



The Milford Gazette

by children, for children



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CONFIRMATION Day

by: Success

On the morning of the Milford National School Confirmation Day, the weather was a mixed bag. The boys and girls of both 6th classes were feeling a bit nervous, but excited too. The rain held off in the morning for photographs outside the church and when we emerged after the ceremony, the sun appeared.

The ceremony was filled with beautiful songs and music. We were very lucky to have the Bishop of Limerick present, Bishop Brendan Leahy, who confirmed all the boys and girls. We would all like to thank Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Quinlan for all their hard work in preparing us for this special day. We had a wonderful experience.



Some of the 6th class boys on their

International Day!

by: Julia and Progress



International Day took place in the school on the 5th of February, organised by the Environmental Committee. It was an exciting and brilliant day!

We are in Ms. Larkin's class and we choose to study Spain, Poland and France. We chose Spain because Xavier is Spanish, and France because Oscar is French. Julia and Natalia are Polish so we were also interested in studying Poland.

Every child in the school received a special passport that was stamped on entering other 'countries'. We visited Australian, Chinese, Egyptian and American classrooms. The children gave us information

about their countries, showed videos and served food. Mr. Moore's class gave us delicious cookies and jelly beans! Mr. Kelly's class gave us crackers with Marmite, which was an acquired taste! Mr. O'Connor's class wore Egyptian style make-up and Ms. O'Meara's class showed us a video of a Chinese man counting to ten in Mandarin.

There were special international assemblies, we sang our song, 'Hello to all the Children of the World' and there was a 'Parade of Nations'.

We learned a lot about various countries on International Day and had a lot of fun! It was a huge success! Huge thanks to Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rael and the Green Schools committee for all their hard work.



Confirmation Day
U13 Girls Camogie
by Caoimhe

Friday 28th of February was an exciting day for all of u13 girls camogie team due to Mr Nelligan leading them to their amazing win in the Limerick city U13 indoor league. The team consists of 5th class Ms Larkin's Caoimhe, Julia, Eimar, Ciara and Jessica, Mr Kelly's Heather, Aoife, Grace and Sarah. After the win Mr Nelligan and Mrs. O' Mahony treated us to a lovely surprise of McDonalds! It was YUMMY! Thank you!



**Seachtain na Gaeilge
Hurling League**

by : Success

On the 13th of March 2014, U11 and U13 teams from 4th, 5th and 6th classes will be playing in the semi-final and final of the Hurling League at lunchtime and after lunch. Hosted by Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Moore. Teams playing will be Diarmaid Hegarty, Paul Ross, Ian Leonard and Ross O'Brien-May. Good Luck to all!

**LIMERICK
CHORAL
FESTIVAL**

by Progress

On the 7th of March, Milford School Choir performed at the Limerick Choral Festival. The choir consists of 4th, 5th and 6th classes under the leadership of two fantastic teachers, Ms. O'Meara and Mrs. Murray. We worked really hard. The choir went to The Redemptorist Church to perform. We sang 'Get by with a little help from my friends' and 'Come on People'. Our choir didn't win but we sang extremely well and did ourselves proud. We had a lot of fun. Afterwards we all went to McDonalds and it was delicious! Many many thanks to Ms. O'Meara and Mrs. Murray, we had a fun day!



Seachtain na Gaeilge

by: Julia

Seachtain na Gaeilge runs from the 10th to the 14th of March this year and there is a lot going on! Every day children are reciting poems and singing songs over the intercom for the whole school to hear.



Children making an effort with Gaeilge get to dig their hands into the mála Gaeilge in their classrooms and claim their prize! Gaeilgeoir and Lae is awarded every day.

On Friday the 14th of March, Milford National School have a **Lá Glas!!** Everyone will be wearing green clothes and using as much Gaeilge as they can!

There will be a ceolchoirm in the halla and every class level will be singing a song as Gaeilge. We are very excited about it!

Naíonáin Shóis.: Lámha Suas!

Naíonáin Shins: Cúigear Fear

Rang a hAon: Mé Féin

Rang a Dó: Sona Sásta (Happy)

Rang a Trí: Cailín na Gaillimhe

Rang a Ceathair: Wake Me Up!

Rang a Cúig: Amhrán na gCupán

Rang a Sé: Lig Saor í

The whole school learned the Haka Gaelach by watching a recording of Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Nelligan and Mr. Moore performing with Rang a Trí. We are looking forward to doing it as a whole school!

Maths Whizz Odhrán!

by: Natalia

We at The Milford Gazette decided to interview our very own Maths Genius Odhrán on how he became Top of the Leaderboard on Khan Academy's Mathletes website! So we asked Odhrán how he felt when he found out the good news and he said, "I was very proud of myself." Odhrán said he has been practising on this website for three weeks. The website is split into age group categories and you could be asked any type of Maths questions. The website is based on the American Maths Curriculum and Odhrán has worked his way through Grades 3-5. He plans on finishing grade 6 in the next few days. Well done Odhrán, Milford NS are very proud of you!



Riddle time!

by: Marcín

"What travels around the world but stays in one place?"

Check out next months issue for the answer!!

A special thank you to Ms. Rael, Ms. de Buitleir and Mr. Moore for all their help in publishing The Milford Gazette!

Game Review: Minecraft

by: Odhrán

I am doing a review on a game called Minecraft. Please read and enjoy!

An internet named man "EAKugler" wrote: "I would recommend being careful allowing kids on a public server, but the game can be played solo, and a smart parent with the resources could set up a controlled server, for the child to play online with friends. The game allows perfect gameplay in a nearly limitless world of imagination.

It is not unlike giving a child a box of infinite blocks which can be changed and altered to fit the needs and desires of the child. Kids can't choke on it, just be sure to limit how much time they play."

My own thoughts of Minecraft are a little different. Even though it is one of the greatest games created, the graphics aren't particularly the best. In the world, everything is medieval meaning there are no guns, bombs or any modern day weapons meaning it will not affect the behaviour of children playing roughly. Although, many coding people have made mods for the game making weapons that are modern like meaning it is liable to change the actions of children to more violent and meaner reactions. Even though the tile looks like it is pronounced Mojang, it is actually created by a Swedish man called Markus Persson. His Minecraft name is Notch.