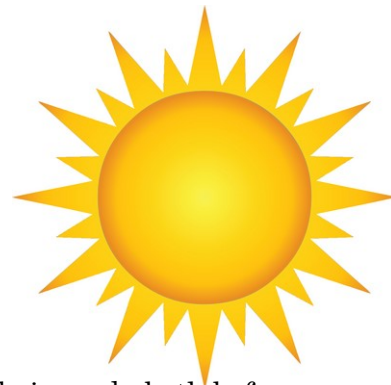


# June 2015 Newsletter

Our Lady of the Wayside National School



## Golden Jubilee

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June we had our Open Air Jubilee Mass, celebrating with past pupils and parents on a lovely sunny evening. Fr. Andrew O Sullivan, our school chaplain, celebrated the Mass with us and the present sixth class provided the singing. It was a great evening.

People met and renewed acquaintances and enjoyed looking through all the old photos which had been painstakingly collected and dated.

Thank you to all who took the time to come and celebrate with us and thank you to our marvellous Parents

Association for all their work, both before and on the evening.

This evening was the final of all the events which have taken place to date.

A big Thank you to:

- \* Jimmy Burns for our mural
- \* Phil O'Neill who updated our jubilee stone at the front of the school
- \* Aideen for our souvenir bookmark.
- \* Kirsty Devilly for our beautiful cake.

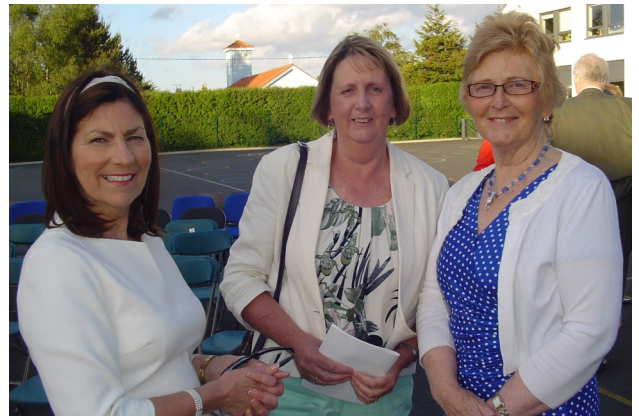
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Below is a list of all the activities which have taken place with the children during the year to celebrate this great occasion.

January	Boy Band "Taken"	Whole school
February	Garda Band	Whole school
March	Seachtain na Gaeilge Puppet Show	Whole school Infants – Second Class
April	Junior Entrepreneur	Sixth Class
May	Trip to Leopardstown Racecourse Sean Nós Dancing	Fifth Class Fourth Class
April/May/June	Internet Safety	Sen . Infs. – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class
June	Gardening Niall de Búrca - Storyteller Reeling in the Years	Third – Sixth Class Whole School Whole School



### Golden Jubilee Continued...



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### Fashion Show

As part of the Jubilee celebration and to mark the 50 years that our school has been open, all classes were asked to dress up in clothes from the 1960's, 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's.

Costumes were paraded in a fashion show in the yard for all to see.



## Camogie

Our camogie team reached the semi-finals in Cumann na mBunscoil this year. Our team was made up of girls from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class. We trained on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March-May.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, our camogie team played our semi-final match against Lucan Educate Together. It was played in Marlay Park. Unfortunately we lost but we tried our best.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, we played in the Kilmacud Camogie Blitz. There were eight senior teams. We played three matches, against Taobh na Coille, Our Lady's Grove and Scoil San Treasa. We lost against Taobh na Coille and Scoil San Treasa but won our match against Our Lady's Grove. We all got t-shirts to wear for the matches. Our senior team colour was navy. After we played the matches, we got popcorn and juice. The weather was really warm and we had a great day.



We hope that next year we will make it to Croke Park! A big thank you to Ms Galavan and Mr O'Brien for training us this year.

**By Emily Greene and Nina Brett**





## Kilmaucud Crokes Camogie Blitz

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> June we left school at 10:50am to attend the Annual Kilmaucud Crokes Camogie Blitz. Louisa, Abbie, Sarah, Kate and Niamh were the children from 4<sup>th</sup> class Mr. Kenna's class, while Mr. O'Brien's 4<sup>th</sup> class was represented by Sarah W, Stephaine, Blaithín, Holly and Sarah were from Mr. MacGréil's class. Our first match was against St. Raphaela's. It was a great game and everyone played well but at the end of the game we drew 0-0. Our second match was against Our Lady's Grove and we won 5-0. Kate scored 4 great goals (well done Kate!) and Blaithín scored the other goal. Our third and last match was against Scoil San Treasa B. It was a very interesting game because if we won we would be playing in the final, so everyone played extra hard. Unfortunately we drew 0-0 so we didn't get into the final. The teams in the final were Scoil San Treasa A and Scoil San Treasa B. We all found that quite strange. We were given drinks and popcorn and we loved our beautiful red t-shirts. All in all it was a great day!!

**Sarah, Louisa, Niamh**



## Go Games U.11 Hurling

Our Go Games hurling league began with a game V Scoil Bhríde, Raghnaíach in Bushy Park. Although we lost we put up a good performance and were unlucky with some good efforts to score. The next game saw us come up against a very strong Woodview, Lucan and although we played our hearts out, we were beaten by a better side. Victories over Holy Cross, Dundrum and Lucan East ET left us heading into our last game with 2 wins and 2 losses. Our last match was against Scoil Damian, Walkinstown and this was our best performance of the season. We scored an early goal and defended brilliantly for the rest of the game. This was a very good league for a very young team, most of whom will be under age again next year.

*A big thanks to all the parents/guardians/friends who supported us throughout the league.*

**BY GREGG AND SHANE**



**Panel:** Brion Cullinan, Emer Leahy, Cian O'Riordan, James Dunn, David Earles, Shane Joyce, Gregg Barron, Callum Elliffe, Matthew Sharpe, Oisín Start, Ben Conry, David Roche, Tara Leahy.

I received the following acknowledgement from my friend Rosaleen Ward in appreciation of all the unwanted football boots received.

**Helen Basquel**

## Unwanted Football Boots : A BIG THANK YOU

“Thank you so much to all who contributed to our appeal for football boots for the boys in our school in the South Inner City.

### **We got a tremendous response from Our Lady of the Wayside!**

We not only have enough boots to kit out all our budding players in the school but also enough to supply future football teams.

Your generosity was so appreciated by our school staff....one of the highlights of this school year for me was to see the sheer delight on the face of a little boy who had spent the first 5 years of his life in a camp in Southern Sudan trying on his first pair of GAA boots! A star may be born!

Many thanks, Rosaleen Ward”



## Santry

After Easter, up until May 28<sup>th</sup>, the whole Santry team went down to the field most days to train with Ms Dunne, Ms Galavan and Mr O'Brien. We trained during our lunch break.

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, everyone went to Santry. There were 39 children in total. We had a parade at the start and we carried our school flag. At the end of the day, the under 10s girls won a silver medal and their under 10 sprinter won a bronze medal. The under 14 girls also won a bronze medal in their relay. We had a great day! A big thank you to Ms Galavan, Mr O'Brien and Ms Dunne.

**By: Kate Fensom (4<sup>th</sup> class)**

## U10 Girls Relay (Silver)

Louisa Greene  
Kate Fensom  
Rebecca Carthy  
Abbie Vaughan  
Tara Leahy

## U10 Girls Sprint (Bronze)

Louisa Greene

## U14 Girls Relay (Bronze)

Emma Soraghan  
Aoife Cahill  
Laoise Duggan  
Ellie Roe  
Paige Soraghan





## Chess

There was a chess tournament between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class this year with 4 children playing once a week from each class, chosen on a rota basis. Despite some very competitive and close games, 6<sup>th</sup> class were the winners for 2014-2015. Children from 6<sup>th</sup> class also played in a friendly chess match against a group of children from St. Olaf's N.S. Balally, who visited our school in June, 2015.

It really was fun because I enjoy playing chess.

Ross O'Driscoll, 6<sup>th</sup> Class

The tournament is fun and competitive and I'm looking forward to playing it again next year.

Cian O'Riordan, 5<sup>th</sup> Class

It's more fun playing chess against someone else instead of on a computer.

Liam Conway 6<sup>th</sup> Class



I enjoyed the tournament because it is a nice game to play.

David Judziak, 6<sup>th</sup> Class

It's a good and challenging game and we were all happy to be playing in the tournament.

Nicole O'Neill, 5<sup>th</sup> Class.

The tournament is fun and we learned a lot about chess.

Charlie Kennedy, 5<sup>th</sup> Class

## School Garden News

We have lots of different things in our school garden. We have things like beetroot, carrots, lavender, sunflowers and lots more. We planted potatoes a few weeks ago. We also planted the beetroot and carrots and other things.

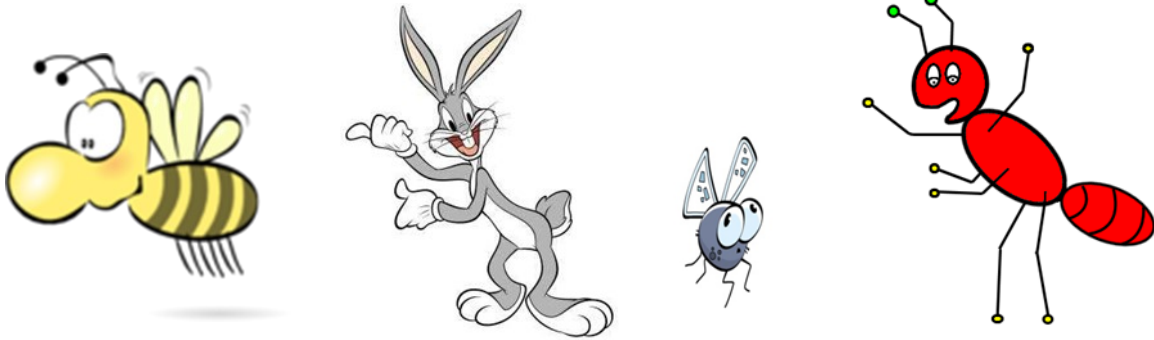
We've looked at the garden to see if everything is growing properly. We made signs in the flowerbeds so everyone knows what is in the flowerbed. We will look in the garden to see if anything is growing again soon.



Aoife Munn from Windyridge's Free Gardening in Schools Programme visited us to talk to the children about growing seeds. All of the children involved were given a planted seed to bring home and take care of.



## School Garden News



Aoife is a lady that works for Windyridge Garden Centre. Aoife came in on Friday to tell us about our school garden. She told us a lot how much space seeds need to grow and how seeds move from one place to another, and a lot more. First we went out to the garden, then she told us her name and where she works. Then she told us how seeds move from one place to another, these are some of the ways: They stick to animals and when they noticed they rubbed it off in a different place, the seeds pop, they fall into rivers, the wind blows them and the rain washes them away.

She also told us how much space seeds need to grow. Then she told us how to plant things and what you need to do when you are. This is what we did to plant our stuff:

First we had to line up to get our pots, then we wrote our names on a sticker to put on our pots so they wouldn't get mixed

up, then we put soil in our pot, then we had to line up to get our seeds. I chose Pansies and Emma chose mixed flowers and I think Emer chose Pansies too and Danielle chose mixed flowers.

Mr. McGréil gave us an extra pot because he wanted us to plant sunflowers aswell. Then Aoife had to talk to my brother Niall's class, so we went inside and put our plant beside the sink, then we lined up to get sunflower seeds and then Mr. McGréil watered them.

We weren't allowed bring our plants unless we brought in a bag to put it in because Mr.McGréil said we would trip up and loose all the seeds but if they fall into the bag we can just put them back in our pot.

**THE END!!!!!! BY**

LAURA

Boyle



## Our School Tour - Rang 3



We went on our school tour on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. We met at the luas stop and got on the luas. We all sat down on the luas and talked to our friends. Then we got off the luas. Then we walked to the Natural history museum. On the first floor our teacher Mr Mac Gréil gave us a quiz. It was fun going around. Most people finished but some didn't. We went to the second floor we saw lots of animals like a walrus, panda, baby zebra, monkeys, whales and more. We were allowed look at all the animals by ourselves. Then we had our lunch in the Merrion Square Park. After the break we went to the National museum of Ireland. Jimmy Burns told us about things like the Tara brooch, gold necklaces, pearls and much more. We had

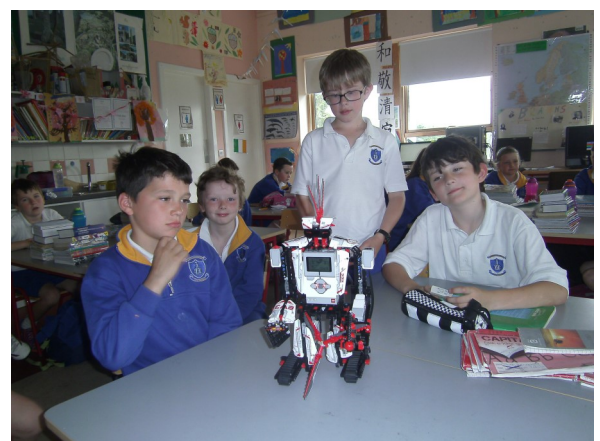
to be quiet because there were exams going on. Then we went to the National gallery. Jimmy showed us painting like the taking of Christ, Lady writing a letter with her maid, the Village school by Jan Steen and many more. We couldn't see all the painting because some of them were closed off. Then we went to Stephens Green and played our tin whistle in Grafton St. on our way there. We got some money from our busking and many people stopped to listen. Then we went to St. Stephen's Green near the luas to have our second lunch. Then we played in the playground. We played on the swings and roundabouts and slides too. Then we took the luas home. We were tired but happy.

By Grace Keaveney



### Class demonstration

This week, Daire O'Brian brought in his Lego Mindstorms. This is a robot made from Lego. He showed us how it worked.



## 3rd Class Memories

3<sup>rd</sup> class has been amazing so far. We have had lots of memories like at the start of the year we had potatoes, ham, cabbage and the most important apple pie, we met our buddy's for the first time. My buddy is Clara.

Also we had our Christmas play, I was the nice innkeeper. Our friend Anna was going off to Kuwait so we said goodbye. We also said goodbye to Linda. We were all sad but Rachel came back so were happy again.

After all of that we went on our Christmas holidays, I got a pink DS! When we got back from our holidays we went to the concert hall and the BT young scientist we saw an amazing space show.

We read Matilda, Why the whales came (My favourite), Kensuke Kingdom and now

Under the Hawthorn Tree. We did swimming lessons. We had sports day, the Garda band came to our school, I played in Crokes girls hurling blitz . (It was amazing) I did that with me (Emer) Tara, Sarah, Bláithín, Stephanie, Holly and Maria Rose we came 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> I don't know.

We played the tin whistle in town on our school tour we also went to the natural museum, the national history museum, the art gallery and the park. We did a project on Japan for passport day. We dressed up in 1980s clothes and had a fashion show.

AMAZING MEMORIES!

By Emer McEnerney



## First Holy Communion

On Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> both 2<sup>nd</sup> classes Our Lady of the Wayside made their First Holy Communion. The sun shone and everyone had a great day with refreshments provided by the Parents' Association in the school afterwards.



## Confirmation and Graduation Mass

The 6th class made their confirmation on 27th February. Our 6th Class will be leaving us after 8 years in Our Lady of the Wayside NS and moving on to Post Primary School. On Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June there will be a Mass to celebrate their years in the Primary School, to which their parents are invited. We wish them well in the future.



## Storyteller

In June, Niall de Búrca visited our school. He told us stories about Ireland and about how he became a storyteller. He also told us some scary stories. He was very funny.

Darragh Coughlan, 3rd Class



## School Building and Development Fund Update

### Thank you!

Sincere thanks to all the families in the school who continue to support, so generously, the School Building and Development Fund

We have had a busy year with a huge investment in IT with the purchase and installation of interactive whiteboards in all our classrooms.



### School library



The school library was completely refurbished and the children are all enjoying this bright new space. Whilst the funds for this work were provided by the development

fund, a huge amount of work was done by the library committee to ensure the work was done quickly and efficiently and all the books were back in situ for the children once the new shelving was in place. The committee continue to do fantastic work organising, tidying and constantly improving the library for our children and we extend our thanks to them for all their hard work.

### Gymnastics, Cycling and Games

The children also enjoyed the annual gymnastic coaching and sixth class completed the cycling skills course.

We also purchased new picnic benches and outdoor games which are being enjoyed by all.



### Maths Equipment

The school invested in maths equipment for all classrooms. These resources are available in each classroom and enhance the learning experience for all our children.

The funds donated by parents each year also meet the deficit in the day to day running costs of the school, which the grants from the Department of Education do not cover. Department funding is insufficient to run the type of school we want for our children.

We are also delighted to report that the school has been granted approval of our Summer Works application to replace the old, single glazed windows at the front of the school. This work will take place during the summer holidays and we look forward to reduced heating bills next winter!!

On a related topic, we have recently introduced an e-payments facility via our Aladdin system. This will streamline all payments of funds for the school and also has been warmly received by parents. We will add the option of making a donation to the School Building and Development Fund in September.

We would like to thank Helen for all her work in ensuring the system was introduced smoothly and without a glitch.

Please remember that in our school there is absolutely no other fundraising of any kind for these school facilities during the year.

Please support your school by making a donation to our School Building and Development Fund !

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## Staff

A special word of thanks to all our staff, teachers and SNAs, for all the great work they do. Their care, help and concern for each child is wonderful. A big thank you to Helen our secretary. We would be lost without her.

Unfortunately a number of our teachers are retiring this year, Rita Mohally, Mary O Gorman and Pádraig Mac Gréil. We will be very sorry to see them go. I wish to thank them for their contributions to the school and all their dedicated work over the years and to wish them many happy and healthy years of retirement. Rath Dé orthu go léir.

## Library Committee

Thank you to the parents who work hard throughout the year organising our library. A special thanks to them for their assistance with the re-vamping of our library this year.

The library committee are looking for volunteer helpers. If you can spare the time, please give your name to Helen in the school office.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Thurs 25th June</b>	6th Class Graduation Mass
<b>Tues 30th June</b>	Last day of school—all classes go home at 12 noon
<b>Mon 31st August</b>	School year commences

## Happy Holidays



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy summer. The boys and girls have worked really hard this year and they most definitely deserve a very nice break. I hope the sun will shine! We will be looking forward to seeing all your happy faces again on the 31st of August.

## School Calendar 2015-2016

The 2015-2016 school year will commence on Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 (full day). The 2015-2016 school calendar with details of the holidays and mid-term breaks is available on our website with copies available from the office.

[www.ourladyofthewaysidens.ie](http://www.ourladyofthewaysidens.ie)

Parents are asked to refer to the calendar when booking holidays for the coming year to avoid taking children out of school during term time.



## Parents Association

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents on our wonderful Parents Association. They have assisted at numerous events during the year.

## Lost Property

Lost property can be found in the school office. All items found can be reclaimed from a basket in the outer office. Please remember to label your children's belongings.



We also have a very hard working and dedicated staff. Thank you for all the fantastic work you do. We are really lucky to work with such great children and their parents. Thank you to all our wonderful parents, we really appreciate all the support you give us throughout the year.

Enjoy your holidays

**Brenda Carson**