

Easter Newsletter 2007

Scholarship Success.

The whole school send heartiest congratulations to two 6th class pupils Rian Boland and Cian Houlihan who received scholarships to Rockwell College recently. We are all immensely proud of the academic standards set by these two outstanding, brilliant students who also excel in other curricular areas such as sport and music. We have no doubt that an unprecedented third scholarship would have been won by these 'high flying achievers' were it not for the fact that Aidan Lawless was taken ill by a mystery bug on the eve of the scholarship exam. Congratulations again – you have done your school, teachers and families proud.

Band News.

Another riveting performance was delivered by the band at the Cór Fheile na Scoile competition in City Hall on Friday last March 23rd. The 32 Senior Band members treated the Audience to such favourites as: "Classics Bits & Pieces", "Beauty and the Beast", and "I'm a Believer". Yvonne and the Band appreciated the huge parental support on the night as well as the assistance of Jamie Millea throughout the year.

The choir are busy rehearsing their repertoire of songs for the Choir competition in New Ross.

The Junior Band has just begun on Brass and Reed instruments. Thanks to Ms. Moran 50 boys are now playing music with the Junior & Senior Band.

Junior Infants have been very busy this term and when I visited were putting the finishing touches to their Easter Bunnies. For Valentines Day they engaged in cookery making Rice Crispy Buns. On Mother's Day they decorated their photographs with hand and thumb prints which were a special surprise for all their fantastic mummies. They enjoyed their visit to the Computer Room with Emmet Donlon – "computer whiz kid" where Emmet showed the boys how to print their names and play pinball.

Mr. Rings Senior Infants had a great time on their recent visit to the Library where they heard many interesting stories. They have been busy writing their own stories, playing football, making shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day and even marching in the parade.

Ms. Lawlors Senior Infants really enjoyed hearing the "Horrid Henry" Stories. Their favourite was Horrid "Henry meets the Queen". They have been really enjoying gymnastics and learned how to do hand stands in P.E. When I visited they were really busy making Easter Bunnies.

First Class - Ms. Cooney's class have been very busy taking good care of class Puppy 'Lucky' who has been visiting the homes of the first class boys over the past few weeks. The boys have been keeping a written and photographic diary of their adventures with "Lucky". Swimming began last Friday and the boys really enjoyed it.

Second Class - Mrs Kearney's class had their First Penance in March and are all excited about their First Holy communion on May 19th. A big thanks to Emmet for showing them all about the new computers in the Computer Room. In Science Mrs Kearney is teaching them all about the principles of magnetism at the moment and when I caught up with them they were doing some practical work with Therese in the Art Room.

Third Class - Mrs Power's class have been busy developing their fine motor skills during their Art class. They have not alone mastered paper weaving but wood and fabric weaving also.

They are making great progress with their Tin Whistles and are having great fun around the school and grounds doing measurement work. The Boys in the Junior Band have now advanced to their wind instruments.

Mrs Darmody's third class did a project on Dutch Artist Vincent Van Gough and each boy did a painting. These boys really enjoy their Science. - they performed several experiments as part of their Science studies. These Science experiments and projects will be submitted for adjudication shortly and Mrs. Darmody hopes that "back to back" awards can be won in Science Excellence for a second year in a row. These awards are sponsored and promoted by RTE in conjunction with Discover Primary Science. They enjoyed the lovely heritage of Lismore town with its world renowned Castle and Cathedral.

Fourth Class - Mr. Fenlon's class have been very busy this term and have just completed their swimming programme in the pool. These 4th class boys recently received their County Medals at a 'Chips and Burger Banquet' in the school. This class provided most of the men who backboned the all conquering Under 11 school team who beat Grange in the County Final.

The boys told me they greatly enjoyed making cards for Valentines, St. Patrick's and Mother's Day as well as the writing programme they undertook with Mrs. McGrath.

Fifth Class - Mr. Darmody's class enjoyed the recent High School/Presentation production of 'Grease' immensely. They are presently busy rehearsing their own production of Paradise Island which opens in May/June under the direction of Stella O Sullivan. Expect a Stellar performance from these young Thespians.

Confirmation Class - The boys are really appreciative of the efforts of so many people who made Confirmation Day special for them. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Condon, Ms. Moran, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Clancy, Mr. Hickey, Fr. Colm and the Faith Friends Team.

Confirmation an important preparation and milestone in the Christian character formation of young adults will in future years provide many happy memories for the boys/girls of 2007. Who will forget retreat day in Glencomeragh, the singing of the Magnificat and Ms. Moran's Band Boys playing "You Raise Me Up" on the steps of the altar at the end of Confirmation.

All are in agreement that it was a beautiful, prayerful, spiritual experience, embellished by beautiful singing and music and further enriched by a liturgy where the boys and girls were centrally involved in the ceremony from beginning to end.

Finally sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to Canon Power – a pillar of strength and support to us all, and a special friend to the boys. He is a most dedicated Chaplin and regular class visitor who communicates easily with the boys through a shared love of football and sport.

A. Where was the World Cup Final held in 1966?

B. Who played in the Final?

C. Who won?

Name the Ss. Peter & Paul's person who was present at the final.

Easter Egg for first correct answer.