



WHAT'S UP @ ATTRACTA'S



This year has been an eventful year. We've had so much fun and we really enjoyed it. Here is a quick general roundup of this last term.

School Tours

Junior Infants: Junior Infants were lucky enough to go on two trips to the Giants Walk in Claremorris and the playground in Claremorris. They had a Teddy bear's picnic as well.

Senior Infants: Senior Infants went to Graune Pet Farm in Ballyhaunis.

First Class: 1st class travelled to Mayo Leisure Point in Castlebar.

Second Class: 2nd class scurried away early on the 9th of June to Westport House.

Third Class: 3rd Class went to Zip-It in Forest Park.

Fourth Class: 4th Class also went to Zip - It in Lough Key.

Fifth Class: 5th class took a spin out to Lough Key Forest Park. They had a lovely history lesson and enjoyed the escape rooms.

Sixth Class: 6th travelled all the way up to Ashbourne in Meath to Emerald Park.



Community Games

Art

Aine from 6th class came 1st in the u14s art competition while Amna also came 1st and Skaiste came 3rd in the u12s category. Marcus came 1st, Catriona 2nd and Adam 3rd in the u10s competition while in another category, Mary and Aleshka from 2nd class both did brilliantly. Mary came 1st and Aleshka came 3rd.



Handwriting

In handwriting, Sidra from 5th class came 3rd in the u12s age group along with Amna who came 2nd in that same age group. Maddie in 2nd class came 3rd in the u10s category.

Relay

Yasmian and Wynand both placed in the u10s 100m relay. Yasmian came 1st while Wynand came 3rd.

Well done to all our winners including Bahar, Amelia, Kartikay, Zakiya and Muesa won some medals!

General News:

Meabh Lavin, a past pupil of the school, along with Lucia McDonnell, a fellow Kilmovee Shamrocks club player, won the All-Ireland Platinum for the u14 Mayo Girls. Well done to all involved!



The sunflower competition went very well for the pupils in St. Attracta's. Everyone enjoyed growing the sunflowers and the various winners got a nice Homeland voucher.

The community Garda payed a visit to the school and showed us her baton and handcuffs, and a little bit about what she does.



The school's hurling team overcome Ardagh and Parke but unfortunately they didn't overcome Straide in a very tough final.

They still did great and placed 2nd overall.

The school's camogie team drew with Straide and bet Aghamore Fahy NS and The Quay Ballina.

They played brilliantly in all their games.



Our school's Sports day was a great success this year! We began the event by singing Amhrán na bhFiann together. 2nd to 6th class participated in all the games and challenges set up on the Ballaghaderreen GAA Pitch. The green team were the successful winners on the day.



Our school tennis team competed in the Connaught School Cup and won. It was a combination of doubles and single games against a number of different schools. The squad included selected pupils across 4th, 5th and 6th class. Well done to all involved.



David McHugh, a well-known Ballaghaderreen coach and player, trained infants to 6th class pupils during term 3. Selected pupils from 3rd to 6th class played in a one-day blitz at the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence also.



u14 Kilmovee Shamrocks beat Westport B in their Division 3 Final. It was a tough game but of course, Kilmovee Shamrocks came out on top. The final score was 5-17 to 0-07. Tori Duffy got a very much deserved player of the match. Leah Cogan, Kaylan McHugh, Ella-Mai Hunt, Aine O'Brien and Jennifer O'Connor played this match.



The u12 Kilmovee Shamrocks are county runner ups to Carnacon A.





The u12 boys team for Ballaghaderreen FC beat St. John's in their County Shield final. They won 2-1, with goals by James Moynihan and Tristan Bronskova!

It was a very riveting game which ended up going to extra time! Well done to Richie Conway, Dáithí Finn, James Moynihan, Alex Cogan, Ciaran Lavin, Tristan Bronskova and Darragh Sharkey.

Mr Hughes was busy organising the Lunchtime Leagues, basketball ,and soccer earlier on in the year were enjoyed by all.

Our monthly assembly was held on the 29th May. The school's hurling team talked about how they got all the way to a final blitz in Ballyvary. Unfortunately, they didn't win but still gave it their all. We also sang the Green and Red of Mayo, the Rose of Castlerea and Amhrán na bhFiann.



There were a number of afterschool activities taking place in school over the last term. An FAI soccer coach trained 3rd to 6th class for 5 weeks, Sandra Ganley taught the senior pupils jiving for 5 weeks and finally Tuesday Whitfield assisted 3rd to 6th class in creating a beautiful underwater mural from bottle tops.



Eighteen children in 2nd class made their Holy Communion on the 13th May. The school choir performed beautifully throughout the ceremony. Congratulations to all!



2nd Class cared for and released three painted lady butterflies.

We were all sad to see Mrs Hennigan leave last Friday on maternity leave. We hope everything goes amazing with her new arrival coming soon.

We are absolutely delighted to have received the Science Foundation Ireland's 'Curious Minds' Platinum Award this year! The whole school worked collaboratively and tremendously together to achieve this award.



Next year the school books will be free for everyone.

6th Class Graduation

6th Class had their graduation ceremony on the 23rd of June. It was a very fun way to remember one of their last days in St. Attracta's. After some speeches, music and poems in the P.E hall, we moved into the 5th Class classroom which was set up for the 6th class pupils. We really enjoyed our pizza and chips. Afterwards we dressed up in pink wigs, sunhats and some fun



sunglasses to take photos. Take a look at some photos from our graduation ceremony via this [link](#).



Margaret's Retirement

Margaret is leaving us after a long 23 years. We will all miss her so much. She was so helpful, hardworking and dedicated to her duties as secretary.

All the classes have prepared some lovely party pieces which include singing, dancing, music and even a small act. All her friends and family have been invited and some of her old colleagues will be in attendance.

Have a lovely retirement, Margaret.



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