



School News

March 2024



Soccer



Huge congratulations to our girls 5-a-side team who won all of their 6 matches in the FAI 5-a-side regional blitz. They are the North Dublin finalists and will go on to the next round to face South Dublin and Dublin Central in April.

The boys football team had two matches in March, winning one and losing one. They played St Catherine's of Rush in Gannon Park to start the league campaign and got off to a great winning start with a 2-1 win with goals from Daniel Acton and Olly McQuade. In the 2nd round of the cup however, the boys

fell short with a loss to a very strong St. Joseph's team from Fairview with the final score finishing 5-1. The boys are all really enjoying the match experiences and are excited to continue the league games after Easter.



Student Council

Our student council met to read through the class suggestion boxes, they are looking forward to shortlisting some ideas to try out in the 3rd term!



Congratulations to Yvanna Wong from 3rd Class who was awarded 2nd place in the Feis Ceoil of the Year 2024 in 'Junior Violin under 9' category.



SAPA



The annual St Andrew's Table Quiz took place on Friday 1st March in Malahide Cricket Club and it didn't disappoint! Huge thanks to SAPA's own Andrew Mulvaney for putting together another brain boggling quiz and to MC extraordinaire Karl Deeter for creating the atmosphere on the night. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this fundraising event for the school, we hope you enjoyed the night. That tie-breaker dance off will go down in history!



Dates for your diary**

Our kids Easter movie night will be on the 26th April 6-8pm. This will be the same format as the Christmas movie night and we'll send out all the details after the Easter break.

The annual school May Fair is on Saturday 25th May 1-4pm. We will have our usual games; raffle; teas, coffee and cakes; toys and books stall; BBQ and tuck shop and a few more surprises on the day! The arts and crafts market will return after last year's success and our very capable student council will also be organising a kids' craft market for our students to take part in, so there will be plenty to see, do and buy.

We will be looking for donations of toys and books so if you're having a spring clean over the Easter holidays, please keep us in mind!

Any donations of prizes for the raffle would also be greatly received. Thank you!

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! We will have a BBQ after in the Cricket Club to celebrate everyone's achievements.

For this event to take place we really need sponsorship to help with event registration, start and finish timing, advertising etc. so if you or your business is able to help bring this fantastic event to life please get in touch with your class rep.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ceiliúradh **Seachtain na Gaeilge** anseo i Scoil Naomh Aindriú idir 4^ú-15^ú 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 4th & 15th 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!!



World Book Day



St Patrick's Fun Friday!



Fingal Athletics League

Well done to all our young athletes who took part in the Fingal Athletics League; two race events took place in February and March.





It has been a bright and creative month in **Junior Infants** as the children have sprung into spring!

They enjoyed a floral start to the month as their theme for play and learn was 'The Garden Shop'. They had role-play in the garden shop, created spring gardens with loose parts and play dough, painted flowers and created beautiful 3D flower art. They then moved on to the theme of the farm. They set up a farm shop selling fresh farm produce, put

together a farm in small world, created a farm in a cutting and sticking activity and played farm lotto. They had an egg-cellent end to the month as they prepared for Easter with role play in the Easter factory, small world play and lots of Easter art and activities.



Seachtain na Gaeilge was a fun and busy couple of weeks. Play and learn was done through Irish with the theme An Fherim. They read lots of Irish stories and sang lots of Irish songs. They really enjoyed their first performance for the ceolchoirm and they did a fantastic job! 6th class taught the children some Irish dancing steps and they learned more with Mary Grimes. They got to practise their dancing when musicians Louis, Eilís, Margaret and Don came in to demonstrate some of their instruments and play traditional Irish music for the children. Bhí an spraoi agus craic acu go léir!



Senior Infants had a lovely March. They did lots to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge and Senior Infants did a super performance at our ceolchoirm last week. The children made such an effort speaking as Gaeilge and won lots of prizes in the classroom for doing so! The children loved their visit from a traditional Irish music band (led by Ms. Fisher's parents!) and doing their Irish dancing lesson with Mary Grimes. The class also celebrated World Book Day. The children had their first 'reading buddies' with 5th class where they chatted about their excellent costumes, their favourite books and the older children read to them. The



class had an exciting visit from Mouse from OWLS, who brought in a real life frog, newt and tadpoles for the class to see! They had been learning about the life cycle of the frog so this was the perfect way to finish it off! Senior Infants have been working really hard on their practice for their show 'The Three Little Pigs', which they were really excited to perform for an audience! Well done to them all for all their amazing practice and effort they put into it! They deserve a well-earned rest over the Easter holidays.



1st Class have had a lovely month of March, with lots of exciting events to keep them busy! In English they have really enjoyed studying the class novel of 'The Twits', learning how to use adjectives to describe Mr and Mrs Twit, as well as coming up with their own ideas for tricks the two of them could play on each other! They continued with their topic of play, experimenting with bouncing balls in science as well as designing their own playgrounds. In maths they looked at length, using non-standard measures such as cubes and our hand spans to measure items, as well as using the standard measure of a metre stick. They really enjoyed measuring things around the classroom and the rest of the school. As well as all this, they loved making tissue paper bouquets for Mother's Day, and making bunny prints for Easter. This month saw us celebrating Seachtain Na Gaeilge: with Irish dancing, watching a show as Gaeilge, listening to a music performance, as well as 1st class singing a song and performing a poem in church. They were absolutely fantastic! The class loved learning The Walls of Limerick in PE, and making some great shamrock art. World Book Day was also a great success in 1st class, with some brilliant costumes, fantastic books to share with the class and some fun themed work for the day! A very fun month!



March in **2nd Class** has been filled with a huge amount of spraoi, craic agus ceol. Seachtain na Gaeilge brought our beautiful Irish language to the forefront of the month. The children worked hard to use their Nath na Seachtain gach lá and we were visited by so many incredible guests from the Irish language theatre company performing An Cailleach Santach, the incredible Irish dance teacher and the wonderful pipe band. They even performed at our very own ceolchoirm in St. Andrew's Church. In maths we have been learning all about length, weight and time. English classes have been incorporated all around the theme of spring and the children have been writing beautiful poetry and stories with this in mind.



They celebrated World Book Day by dressing up and the class shared all of their own stories to other classes. They learnt all about the life of St. Patrick in religion and we delved into Greek mythology too learning all about Persophene the Greek Goddess of Spring. Staying on the theme of myths and legends we delved into the Irish legends, The children of Lir and The Salmon of knowledge. In science the class have been learning all about animals and their habitats. It's been a busy month and the class have been working so hard they absolutely deserve to rest up over the Easter break and eat all those yummy Easter eggs. Happy Easter all!





3rd 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 our knowledge of some well-known authors. The class also had the opportunity to visit Malahide library.



They met one of the librarians who showed them around the children's section and shared some of her favourite books with them! For St. Patrick's Day, the class all wore green and tried to speak as much cupla fócaíl throughout the day! They listened and danced to Irish music and watched a fantastic show as Gaeilge. 3rd class have also produced some fantastic works of art this month including Mother's Day cards and spring flowers. As part of STEM, the children created their very own leprechaun traps. Everyone did a fantastic job using an array of different recyclable materials. Tinfoil and glitter seemed to be a popular choice for all. With Easter fast approaching, 3rd class are looking forward to creating some more memories together as a class.

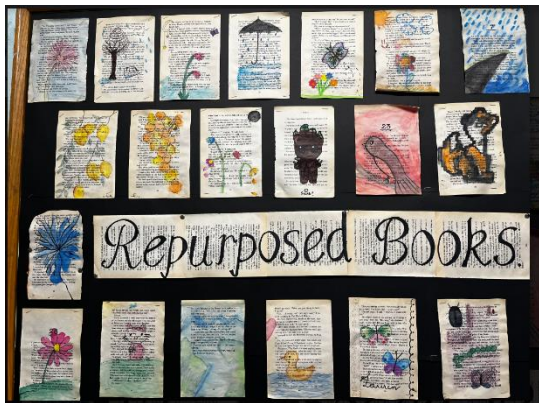


4th Class achieved a lot in the month of March with lots of things going on both inside and outside the classroom. They focused on decimals and money in maths, with a particular focus on being able to add and subtract different amounts of money and seek the right change in return. In Gaeilge, Naomh Pádhraig was a big focus with all the celebrations going on. They linked this to geography and history learning more about the story and timeline of St Patrick. In music, they performed two Irish songs as part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge theme, learning Beidh aonach amárach and Peigín Leitir Móir. Easter preparations were also on their minds this month, looking at how Easter is celebrated around the world and creating different pieces of Easter themed art such as egg baskets. In P.E, 4th class loved playing and participating in dodgeball, athletics, soccer and Irish dancing.





5th Class marked the beginning of spring with some lovely "springy" art. They also enjoyed some visits from some really interesting and fun guests! A member of the Malahide pipe band visited the school to teach the children about the various instruments used in the band. The class heard a demonstration and got to try some of the drums themselves. 5th class also took part in an Irish dancing lesson and had so much fun practising their moves. As part of the World Book Day celebrations, 5th class were visited by the Irish children's author Sarah Webb and her visit was one of the highlights of the month. She chatted with the children about how she began writing, as well as the methods she uses when planning, researching and writing her novels. The school have been given a class set of Sarah's novel "The Little Bee Charmer of Henrietta Street" and 5th class began reading it this month. In Irish, the children learned two songs for Seachtain na Gaeilge and performed them at the school concert. They gave an outstanding performance!



What a packed few weeks **6th Class** had! They completed and presented wonderful projects on cities of the world. In Science they got hands on with eggs, learned about their composition and did some egg painting in art. Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated through dance, story and song with 6th class teaching Junior Infants the 'Military 2 step' dance and practising their own reel with a teacher from Mary Grimes Dance school. They did a wonderful performance of 'Oro se do beatha bhaile' and 'Amhráin na



gCupán' for the Ceolcoirm and really enjoyed the visiting show 'An Cailleach Santach'. For World Book Day the class really embraced the dress up as a character from a book idea and enjoyed reading to their buddies in 1st class. They also created beautiful artwork from old books. They finished the class novel 'The Guns of Easter' and took a trip into 14 Henrietta Street tenement museum to see the development of tenement houses in Dublin throughout the 1900's.



Assemblies

Ms. Malone led our March assembly. It was all about how to be a good friend.

March Anti - Bullying Topic

Our March anti-bullying topic was about how we can not disguise being mean as a joke. It is only a joke if it is funny for everyone. We cannot hurt a person's feelings and then say 'I was only joking!'. We need to think about what we say first.

