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Hurling Club Launched:

In the Summer term we started hurling for boys and girls from 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes. There was a huge level of interest among the children and it was fantastic to see new children starting the game for the first time and others continue to progress and practise the skills of the 'beautiful game'. In the weeks we have been training after school, we worked on the fundamental skills of the game including; striking in the air, striking on the ground, hooking and blocking. A big thank you to Round Towers GAA club in Lusk who have been very helpful and hopefully they may soon have some new recruits in both hurling and gaelic football. *Ger & Michelle*

RaLET Soccer Success:

A fantastic season came to an end when our soccer team lost on penalties to Scoil Cholmcille, Ballybrack in the quarter finals. After taking the lead in the second half, we conceded a last minute goal to bring the game to penalties. Despite some well-taken spot-kicks, we lost 4-3. We reached the quarter-finals due to three excellent wins in the group stages. We lost our first game to St Teresa's in Balbriggan. Our second time to play them was a much closer affair; it looked like it would end in a draw before Lee poked home a very late goal with his left foot to help us win 1-0. This win, combined with a comfortable victory over St Josephs, Bonnybrock, gave us a great chance of making the quarter finals.



Having struggled in our away fixture against Swords Educate Together, we very much looked forward to playing them at home. We conceded an early goal but then took the game by the scruff of the neck. Thanks to a long range goal by Jack and a thundering strike from Aidan, we came out on top, 2-1, in what was a superb team performance. Despite the disappointments and late drama in Ballybrack, all our footballers can hold their heads high!

Ger & Barry

GAA Blitz:

A side made up of boys from 4th & 5th travelled to Round Towers to take part in a GAA blitz organised by local Games Promotion Officer James. They contested four tight matches, demonstrating a great attitude and no shortage of skill. Well done guys! *Aodhán*

Discover Science:

Congratulations to RaLET – all our hard work has paid off! Rush and Lusk Educate Together National School has achieved a Science Foundation Ireland Discover Science and Maths Plaque of STEM Excellence for the 2016/17 academic year. It is fantastic to see all of the science, technology, engineering and maths work being carried out in our school with such enthusiasm. *Simon*

Fun in Santry:



It's athletics season and this year we had enough members in the school club to represent us at the Cumann na mBunscol Athletics Competition in Morton Stadium. We had a great day at the track event (sprints and relays) and all the athletes ran their best against stiff competition. It was a pleasure to accompany these children to an athletics event where they represented themselves and our school impeccably. They should be very proud of themselves.

We returned to Morton Stadium to take part in the Inter Schools Athletic day on June 20th. This event gave the children a great opportunity to try out a whole variety of track and field events, alongside other schools. There was great excitement during the afternoon races as we crept up the medal table. Golds and silvers for 5 of our 6 relay teams and 5 medals in the sprint finals. It was a great day. Well done to all those who joined the athletics club this year.

Frankie, Aodhán & Helen

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Delight amongst the pupils, staff and wider RaLET community at the unveiling of the latest Green Flag to be awarded to the school

In May, we received our sixth Green Schools flag on the theme of Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste at a ceremony in the Helix in DCU. On Friday 23rd June, we had our own celebration of this achievement in a flag raising ceremony here in RaLET which was attended by the children, parents, staff and special guest Pat Kelly from Lusk Tidy Towns. Our celebration was led by the Green Schools Committee and included a tribute to Dermot, music from some of our talented musicians and the raising of the flag.

We have been working on the theme of Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste for the past two years in school. It has encouraged us to think about ourselves not only as citizens of Ireland and Europe, but as citizens of the world as we explored and identified the rights and responsibilities that good global citizenship requires. It has helped us to think more about how our choices in

Ireland regarding recycling, litter and waste and the things that we choose to buy, can have a huge impact on people in other parts of the world.

More information on our global citizenship work can be found under the Green Schools tab on our school website. *Gráinne, Dermot & Íona*

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