

An occasional newsletter to highlight school happenings

Borris NS News



Photo sent in by a Mrs S. Claus of her husband on his way to Borris. Good news for insomniacs — only two more sleeps to Christmas!

Wishing pupils, parents, guardians, and all staff a lovely Christmas and a very happy 2018 !

Borris wins the final!



The Carlow Cumann na mBunscoil (*primary schools' league*) girls' gaelic football final 2017 was recently played in Fenagh under floodlights. We were playing Rathoe. We started with two great goals in the first two minutes. Then Leah and Abbie scored two more goals! Róisín got yet another before the half-time was called. At half-time the score was 4:1 to 0:2. Róisín scored again early in the second half, followed by Sarah. When the final whistle blew it was 6:3 to 0:2 for us. Rathoe tried hard, though. In the previous match they won by a point so we were really delighted to be able to turn the tables. All of the team played their best. We are the first girls' team to bring the cup back from the final! Pictured above are the victorious team: Milena, Aoi-bhinn, Sarah, Róisín, Emily, Caoilfhionn, Alex, Abbie, Aine, Orlaith, Leah, and Abhainn.

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We welcome articles for the magazine. Hand them in to the office or email them to borrisnews@gmail.com. Contributions may be combined, edited, declined and/or deferred.

Some of the fantastic home-made and bespoke costumes at this year's Halloween Fashion Parade. Oh, and the teachers joined in, too!



Two members of staff (who should really know better) displaying all the good taste and snappy dress sense for which the 70s were renowned!

Four ecstatic Senior Infants in front of their very successful Christmas tree and reindeer antler display

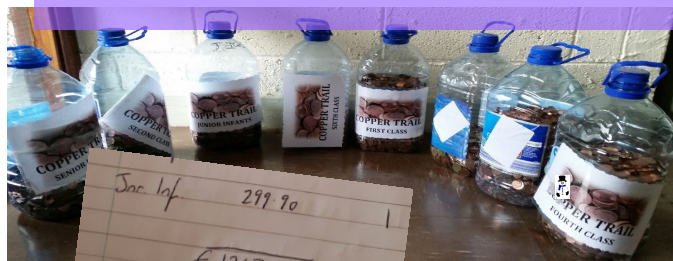
Hugh played "The Dusty Windowsill" and "Jingle Bells" on the banjo at Assembly.

Eve and Robbie miming "All I Want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth" at Assembly.

Sporting successes

Ruairi was 10th out of 200 in the Provincial running championship. Sarah came 12th out of 300 cross-country runners (u12) in the National All-Ireland championship in Abbotstown. Róisín came 3rd in under 15 badminton in Ballon.

Coin Trail raises astonishing amount for our school



Who would have thought that collecting coins would help our school so much? This brilliant fund-raiser has come up trumps again: €1,267! This year it was Junior Infants who took the title—here they are with some members of our wonderful Parents' Association.

Music Generation display took place on Wednesday 20th in the hall. Each class had an opportunity to display their prowess from 11:20 till 1:30 before an invited audience. We finished with a Christmas medley of carols conducted by our resident musician Elspeth Hayes. It was too late to put pictures in this magazine but you can see them on our website

www.borrisns.com/music-for-all

New pupils Megan (4th) and Aimee (1st) joined us at Hallowe'en. Welcome!

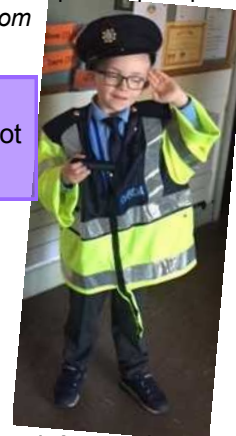
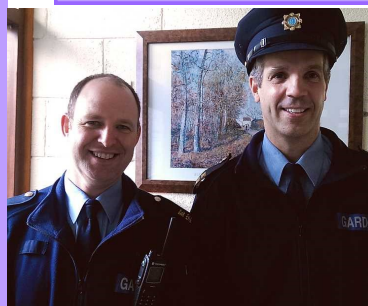


Book Fair This year's fair made more than €550 in free books for our class libraries! Thanks to everyone who supported it. If there's a book you would like us to buy, let your teacher know.



It's official! Our new building has started! We're getting a new classroom and two smaller group rooms. This will give us much-needed extra space for all the things we do! Some areas are fenced off while the builders work and we will have to be extra careful walking past. Some playgrounds have been changed around until everything is finished, hopefully by the end of 2018. We can't wait to see what it looks like! If you'd like to see the progress we plan to put up a picture each month on www.borrisns.com

Cormac visited Templemore (where police are trained) and got a Garda uniform!



Two gardaí came in to 5th and 6th classes to tell us about

Hallowe'en safety, especially around bonfires and fireworks. They showed pictures of injuries and showed us ways not to get hurt. Fireworks heat up to 2000°. If you put aerosol cans into a bonfire they will explode. At the end they answered questions about being in the police and showed us pepper spray and their handcuffs and batons. They even put handcuffs on Jack!





Some classes recently went to see the Seven Noble Trees at Blackstairs Ecotrails. They saw a short film explaining who the Celts were and why they revered our Celtic Trees and discovered the 7

Noble or Chieftain trees. They then visited a replica Ogham Stone in a young oak wood that demonstrates this ancient type of writing and how it was so closely related to the native trees of Ireland. 2500 years ago.



Hazel won best in county in the *Someone Like Me* disability inclusion art competition. She and her family went to Dublin to collect her prize—€100 gift voucher for herself and €200 for

the school. Marvellous!



Our annual shoebox collection for the Heart-to-Hand organisation produced a great result again. Thanks to all those who put together food, toys, and hygiene products for less-fortunate children. Here are just some of those collected. Winnie and Kathleen of St Mullins ICA also brought lots of boxes. Thanks to all who contributed.



Several classes took part in chemical experiments during Science Week. It was fun!



The victorious girls' team present boxes of chocolates to the teachers who helped them win.



Some of 5th and 6th class with their medals from GAA indoor hurling.

The MS Readathon made over €1,100 for Multiple Sclerosis. Thanks to everyone who made the effort to get sponsored for reading books!



MLR visit school



The victorious Mount Leinster Rangers visited the school recently. The hall was a sea of black and red! The cups were passed round and there was a treat for everybody in the audience! Well done to you all!



Santa's Reindeer

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Comet
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Dancer

Dasher
Donner
Prancer

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All correct entries returned to Mr Collins by Friday January 12 at 3:15 will be entered into a special prize draw. Cut out and put your name on the back!