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Important Dates

- School re-opens on Monday 9th January after the Christmas Holidays.
- First Confession— Monday 26th March.
- First Communion— Saturday 2nd June.
- Confirmation— Friday 20th April.

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Cumann na mBunscol Quiz Champions 2011

Congratulations to our Quiz Team who recently were victorious in the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz held in Knockbridge N.S.

Having qualified from the peninsula heat, a strong performance in the Louth Final means that they are now the proud holders of Corn Uí Dhuinnin.

It was a fantastic achievement for these sixth class pupils and we are proud to be Louth County Champions.

Well done to Megan Roddy (Captain), Sinead MacErlane, Brendan Woods, David Sally, Adam Finnegan and Jason Finnegan.

Already the attention has now turned to the upcoming Credit Union Quiz which will take place in early 2012 as the school hopes to add to this recent success.



Thank you for your support, we have now collected around 200 phones. Please keep up the good work !

First Edition of our Newsletter!

Welcome to our first historic Newsletter. I would like to congratulate the pupils from sixth class who worked extremely hard in putting together this first issue. We hope to issue five newsletters each school year to keep the school community informed of all the things happening at Bellurgan National School. We hope to release our second edition in February 2012. On behalf of the staff of Bellurgan N.S, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

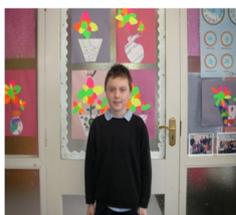




A beautiful display of some of the Christmas' work completed by the Infants.



"I really enjoyed being in Oliver, it was such a great experience. Already I am looking forward to the next production!"



Dylan Jackson

Infants - Santa's Arrival Eagerly Anticipated!

Miss Crowe's class are still working hard on their sounds, taking word boxes and books home to read each night.

In maths they have been working on data, finding out about the different things that they like and displaying this information on a big pictogram.

The junior and senior infants have been busy getting ready for Christmas. They have learned lots of Christmas' songs and poems; they have decorated their Christmas' trees and also have made angels and Christmas' cards. The infants just can't wait for Santa to arrive, only a few more sleeps to go now!



By Tara Conlon and Sophie Courcier.

Jason Finnegan Gives Us An Insight Into First And Second Class

1st and 2nd class pupils have worked very hard on numerous, interesting activities lately such as, learning their clothes in Irish and learning some new Christmas' poems. Recently they have been concentrating on their

nativity play. Clodagh O'Shaughnessy plays the role of Mary, Connor Doris plays the role of Joseph and the rest of the class also undertake some very important parts. They also have worked extremely hard on learning about

St Brendan and Volcanoes. In both topics they have created some wonderful pictures and learned lots of facts. Miss Byrne has been delighted with their work and hopes that they keep up this fantastic attitude in class.

Third and Fourth Class - Dylan Stars In 'Oliver!'

Congratulations to Dylan Jackson in 4th Class who took part in the 'Oliver', in the Town Hall in October. He was part of Fegan's Gang and we hear that he was excellent. There were three winners in the Credit Union art competition. First place was awarded to

Niamh Mulligan, second place to Philip Sharkey and in third was Natasha Hanlon. Rebecca Brodigan's grandad won Grandad of the Year in September and she is very proud of his achievement. Well done also to Niamh Kirk-Boyle who won her red belt in kickboxing, Tia

Finnegan who won a certificate for singing and Demi Mulligan who won a medal for dancing. Third and fourth are looking forward to Christmas and would like to wish everybody a MERRY CHRISTMAS!
By Adam Doris and Tiarnan Dawe

Fifth Class - Homes from the Past

Fifth class has been working very hard this year, learning so much in these short few months.

One theme which they are now experts on is homes. If you need to know anything about homes in the past come to this class as they each have completed projects about different homes over the

years. They also can speak as gaeilge about the different rooms in the house and even talk about their own homes.

The children also created beautiful 3D structures of the various rooms in a house and wrote a story about each as gaeilge. They all had great fun completing these in their groups.

This is only a little snippet of what fifth class have been doing so far; why not ask one of their students about other things they now know.

By Catherine Rice



Peter Rice with his project on Tudor Houses

Sixth Class - Our Planet Projects



By Connor McGarrity

Sixth class recently completed a project on the Solar System. Mr McCoy divided us up into groups and we were given a Planet to research and produce a colourful one page profile. As part of the task we also had to create a 3D planet. The class really enjoyed

this project because we got the opportunity to work as a team which is an important skill to learn for life.

With confirmation only five months away, we have created a display (left) in the classroom with our Confirmation names.

"I am so looking forward to my Confirmation! It is going to be a special day for me"

Siofra Hanlon

Club na nGaeilge - Joy Regan interviews Miss Toner

I gclub na nGaeilge, ba mhaith linn an ghaeilge a spreagadh sa scoil. Tá coiste ann agus tá ochtar paisí ó rang 5 agus 6 ag obair go cruá ó thaobh gaeilge dé.

Cé sórt obair a rinne siad cheana féin? Ar dtús, chuir siad níos mó comhartha gaeilge thart an scoil, an bhfaca tú iad? Comh maith le sin, rinne siad mórán

pictiurí agus abairtí gaeilge bunaithe ar ócaídí spéisialta mar shampa oíche shamhna agus an nollaig. An bhfaca tú iad fosta?

An mhí seo, tá club na nGaeilge ag eagrú comórtas gaeilge i ngach rang agus beidh duiseanna ann fosta! Cé bainfidh? Chomh maith le sin, tá teastas nua ag an tionól

gach mí darbh 'gaeilgeoir na míosa'. Faigheann paiste ó gach rang an teastas seo má dheanann siad obair fíor mhaith i nGaeilge i rith na míosa sa rang.

Go raibh maith ag Aishling, Leah, Peter, Gary, Jessica, Brendan, Cillian agus Megan. Tá sibh uilig ag obair go fíor mhaith!



School Clothes Bin!

Schools are constantly in need of cash for computers, sports equipment and trips away. Cookstown Textile Recyclers (CTR) has come up with an imaginative way to help save our planet and raise much needed funds for your children's school. They pay the school for each bag that they collect. In the past six months, the school has received more than **€200** as a result of the clothes that you have recycled in the school clothes bin. Please keep it up!

Green Schools - Energy Flag Here We Come!



Aaron Finnegan and Paul Finnegan are hard at work (above) ensuring that the composter is filled each school day. As well as focusing on getting our Energy Flag in 2013, we also have to ensure we keep our current one for litter and waste.

A new Green School's committee has been formed this school year with Miss Byrne taking over from Mrs Donald as the new Green Schools co-ordinator. New to the committee this year are, Piper Kelly and Paul Finnegan in 3rd class, Katie Birch, Aaron Finnegan and Deirbhile O'Doherty in 4th class, Dylan Lavelle, Brendan Woods and Nadine Lambe in Rang 5 and Donal Mulligan, Adam Finnegan, David Sally, Darren Hanratty and Siofra Hanlan in 6th class. We have now started the two year period where we work towards achieving our second green flag in 2013. This year we have introduced a new idea to the school, the **Energy Squad**. Their task is to ensure that all energy related devices are switch off when they are not needed, especially at the breaks while we are outside playing. **By JJ Mulligan**

Sport - Bellurgan Girls Record Victories Against Neighbouring Schools

Recently the girls from 5th and 6th class have been very busy fulfilling some GAA fixtures. After the local GAA blitz had been cancelled on a number of occasions due to the bad weather, we finally headed down to Lordship in early November. On the day we came out on top, defeating Lordship after extra time in the semi-final and then we went on to beat Ravensdale in the final. The girls played excellent on the day and all that hard work in training had paid off. We were lucky to get home advantage in the Louth semi-final as Callystown N.S came down to play us. Unfortunately on the day we lost by four points,

however we already are looking forward to the next blitz come the Spring!

By Rebecca Keenan and Caoilainn Meek

