

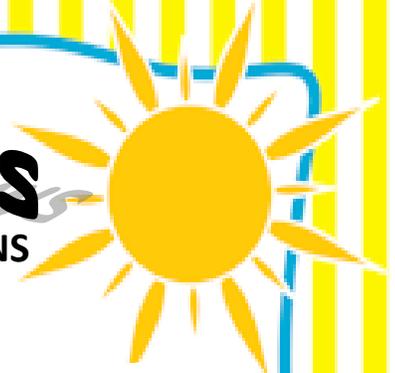


# Scoil AntoNews

June 2018

Scoil Antoine Naofa

St. Anthony's BNS



## Message from the Principal

Dia daoibh a Chairde,



Céad Míle Fáilte go dtí an nuacht-litir 'Scoil AntoNews'. As the school year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this school year a success. Our whole school community, children, staff, parents, Parents' Association, Board of Management, Priests of the parish and members of the parish community. All of you have helped make our school, a happy, positive, place, a place we love and are all so proud of. The classrooms and corridors of Scoil Antoine Naofa have been exciting, vibrant and fun places to be, and the pupils had many opportunities to engage in quality, beneficial and varied learning experiences. The enthusiasm, positivity and energy with which the children and staff undertake their work is heart-warming. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to be involved with such wonderful people every day.



We wish the 6th Class boys who have spent the last eight years developing socially, personally, spiritually and academically in St. Anthony's the very best of luck, health and happiness as they continue their journey into secondary school. I thank you all for your valued contribution to our school, St. Anthony's, and look forward to welcoming you back in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank retiring teacher, Mr. Ger Stack for his commitment, love, dedication and loyalty to the school and pupils of St. Anthony's, over his very successful and long teaching career. Ger began his teaching in St. Anthony's in 1981 and quickly became a favourite among pupils, staff and parents. Míle Buíochas Ger. Guímid gach rath ort agus ar bhúr gclann agus gurab saol fada taitneamhach buan é.



Wishing everyone a happy, enjoyable and safe Summer break. Don't forget The World Meeting of Families in Dublin, August 21<sup>st</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. Míle buíochas agus bain taitneamh as na laethanta saoire.

Seán Lyons.



# Sporting News



On the 21st of May four boys went down to Bishopstown Lawn Tennis Club to play Ballina/ Killaloe in the final of the Munster Tennis Primary Schools Final. The team players were Harry Murphy, Darragh Foley, Adam Scott and Matthew Shalloe. Our road to the final was, in the first round we beat Whitechurch 4-0. In the second round we won 4-0, in the third round we played Cashel and won 4-0 and in the semi – final we played Crosshaven and won 3-1. On finals day we played Ballina/Killaloe, we won 3-2 after it went to super doubles. After that we were presented with a cup, four medals and tennis balls. Afterwards we went to MacDonalds. It was a great day. By Adam Scott, Harry Murphy, Matthew Shalloe and Darragh Foley.

Well done to all the boys who took part in the recent annual Derry O’Mullane and Kavanagh Brothers’ Tournament. As always, these two competitions are great events for the school and the boys that take part in them. The Derry O’Mullane Tournament is a hurling competition held for all the boys in 2nd and 3rd class and the Kavanagh Brothers’ Tournament is a football competition held for all the boys in 4th and 5th class. They are great events organised by teachers in the school to honour the memories of past member of staff & sports fan Derry O’Mullane and past pupils Shane and Gavin Kavanagh.

Many thanks to the Parents’ Association for organising a fantastic Sports Day for the Junior Infants. Everyone really enjoyed all the events the parents organised.

## Some of our pupils recently achieved outstanding results in various competitions.

## Recent achievements

We would like to congratulate Paul Scanlan who received a Certificate of Commendation for his work submitted to the 64th Texaco Children’s Art Competition.

In our Easter edition of Scoil AntoNews we wished past pupil Kieran Byrne the best of luck as he was competing in this year’s Special Olympics Ireland Games in Dublin this June. We are delighted to announce that Kieran won Gold for the Breast Stroke and Silver in the relay team. Well done Kieran!

6th class pupil Darragh Browne represented the St. Anthonys and Cork in the Primary Schools Game, Munster Hurling Match Cork V Claire in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Well done Darragh.

Congratulations to 2nd class pupil David O’Neill who represented Ireland in England at the Special Olympics. He won gold on the vault and silver on the floor. David trains with Douglas Gymnastics. Well done David.

Well done to Robert Lisson 6th class who was presented with a trophy for coming 4th overall in the Cork Schools Individual Chess Competition, representing St. Anthonys.

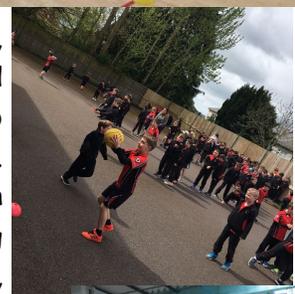
# Cork Primary School Sports

On Friday the 1st of June Liam Ring, Daniel Quinn, John Cashman, Sam O’Leary, Frankie Sheehan, James Harney, Tom Murray, Donal O’Connor, Tomas Reddington, Michael McCarthy, Emmet Cronin, Alex Walsh, Conor Barry, Liam Healy, Olan Healy and Alex Hall, went down to C.I.T. To compete in the Cork Primary School Sports. The first races were the sprints. Two people won their sprints and qualified for the County quarter finals. John came first in the semi-finals and went on to win the County Medal for U12. We had two relay teams, the under 11s and the over 11s. They both won their races. The whole team really enjoyed the day. By Daniel Quinn, Sam O’Leary and John Cashman





At the start of the year we as a school wanted to become more active and fit, We decided that we would try & achieve the Active School Flag for our school. The Active School Flag (ASF) is awarded to schools that strive to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. The process aims to get more schools, more active, more often. Most schools take two years to get it but we said we would try to achieve it in one year. To achieve the flag we had to document all the many different activities that our school takes part in. The list is endless but a few of the highlights of the year was Pumpkin bowling, The 12 Days of Fitness, Super Santa Circuit, Easter Egg hunt, Tag rugby with Willie Schubart, Irish Wheelchair Association visited, Squash, Blackrock Hurling, and hockey.



We also had to hold an Active School Week, which we held during the month of April. This was a very active week for everyone, teachers included. It went by very fast but we did some exciting things such as a penalty shoot out with past pupil Michael Aodh Martin, a disco with Stevie G, Lesley and Vince Giltinan Fun Filled Full Body Workout, Active Lines, hurling in the morning and skipping.



On June 6th a representative from the Active School Association came and visited our school. She looked at an active break in the classroom, our playground leaders, and the equipment room. She also spoke to us, the student Active School Committee and chatted to us about staying active and healthy. After all our hard work we were successful in achieving the Active School Flag which will be proudly raised in school.



It has been a fantastic year and we look forward to continuing staying active next year. By Sean Daly, David O Kelly ad Jack O'Leary, 5th class Student Active School Committee.





# Cork City Star visits school

Cork City player Graham Cummins came to our class to speak to us about life as a soccer player. He played lots of soccer with us. We had lots of fun. He told us that you have to train very hard to be a soccer player. After playing soccer he answered all of our questions. We learned a lot and had a great day. By Cian Lehane and Robert Kelly 1st class

# Hockey in St. Anthony's

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of June third and fourth class started receiving hockey coaching sessions. This was the first of two sessions with Mark Stockil with help from past pupil Steven Scanlan. We learned all the basics like how to manoeuvre the ball, and how to pass the ball to a teammate. We had another training session on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of June. We learned how to control the ball, and how to stop and strike the ball. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June we will be having a blitz in Ashton's hockey pitch and we are all very excited about the blitz. We think hockey is a great sport and everyone should try it and see if they like it. Huge thanks to Mark and Stephen. By Jack Hurley and Seán Crowley 3rd class



# Model Boats 2018

On the 25th of May, we entered the Cork Harbour Festival Model Boat Competition. The competition asked competitors to create a model boat with the theme this year of Cork's future boats. There were boats of all shapes and sizes from Viking tour boats to time machines. There were six categories for 3 age groups with teams and solos. Since the Lough was polluted the judges filled a paddling pool and called it 'Lough Beag'. There were trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the special mentions got a medal. At the very end everyone got a participant's certificate. It was a joyful experience and very interesting to see other people's vision of Cork's future boats.

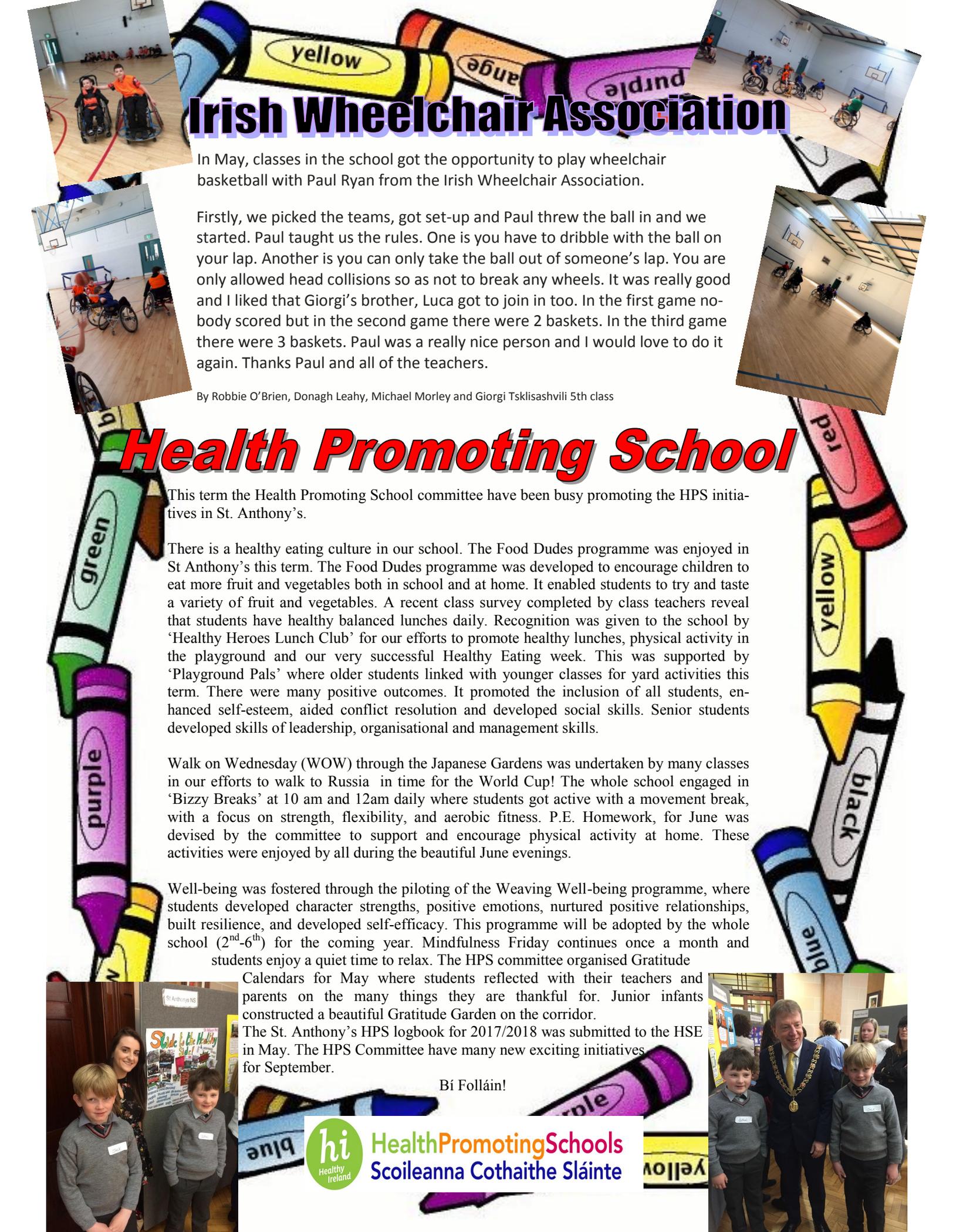


By Tommy Hiras and Denis Kelly 4th class.

# School Ceremonies

Confirmation and First Holy Communion ceremonies were held in St. Anthony's this April in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ballinlough. These occasions are wonderful and spiritual times for the boys and their families. All the boys sang the hymns beautifully. They were both lovely ceremonies. After the Confirmation and First Holy Communion the boys and their families went back to St. Anthony's for refreshments. The hall was decorated with the boys art. You can see a few examples here of them. Everyone enjoyed the tea, coffee and nice treats. We would like to thank all those who helped make these such special occasions, the teachers and staff of St. Anthony's, the Parents' Association, Monsignor O'Callaghan, Canon O'Donovan, Canon Crowley & Joan in the Parish Office. By 2nd and 6th class.





# Irish Wheelchair Association

In May, classes in the school got the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball with Paul Ryan from the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Firstly, we picked the teams, got set-up and Paul threw the ball in and we started. Paul taught us the rules. One is you have to dribble with the ball on your lap. Another is you can only take the ball out of someone's lap. You are only allowed head collisions so as not to break any wheels. It was really good and I liked that Giorgi's brother, Luca got to join in too. In the first game nobody scored but in the second game there were 2 baskets. In the third game there were 3 baskets. Paul was a really nice person and I would love to do it again. Thanks Paul and all of the teachers.

By Robbie O'Brien, Donagh Leahy, Michael Morley and Giorgi Tsklisashvili 5th class

## Health Promoting School

This term the Health Promoting School committee have been busy promoting the HPS initiatives in St. Anthony's.

There is a healthy eating culture in our school. The Food Dudes programme was enjoyed in St Anthony's this term. The Food Dudes programme was developed to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables both in school and at home. It enabled students to try and taste a variety of fruit and vegetables. A recent class survey completed by class teachers reveal that students have healthy balanced lunches daily. Recognition was given to the school by 'Healthy Heroes Lunch Club' for our efforts to promote healthy lunches, physical activity in the playground and our very successful Healthy Eating week. This was supported by 'Playground Pals' where older students linked with younger classes for yard activities this term. There were many positive outcomes. It promoted the inclusion of all students, enhanced self-esteem, aided conflict resolution and developed social skills. Senior students developed skills of leadership, organisational and management skills.

Walk on Wednesday (WOW) through the Japanese Gardens was undertaken by many classes in our efforts to walk to Russia in time for the World Cup! The whole school engaged in 'Bizzy Breaks' at 10 am and 12am daily where students got active with a movement break, with a focus on strength, flexibility, and aerobic fitness. P.E. Homework, for June was devised by the committee to support and encourage physical activity at home. These activities were enjoyed by all during the beautiful June evenings.

Well-being was fostered through the piloting of the Weaving Well-being programme, where students developed character strengths, positive emotions, nurtured positive relationships, built resilience, and developed self-efficacy. This programme will be adopted by the whole school (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) for the coming year. Mindfulness Friday continues once a month and students enjoy a quiet time to relax. The HPS committee organised Gratitude

Calendars for May where students reflected with their teachers and parents on the many things they are thankful for. Junior infants constructed a beautiful Gratitude Garden on the corridor.

The St. Anthony's HPS logbook for 2017/2018 was submitted to the HSE in May. The HPS Committee have many new exciting initiatives for September.

Bí Folláin!



HealthPromotingSchools  
Scoilanna Cothaithe Sláinte



# Science Foundation Ireland Discover Science and Maths Award

St. Anthony's BNS has been awarded the plaque of STEM Excellence for the school year 2017/18. The whole school participated in achieving this award. This is our second year running receiving this award and we are very proud of the achievements of all of the boys.

We have been awarded the Plaque of STEM excellence because of our deep engagement in Science and Maths throughout the school year. The STEM award incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

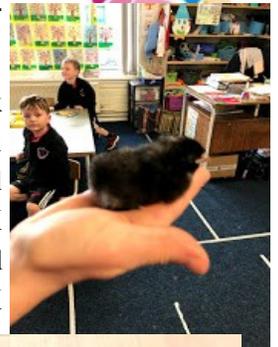
In order to receive this award we kept a log of evidence of all the STEM work that happened throughout the school over the year. It was great to see such involvement in this area at all levels throughout the school. The log incorporated all science experiments the pupils carried out throughout the year, the VEX robotics competition in which Mr. Moylan's 5<sup>th</sup> class participated and reached the Munster finals. Mr Moylan's class also received an award for their VEX presentation. Mr Lynch's 4<sup>th</sup> class carried out an experiment and presented it at the RDS Primary Science Fair in January. This project investigated the speed of marbles through a rollercoaster. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Classes visited the Lifetime Lab and Blackrock Castle and Observatory. A microbiologist from UCC came to visit the 4<sup>th</sup> class boys and speak to them about the digestive system, health and nutrition. We also had workshops provided by Pepsico and Dell EMC. Ms O'Neill's Junior Infants also took part in the Cock-a-doodle-doo Chick programme.

The boys also took part in activities for Space Week, Science Week and Engineers Week. There were also many activities carried out in the classroom under the four science strands – Living Things, Materials, Energy and Forces, and Environmental Awareness and Care.

The school is delighted with the achievement and the plaque will be proudly displayed in the school. Congratulations to all.

Here are some photos of the Cock-a-doodle-doo Chick Programme, 5th class making slime and 6th class partaking in learning about dissecting a heart and lungs



# St. Anthony's Swimming Gala 2018

Here are a few photos from the annual St. Anthony's Swimming Gala. It is held in Gus Healy Swimming Pool and all pupils 2nd–6th class who took part in swimming classes during school are welcome to partake in it. Many thanks to Mr. Harrington, and Mr Cussen and all the staff who helped to make it a great day for all who took part.. Here are a few photos of the winners.



## Scríobhleabhar

Rinne na paistí i rang a dó (Ms. Hurley) agus rang a cúig (Mr. Hogan O'Connell) leabharán le haghaidh an comórtas 'Scríobhleabhar' a bhí ar siúl san Ionad Oideachas i gCorcaigh. Bhí bron-nadh na duaiseanna ar siúl i Mí Aibreáin. Maith Sibhse a bhua-chailí!!!! 2nd Class Ms Hurley



# School Tours 2018

