

School News

April 2024



Thank you to everyone who donated, baked and bought cakes for the Great Irish Bake and Easter raffle. We raised a fantastic amount of €792 for Children's Health Ireland.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our girls 5-a-side team who after topping the table in the North Dublin league went on to play in the all-Dublin finals in Clontarf. Unfortunately, the girls were faced with very tough competition and their league journey finished.

Well done to Tara Eason, Alex Wallace, Allie Harley, Eva Peiu, Eva Doski, Hailey MacNeice, Orlaith Amitihu, Lilia Lane & Lily Bennett on representing our school so well. They all played brilliantly and did us proud. Thank you also to Steve & Eric for your assistance on match days.



Well done to our students from 4th, 5th and 6th Class who took part in the final Fingal Athletics event in ALSAA sports complex.



Congratulations to Simeon Wong from 3rd class who was awarded 3rd place in the Irish Taekwondo Association Dublin Open International 2024 in "Male Pattern 8 Years Yellow Belt" session on March 24.



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We had a great Easter Movie Night last Friday! The kids watched Mario Bros, Inside Out and Yes Day while enjoying a few treats and it was a super fun night. The movie nights are always a great night for the kids and a great fundraiser for the school with over 700 euro raised, so thank you to everyone who came along and supported the night.

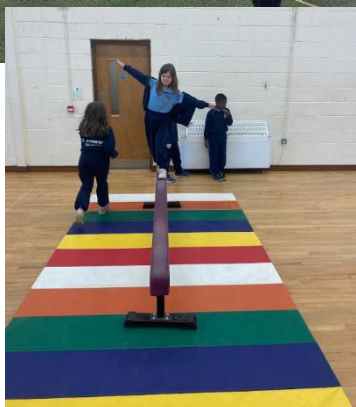
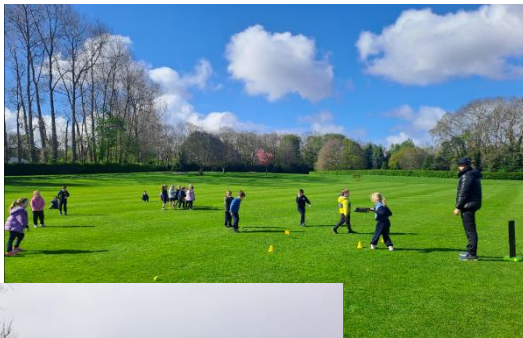
The annual May Fair is the next event in the calendar! The fair is taking place on Saturday 25th May 1-4pm and fingers crossed the sun shines again this year. There will be games, raffle, tuck shop, BBQ, teas and cakes and the craft market will return with lots of handmade arts and crafts, including craft stalls by our very own St. Andrews' students so be sure to keep the date in your diary.

We are looking for donations for our May Fair raffle and also preloved toys and books in good condition please. Your donations can be dropped into the collection box in the school entrance from next week. We will also have a Bottle Tombola this year and your donations would be very much appreciated (wine, spirits, ketchup, shampoo! all bottles welcome!). Thanks.

Finally, we will be finishing the school year with a bang with the School Fun Run on Sunday 9th June. It will be held in Malahide Castle, starting and finishing at the Cricket Club. We will have two routes - 2km & 5km and everyone is welcome! There will be a BBQ after in the Cricket Club to celebrate everyone's achievements. This will be a large event to organise and we really need sponsorship to help with event registration, start and finish timing, advertising etc. If you or your business is able to help bring this fantastic event to life please get in touch with your class rep or email us at sapa@standrewsns.ie.

Thank you!
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Active Week 2024









Fun Friday



Junior Infants have had a very busy and active April. They took part in lots of different sports for Active Week which they loved. They took a vote and gymnastics was the class favourite! They celebrated Earth Day on the 22nd by reading stories about Earth, exploring ways that the Earth takes care of us and coming up with different ways that we can take care of the Earth. They then completed beautiful Earth paintings. They have been continuing to learn their sounds and have started reading and even writing some words using all their Jolly Phonics sounds. In maths they have been learning about sequencing and have been exploring the story of the number 5. In Irish they have been learning about an teilifís. They have been continuing to learn Lámh with Ali and Greg from Fingal Prosper and are using their signs lots in class. In play and learn they have been having lots of fun designing outfits which were inspired by a beautiful book they read in class called the Tiny Tailors, playing in the construction and sand zones, and creating wonderful creations in the junk art zone.



Senior Infants had a quick but enjoyable April! The class have been enjoying learning about 'Under the Sea' in play and learn. They have been working hard on an art project, an under the sea diorama! They are putting lots of effort and creativity into them! The class enjoyed playing under the sea in small world and water play and have learned lots of different sea creatures names and about their habitats. They celebrated Earth Day and learned about different ways we can help the environment and make it a lovely home for all creatures. Senior Infants really enjoyed Active Week. From tennis to cricket and GAA and the lovely things in between, they tried their best at all the activities!





Hola! Spain has been the theme in **1st Class** for the month of April. We began our topic by using the ipads to research information about Spain. We created fact files before creating tourist advertisements which turned out really colourful and informative! We studied the artist Joan Miró and created our own artwork

inspired by the Spanish artist. We also had great fun learning about some of the many Spanish festivals that take place every year including the Tomatina and the famous Bull runs.

In English, we read the story "Bog Baby" and have used this book to help us with our literacy skills including inferring and predicting, story sequencing and using adjectives to make our own writing more exciting! We imagined what our own Bog

Babies would look like and we did some fun drama lessons imagining we were in Bluebell Wood, the setting in the story. We have continued with our GAA lessons this month and had such a great time during Active Week too!



This month **2nd Class** did really well to dive straight back to work after enjoying their Easter holidays. In maths they worked on collecting and recording data. They created their very own surveys approaching all year groups to collect their information; to which they then tallied and created their own bar charts. The class have been learning about the environment and the importance of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Water has been the main topic this month, learning all about the importance of water on our planet and also for living things. The class created their very own water cycle which has become a great highlight throughout the day watching to see if they are at evaporation, condensation or precipitation stage. Active Week was a blast! 2nd class took part in loads of activities such as soccer, yoga, cricket, first aid training, skipping, tennis, gymnastics and dancing. We explored the vocab



and stories for the topics An teilifís agus Síopadoireacht this month. Bees were a fun topic of our class conversation, discussing all the different types of bees and singing fun songs about buzzy bees, the class even drew the most incredibly lifelike bees which we have on proud display in the school corridor. Bring on May we say!





We kicked off the month with our school's Active Week. **3rd Class** had the opportunity to try a variety of sports including, soccer, tennis, dancing, hockey, and cricket. Each sport brought a new challenge but everyone tried their best and had a wonderful time. The children have been learning all about artist Pearl Buck. We had a chance to look at some of his masterpieces and recreated our own "Big Wave" using a combination of acrylic paint and oil



pastels. They all look fantastic! 3rd class also had the opportunity to visit the National Gallery of Ireland where we viewed some spectacular pieces from a range of well-known artists. Some of our favourite pieces included the works from Pablo Picasso and Jack B. Yeats. This month has also brought new and exciting topics



such as, the "Weather" and the story of "Ernest Shackleton". In history, we learnt all about the famous explorer, "Ernest Shackleton", who journeyed across the Antarctic. In pairs, the children created a movie trailer based on his incredible story.

Everyone did a fantastic job! In geography, we worked as meteorologists to analyse different cloud formations and how they help us to predict the weather. With the summer break almost upon us, we are looking forward to our school tour, outdoor games and more fun in the sunshine. Well done 3rd class on another great month together.

4th Class had a lovely, busy month after the Easter break with plenty going on both inside and outside of the classroom. In maths, fractions and division were the topic of study while Aimsir and Spórt were the topic of discussion in Gaeilge. They spoke about their favourite sports and how our weather is forever changing from day to day all around Ireland from season to season. In English, cloze comprehension work was studied looking at different countries and animals such as gorillas, racoons, crocodiles, New Zealand, Canada and Australia. As a class read aloud activity we read the story Diary of a Wimpy Kid; The Meltdown which the class loved as it's one of their favourites from the Jeff Kinney series. In SESE, clothing and combatting waste were our two primary focuses, studying how clothing has changed over the last 100 years while also discussing more recent worldwide challenges of combatting waste and improving recycling along with more efficient waste management. The students gave great insights to these themes as they had plenty to ask about clothing in the past while also



highlighting really important issues in society today regarding how we use/waste different materials. Sport and exercise was the central theme in the month of April with our Active Week taking centre stage and the students getting to take part in a wide range of activities. They loved participating in football, first aid, cricket, swimming, tennis, gymnastics, playball, yoga, dance and hockey. The students showed off their amazing range of skills across the different sports and participated really well as a group.



5th Class have had a very active couple of weeks back in school since the Easter holidays. They loved all the amazing activities that they took part in for Active Week and they were very lucky to have a hockey lesson in Malahide Hockey Club last week too. In other news, the class began reading buddies with senior infants after Easter and they are all getting along really well. 5th class learned about area and parts of a circle in maths. They drew compound shapes in the yard and then calculated the perimeter and area of somebody else's shape. The children also drew their own circles and labelled the parts. In Gaeilge, the children have been learning about the theme of An Aimsir and they will be recording their own weather forecasts this week. 5th class finished off the visual arts theme of Spring this month by creating 3-D daffodil and bug art.



April has been a super sporty month in **6th Class**. The boys and girls experienced sessions in yoga, dance, hockey, tennis, playball, cricket, soccer, skipping, dodgeball and gymnastics. They had a very informative First Aid workshop where they learned invaluable CPR skills.

In geography, the class familiarised themselves with counties of Ireland & countries and cities of Europe and in history they are exploring the theme of Nomadic people with a focus on the Irish travelling community.

They continued exploring poetry and reflected on the poem 'The Road Not Taken', inspiring beautiful paintings in art. In drama, they have begun work on their end of year play entitled 'Let Loose'.

They are familiarising themselves with the

songs and script and organising parts, it's sure to be a great show!



April Anti-Bullying Topic

Our April anti-bullying topic was peer pressure. The classes discussed this topic and how to deal with it.

