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GAAmigos Competition

On Monday May 15th, eight skillful pupils from Sixth Class - Jamie Sweeney, Mark Keenan, Oliver O'Sullivan, Liam Shanley, Siofra Deignan, Shannon White, Grace McNamara and Aimee Boyle represented our school in the GAAmigos competition. The competition was held at the GAA pitch in Tubbercurry. A great day was had by everyone and we are all really proud of those who took part.

By Shannon White & Siofra Deignan

First Holy Communion

On 20th of May, 2023, 2nd class received and celebrated their First Holy Communion in our local church with Fr Pat and lots of preparation and help from Ms. Naughton and Ms. Casey. They all had a wonderful time and the following Monday, they had a party at school and enjoyed treats and a delightful cake!

By Aimee Boyle & Rachel Kennedy



Book Fair

We held another very successful book fair from the 22nd to the 29th of November.

In My Shoes Appeal

This year we took part in the 'In My Shoes' campaign. We sent our used sports shoes, which were still in good condition, to children in townships in South Africa. We collected four bin bags full of shoes. Well done everyone!

By Zoe Morera, Mark Keenan & Nathan Kupczak

Rockfield Football League

4th, 5th and 6th classes are currently participating in our annual football league. There are eight teams participating, with each team having a captain from 6th class. All of the students are having lots of fun and currently awaiting the winning result.

By Liam Shanley & David Labaseskvij

Cross-Country Racing

Some children from 3rd, 4th and 5th class took part in the annual cross county running competition, held in Rathcormac, on Saturday the 15th of October. Mathew Rock, Mathew Ross, Sam Killian, Cathal Fogarty, Ryan Killian, Tommy Duggan, Eoin Fogarty, Alex Griffiths, Evan Lynch, Ciarán Coleman,

Conor Coleman and Julia Michalik all ran on the day. Well done to all of the boys and girls involved.

By James Sheridan & Matthew Rock

Halloween Raffle

All students wore their Halloween costumes to school for a fundraiser on the day of our mid-term break. There were lots of spooky prizes to be won with so many good costumes! Thanks to all the students who donated to the Cancer Support and Down Syndrome centres with both charities receiving €437.15.

By Aimee Boyle & Olga Czerwinka



Hosanna Rock

For the first time in four long years, our school hosted a Christmas nativity play called 'Hosanna Rock'. It took place from the 12th to the 14th of December. An outstanding job was done by all of the children in our school.

By Grace McNamara, Rachel Kennedy & Aimee Boyle

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Santa's Visit

This year Santa Claus came to our school on the 20th of December. He gave goodies and magical reindeer food to everyone! We all sang Christmas songs to say 'thank you!' Everybody had lots of fun. A special thank you to the Parents' Association for the treats!

By Sean Matthews, James Sheridan & Olga Czerwanka

Shoebox Appeal

Each year in our school we collect shoeboxes for the annual Shoebox appeal. This year we collected 68 shoeboxes which were sent off to children living in poverty in Africa and Eastern Europe. Thanks to everyone who donated so generously!

By Natalia Higgins & Tiernan Sweeney

The ARC

In February we were visited by a special classroom on wheels. A marine microbiologist and a nutritional scientist came to speak to 5th and 6th classes, to raise awareness of Irish aquaculture. This campaign was funded by the Government of Ireland and the EU, and it was free for schools. The topics that were covered were: the origins of food, geography and climate, socioeconomics and health

and nutrition. We really enjoyed this great experience!

By Aoife Reilly & Fritha Brimble



School Tours

Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed a fun filled day out in Five Star Fun in Grange on 12th of June. 1st and 2nd class set off to the Castle Adventure Centre in Ballyshannon, Donegal on the 13th of June. 3rd and 4th class went to the River Shannon Adventure Centre on the 29th of May where they participated in various activities including pier jumping and a mud slide! 5th and 6th class will be venturing to Bay Sports, Athlone on the 22nd of June where they will enjoy the water activities and have lots of fun.

By: Grace McNamara & Zoe Morera

Music Generation

Thank you to our music generation teachers Karl and Nikki who taught guitar and keyboard lessons to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes. The keyboard players performed

at our Christmas concerts too!

By Rachel Kennedy & Michaela Jane Durcan

Sports Day

This year's sports day will be taking place on the 14th of June. All of the children in Rockfield NS are looking forward to our annual Sports Day and we are all hoping for some good weather.

By: Oliver O'Sullivan & Nathan Kupczak

Tag Rugby

On the 19th of April, the girls from 5th and 6th class went to Strandhill for a tag rugby blitz. We had lots of fun, learned the rules and skills and even appeared in the Sligo Champion!

By Rachel Kennedy & Fritha Brimble



Tráth na gCeist

This year, on Wednesday the 15th of March, Shannon White, Michaela Jane Durcan, Emma McHugh, Darragh Lyons, Cathal Fogarty, Katie McGowan,

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Sarah Toolan and Laura McGowan participated in a Tráth na gCeist in Scoil Ursula. It was a tough quiz but Cathal, Katie, Laura and Sarah came in second place and won an Easter egg. Everybody who competed got a pen, ruler and a cream egg too! They all had a lovely evening.

By Shannon White & Michaela Jane Durcan

GAA Black and White day

On May 12th, we all wore black and white to school as we were supporting Sligo in their GAA final against Kildare. We made flags and put them around the school and on the windows to show our support. At the end of the day, we played a gaelic match with our GAA coach Gavin and took lots of photos. It was great fun!

By Oliver O'Sullivan, Fritha Brimble & Rachel Kennedy.

Credit Union Art Competition

In the Ballymote Credit Union art competition, we had 4 winners from our school- Bethanie Lee, Olga Czerwonka, Julia Michalik and Conor McGowan. Well done!

By Lisa Thorpe & Olga Czerwonka

PE coaches

This year we have taken part in lots of sporting activities with the help of our great coaches such as Chris for basketball, and Gavin, Daragh and Pat for gaelic. Thank you so much to all the coaches. We have really enjoyed all of these sports. We played lots of fun games and learned many new skills.
By Jamie Sweeney & Jack Finnegan

Nursing Home Visit

In December Lily, Lisa and Michaela Jane from 6th Class visited Ballymote & Tubbercurry nursing homes to give Christmas presents to the residents. These were donated by students in Rockfield National School. The students also made cards for the residents. We enjoyed the visit.
By Michaela Jane Durcan & Lily Monks

Secondary School Visits

The principals and some students from many of our local secondary schools visited 6th class during the year and informed them about the life of a secondary school student. Many 6th class pupils also attended Taster Days in some of these schools.
By Liam Shanley, Jack Finnegan & Natalia Higgins



Road Safety Authority

The Road Safety Authority came to visit and gave a very informative speech to all of our classes about the importance of being safe on our busy roads and farm machinery.

By Evan Conneely & Michaela Jane Gillen

Swimming Lessons

3rd and 4th class enjoyed six sessions of swimming lessons at a pop-up pool in Tubbercurry. It was a very enjoyable experience for beginners and improvers.
By Rachel Kennedy & Fritha Brimble

Indoor Hurling & Blitz Day

The senior girls and boys travelled to the Centre of Excellence in Scarden to compete in a hurling blitz. We also took part in a long puck competition on the day. The boys and girls played very close matches and the girls ended up winning theirs on a penalty shootout! Our boys and girls hurling teams also participated in an indoor hurling competition in

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Collooney this year. All teams did our school proud with their participation.

By Tiernan Sweeney, Sean Matthews & David Labasevkij

SuperValu Athletics Day

Our school took part in the annual SuperValu Athletics Day on the 29th of September. It was held on the running track at ATU Sligo. The boys and girls really enjoyed the experience of running on a track and everyone got to keep their colourful t-shirts!



Parents' Association

A huge thank you to our Parents' Association who worked tirelessly to raise much needed funds for our school. They recently donated €700 for new school jerseys. Their continued support is very much appreciated.

Cuman na mBunscol

This year 5th and 6th class competed in the Mini 7s competition. In the first round they played against Achonry, Ballinacarrow and

Cloonacool. They comfortably beat Achonry and Ballinacarrow and narrowly beat Cloonacool by a point, sending them through to the next round. Mark Keenan and Sarah Toolan competed in a kicking competition, which they both won, sending them through to the next round.

The girls played very well, but narrowly lost out to strong Achonry and Ballinacarrow teams. However, they beat Clonacool who went on to progress to the next round. In the second round the boys played against strong Moylough and Holy Family teams, resulting in Moylough going through to the next round. In the second round of the kicking competition, Mark and Sarah did the school proud.

By Mark Keenan & James Gallagher

Sligo -v- New York

I was chosen to play at the Sligo -v- New York game which was held in Markievicz Park in April. It was a very good day especially as Sligo won. I also received a full Sligo kit on the day.

By Matthew Rock

Lá Glas agus Céilí

On Thursday the 16th of March, our whole school

wore their Irish colours and took part in a céilí to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It was a great day of fun celebrations.



School Lotto

This year we ran a school lotto fundraiser to raise funds to purchase new resources for our school. It is going really well and there have been many winners. Please spread the word to all your family and friends to join.

You could be lucky!!

By Olga Czerwonka & Lisa Thorpe



Food Dudes

This year, once again, our school participated in the 'Food Dudes' healthy eating initiative. We all tried out lots of tasty fruit and vegetables!