

School News End of year 2023



Summer Themed Non-Uniform Day & Ice Cream Surprise!



Cake Sale



Short Story Competition

The Winner is: **The Irish Times** by Lillie Rose Daly, 5th Class

Runner Up: **A Houston Dream** by Dylan Lowther, 6th Class

Equal Third: **An Open Door** by Isabella Rosa Lamont, 3rd Class

Emily and Heidi's Magical Dreams Come True by Naomi Saville, 2nd Class

Congratulations to everyone who entered the competition. This year's competition was judged by Adrian Scott and he was so impressed by the excellent standard of writing seen in every class.

Well done!

SAPA

It really is hard to believe that another school year is over! The year started with a lot of SAPA members passing on the reins to new members and along with those that decided to stay on we had a very successful year. Our biggest spend this year was on the new 14 iPads plus the charging case and we couldn't have purchased them without the support everyone gives to the events we run. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Our last cake sale of the year was held by 4th & 6th Class and they didn't disappoint. With lots of yummy cakes and treats we raised €185, well done and thank you to all those involved. Our final event of the year was the 2nd hand uniform sale, thank you to all those that helped with this ever popular event!

I would also like to thank our class reps from this year and thank you to those who have stepped up for next year already.

Junior Infants - Elizabeth O'Halloran

Senior Infants - Louise Hanafin

1st Class - Emma Kilkenny-Wilson & Kate Bennett

2nd Class - Suzanne Thornhill-Murphy

3rd Class - Laura Johnson-Brogan & Martina Heffernan

4th Class - Maeve Thornes

5th - Gillian Whelan & Jenny McQuade

6th - Claire Grogan, Susan McElhinney & Suzanne Thornhill-Murphy

Finally, I would like to thank everyone on SAPA, without the dedication from the team plus the volunteers none of the events would happen. We hope you have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Regards, Heather & Jacqui

House Points

The winners of this year's House Points are the Blue team. Well done, it was a close contest!



Congratulations to **Yvanna Wong** in 2nd Class who recently did her first solo violin performance in the National Concert Hall. Yvanna performed in the John Field Room at the Newpark Festival Gala Concert on the 8th of June. Well done!



Congratulations to **Adam Browne** from 3rd class who won the Art Competition which was run by Shona Delaney. The winning prize was for his design to be displayed in the window of the Toy Shop in the village. Adam got to help paint some of the picture and sign his name! Well done Adam!

Gardening Club

Gardening Club had a wonderful year. They grew spring bulbs, house plants, sweet peas and kept the school garden watered and tidy. Here are Isla and Nathan watering the sweet peas and standing under the newly planted window boxes. They hope to harvest their potatoes, red currants, rhubarb and gooseberries on the end of term. Many thanks to all the children and Ms Duffy for giving up her time to help. Have a fantastic summer.

Ms Jeffrey



Around The Classes

Junior Infants

June has been a fun filled month for Junior Infants! They worked with the themes of 'Seaside' and 'Minibeasts' this month. Ms. Hoffman read lots of fishy/sea stories like 'Barry the Fish with Fingers', 'Glub', 'Tiddler' and 'The Rainbow Fish'. The boys and girls made rainbow fish from clay and colourful sequins. They also created a seaside small world and made beautiful boat pictures. Ms. Hoffman also read lots of minibeast stories like

'Superworm', 'The Very Lazy Ladybird' and 'Beetle in the Bathroom' and 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell'. They designed silly shells with cds for Norman the slug and went on a minibeast hunt in the school garden.

The visit from the ice cream man was a wonderful surprise and they had great fun doing a lesson of ultimate frisbee in the park.

The super month was topped off with a brilliant trip to Mellows adventure centre with Senior Infants! What lucky boys and girls they are to have had such a variety of experiences to end their wonderful year in Junior Infants, Ms. Hoffman is so proud of all they have achieved this year. Logan and Chloe will be moving to new schools and will be greatly missed. Best wishes to all for a

lovely summer and good luck beginning Senior Infants!



Senior Infants had a super last month in school! We did lots of lovely activities. In Play and Learn our theme was holidays. We constructed aeroplanes big enough to hold a group of children, built fancy hotels and even made a puppet show on the iPads all about going on holidays! The children had a great school tour to Mellows Adventure Park. They did climbing, go karting, bouncy castles and more! They had a super day and all had lots of fun. The children have had a lovely last month of school and a great year in Senior Infants! I wish them all the best of luck in 1st class.





1st Class have really enjoyed their last month of school and are really excited for the summer holidays. To finish the year, we studied 'an Trá' in Gaeilge, we wrote about our favourite memories from 1st class in English Stations and we revised different topics like money, 3D shapes and subtraction in Maths. In SESE we studied Transport, the Sun and Solar system, as well as looking at how we can best enjoy the summer protecting ourselves in the warm sun. In Art we made and painted airplanes using clay. We also drew and coloured butterflies and caterpillars as a symbol of moving from 1st class into 2nd class. We enjoyed a few trips to the castle as well for different P.E lessons such as Cricket and Ultimate Frisbee which the children loved. Overall, 1st class and Mr Blake have had a lovely, busy year where they've learnt plenty and enjoyed their different experiences across the range of subjects. They've embraced lots of different challenges and are now looking forward to moving into 2nd class.



It has been a fun last month in **2nd Class**! In maths we have been revising over lots of the topics we have covered this year and looked at how much we have learnt! In English we used the story of the Snail and the Whale to think about our own travels and where in the world we might like to go. We learned how to write postcards and wrote one from the snail back to his family, letting them know everything he had been up to. More recently we were set the challenge of becoming travel agents, where we had to plan a holiday in Ireland. We had to find transport, hotels to stay in, as well as activities to do while there. We also had to make sure we kept track of the cost! As well as thinking about the summer holidays we also reflected on the year we have had and started thinking about September. We wrote letters to 1st class to let them know what they can expect when they move up classes after the summer and to tell them about some of the things we have liked most this year. Both Ms Ryan and Ms Poyser want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of 2nd class, we have loved teaching you and we hope that you all have the most wonderful summer holiday!

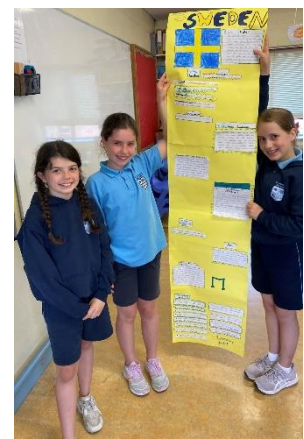




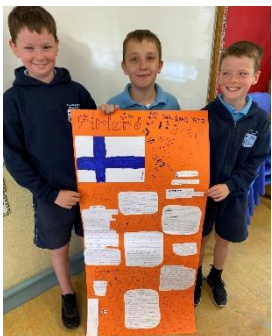
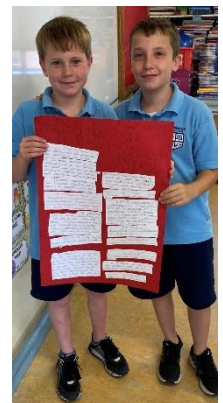
3rd Class have been very busy for the month of June. We have been taking part in "Teach the Teacher" where everyone had the opportunity to teach about something they love to the class. Some of the topics included, karate, hurling, knots, elephants, hockey, cricket, rubex cubes and much more. I learned so much! With the summer holidays just around the corner, we decided to take a well-deserved trip to the beach. Everyone brought their buckets and spades into school and we set off for the day to build sandcastles. There were some fantastic creations! Keeping with our theme of "summer", third class have been listening and responding to a variety of "summer hits". They have also had the opportunity to create their own "summer music album" listing all of their favourite summer tunes. This week we have been tidying up our classroom but we have made sure to carve out some time for our favourite activities such as, dodgeball, kahoot and painting. This week, we will be going on our school tour to Causey Farm. We can't wait! Third class have worked so



hard this year and I will really miss them over the break. Well done everyone and I hope you have a fantastic summer!



4th Class have had a very busy last month in school. At the start of the month, the children had a lovely treat together eating ice cream! Everyone agreed it tasted scrumptious! In Art, the children focused on the theme of space and created some excellent pieces of artwork. The children firstly painted their space backgrounds before using the skill of collage to create their planets. Each child's artwork was incredibly unique and proudly displayed in the school's corridor. In Geography, the children finished their country projects. Each group presented their projects to the class and the children greatly enjoyed hearing so many fascinating facts from countries around the world. Everyone should be very proud of how hard they worked on their individual projects. Towards the end of June, the class also had the opportunity to take part in 'Ultimate Frisbee' for a day. The children learned new skills related to Frisbee and had great fun playing Frisbee-based games. Lastly, I



would like to say well done to everyone for all of their hard work this year and I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved summer break





June has been a lovely busy and sunny month in **5th Class**. The class completed their Gaeilge for the year, finishing off 'siopadóireacht' and a chapter of 'an samhradh' to end the year. They enjoyed looking back through their book and rewatching some of their favourite stories, poems and songs from the year. Capacity, chance and problem solving have seen them to the end of the year in maths. They finished off Goodnight Mr. Tom, with a great diary entry as one of the main characters and a detailed review to tie it all up. The class really enjoyed the book. They have also been busy creating their own Mr. Men and Little Miss



characters and stories this month. Across S.E.S.E. the class completed the last few units on topics including - The Republic of Benin, the digestive system, archaeology, inside the Earth and gravity. They will also complete short Genius Hour projects to present in the last week of school. The class did more work on internet safety this month, as well as a lovely self-esteem activity with the help of their parents to finish off the year. They had athletics, cricket and frisbee throughout the month, which were all enjoyed by everyone. In art, they have created excellent pieces.



They made psychedelic aliens, beach scenes and did some follow along summer art with arthubforkids.com too. The class received some merit awards for their participation in the Junior Entrepreneur Project. They worked really hard and learned lots. They all got certificates and are looking forward to a picnic in the park to celebrate their achievements.



6th Class have had a wonderful & fun final month in St Andrews! To start off the month 6th learned some essential study skills which they used to prepare themselves for their summer tests, although not the most exciting of tasks these will be very helpful as our Class of 2023 make their journey into secondary school! June also saw us perform our brilliant school play "On a Summer Holiday"! Everyone put on a magnificent show for some of the classes in the school & their parents! Everyone was astounded as to how amazing it was! 6th Class celebrated their graduation too, where they sang two beautiful songs before receiving their Yearbook & Certificate of Graduation! It was a lovely ceremony that everyone enjoyed! Finally, 6th Class have rounded off their time in St Andrews with a trip to Delphi Adventure Centre in Mayo. The children have participated in some incredible activities such as a bog obstacle course, archery tag, rock-climbing, abseiling and kayaking! It has been the perfect way to end their primary school education! 6th class will be very much missed next year & Mr Jones wishes them the very best of luck as they transition into secondary school!



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6th Class Graduation - The Class of 2023



June Assembly and Anti-Bullying Topic

This month's anti bullying topic was making new friends. Ms. Hoffman and Junior Infants led an assembly about making friends in new places like summer camps. They read the story of 'Simon sock' and sang the song 'I want to be your friend'. They talked about ways you could make new friends and to look out for others who might need a friend too.



Have a lovely summer!

The school will reopen on Wednesday 30th August