

Notre Dame Junior School

Newsletter, Summer 2015



A message from Ms. Sisk

Another wonderful year has been completed in Notre Dame Junior School and hopefully the warm weather is on the way.

The 2014-2015 academic year has been busier than ever! We were delighted to once again receive The Discovery Primary Science Award for excellence in Science and Maths, our Certificate of Technology and our 4th Green Flag. Of course, we have had many more successes. We had many winners in the AIJS Art, Poetry and Short Story Competitions and enjoyed successes in both hockey and athletics.

Many charities benefited from the super entrepreneurial skills of the Prep 5 girls through their Children Helping Children Project. We had great success with the arrival of Banana, Cupcake, Elmo, Fluffy & Bubbles the K2 ducklings.

May I take this opportunity to wish our Prep 6 girls well as they embark on their next chapter. They are a very special bunch of girls and have contributed so much to Notre Dame Junior School over the years.

The Summer Term is always the most memorable for the girls; class trips, graduations and shows create a real buzz in the air! So please take a look through this newsletter to experience some of this 'buzz' for yourselves! Let's hope the sun starts shining over the next few weeks!

Le Gach Dea Ghuí...

Gilda



Congratulations to the P2 girls on making their First Communion.



End of year concert.



Montessori have fun in Airfield.

K1

Our trip to Leonard's Farm.

On the 7th May, a beautiful day, we paid a visit to Leonard's farm. We travelled by bus and Farmer Luky greeted us at the gate.

It was a busy day! We fed the ducks and the hens, saw the snow white geese, gave the hungry lambs their bottles and held the rabbits. We groomed the horse, had lunch in the hay shed, drove the tractor (it didn't move!), went through the obstacle course and knocked at the fairy door (no answer!).

The K1 class returned to school tired but happy. Many thanks to Farmer Luky for a wonderful day!

K1 Gardeners

April saw the K1 girls planting sunflower seeds. Great care, attention, firm (very firm) planting and lots of watering left us in no doubt that the K1 girls are a green fingered lot. May is here and the plants are thriving.

What I would like to be when I grow up

The girls in K1 have decided on their future careers!

The professions the girls would like to follow include:

animal shelter worker, teacher, vet, dentist, nurse, shopkeeper, ballerina, firefighter, painter, hairdresser, horse rider and mum!

Sorted!



Feeding the ducks



Loving the lambs!



Our young gardening recruits!



**Well Done to Jamie, Moya, Meghan & Anna,
who took part in the AIJS Athletics
Competition.**



**Anna's baby bunnies came for a visit...they
were a big hit!**

P4

Prep 4 have had a great term. We loved our trip to Croke Park, We got to go up to the highest seats, see the President's seat, learn about the stadium's history and Lottie even got a piggyback from Miss Kelly! We'd highly recommend a tour of Croke Park.

We learned how to sew with Miss Kelly. Threading a needle proved quite tricky but we all got it in the end. We made cushions, phone covers and some of us made bags.

Meghan, Moya, Anna L. and Jamie represented us in an athletics competition in Greystones. Although we didn't win any medals, it was brilliant to take part and a great experience.

We all had a fantastic time on our school trip to Funtasia. The slides were brilliant and we were wrecked by the time we got home.

We've had a great year and are now looking forward to enjoying our summer holidays!



Fun in Croke Park.

Montessori

'Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.' – Albert Einstein

From the time we arrived back to school last January, the classroom has remained a hive of activity, energy and enthusiasm. So much so, that the following are really just some of the highlights, as it would be nigh on impossible to outline everything the girls have done since Christmas.

We began the New Year with a few lessons and activities relating to Transport and Road Safety Awareness involving lots of role play exercises and that all important Seatbelt Sheriff Award. In addition, the girls experimented with their "magic armbands" Harry Potter style, by checking out the high visibility properties of the armbands with a torch in our pitch black classroom cupboard! Next, we embraced the concept of Winter Weather and how snow and ice can affect food sources for wild animals. This linked nicely with our next topic, which was Birds and following a general overview of the species, we took a closer look at penguins. Learning the penguin strut, Don Spencer style was a great hit - even Miss Sisk had a go, much to the girls' delight.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwyaHibJsdl>

Chinese New Year was next on the agenda and the enchantment of the Asian culture evoked lots of curiosity. As well as trying to eat using chopsticks, the girls sampled fortune cookies and learned how to say 'hello' (Nǐ-hǎo) in Chinese, to mark Year of the Goat/Sheep.

Then it was time to welcome spring, which elicited lessons on St. Valentine and The Life Cycle of the Frog. Seachtain na Gaeilge and The Story of St. Patrick allowed for a small introduction to the continent of Europe and the girls performed a wonderful rendition of Teidí Beag Álainn and Rolaí Polaí for their class presentation to mark the event. Easter Holidays then ensued, which gave everyone a chance to recharge the batteries and launch back into the summer term with renewed energy and vigour.

Upon returning to school in April we embarked on a whirlwind of activities comprising Nursery Rhymes, Australian Animals, Under the Sea and Farm Animals. In addition, we had a great time shopping in school in aid of Children Helping Children and also enjoyed a terrific Sports Day, where everyone was a winner for trying their best and fully participating in all of the races.

All in all a hugely successful year for every child in the class and it's not over yet! We are currently counting down the sleeps to our end of year class outing to Airfield Farm, which promises to be a great day.

Finally, I would like to finish by taking this opportunity to wish you all a great break this summer and thank you for your support and kindness throughout the year. Most importantly, I wish you continued success and wisdom in your all-important parenting roles and when in doubt take comfort from the fact that: "A child is like a butterfly in the wind. Some can fly higher than others, but each one flies the best it can. Why compare one against the other? Each one is different. Each one is special. Each one is beautiful."

Mrs Tina Riordan



Some Montessori
Snapshots



Prep 3 Poetry Corner

Pyramid Poems

Pigs
Small pigs
Cute, small pigs
Little, cute, small pigs
Lovely, little, cute, small pigs
I love pigs small and big.

Eve Rafferty

Dogs
A dog
A cute dog
A big, cute dog
A fluffy, big, cute dog
A smelly, fluffy, big, cute dog
A tired, smelly, fluffy, big, cute dog
A fat, tired, smelly, fluffy, big, cute dog
Stop eating fat dog!

Kate Bergin

Cinquain Poems

Springtime
Daisies blooming
Leaves come on to the trees
Spring is absolutely the best
Springtime

Jane Crowley

Lucky
Fun, cute, fluffy
Barks, jumps, runs, sleeps and eats
I love him so much he's so cute
Lucky

Rebecca Neary

P2

We can't believe our year in Prep 2 has come to an end, it has been a really busy and fun year. We made our First Holy Communion on April 26th, it was a fantastic day and lots of memories were made! We all had a job to do on the day and everyone did their job really well. We were all very proud of ourselves and everybody told us we did superbly. Afterwards we went back to school to celebrate. The P1 mums had decorated the hall and laid on lots of yummy food. We had our own table set up...we felt very special indeed. We sang our 'Top Secret' song 'Rather Be' for all our guests. It was really difficult keeping it a secret for so long, but we were glad we managed to!



Fort Lucan Fun!



Congratulations Mimi & Yasmin...our victorious Egg Drop Challengers 2015!



Emily definitely won 'Best Drenched'!!

After all the hard work we put in preparing for our Communion it was time to let our hair down in Fort Lucan. We had so much fun together on the water slides, in the playground, jumping on the trampolines and playing crazy golf. Miss McNiffe finally worked up the courage to go on the waterslide...and got absolutely drenched, much to the delight of everyone in P2!!

What a year we have had, from our science fair, Grandparent's Day, school trips, Fun Fridays, Egg Drop Challenge, writing books and so much more. It has been jam packed but we all had great fun along the way.

Have a fun filled summer everyone! x

A Fond Farewell!

Our year has come to an end and sadly that also meant saying farewell to our fabulous friend Yasmin. We are so sad to see her go but know that her friends and family in Saudi Arabia are lucky to be getting her back! We all wanted to show Yasmin how much we love her so we decided to throw her a surprise party on Friday May 29th. We brought in treats, put together a special book with letters and photos from us all and bought her an Irish Build A Bear called 'Ireland' to remember us all by. On the day Miss McNiffe sent us in to P1 to do some work, pretending that Miss Kelly needed our classroom to make scarecrows! Miss McNiffe set up the party and then told us we could all come back in. Miss Conboy (who was in on the surprise too!) pretended to chat to Yasmin while we all got in to place in our cloakroom with our party poppers. Let's just say she got a HUGE surprise!!



Yasmin and her new friend Ireland!



Surprise!!



WE WILL MISS YOU YASMIN! xxx

My Year in P2 by Yasmin Alsaihati

P2 is the best,
Better than the rest.
It is really fun,
If you're not there you'll have none.
Miss McNiffe is really smart,
On Friday she lets us do art.
Fun Friday is the day,
That Miss McNiffe lets us play.
When I need her she's here in a drift,
She's the best Miss McNiffe

P2 Poem by Laura Buckley

P2 was lots of fun
When it was your birthday Miss McNiffe would give you a bun.
In all activities we take part,
Including English, Maths and Art.
Everyone in the class is so clever,
Oh I have the best class ever!
Nobody came in that turned out to be new,
But with my other friends I knew our friendship grew and grew and grew.

P5

We all had a wonderful Christmas and got straight to work in January. Love was in the air come February. We dressed up in pink, red and white for St. Valentine's Day. We made bridges in class and put weights on them to see which group had designed the strongest bridge. It was really good fun. We also did our European projects and presented what we had learnt, about our country, to the class. We made a trip to Croke Park with fourth class and Lily and Georgie sat in the President and President's wife's seat. The choir sang at P6's Confirmation and it was beautiful. We played a hockey match against Rathdown and we won to the score of 10-3. We had so much fun dressing up for St Patrick's Day in our green clothes and we enjoyed singing 'Some Nights' in Irish. We tried very hard to keep our Lenten promises but some of us were more successful than others!

In April we looked after the plants in our classroom which grew up nicely, we sent out all our letters for 'Children Helping Children'. The choir also sang at the Communion on the 26th April. The Green Committee set up a 'Green Song Contest' where you had to take a modern song and change the lyrics to make them about green ways to get to school. It was a tight competition which had many entries but in the end Sophia, Lily, Maya, Rachael, Niamh and Georgie, from our class, won with their song 'All About The Walking'. They performed it in front of Aly from the Green Schools when he visited our class. We all looked forward to our regular visits from Trevor and Ivan who are our local community guards. They taught us all about road safety, bullying, the internet and dangerous things with fireworks.

On the 1st May we sold lots of different products at our 'Children Helping Children' selling day. We raised a total of €2401.37; €500 went to Chernobyl, €550 went to Temple Street Children's Hospital, €550 went to the Make A Wish Foundation and €801.37 went to Trocaire in aid of the Ebola and Nepal crisis. We walked to the bank to change our money to cheques for our charities. We had so much fun counting the money and after that we got ice cream in Dealz to celebrate all our hard work.

We are so proud of Orna, Sophia, Jessica, Georgie and Cristina for going to the AIJS Athletics Competition. Sophia came first in the 50 metre sprint. The day before Sport's Day, we did our mini marathon. Georgie came 1st, Sophia came 2nd and Jessica came 3rd. On Sport's Day we had so much fun running our races and eating our hotdogs and burgers. Rachael, Ella and Mrs Gumisiriza went to the Helix on the 19th to collect our 4th green flag which was awarded for transport. At the moment we are preparing for our end of year show and we are delighted that we have finished our Summer tests. We can't wait to go to Funtasia for our end of year trip and we're all excited for Summer!!!



Learning lots in Croke Park.



Well Done Sophie, 1st place in the 50m sprint at the AIJS Athletics competition.



Sophia, Jesisca, Georgie & Cristina at the AIJS Athletics Competition.



Some bridges were more successful than others!



Fantastic fun raising money at our Children Helping Children selling day on May 1st.

K2

Another busy term comes to an end and the K2 girls are ready to move on to P1. They have all worked incredibly hard and are ready also for the summer break. Some of the highlights that have happened since the Christmas newsletter include...

A cracking (literally) term was had with the arrival of Fluffy, Bubbles, Elmo, Cupcake and Banana our ducklings. We have had such fun watching them grow stronger and faster over the past few weeks. Their climbing skills have also improved and on Friday 22nd they ventured onto their forever home, Leonards Farm. We are so very grateful to Luky who kindly shared this wonderful experience with us. Memories were made, photos taken and many a K2 parent had a sleepless night when they kindly babysat our young charges.

We had great trips to the National Gallery and Newbridge Farm, visits from Alua, Alannah's mum who shared her artistic talents and helped us become familiar with water colour paints, acrylics and pastels. I look forward to seeing some of our budding artist's creations in the Gallery in time!

We enjoyed visits from the Transition Year students during Seachtain na Gaeilge and visiting the Senior School for some Music Mania.

The Smiley Face Eclipse Workshop prepared us for the brief but most impressive Solar Eclipse in March, we knew all about protecting our eyes and not to look directly at the sun.

Well that's about it for another school year. The interviews are finished where we shared our views on what our parents do when we are at school...it would appear that we have a few tired Mums and Dads who get a chance to sleep/rest while we busy ourselves in class preparing for some exciting career paths!

Enjoy the Summer break, take time to make memories and see you all in September.



Sua taking care of our duck eggs in the incubator.



Our Notre Dame baby ducklings enjoying their daily swim.



Enjoying Seachtain na Gaeilge stories with the senior school girls.



Amazing art with Alua!

P1

This year has been so busy in Prep 1. We have had lots of fun. We had a chat about our favourite things we did this term and here are some of our favourite memories:

Kate:

"I loved when my dad came into my class. He did lots of experiments . He made some ice cream. It was so nice. Dad gave out loads of pieces of paper. On one of them it said winner, Louisa picked it, so she did the quiz. She had to answer lots of questions and he won the quiz for us and we all got sweets."

Laila:

"One of my favourite things in P1 was learning about Ludwig Van Beethoven. We listened to his music. My favourite was Moonlight Sonata. We drew pictures of him. It was fun."

Emma:

"This year was the Year of the Goat and we learned that Chinese New Year started on 19th of February. Chinese New Year celebrations last for 15 days. We all brought something in from China. We found out some interesting facts about Asia and told the class what we learned. We also learned that everyone was born in the year of the pig except Louisa and Ana. They were born in the year of the rat. Miss Conboy was born in the year of the dog. We had fun finding out what animals all the teachers are."

Ana:

"I loved when we learned about Mona Lisa. It is such a lovely painting. We got to see a picture of the real Mona Lisa and we copied it. The Student Council picked my picture to win a competition. I was so happy. That was one of my favourite things this year. This year my mom was our teacher. I loved being in P1 because my mom was there everyday. I liked learning things from my mom and my friends had fun too."

Louisa:

"In Prep 1 this year we took toys in and talked about them in Irish. I took in my Care Bear. We all had lots of fun. Charlotte and I took in the same toy...that was very funny! Catriona and Tara brought in the same American Girl. They were very pretty. This is what I said: 'Ta Teidí agam. Tender Heart is ainm dó. Ta dath donn, dearg agus ban air.'"

Claudia :

"I loved when we learned about the Titanic. It was a big boat and the people said that it was unsinkable. There were a lot of people on the boat and one day it crashed. There were only 20 lifeboats and lots of people died. I think the Titanic is very interesting."

Charlotte:

"The student council had a competition. You had to make a bug house. I made a bug house. I thought they were all beautiful. I won the competition. I was so happy when I won."

Kate:

"It was fun when we brought board games to school. We were learning about games long ago. Ana brought in Twister. Sarah brought in Monopoly. We played them for the afternoon. I liked playing the games, it was a fun day."

Catriona:

"This year we had an Irish fashion show. We all dressed up and learned our words. We invited the Prep 2's, K1, K2 and P6's to come and see us. We had lots of fun and Ms. Conboy said that we were amazing. I wore my guna dubhgorm agus bandearg agus buataisí donn. On March 20th there was a Smiley Face Eclipse. We went to the hockey pitch, loads of people had gathered there to watch it. We were given special glasses to watch it. It came very slowly and we had lots of fun watching it."

Isabel:

"This year we started swimming. When I first got in I was a bit scared but now I love it. Now I can float on my tummy and sit under water. I can swim. It is great fun learning to swim in Notre Dame, I can't wait to do it again next year. When it was St. Patrick's Day we learned our Leprechaun names. Mine is Itchy O 'Doodles! The Leprachauns came to visit our class and messed up our classroom. They left glitter and Kitkats everywhere. All our pencils were all over the place. They left a chair on Ms. Conboy's desk and there was even glitter in the toilet that was the same shape as a Leprechaun!"

Sarah:

"This year in Prep 1 we entered an art competition. Lots of schools entered too. Two pictures were picked out of each class and brought to another school. My picture was picked. I painted a circus picture. I came second in the group and I went to the exhibition and saw my picture. It was great!"

Tara:

"I loved it when we brought in our baby photos. We had to guess who everybody was. It was very hard. Ms. Conboy said that we had changed a bit. We asked other teachers to come and guess who we were. Ms Mc Niffe was the best at guessing. I had great fun."

Lia:

"We learned about the month of Mary. We brought in Rosary beads. I love learning about Mary. Our Altar is filled with Rosary beads. Our 'Mary statue' is doing well. We light our candle and say nice prayers. Everyone in the class gets a chance to blow out the candle. May is Mary's special month."

Happy Summer Holidays everyone, we hope you enjoyed reading our memories!

Love from Prep 1.

OUR P1 TRIP TO FORT LUCAN

Yesterday we went to Fort Lucan on a school trip. There were lots of ladders and ziplines and trampolines and slides and water slides. We all had lots of fun on the water slides even though it was cold.

We made really big splashes and got very wet. The red slide was good but the blue one was better. The green one was a bit scary, But they were all very fun.

Isabel dared Ms. Conboy to go on the blue water slide with her. She did it and got really wet! We loved our trip to Fort Lucan and we hope that we are going again next year.

By Louisa, Emma & Catriona



P3

Prep 3 can't believe how fast this year has gone by. We have been so busy this year. We learned lots of new and interesting things. We learned all about the clever crow family, bats, and the animal kingdom and also about the Vikings and round towers to name but a few.

During our science and engineering classes we made boats, planes and cars. We had lots of races to see which car was the fastest. We held a strong boat competition to see whose boat could hold the most marbles. Isabel won the competition when her boat held 81 marbles. Well done Isabel! It made learning about science lots of fun. One of our favourite experiments was making ice-cream in a Ziploc bag. It was yummy!



We had lots of visitors to our class this year and we want to thank them all for taking the time out to share their expertise with us. So, a 'Big Thank You' to Izzey's mum Emma, Alex's dad Bryan and Rebecca's mum Gerri. We also had Deirdre Kelleghan to our class to explain all about the partial solar eclipse in March. Louise from 'Recreate' gave us a workshop on recycling and Art and Crafts. Finally, we had James Gilsenan from 'STEPS' to speak to us about Engineering.



We made lovely 'Dream Bedrooms' from a shoe box and we also built robots. We did many projects over the year, for example: birds, trees, Egypt, South America and the counties of Ireland. We studied lots of different types of poetry this year. We wrote our own Haiku, Cinquain, Shape, Pyramid and Acrostic poems just to name a few. We all enjoy poetry time and reading them aloud in class. We went on a big Maths Trail around our school which involved using the knowledge we learned in Maths class and using it to solve maths problems we encounter in our everyday lives.



We took part in the 'Scratch' programme with Prep 2 and Prep 4 classes. It was very interesting and we enjoyed creating our own characters and making them move on screen. We all received a certificate for our hard work.



We finished off the year with a fabulous visit to Causey Farm. It was great fun. You can read about it elsewhere on the Newsletter. Well, we are sad third class has come to an end but we are all looking forward to our summer holidays. Enjoy!

Prep 3 Visit to Causey Farm

On Friday 29th of May we went to Causey Farm. We left school at 8:50am. Well almost! Isabel arrived just as we got on the bus. Alex arrived saying she had trouble finding her shoes. We waited patiently (not!!!) for someone else to arrive. We are definitely NOT mentioning Gerri, but let's just say an adult who is supposed to be mature and responsible held us all up. We decided she might have to get in the bog as a punishment. Ah, we're only joking Gerri! Ali's mum Eileen came with us too. We got to Causey Farm at 10 o'clock after what seemed like ages on the bus but that was because we were so excited and impatient to get there. The bus driver parked the bus right next to a pig pen. We said "ah! piggies!" The bus driver said "spot the frog". We all laughed. It smelled bad but their cuteness distracted us. Soon our leaders Jackie and Alex arrived. They were really nice and they were going to be our guides for the day. The first thing we did was to have a little snack and Ms Kiernan and our mums enjoyed a nice cup of tea and scones.

The first thing we did was rounding up a load of sheep. It was so funny pretending to be sheep dogs. Then we did a game called Wellie Throwing. We had to throw wellies into tyres. Afterwards, we fed the horses and the donkeys. We saw a baby donkey too and he was so cute. We saw baby chicks and we saw big turkeys. After that we saw the ducks. There was one chicken with them. This chicken had got bullied by the other chickens and went to hang out with the ducks. We also got to feed the bunnies and see baby piglets with their mum.

We left the animals and headed for some more fun activities. We did an assault course and the next fun thing to do was the Maze. We were so excited. It was made of hay. We kept meeting dead ends but we eventually found our way out. To add to our excitement we were brought to a big room that had lots of tubs of bubbles. We had a great time making bubbles, some as big as ourselves. We could even wrap a bubble all around ourselves and it was so much fun.

Now the big moment came when it was time to go to the bog. We had a little walk through the woods on our way there. We walked some of the way and got a ride on a tractor trailer the rest of the way. We sang lots of songs and there was lots of laughter on the way. The first thing we did when we got to the bog was an obstacle course. It had a long dark tunnel we had to walk through. Then we had to use two ropes to get across a river. When we got through this we had to climb across on some monkey bars to get to the other side. We had a fabulous time but it was time to get really dirty now. We got to the real bog and we wasted no time jumping in. Some of us screamed as it was cold at first but we soon got used to it. We jumped in again and again.

Rebecca was like a bog mermaid she got so stuck in. She jumped into the watery part of the bog and her legs sank down and her head was the only part showing. Dani was stuck for ages as was Izzey but we helped each other out. Emily joined Rebecca in the watery end and was soon stuck.

When it was time to get out we all jumped in together one last time and raced to the end. Jane won the race. We were all covered head to toe in bog but it felt so good. We laughed when we saw each other. We gave Ms Kiernan a great big bog hug and we know she loved that! It was now time to head back and get changed. We walked for a while, then got a lift back to the farm on the tractor trailer. We got changed and had our lunch. We were so hungry so we ate up everything. We had lots of treats too. They were yummy!

There was just enough time to have a last look at the animals before heading back on the bus home. On the way home we sang a few songs and played the 'Yes/No' game. When we got off the bus we were tired but we all agreed it was the best school trip ever.

By all the Prep 3 girls.



Before.....



and After!

Hockey 2014

We have had a very successful year playing hockey. We practised a lot in school with Mrs. Mercer and waited to play our first league match. This was played at the end of November against Whitechurch in Three Rock Rovers Grounds. It was a great match and we managed to win 2-1. On Monday December 8th we hosted Guardian Angels National School Blackrock and beat them also.

After Christmas..the serious training began. We were unstoppable...winning every match we played. We were very excited when we reached the semi final. On a chilly Tuesday afternoon we beat Kilternan securing ourselves a place in the grand final!

The final took place in Three Rock Rovers Hockey Grounds and we played St. Laurence's School Greystones. The match was so close all the way through but in the end we were just pipped at the post. We were disappointed but happy that we had got so far. Thanks to Mrs. Mercer for all her great coaching.



Leaving Primary School.

By Maggie, Sophie, Lauren, Chloe and Laura.

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of our days here in the junior school. The year has flown by and what an unforgettable one it has been. We were all nervous starting 6th class as we were finally going to be the biggest girls in the school! We found out we had a fabulous teacher, Ms. Walsh and we also got a new student Nashira. On the first day we all got to know each other and each learnt something new about somebody else. The first term saw Grandparents' Day, Halloween, Science Week, Thanksgiving and numerous trips to Dundrum Christmas carolling. We love Christmas in P6 and enjoyed participating in our very last Christmas Concert.

After Christmas it was hockey and all things Confirmation. We went on our retreat to St. Benildus Pastoral Centre and had an amazing day. We enjoyed our Service of Light and took part in the 'You shall be my Witness' programme on Wednesday evenings with all the boys and girls from the parish who were making their Confirmation also. March came along and the big day finally arrived. Every single one of us looked stunning with our hair all done up nicely, Chloe and Eve sang beautifully. We won all our hockey matches and ended up in the grand final in Three Rock Rovers. Unfortunately on the day we were beaten by a goal!

In April, our class was chosen to take part in the 'Fighting Words' programme. We became authors for the day and had our very own typist, illustrator and editor. We wrote a story altogether about Bob the Dinosaur. It was a great day.

The highlight of the year took place on a rainy day in May.... We had been looking forward to this day for 8 years! Our P6 overnight trip to Newgrange. It was amazing...obstacle courses, grass sledding, archery and team games were among some of the activities. However the best bit took place in the bedroom...we had a blast, chatting, not sleeping and eating sweets. We had silly string and sprayed it all over Miss Walsh and Miss Sisk. We stayed awake till nearly 6 in the morning and weren't fit for much the next day (neither were our teachers!). Many brilliant memories were made on that trip!

As our Graduation is approaching we are starting to get sad. We will miss primary school and the security of it. It only seems like yesterday when we were starting school for the very first time. In September we will be the babies once again but we will never forget the wonderful days we spent in Notre Dame Junior School.

Slán le Rang a Sé

Maggie Kelly is ainm dom. Tá mé beagnach críochnaithe i Scoil Notre Dame. Beidh mé dúl go dtí Meanscoil Notre Dame an bhliain seo chugainn.

Ar scoil bím i mo shuí in aice le Emily, Nashira agus Eve. Tá a lán chairde agam. Beidh mo chairde ag dúl go dtí scoil Notre Dame freisin. Is é an rud is fearr liom ar scoil ná stair.

Ar an Luan déanaim corpoideachas ar scoil. Lá amhain chuaigh an rang go dtí Newgrange ar feadh oíche amhain. Sa bhaile bím ag sugradh le Laoise agus Lucy. Is maith liom féachaint ar Drake agus Josh ar an teilifís.

Seo na trí rudaí is fearr liom faoi Rang a Sé:

- ~ Mo Chairde
- ~ Mo Mhúinteoir
- ~ Mo Rang



Having a blast on our end of year overnight trip.



Our amazing authors from the Fighting Words workshop.



Class of 2015

*Wishing you all a
safe, fun-filled
summer!*



*School reopens
Monday,
August 31st*