

# Scoil Naomh Bhríde Journal

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We have had a very busy first term again in Scoil Naomh Bhríde! We welcomed 9 new pupils into Junior Infants in September and also now have 2 new children in first class and one in 4<sup>th</sup> class. We also welcomed Mr. Keohane and Miss O' Donoghue on to our staff for this year as Learning Support and Resource teachers.



Girls from our school were part of the Castlehaven girls' team who had the honour of playing on the hallowed Croke Park turf at half time of the All Ireland Ladies Football Final between Cork and Dublin. This was a

great experience for all involved and many supporters also travelled with the girls on the day. They received football kit from TG4 and also flags and met with local hero Nollaig Cleary when she brought the Diarmuid Martin Cup to Castlehaven shortly afterwards.

Staying with football we had a visit from one of the greatest footballers of recent times when Colm 'Gooch' Cooper visited us in his role as an employee of AIB. He spoke to us about the importance of saving and then of course he spoke to us about his career as a Kerry Footballer and legend of the modern game. He was very interesting and the children had some great questions for him also.

James McCarthy, the newly re-appointed Castlehaven Senior Coach, did some coaching with the children as always during the term.



Mr. McCarthy's class visited the 'Story of Milk' exhibition and the Community Garden in Skibbereen as part of the Taste of West Cork Food Festival in September and it was a very interesting and informative visit.



At Halloween we had our usual Fancy Dress in scary costumes. We had a fashion show in the hall where we saw everybody's costumes. They were excellent this year and even the teachers were all dressed up!



5 boys from Mr. McCarthy's class represented the school this month in the Sciath na Scol Chorcaí Sports Quiz in the Rochestown Park Hotel. They performed very well and it was a great experience for them.

Our Parents Association organised a Monster Bingo in the Community Hall as a fundraiser for the school in November. The event was a tremendous success and very well supported. There was a prize fund of €1000 and many of our school pupils and parents won prizes on the day. A huge thanks to everyone who helped in the organising of the event and to all of you who came to support it.



We performed our Christmas plays this week and they were excellent! We did a lot of rehearsing for these over the past few weeks. Our infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> class did The Nativity and our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> classes did 'A White Christmas'. Big congratulations to all the children who took part and performed so brilliantly!!!



*We are singing 2 Christmas songs as part of the Carol Service in Castlehaven Church on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>. Some of our school children will also be taking part in the mass on Christmas Eve in Union Hall at 6pm acting out some of the Nativity scene.*

*We will reopen after Christmas on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>.*

***Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir agus Ath Bhliain faoi Mhaise!!!***

