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NEWS @ St.Comgall's

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Family Fun Day





A superb night of fun enjoyed by all. Many thanks to everyone who attended and made it such a great night!



St. Comgalls



St. Comgall's Fundraising Group

Muddy Marathon



Great, Successful Day with Muddy Marathon! Children had a great time and it was well supported by our parents and grandparent. Together we raised a staggering

£8,200.00

Well done and thank you very much! This is AMAZING and will be used to invest in tablet technology in the next academic year. Thanks again!

Family Fun Day

Another exciting and exceptionally well supported event! Many thanks to both our fundraising team and to all the families who attended! It was a wonderful event for our whole school community. Even the weather went in our favour – with fantastic sunshine after a showery afternoon!

After expenses, the event raised a further

£1,500.00 approx!!

Super!! Thanks again for all the support for the event – this money will be spent on tablet technology for our pupils, early in the new term.

Uniform Sale



There are donated uniforms on rail in the school foyer. Parents are welcome to browse for sizes etc. There is a suggested donation of £1.50 per item. This can be placed in the honesty box. Many thanks!

A big thank you to St. Comgall's Fundraising Group for all their hard work!



P.4C Easter Egg Hunt



Trócaire 2016

Trócaire launched their 43rd Lent campaign this year, the biggest annual fundraising campaign in Ireland. For the first time, this year's Trócaire box features people from Ireland, celebrating Trócaire supporters, who are fighting for justice for the world's poor.

"This year's Trócaire box is a recognition of ordinary people, who are doing extraordinary things in the pursuit of justice and a fairer world," said Eamonn Meehan, Executive Director of Trócaire.

"The people featured on the box are school children, teachers, grandparents, clergy, volunteers and families. All of them have something in common. They cannot ignore poverty and they want to make a difference in whatever way they can. Together, they are fighting for justice for the world's poor."

Thanks to support from people in Ireland, Trócaire supported 2.4 million people across Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East in 2015. This included 45,000 poor families who got access to local resources, including land and water. Trócaire protected over 700 human rights defenders who were abused and attacked in Guatemala and over 6,000 women, who survived abuse, got healthcare, counselling and legal aid to get justice.

"Sometimes, it is easy to look at the scale of global poverty and think 'what can I do?', said Eamonn Meehan. "This year, our Trócaire box is dedicated to thanking the thousands of people who say 'I'll do what I can'."

St. Comgall's and Trócaire would like to thank everyone for their kind donations. The school raised a very generous

£1,246.16

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!



Garden Show Ireland

I went to the Castle Grounds with Shea, Orla and Leona. We got are hands all mucked up. The photographer took my muddy hand and rubbed it in my face. We got to bring pea plants back with us. It was the launch of Garden Show Ireland and our pictures will be in the paper and on their website.

By Jude Flood P3C



Press Release from Allianz Garden Show Ireland

“Pupils from St Comgall’s Primary School in Antrim were “Springing into Action” and got involved in the Schools Challenges for the Allianz Garden Show Ireland 2016, which took place from 6th-8th May at Antrim Castle Gardens. Pictured above is Damien O’Neill, Group Head of Marketing for title sponsor Allianz, Jilly Dougan and P3 pupils from St Comgall’s Jude, Orla, Shea and Leona.”

P.3 Visit Belfast Zoo



ST. COMGALL'S NEWS

What a ssssuper report! Eg 23/03/16
 My Trip to the Belfast Zoo

Reported by:
 Melly Deherby

On Monday ^{21st} March
 We went to the
 Zoo/My partner
 was Alex!



My favourite parts
 were the spider
 Monkey's pink
 bottom's and
 Lauren May holding
 up her banana!
 My favourite
 animal was the
 black billy goat
 scruff!

I loved the
 Zoo, but I did
 Not like the
 Zoo keepers!

ST. COMGALL'S NEWS

My trip to Belfast Zoo

What a great report! Well done Patryk! Eg 23/3/16
 Reported by:
 Patryk

On Monday we
 went to the Belfast
 Zoo on a big bus!



My favourite animal
 was the giraffe!
 My favourite part
 was the exploring
 center!
 For lunch I had
 a sandwich!

We had such an
 excellent time that
 I am coming back
 soon!

P.2 Have a Visit from the Fire Brigade



On Monday 18th April the firemen came to visit P2. It was so much fun. The hose puts the fire out. I loved it. It was the best time ever.

By Katie O'Neill P2A



On Monday the firemen came to visit P2. The firemen talked about a fire in a house. The firemen told us not to touch matches. They are dangerous.

By Niamh Bann P2A



On Monday 18th April the firemen came to visit the P2s. The firemen protect people in houses that are on fire. If a factory is on fire they use foam because it is safer.

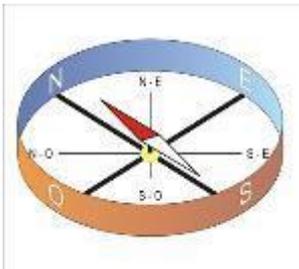
By Rory McConnell P2A



On Monday the firemen came to visit P2A. He puts the fire out using the hose.

By Joe McDermott P2A





P. 5 Go Orienteering in the Castle Grounds

On Wednesday P5C went orienteering in the Castle Gardens, it was organised by Antrim Borough Council. We were put into pairs or groups of three and we were given a map, a dibber. The first thing we had to learn for orienteering was how to orientate our map. This means that we had to find North on the map and orientate the map. We were looking for 15 markers hidden in the Castle Gardens and we had 30 minutes to find as many as we could. There was one on top of the cake, there were some in the forest and near the pond and there was one beside the grave stones. When we found a marker we put our dibbers into to hole in the machine. The machine went beep and we looked for the next marker. At the end of the 30mins the organisers used megaphone to tell us to come back to the start. All of our points were recorded and we left back our equipment. The best part was working with our partners because these were chosen for us and it was good fun getting muddy in the castle gardens. We would all like to go orienteering again and it would be a good club for after schools next year.

On the 13th of April P5C went orienteering with P5A and P5B. Luke and I were partners and we teamed up with Aodhan and Conor. There was a map and a dibber that Luke wore on his finger. You put the dibber into each marker that you found. Luke and I were like tow Egyptian Mummies because he had a sore finger and I had an operation and had a bandage on my ankle 5 weeks ago and I am just about recovered. In the beginning Mr McShane said there were no markers on the cake but one of the helpers said there was one on the top. We got about 9 or 10 markers and with 5 minutes to go we had to forget about the rest of them. There were 15 in total. Joel said they got them all but one did not come through. He was really annoyed about it. But I had one of the funniest days of my life!!!!

By Ben Donaghy P5C

We went orienteering on a Wednesday and we got put into partners. We got a map and a dibber. There were 15 markers which you put your dibber into and it beeped and we moved onto the next one. There were markers at the top of the cake, the grave stones, near the road and in the trees.

We only had 30mins then we had to come back. We knew when the 30mins were over because the man used a megaphone. When we heard the megaphone we went back to where we started and gave a person the dibber then he let us keep the map. After that we went back to school.

By Emily Quigg and Sophie Patterson
P5C



On Wednesday P5 C went orienteering which was organised by Antrim Borough Council. First we got into pairs of two or groups of three. Then we learned how to orientate a map. Then we learned how to use the dibber and then we went to look for dibbers. There were 15 markers. We found 14 and missed the one beside the graves. We had 30 minutes to find them. After 30 minutes we were called by the organisers who had a megaphone. The best part was when Shea slipped in the mud!!!

By Joel and Aodhan
P5C





German Visitors



On Tuesday the 5th April, our German visitors arrived. We showed them our St. Patrick's Day assembly, our orchestra played 'Fairy Dance' and 'Ode to Joy'. Our Choir also sang 'Naughty' from Matilda the musical and 'Catch a Falling Star'. We then went for a walk through the Castle Gardens, to Lough Neagh and then to the park.

On Wednesday the 6th, P.7A took the Germans on the Belfast open Bus Tour and the Titanic Quarter.

On Friday the 8th, P.7B took the Germans to W5 Belfast, the Stormont Parliament Buildings and the Bangor Aurora.

On Monday the 11th, P.7B and P.7A took the Germans to the Carrick 'a' Rede Rope Bridge and the Giants Causeway to do some sightseeing. Monday was also the Farewell barbeque. We had burgers and hotdogs and played some games.

We really enjoyed spending time with our German visitors and hope to see them again soon!

By Abigail Waring & Niamh Connolly





Bangor Festival

On the 23rd April 2016 our school choir went to the Bangor Festival. Year sixes and sevens in St.Comgall's P.S. Choir were up against five other choir's. We sung in two of the competitions, two sacred songs and two songs of our choice. We chose Ephesian's Prayer and Lord Take Control for our sacred choice. We also chose Naughty and Catch a Falling Star for our own choice.

Before the competition began we had our lunch in the Drama Room. {The competition was held in St.Comgall's Preschool, Bangor} Afterwards we all lined up and left for the hall. At this point I was REALLY scared. As we sat down, we heard the adjudicator make a speech and, of course, THAT made me terrified!!! I felt as if I was about to receive an Oscar, only worse! First was the sacred competition, and I was first on stage!!! Our first song was Ephesian's Prayer, then straight on to Lord Take Control. Afterwards we walked back to our seats. The same with Naughty and Catch a Falling Star. Then the winners were announced and we all walked back to the Drama Room.

After we had collected our stuff we got on the bus and drove back to school. I had a lot of fun at Bangor, it was a great experience to have with all my friends at choir. I hope you have enjoyed reading this recount as much as I have enjoyed writing it. Thank you.

By Georgia Lavelle.



Muddy Marathon

On Friday 29th April the children and staff took part in the Muddy Marathon. This event was organised by St. Comgall's Fundraising Group to raise funds for the school. Each child ran/walked a mile around the Castle Grounds. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents who came along to walk with and cheer the children on. We would like to thank everyone who took part and helped to make this a very successful day for all. We received an amazing amount of money for our school. The event raised a fantastic £000. Thank you all so much for your generosity!!



By Lola Storie

Triathlon in Antrim Forum

On Wednesday 4th of May, **Joseph, Lewan, Jude, Aidan, Niall, Pierce, Conor, Niamh, Erin** and **Matilda** all competed in a Triathlon.



KEEP CALM AND DO TRIATHLON



On Wednesday 4th May, 10 primary seven children took part in a Triathlon in the Antrim Forum. They were Joseph, Lewan, Jude, Matilda, Conor, Niall, Aidan, Pierce, Erin and Niamh.

What Is A Triathlon?

A triathlon is a race consisting of:

1st Swimming-



2nd Cycling-



3rd Running-



How we felt After

After the long race we felt like collapsing on the floor and going to sleep



But on a serious note everyone's legs were heavy and felt sick with a head ache.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Places in our heat

1st - Niamh Connolly



2nd – Aidan McWhinney



3rd – Erin Scullion



By Joseph and Lewan

Once we had walked down to the Antrim Forum we had to get dressed and do our warm ups. We were put in separate lanes, when the race started we had to do four lengths up and down. Once we got out of the pool we had to put a t shirt on and a pair of trainers and then we ran down the fire escape, around the back of the Antrim Forum and into the running track. After we got there we had to run into the middle part of the track and, very quickly, grab a bike and cycle two laps of the track. After the second lap we had to cycle into the middle again and quickly jump of our bike and take our helmet off and run a lap of the track. This was very tiring and we think the bikes should have been better quality.

We were tired after it but it was great fun.

By Jude Andrews and Matilda Barwick P7A.

Well done to all the children who took part in the Triathlon, to the heat winners and to Niamh Connolly from P.7B who came 3rd overall.



Sports Tournaments

Crumlin Soccer



Our School played in a football tournament in Crumlin. The St. Comgall 's players were Shay Ruddy, Dominik Smid, Conan McAuley, Niall Kearney, Aidan McWhinney, Aidan Kelly, Lewan Robinson and Jude Andrews. The teams that took part in the tournament were St. Joseph's, St. Comgall's, Ballymacricquet and Glendarrach. The result in our first match was 3-0 to St. Joseph's P.7 team, the result in our second match against St. Joseph's P.6 team was 6-1 to St. Comgall's, the result in our third match was 1-0 to St. Comgall's against Glendarrach and the result for the fourth match was against the holding champions Ballymacricquet which ended with a 1-1 draw. We came third in the cup while Glendarrach won the shield and Ballymacricquet won the cup. Both St. Joseph's teams came second in each competition. We had a great day and enjoyed playing in the tournament.

By Dominik Smid P.7B



Creggan Gaelic Tournament

On Tuesday 26th of April, 9 Primary 7's took part in a Gaelic Tournament in Creggan. The squad included: Niall Kearney, Aidan Mc Whinney, Akhil Salu, Lewan Robinson, Conan Mc Auley, Shay Ruddy, Pierce Donnelly, Rory Mc Lornan and Conor Gusterson. We were accompanied by Mr Jones who was our manager. We were top of our group which included: Millquarter , Creggan , St Bridgids , Moneynick and Ahoghill. We played brilliantly throughout the tournament but sadly we got beat in the semi-final. This was an amazing personal experience. We wish we could play in it again!!!!

By Conan McAuley and Niall Kearney P.7B



Duncreggan Gaelic Tournament



Visit to Belfast International Airport



P5A went to Belfast International Airport. It was amazing!! When the day started we all had to pick partners for the bus. Soon enough the bus came. We were so excited. On the way we saw the Airport but first we were going to the Fire station! When we got to the Fire Station there were firemen.

We were sorted into groups and we took turns to see different things. One thing was looking at the fire engines. Another thing was going in the fire engine while one of the firemen drove it round in a circle and came back to the station. Another thing was we went to the lookout station and watched all of the birds and aeroplanes.

After the fire station we went to the main place. The Airport!!

We saw the baggage station, we went to the lookout part and had our lunch there and at the end we got a surprise! We got to go into the police car and the police van!!

So that was our trip to the Belfast International Airport! Everyone really enjoyed it!

By Caitlin Martin



Fit Factor

Rebecca came from fit factor She Was telling us about keeping fit then we went outside and done some exercises. We done light, moderate and intense. We jogged, Skipped star jumps, jumping and head shoulders knees and toes. We done each exercise 30 seconds and the whole exercise took 10 minutes, it was so much fun!

Aleena P3B



Fit Factor



Rebekah from the Cancer Focus Charity came to school to talk about keeping fit and healthy with the primary three children. They had great fun learning about keeping fit and took part in the Fit Factor exercises.



Fun at Carlingford for Our P.7's

Where is Carlingford?



Carlingford is down south on the other side of Newry. Carlingford is beside a lough that is where we did water sports on the last day.

What is Carlingford?

Carlingford is a holiday retreat full of fun activities that are only a short walk away from the hotel. At Carlingford Adventure Centre you get a room with a private Bathroom with a shower



What Activities at Carlingford?

Activities at Carlingford include:

- Skypark
- kayaking
- Body zorbing
- 3D maze
- Archery
- Ziptopia
- Lazar combat



Accommodations

Rooms at Carlingford are quite spacious and they offer an equally spacious bathroom the beds are comfy and warm.

By [Shania & Erin](#)





On May 10th 2016 we went to the [Carlingford Adventure Centre in Newry](#), we travelled in a bus for 1 and a half hours and placed our luggage in the back of the bus where there was a storage compartment.

Once we reached the adventure centre, we went into the centre which was a 5 minute walk from the bus to the centre we were lead to the sports hall where we stored our bags and then after 15 minutes we went to the [skypark](#).

The [skypark](#) was an obstacle type of park with zip lines, platforms, base jumps, climbing frames, low, medium and very high levels it was a lot of fun where the staff members put a harness on you and then you start from the first level then move to the next and go up as you go. In Carlingford we did a lot more on that day like [body zorbing](#) where you get into a big air filled ball and go against other people and try knock them out of the rectangle to win and [archery](#) where you try shoot an arrow into the target and try get into the bull's-eye and another activity we did was trying to get through the [3D maze](#) with absolutely no light and try get out the other side.

In the evening after our lunch we were taken up a mountain where the [laser combat](#) would take place tomorrow, we found out it was taking place in a huge forest which looked like a lot of fun because there were old cars, forts, ruins, rubber wheels and many others to protect yourself from laser gun fire.

By Danyal Muhammad P.7A





Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

Roots of Empathy



Baby Celebration



Our Roots of Empathy team were invited to a very special baby celebration in Ballymena to share their experience of the programme this year. Baby Ryan and mummy Sarah McConnell attended along with Mr Matthews, Mrs Ewing and Mr McShane. Ryan enjoyed playing with all the other Roots of Empathy babies from the North Eastern region while the adults listened to and shared what they had learned from the programme this year. Primary 5 have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and classroom visits from Ryan, their mini teacher. Throughout the year they have learned how and why we should show empathy towards others. They have learned about feelings, temperament and most importantly how our differences make us special and unique. We would like to thank Ryan and Sarah for a fantastic year of learning and we are looking forward to Root of Empathy 2016/17!



P.3C Visit the Garden Show

On Friday we went to the Garden Show in Castle Grounds. First we looked at the tea pot garden then we looked at a fairy house and the earth with a rocket on top. Then we saw ours. It was a Minecraft edible garden! Then we saw some awesome scarecrows made by other schools. My favourite one was the Minion. After that we got a free packet of sweets! Then it was time for the judges to announce the winner's .We got a certificate! It said: Allianz Schools' Edible Garden in a Container, Highly Commended. We also liked the Men Shed's garden; they had painted Peter Rabbit and lots of bunny rabbits. They had lots of different vegetables. Ballycraigy Primary school had an amazing garden. We would like to build one like theirs in our school.

By Ana McClelland P3C



Well done on receiving a Highly Commended Certificate.

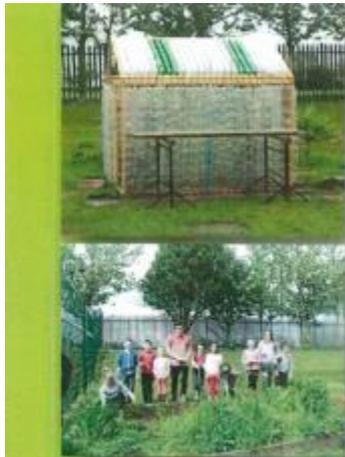
Carriekfergus Castle

In the first week of May, primary 2 made a visit to Carriekfergus Castle. We went on the bus and some people dressed up as people from the castle. When we got there we met our guide and she took us all around the castle. She told us all about King John that lived in the castle many years ago. We went to visit the banquet hall and got to sit on the seat that the King would have sat on during the banquet. We even saw him on the toilet!! At the end we walked down the spiral staircase and got to hold swords, shields and armour from the castle. We had so much fun!!

By Sarah Robinson and Rory McConnell P2A



Eco Schools News



For 2 years the Eco-team have worked very hard to develop and create an outdoor garden space. We are extremely proud of our recycled material green house and landscaped areas. We want to maintain and further this development but we need your help!

Long Term Goals

The Eco-team are very proud of our achievements so far but it only makes us want to develop this and other unused areas more.

Goals for the future:

- Sensory Garden accessories
- Wildflower area
- Introduction and monitoring of wildlife and minibeasts.
- Outdoor classroom
- Science investigations and surveys
- Sustained flower, plant and vegetable patch.

How can you help?

- Pass suggestions for our garden to Mr. Henry, the Eco Schools coordinator or your class Eco-team member.
- Add to the garden through your topics and connect your learning to this outdoor space.

Inspiration:

Ballycraigy Primary School are one of the top ranked school gardens in NI. They credit their success to a phenomenal network of support from teachers, parents and the local community. Here is a picture of the prize winning garden.



ST.COMGALL'S PS SCHOOL GARDEN

Summer Term 2016
Garden Maintenance and Outdoor learning



May and June 2016

May and June are very busy months for gardeners. To date we have planted:

Lettuces Cabbages Herbs Peas

Tomatoes Peppers Strawberries

Raspberries Potatoes Beans.

In order to see the 'fruits and vegetables' of our labour, we need to share responsibilities of garden maintenance.

Through their topic 'In the Garden', P1 have been hard at work with their hoes and spades but there are opportunities for all classes and Key Stages to get involved and use the garden as a learning space.

To help monitor garden maintenance and avoid overlap, a checklist of weekly jobs will be posted inside the greenhouse.

Gardener's Checklist

Monday: -water tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, peas and raspberries (inside greenhouse)
-Fruit count
-Measure the height of pea plants

Tuesday: -water the potatoes, lettuce, cabbages, peas, beans, herbs (outside the greenhouse)
Litter Check
-Weed check

Wednesday: -water tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, peas and raspberries (inside greenhouse)
-Fruit count -rotate the composter

Thursday: -water the potatoes, lettuce, cabbages, peas, beans, herbs (outside the greenhouse)
Litter Check
-Weed check

Friday: - water tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, peas and raspberries (inside greenhouse) -litter check
-weed check
-rotate the composter



Outdoor Learning

Here are some ideas and inspiration for using the garden as an outdoor learning space.

-Royal Horticultural Society www.rhs.org.uk

-Garden Show Ireland
www.gardenshowireland.com

*Take a look at St. Comgall's entry to Garden Show competition featuring a Minecraft recreation of the castle grounds. Can your class recreate our school garden on Minecraft?

-www.kidsgardening.org

-gardening with kids on pinterest

-math word problems or maths trails based on the school garden e.g. area of patch, volume of water needed per week, multiplication of vegetables

-science investigations and surveys: <http://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/kids-science-in-the-garden.html>

'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.'



Cultural Day at St. Comgall's



World culture day.

On Wednesday 1st June p1 and p2 had a world culture day. Before our first visitor came we did an Indian dance. After that Mrs Hussain came and told us about Pakistan. After break Miss Begg came and she let me try a sari. She told us about the Demon king and I coloured in the henna on Miss Begg's hand. After that Mrs Malto told us about the Philippines and she told us there were lots of islands. After that we did Irish dancing with Mrs O'Neill and Mrs O'Sullivan. Then we made some country book marks. We wore bright clothes. My favourite part of the day was Miss Begg coming in.

By Caitlin P2C

On the 1st June 2016 our primary 1 and 2 children took part in a cultural day in school. Some of our parents and classroom assistants joined the children and read them stories in French, Lithuanian and Polish. They played playground games and sang head shoulders knees and toes. The children learned about henna and how it is applied and made patterns of their own. They watched a Bollywood dance and tried a few steps. They also learned a céilí dance and a nursery rhyme in Tagalog. They learned about Pakistan- the culture, sport and some facts as well as watching a cartoon in Urdu. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and we would like to thank everyone who was involved for a very interesting and fun day.

DAY AT THE ULSTER MUSEUM



ALL THE P4'S WENT TO THE ULSTER MUSEUM, AS PART OF OUR TOPIC **"PROVE IT"**.

PROVE IT IS ABOUT FINDING EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT THINGS EXISTED OR EVOLVED. AT THE MUSEUM WE SAW SOME FOSSILIZED HUMAN BONES! WE ALSO WENT TO THE *NATURE ZONE* - THERE WE SAW SOME REAL TUSKS AND HORNS, AS WELL AS STUFFED CREATURES (THESE ARE MADE BY A TAXIDERMIST).

AFTER LUNCH WE WENT TO A LITTLE CLASS. AT THE CLASS WE WATCHED A SHORT PROGRAMME ON HOW FOSSILS ARE MADE, WE KNEW ALL ABOUT THAT ALREADY! THEN WE HELD SOME REAL FOSSILS. WE FOUND OUT THAT THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN THREE DINOSAUR FOSSILS FOUND IN IRELAND. WE EVEN GOT TO HOLD FOSSILIZED DINOSAUR POO! MY FAVOURITE PART WAS THE CLASS. I LOVED THE MUSEUM!

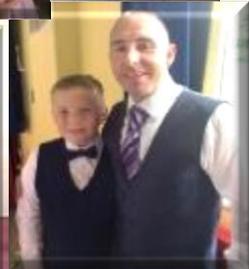
BY MOLLY MONTAGUE P4B



First Communion Day



P:4A Mrs Quinn & Miss McMullan



P:4B Mrs O'Donnell



P:4C Mr Phillips



Congratulations to all our Year 4 children and their families on making the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion on Saturday 4th June. A beautiful day – wonderful occasion. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it such a special day.



Sports



**Day
Fun**



At



St. Comgall's



Swimming Gala at Antrim Forum



On Monday the 6th June St. Comgall's P. S. went to The Antrim Schools' Gala heats, at the Antrim Forum. The Monday after the heats was the actual Gala; the schools that competed were Antrim Primary, Templepatrick, Loanends, St. Joseph's Crumlin and Antrim, Ballycraigy, Parkhall Primary, Greystone, Parkgate and Creavery. We got to compete in multiple swims such as front crawl, back crawl and breast stroke.

The people in our team were Niall Kearney, Conor Barr, Pierce Donnelly, Aidan McWhinney, Jude Andrews, Niamh Connolly, Erin Scullion, Louise Robinson, Alia Akdag, Matilda Barwick, Adam McErlain, Zach Law, James Gillan, Maleah Carreon, Lauren Molloy, Andrea Juby, Luke O'Loan, Lucy McDonnell and Maegan Connolly.

We enjoyed the event and are happy with our performance. We ended up coming 3rd overall.

By Niall Kearney & Conor Barr P.7B



Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards

A huge congratulations to all of our Merit award winners! Pictured below are the children in each class who achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold award. For their efforts the Bronze award winners attended the cinema to see "Angry Birds", Silver award winners went to the cinema and had an extra treat going to the park in the afternoon and the Gold winners travelled to W5 and got Pizza Hut for their lunch.

Again congratulations to all pupils and we hope they enjoyed their trips.



Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards cont...



Reading Award Winners

St. Comgall's is now able to boast that we have millionaires – word millionaires that is! We celebrated those children that, over the course of the year, read one million or more words.

Those children who read the most words in P5, P6 and P7 were given certificates as were the top 5 readers in all of Key Stage 2. P6A were the overall Accelerated Reading Champions, collectively reading over 12 million words throughout the year. P6B came second with over 10 million words. Well done to all who have made a great effort to read and quiz all year. We look forward to more St. Comgall's millionaires!



Judo at St. Comgall's

The Judo Academy started in St Comgalls in January 2016. The aim for the kids is to learn Judo Standing Techniques and Ground Techniques then combine both together. They also learnt Japanese words such as (Rei, Hajime and Matte). Each term they worked on their 1st and 2nd star award certificates gaining with flying colours. Once the kids become full Red Belt members they could start (GRADING) moving from Novice to 1st Mon. Each belt contains 3 Mons before changing to the next belt. The next step for the kids is to compete in Festivals, Fundamentals then higher grade competitions, such as Northern Ireland School championships representing St Comgalls. The Olympics is fast approaching, Judo is part of it so parents and kids can watch and feel part of it, while the kids can educate their parents in judo.



Olympic Torch

On Tuesday 28th June Deirdre McKinney visited St.Comgall's Primary School. She brought a torch from the Rio Olympics in Brazil. She won a competition in her company to carry the torch in Brazil. The torch was heavy. There was a switch, which made the torch bigger and the colours blue and green were on the flag for Brazil. At the end we all got the chance to hold the torch with Deirdre.



P.6 Stem Day at St. Louis

P6 from St. Comgalls P.S. went on a S.T.E.M. trip to St. Louis. The pupils got split into 3 groups, Group A, Group B and Group C. Each group did different subjects. The subjects were: Physics, Chemistry, Home Economics, Technology and Maths. In Physics, we made a rocket and got to fire it. In Chemistry, we became detectives and tried to find out who stole the Olympic Gold Medal from Speedy Gonzales. In Home Economics, we made a fruit smoothie containing banana, strawberry and apple juice. In Technology, we got to make an electronic badge with LED lights and used a glue gun.

Each group did 2 of the subjects. Group A did Physics and Technology. Group B did Home Economics and Chemistry. Group C did Maths and Home Economics. All of the children got to take something home from St. Louis. The trip was not only fun but it was also educational. All of P6 took part in this trip and they all had one thing in common, they all loved it.

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Information & Reminders

Names on Uniforms

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



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.

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.

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.



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.

Summer Activities

Antrim Rovers F.C are running a Summer Camp for Boy and Girls aged 5-13 from 19th July – 22nd July in Allen Park, Antrim from 10 o'clock – 1 o'clock, cost £30 per child. For further information please contact the club. Tel: 07740340827 or email ARFCSummercamp@gmail.com

For details of the Summer Programme run by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council you can visit www.theatreatthemill.com or ring the booking office at 02890340202

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- Parents are **required to inform school** – **before 9.30** if their child will not attend due to sickness/unforeseen circumstances.
- Should a parent not inform school **and** a pupil does not present in school, we will text the parent requesting them to contact the school immediately.
- It is imperative that parents contact school to explain a sickness or unforeseen absence, they should then follow up with a written note to the teacher with the explanation.
- **PLEASE RING IF YOU RECEIVE A TEXT.**

PUNCTUALITY

Parents are reminded that all pupils should be in class to begin learning at 9am. Parents are asked to have children in school on time to help with their learning.

The access gates into the playground will be closed at 9.10am. From that point on the only access to the classrooms will be by the front door of the school. From here, lateness will be monitored.

These objectives are to improve the learning environment for all children.



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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Arrangements Summer Holiday Dates and

The school will close for Summer on Thursday 30th June at 12noon for all pupils. This is a NON uniform day. There will be NO breakfast club and NO tuck or lunches on Thursday 30th. 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 Wednesday 31st August (Half day, as always, on the first day).

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

