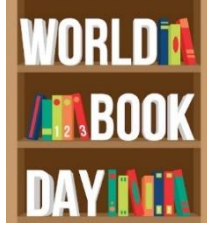




# School News March 2023



Congratulations to Yvanna Wong who was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Malahide Young Musician of the Year 2023 in the "Junior Strings" section last weekend.



## Cross Country

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Fingal Cross Country events on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



## St Patrick's Day Dress Up





### Seachtain na Gaeilge Ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge anseo i Scoil

Naomh Aindriú idir 6<sup>ú</sup>-16<sup>ú</sup> Márta. Rinne gach páiste an-iarracht an ghaeilge a labhairt go flúirseach le linn an tréimhse sin; sa rang agus i dtimpeallacht na scoile. Bhí gníomhachtaí éagsúla eagraithe ag na múinteoirí le go leor duaiseanna buaite ag na páistí. Bhain gach duine an-sult, tairbhe agus spraoi as Seachtain na Gaeilge. Ar aghaidh linn!!

We celebrated **Seachtain na Gaeilge** in St. Andrew's N.S. between 6<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March. All the children made great efforts to speak Irish in their classes and around the school. The teachers arranged lots of activities and prizes were awarded to the children. Seachtain na Gaeilge was beneficial and fun for all!!





St. Andrew's entered the annual **FAI Spar 5s competition** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March. The Fingal qualification tournament took place in Gannon Park and featured nearly 40 teams. With some high quality school teams competing it was always going to be a challenge to qualify for the next round. Our girls squad of **Nadia Phromma, Isabella Murphy, Freya Murphy, Sofia O'Connor, Alex Wallace, Sarah Miller, Katie O'Neill and Emily Grogan** had a fantastic competition and although losing their 1<sup>st</sup> game to an excellent Gaelscoil Cholmcille the girls rallied back to record an 8-0 win against St Catherine's NS and an incredible 10-0 win against St Mary's GNS. The girls showed brilliant teamwork and did the school proud!

Our boys team consisting of **Dylan Lowther, Tom Murray, Olly McQuade, Mackey Brennan, Toby Doyle, Senan O'Reilly, James Dunlop and Conor Reid** incredibly went one better. The boys played with confidence and high skill to record an 8-0 win against Castaheaney ETNS, a 6-1 win against St Catherine's NS and an 8-2 triumph over Pelletstown ETNS to finish 2nd overall on the day and claim a place in the Dublin finals! This is an absolutely brilliant achievement and they are very much looking forward to the next stage which will take place in Abbotstown in May!



Our Senior **GAA** returned to competition in March with their first game of the Fingal League. They travelled to St. Vincent's BNS in Glasnevin for their opening game. Against a very strong team they started slowly but thanks to some brilliant saves by goalkeeper **Mackey Brennan** they were able to stay in the game. They soon clicked into gear and played some brilliant football highlighted by some great points scored by **Tom Murray, Olly McQuade and Dylan Lowther**. They led by 7 points at the break and although St Vincent's put them under some great pressure their defence couldn't be broken! A goal scored by **Isabella Murphy** and a fantastic point by **Freya Murphy** rounded off the scoring in a 2-10 to 0-3 win! **Emily Grogan** was outstanding in the middle of the park and deservedly won player of the match! Their next game was at home against Balrothery NS where we continued our winning streak!



## Around The Classes



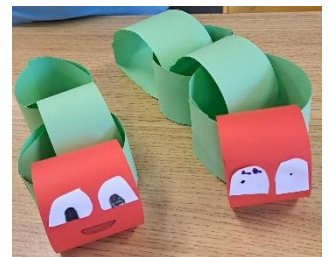
**Junior Infants** What a busy month March has been! The children enjoyed celebrating World Book day by bringing in their favourite books to show and tell about in school, they even dressed up in character. Seachatin na nGaeilge was next, when they had a week filled with activities; Listening to and performing Irish music and dance, watching a show 'as Gaeige' - 'Trioblóid sa Chaisleán' and performing some of their favourite songs and rhymes in our Irish ceolchoirm in the church! The class were full of Irish cheer just in time

for St. Patrick's day. They heard the story of how St. Patrick got rid of all the snakes in Ireland and how he told all the people in Ireland about God. The class were so kind to our boy and girl babies (dolls) who visited our class, giving them baths and taking care of them. They have been making amazing progress with reading and writing and have begun dictation activities in their copybooks! Junior Infants have been making lots more beautiful artwork, samples of which can be seen on their classroom window. They hope everyone has a lovely Easter break and



the Easter bunny brings lots of yummy treats! 🐰 🐣 🐇 🥚

**Senior Infants** have had a lovely March. There have been lots of things happening this month in their class. The children have been working hard on practising for their play they will be performing next month - The Gingerbread Man! Rebecca Gamble has been helping them to learn their lines in school and they have all been practising lots at home too! Senior Infants have enjoyed having Ms. Pigott in their class this month and have completed lots of great activities with her! They have been learning about the garden centre and spring in Play and Learn. They have worked in the garden centre, they created beautiful butterfly print art, made some mini beast playdough creations and even have watched some real caterpillars grow in the class! They are hoping they will turn into chrysalises soon! They enjoyed World Book Day and made some lovely book themed art to decorate the corridors of the school. They performed at the ceolchoirm for St Patrick's Day in the church and did a great job singing as Gaeilge! We hope everyone in Senior Infants enjoys their well-deserved Easter break!



**1<sup>st</sup>Class** enjoyed a very busy and exciting month where lots of different events were on and the St. Patrick's Day celebrations were on in the middle. Seachtain na Gaeilge was the first two weeks of the month where the children enjoyed speaking and learning about different parts of the Irish language. They also got the chance to participate in an Irish dancing class which they really enjoyed. As a whole class they performed in the church their two Irish songs for the school ceolchoirm to celebrate their love for Gaeilge. Lá glas dress up was on the Thursday then which gave the children the chance to showcase all their St. Patricks clothes before the long weekend break. In other subjects then away from Gaeilge, they enjoyed beginning their Easter



theme reading 'Brenda's Boring Egg' and making some lovely characters of the story using lollipop sticks in art. They read the story 'The Giraffe', 'The Pelly and Me' as well, as they continued reading through their collection of Roald Dahl's classic stories. In geography and science, they studied the water cycle and the children loved learning all about clouds, rain and the scientific processes and vocabulary associated with it. 1<sup>st</sup>Class have worked very hard this month and are looking forward to the Easter break.

March in **2<sup>nd</sup>Class** all revolved around the exciting and interesting theme of The Titanic. Across the curriculum, the children enjoyed exploring this topic and completed some really creative work. In English, they became news reporters, writing articles for the local paper about the tragedy as well as pretending that they were survivors from the ship and wrote letters describing that infamous night on board. In science, the theme continued with some experiments examining good materials that would not sink in order for them to design and build their own boats. 2<sup>nd</sup> Class were lucky enough to be invited by the Model railway and

Sunshine Radio to go and visit the museum, to go on a train hunt and to talk to the radio presenters! It was a lovely trip and everyone had great fun. As it was recently Mother's day, the girls and boys had a great time making hanging weavings to surprise their Mums. This activity took a lot of hard work and concentration, but it all paid off with gorgeous hangings going home in the end.



**3<sup>rd</sup>Class** have been very busy for the month of March. They had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day together. The children all dressed up as their favourite characters from books and they read stories and played quizzes testing their knowledge of some well-known authors. For St Patrick's Day, they all wore green and tried to speak cupla fócaíl throughout the day! They listened and danced to Irish music and watched a fantastic show as Gaeilge. On the 8<sup>th</sup> March, they went on a school trip to visit the National Museum of Ireland - Archaeology in Dublin. They saw some unique archaeological artefacts that were discovered from the Clontarf 1014 exhibition. The Viking ship seemed to be a firm favourite.



They also went on a 'flora and fauna scavenger hunt' in the school garden to investigate some of the insects and plants in the environment. Woodlice seemed to be the most popular find in the garden. 3<sup>rd</sup> Class have produced some fantastic works of art this month including Mother's Day's cards and leprechaun traps. At the end of the month, some of the children had the opportunity to take part in a running race at Newbridge Castle & Gardens. Everyone did so well and they all had a wonderful day together! 3<sup>rd</sup> Class will be leading the Easter assembly this year. They have been very busy preparing for this special day. They are looking forward to another fun month ahead!



**4<sup>th</sup>Class** have been very busy throughout the month of March. At the start of the month, the class celebrated World Book Day and came to school dressed in fantastic costumes! The children had great fun participating in various activities over the course of the day in which they presented their favourite books to the class and also engaged in a scavenger hunt activity related to books. In English, the children have been focusing on poetry. The class has read a range of different poems and have practised writing their own poems in

different writing styles. The children's exceptional creativity skills have shone through in their poetry with many of the poems displayed in the classroom for all to enjoy! This month, the children also celebrated St. Patrick's Day. The class had great fun discussing the story of St. Patrick and completed a comic strip of the story to recall key events. Following this, in art, the children created beautiful shamrock-themed artwork which has really helped to brighten up their classroom. Lastly, in music, the children have been focusing on Irish music. The class learned the song 'Báidín Fheilimí' and the poem 'Liathróid i bPáirc an Chróchaigh' which they performed for the whole school during Seachtain na Gaeilge. The class put in a lot of hard work and their efforts really paid off during the performance. Well done 4<sup>th</sup>Class!



**5<sup>th</sup>Class** had a really busy and enjoyable March! The month began with a really interesting 3D printing workshop in the Maker Space in Blanchardstown library. They got to grips with the software and then designed plug hole covers. It was a very interesting day. Ms. Teeling-Malone was with the class for most of the month and did lots of really fun and hands-on activities. Some of the highlights included a 'length trail' around the school to do lots of measuring, making dancing ghosts using static electricity and creating circuits. Over the month 5<sup>th</sup> Class have covered the topics of length, area, time and directed number in maths. They have been enjoying English stations with Ms. Ormsby and getting stuck into our second novel of the year 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' by Michelle Magorian. In Gaeilge the class covered éadaí, Lá Fhéile Phádraig and an tEarrach. They'll be finishing the month with a bit about Um Cháisc as well.



Their S.E.S.E. theme for the month was 'Influencers'. In history the class learned all about Daniel O'Connell and Nicholas Callan, two very influential Irish figures. In geography the class looked at some modern Irish influencers and also did some research on local influencers and made posters about them. In science they learned all about magnetism and electricity and did some great experiments to put what they learned into practice. Their Junior Entrepreneur Project has really picked up pace this month. They had a Dragon's Den style event in the middle of the month, with 5 groups presenting brilliant business ideas to the 'Dragons'. All 5 groups had really good ideas, but in the end, with the dragon's advice, the class went for 'Beaded Beasts'. So watch this space for all the information on this after the Easter holidays. The class also has a business visitor, Mr. David Halpin, coming in to tell them all about his business and give them some advice ahead of starting the class one.



Across the arts the class completed some lovely pieces, including surprise animals, animal patterns, St. Patrick's Day stained glass shamrocks and clay pinch pots with lids. They continued their great work on script reading and writing, with 'Kitty Whittington' as their inspiration this month. They wrote some really fantastic scripts! Besides all this they've really enjoyed their five weeks of swimming lessons, four weeks of basketball training and taking part in cross country, soccer and G.A.A. matches representing the school.





**6<sup>th</sup>Class** have had an action-packed month! They were very lucky to have Ms Dodds in with them for the last 3 weeks and they have learnt lots of very interesting things! In English they have begun their class novel "The Guns of Easter". This is a book set in Dublin during the Easter Rising in 1916. To help with their understanding of the book they have completed some great written work such as diary entries and newspaper articles focusing on the characters and events that they read about! They have also continued their study of Shakespeare by watching an animated version of "The Tempest"! In maths the class have focused on the topics of chance, weight and capacity. They participated in games focusing on probability, played lots of fun capacity games using water and different-sized containers and even made their own balancing scales using clothes hangers! In Gaeilge they have put a great effort into learning about the topics of "An Teilifís" and "An Aimsir".



They were able to describe and talk about their favourite TV programs and also created a short weather forecast! In SESE they have learnt all about the Easter Rising in 1916. They researched the important people who took part, looked at maps of where the events took place and even created models of important buildings such as the GPO, Liberty Hall and Kilmainham Gaol! They were also lucky enough to visit the GPO museum where they learnt some amazing facts and got to see some very interesting artefacts from the Rising!



### Chess Match

We welcomed HOLmpatrick NS to play a match. The two teams played very well and the match ended in a draw. Thank you to Tom for organising.

Our Team: **Leon Wang (captain), Peter O'Sullivan, Dylan Lowther, Mackey Brennan, Evan Finucane, Rhys Duggan, Ultan Sheridan, Sebbie Staunton Smith, Arthur Sheridan, Oliver Sheridan, Tim O'Sullivan, Oscar Ironmonger, Daniel Heffernan, Robert Duggan, Josh Brewer, Oliver Clarke and Ruadhan O'Connor.**

## March Assemblies

Ms. Sheridan led our first assembly of the month. The message was to recognise the difference between having a joke with someone and hurting someone's feelings.

Ms. Hoffman and Junior Infants led our second assembly. This assembly was all about being proud of yourself and always trying your best.

Ms. Halligan and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class led the Easter assembly in the church.

## March Anti-Bullying Topic

The difference between having a joke with someone and hurting someone's feelings.

## Cake Sale and Raffle for CHI Ireland



Have a lovely Easter Break. See you all on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## March School News – SAPA

Our next school cake sale took place today and was hosted by 6<sup>th</sup> Class in aid of the “Great Irish Bake” raising funds for Children’s Health Foundation. Huge thanks to the families of 1st Class and 5<sup>th</sup> Class for supplying all the treats and goodies.

Our next SAPA event of 2023 will see the return of the Kids Movie Night at the school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April! The kids will have a choice of 3 movies to watch and there will be popcorn and treats for everyone on the night ♦♦ Tickets will be on sale in the school yard and via Aladdin after the Easter break.

Our final event of the school year will be the annual May Fair. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and the SAPA team are already planning lots of great stalls and games to make this is a super family fun day for our school community. If you are doing any spring cleaning over the coming weeks, we’d love if you could please keep in mind we will shortly be looking for donations for the toy and book stalls, preloved school uniforms and prizes for the raffle. Thank you!

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.

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