



## Slán, Adios, Farewell!



Farewell, Bon voyage .. to Sixth Class who have just completed their Primary School Education. To Kirstyn, John Kevin, the two Katies, Lee, James and Cathal & Caoimhe we wish you all the best for the future. Firoda will miss you! We look forward to you all calling back to see us as "Past Pupils"

## Bórd Gais Theatre Awards Winner!

Last year the pupils from 5th & 6th class produced a short play, "The Bracelet". We entered it in the Bord Gáis Energy Student Theatre Awards. We were nominated for an award in two categories! There were thousands of entries from schools all over Ireland so it was a huge achievement to have made it this far!

On Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> a group from the school travelled to Dublin for the awards ceremony. Cillian Cooney was delighted to pick up the award for Best Performance in a Leading Roll and we were in the final three for Best Overall School Play. Well done to everyone involved!!



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## Children's Section

### Jokes!!

- Q. What's worse than a dog howling at the moon?  
A. Two dogs howling at the moon!
- Q. What do you get if you cross a baby with a UFO?  
A. An unidentified crying object!
- Q. Why don't centipedes play football?  
A. Because the game is over by the time they have their boots on!
- Q. How do dolphins settle arguments?  
A. They flipper coin for it!

**John:** "Did you hear about the man who was listening to the match?"

**Jane:** "No, what about him?"

**John:** "He burned his ear!"



**Tourist:** Where does this road go?

**Local:** Nowhere, it's here every day!

- Q. What is a horse's favourite game?  
A. Stable tennis!
- Q. Why can snowmen see very well?  
A. Because they have good ice-sight!
- Q. How do you make time fly?  
A. Throw your clock out the window!
- Q. What do you get if you cross a duck with a firecracker?  
A. A firequacker!



### Welcome!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Marie Brennan to the school staff. Marie joined us after the Christmas break as an additional S.N.A.

### Well Done!

Congratulations to Eimer Holohan- Junior Infants, on winning a prize in the Rowe's Hardware Easter Art Competition. Well done Eimer!

### PowerPoint Projects

The senior classes recently completed their PowerPoint projects. The standard this year was extremely high. The joint winners were "Spain" presented by Lee Holden & Luca Downey and "World War 2" presented by Tommy Coogan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. "Michael Collins" presented by Kirstyn Shortall and 3<sup>rd</sup>. "The Olympics" presented by Liam Doyle. There were a number of "Highly Commended" awards and everyone else won a prize for a "High Quality" project. The winning projects will be available to view on the school website shortly.



We hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter  
It will be filed on our new website  
[www.firodaschool.ie](http://www.firodaschool.ie)

## Holy Communion



Congratulations to the Boys and Girls from the school that made their First Holy Communion recently. After many months of preparation everyone enjoyed a wonderful day. The weather was at its best which meant that all the bouncy castles got full use. Recipients, who are pictured here with their teacher Miss Grace are: May Fogarty, Bobby Brennan, Adam Nash, Jack Coogan, Conor O'Sullivan, Niamh Meagher, Mark Kennedy, Josh Kirwan, Leo Downey, Holly Byrne, Cathal Dunny, Will Tynan, Patrick Coughlan and Eamon Brannigan.

### **Congratulations!**

Well done to Holly Byrne & Lauren Power on their great win in the U-11 Handball County Championships.

**Keep up the good work girls!**

## Congratulations



to sixth class who made their confirmation a few weeks ago. Receiving the sacrament were Kirsten Shortall, Katie Clarke, John Kevin Malone, Lee Holden, Caoimhe and Cathal O' Reilly, James Hogan and Katie Power.



**Have they changed since  
making their First Communion  
in 2011?**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for Trad-Group

The Firoda Traditional Music Group recently claimed first prize in their group at the Kilkenny Music Festival. Traditional Music is taught by local musician Ms. Karina Dowling after school and is going from strength to strength. The classes are open to children from all schools. Pupils can choose from a number of instruments. Representing Firoda N.S. on the winning team were Ciarán Meagher, Adam Stone, Luca Downey and Eoin McSweeney. Congratulations to all concerned.



School Re-opens for 2015-16 year on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. August

Uniforms will be on sale at the school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. And 20<sup>th</sup>. August from 7.00 – 8.00 P.M.

## Swimming



Swimming lessons in Carlow pool have just finished after eight weeks of intensive work and fun. All pupils attend and it is very encouraging to be able to say that every pupil leaving the school for the past several years is able to swim. The children get excellent coaching with four professional coaches engaged from the pool to compliment the five teachers who also impart their knowledge. Swimming is a lifelong skill which can be enjoyed at one's own pace. In this climate of excessive obesity in children and adults it offers a means of attaining fitness to all. Hopefully the current awareness of "Fit for Life" will continue and everyone will partake in some form of exercise on a regular basis.

The pool celebrated it's 25th. anniversary recently. Firoda N.S. have been attending since that first year. Prior to that we went to the old Portlaois pool for lessons.