the Antrim Forum

On Friday 15th May the netball coach brought 25 pupils, to a European Netball Tournament which was running in Antrim Forum. The Tournament is a very prestigious tournament with at least 16 different countries taking part. The pupils got the opportunity to watch a spectacular match between Northern Ireland and Scotland and witnessed netball at a professional level. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing Northern Ireland winning their match.

Annual Swimming Gala in the Antrim Forum

Pupils from St Comgall's took part in the Annual Primary Schools Swimming Gala in the Antrim Forum. A team of nineteen children from P.5, P.6 & P.7 represented our school, extremely well, with many children winning bronze and silver medals in individual and relay events. The school was placed 3rd overall and all the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Well Done to all, a super result!

Antrim Primary Football Match

One Thursday, St. Comgall's headed down to Antrim Primary to play a football match. Two ten minute games, nearly everyone played a game. Mr Jones and Mr Hill were referees and they let everyone play fair. Gary Sloan scored a hat trick and Akash Biju scored a goal from the halfway line. Mr Hill was kind enough to let us play two games each! Both teams played well and we tied, winning two games each. After we got our photo taken and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Well Done Conan!

On Saturday 13th June my football club, Cliftonville, had a prize giving in the Lansdowne Hotel, Belfast. When we got to the prize giving, my coach Matt made a speech about how well we did all season and congratulated the players for being an outstanding squad. Matt also thanked the parents for bringing their children to training and to the matches. After the speeches we moved on to the awards. The first award was for Top Goal Scorer which was awarded to my friend Emit who scored 32 goals in one season. The next award was for Manager's Player of the Year which was Kevin who is a very talented player. Finally it came to the last award which was for Players' Player of the Year which was me. Matt told everybody that the best thing about me was my attitude and that I was a credit to Cliftonville Football Club. I felt so happy to be getting such a wonderful award at my prize giving.

By Conan Mc Auley P.6B



'Walk to School Week' Poster Competition

Thank you to all children who took part in Travelwise NI's 'Walk to School Week' poster competition. Following on from last year's photography competition St. Comgall's have had another successful winning entry. Congratulations to Miss Reynolds' Primary 1D, who's collage poster was chosen as the Foundation Stage Winner. They have won a Hi Viz vest for every child in our school, helping us all to stay safe when we walk to school every day. This will be given out in October next year as the nights become darker.

Well Done P.1D



St Comgall's

Fundraising Group

**Are looking for a team of volunteers to help
With a**

Bag Pack

On

Sunday 2nd August

At

Asda Store, Junction One



**If everyone gave just one hour it would really help the group
and our school.**

**If you can help please contact
St Comgall's PS Fundraising Group on FACEBOOK**

Information & Reminders

Names on Uniforms

Please remember to clearly label all items of your child's school uniform, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats.

Children coming to School Early:

Children should not be on the school grounds before 8.45am unless they are attending breakfast club. There is no supervision for children before this time.

BREAKFAST CLUB: from 8.10am - 8.45am Cost £1.50
Main School Hall.

Tuck and dinner money

Please ensure your child has the money to pay for tuck and dinners if they use it. It becomes very difficult to manage for our teaching and canteen staff if money becomes "owed." Again, thank you in anticipation for your help with this.

Passports

Any Passport Forms requiring signature from a member of staff will now cost a nominal fee of £5.00, which will go towards school funds.

Our School uniform suppliers are

**Select Kidz
Schoolwear Specialist
In Ballymena**

47 -49 Springwell Street
Ballymena

T: 02825652128 M: 07516115865

Select Kidz are the School uniform supplier for crested uniform.

Emails:

Would all parents who completed a form requesting letters and information to be sent to them by email, please remember to check your emails regularly so you will not miss any important news, letters, dates and general information.

Absence Letters

If your child is absent from school, please inform the teacher in writing of the reason for the absence.

Parents are reminded:

Pick up collection point of your child at home time:

Parents collecting P1 + P2 please collect your child from the teacher in the classroom – access through back gate or pedestrian gate at top of playground.

P3 + P4 children will meet their parents in the junior playground.

Senior children P5 – P7 will meet parents in senior playground.

This is to cut down on traffic through the main school building and promote safety within the school.



Eco Schools

This term the Eco Schools Committee have been focusing again on the Cash For Clobber Competition which we previously won two years ago. The team distributed Cash For Clobber recycling bags to all the children in the hope they would fill them with unwanted clothes, towels, curtains and bed linen. If you require another bag please contact Mr Henry. To recycle the bags bring them to the green clothes banks located at each entrance to the school. The winning school could receive a cash prize of £3000 and all the clothes are sent to Africa so it is a great help to charities.

Strictly Antrim Parish

FRIDAY 26TH & SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
 IN ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL
 DOORS OPEN AT 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER EACH MASS ON SATURDAY 6TH JUNE & SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

Proceeds in aid of LRTT and the Parish **LRTT**
LIMITED RESOURCE TEACHER TRAINING

Ulster Museum
Explore/engage/enjoy

A Viking's Guide to **DEADLY DRAGONS**

an exhibition from **seven stories**

1st May – 31 August 2015

Our new exhibition at the Ulster Museum features the work of Cressida Cowell's and her best-selling 'How to Train Your Dragon' books. Be transported back in time to a fictional world where Vikings ruled and dragons roamed.

Vicious Vikings and Deadly Dragon Tales
 Sat 27 June & Sat 25 July

30-minute storytelling sessions by Libraries NI starting at 2.00pm, 2.30pm and 3.00pm. Included in exhibition ticket price.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please Note: We have been informed by the Education Authority that as from September 2015 the cost of School Dinner will be £2.50.

Ulster Badminton Summer Scheme
 Date: Monday 3rd – Friday 7th August
 Venue: Ballyclare Secondary School
 Age: 5-15 year olds.

Please contact:
 Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland
 National Badminton Centre
 36 Belfast Road
 Lisburn BT27 4AS
 Tel: 02892668392
 Email: enquiries@ulsterbadminton.com

ATTENTION CHILDREN, PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD ON FOOT, ON A BICYCLE OR A SCOOTER.....



Find the safest place to cross then stop.
 Stand on the pavement near the kerb or the edge if there is no kerb.



Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.
 Make sure you can see if anything is coming and drivers can see you.



Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.
 Never cross the road whilst chatting to people, listening to your iPod or talking on your mobile phone.

BE AWARE EVEN WHEN YOU ARE IN SCHOOL GROUNDS OR CAR PARKS

SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Please take some time to visit our school website! There you will find all the information you need about school. You can meet the classes and learn about the interesting events happening in school. We now has a translate engine, so the website can be viewed in other languages. Please select a language of your choice from the drop down list on our homepage. In addition we have added a 'scrolling announcements sections' on the top of the homepage – this will draw your attention to any current activity in the school.



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Summer Holiday Dates and Arrangements

The school will close for the Summer on Friday 26th June at 12noon for all pupils. This is a NON uniform day. There will be NO breakfast club and NO tuck or lunches on Friday 26th. THERE WILL BE BUSES in the morning and at 12 o'clock. As normal, additional parking for collection on this day will be provided in the front playground of the school. *Please follow the direction of the staff. School will re-open on Monday 31st August (Half day, as always, on the first day).

**The Board of Governors, Principal & Staff
Wish you all a Happy & Peaceful Summer**

