



# Scoil Naomh Bhríde Journal

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## Joyeux Noël

By Seán Walsh

Our school is registered with the Modern Language in Primary School Initiative since September. Children from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes are learning French with Mr. McCarthy. Unfortunately, the Budget had bad news for this initiative and the future of it is uncertain but we will continue on as we have started in Scoil Naomh Bhríde.

Here are some Christmas phrases in French;

Joyeux Noël = Happy Christmas

Père Noël = Santa

Sapin de Noël = Christmas Tree

Cadeaux de Noël = Christmas presents

Bonne Année = Happy New Year!



## Sopranos

By Patrick Bergin

On the 16 of December 2011 the Irish Sopranos sang in St. Brigit's Church and the school sang 2 songs - The Holly and the Ivy and the Birthday of our King. The Irish Sopranos were brilliant! The local adult choir also sang and Mrs. O' Donovan was singing with them too. It was a great night.



## New Student Council

By Tiernan Collins  
& Marie O' Regan.

Since September we have a new Student Council in the school. Like last year it is made up of one boy and one girl from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> classes. The members this year are -

Tiernan Collins,  
Marie O' Regan,  
Jacob Casey,  
Poppy Colligan,  
Patrick Bergin,  
Chloe Crowley,  
Jeffrey O' Mahony  
and Aisling Bergin.



## SCIENCE DAY

By Jeffrey O'Mahony

On the 17 of November wires were buzzing and eggs were splatting in Union Hall National School.

It was the annual science day with lots of experiments like supposedly bouncy eggs and people putting skewers through balloons.

The school hall was full of little kids running around trying to catch a glimpse of all the experiments.

Best of all, we all got free pencils and rulers!

We'll just have to wait until next year.



## Drama

By Poppy Colligan

In October Sally Smart came to our school for drama lessons. It was a total surprise for everyone. As weeks went by Sally said we would be doing a Christmas play. We kept on suggesting names for the play and came up with EARTHS END!! It was on in the Community Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December and was a great success. We love Christmas plays!!!





## RTE Vanburgh Quartet

By Jeffrey O'Mahony

People were watching in amazement as the bows went across strings of the instruments.

If you didn't already know, a string quartet visited our school in November.

They played lots of different instruments which consisted of 3 violins and 1 cello.

We're lucky enough to be 1 of the 10 schools to be visited by this



## HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

By Jacob Casey

Scoil Naomh Bhríde has a fancy dress party every year for Halloween.

We all dressed up and walked up a catwalk displaying our costumes. We all had great fun. There was witches, ghost's and buzz light year and some unknown monsters. There was food and we took photos.



## Other Events

By Chloe Crowley

Since our last newsletter here are a few other events that took place.

In June 2011 we received a green flag because our school was friendly to the environment. It was a great opportunity. The Mayor of Skibbereen helped us raise it.

In the future we hope to get the next Green Flag, which is for energy saving.



Also in June 2011, the Irish Coast Guard Helicopter came to the Black Field. It was great but some people didn't like the sound of it. We also got to look at all the different parts of it. It was good fun and everybody loved it.



## Rowing

By Aisling Bergin & Sarah Nyhan

In the summer this year we started rowing. We trained every Tuesday and Thursday. Our trainer was Anthony Glanton. The under-12 mixed crew had Sarah Nyhan, Cathal Deasy, Sean Walsh, Matthew Limrick and Shelley Daly in it. They won the county final and they came second in the all Ireland. The under 12 girls crew had Sarah Nyhan, Shelley Daly, Rachel Deasy and Aisling Bergin. They didn't row in the county final but they did in the All Ireland and they came first. Both crews went to the Celtic Ross Hotel for a rowing dinner and to collect their All Ireland trophies. And next summer we will go through all the fun again.



## Christmas Colouring Competition Winners

Infants to 2nd Class - Paddy Taylor

3rd to 6th Class - Chloe Crowley

