

School News

October 2024



Student Council

Student Council elections were held for pupils in 2nd - 6th class. The candidates made impressive speeches and manifestos and Ms. Hoffman will be announcing the elected candidates after mid-term!



*Elections take place:
Mon 21st October – Friday 25th October
(2nd - 6th Class)*

Message from SAPA

We can't believe how quickly time has passed over the past few months as we are already heading into the mid-term break. Before we do though we'd firstly like to say a big thank you to the parents of children in 2nd and 5th class who were able to send in cakes today for our first cake sale of the year. There were certainly some great looking treats on show earlier at school!

We also hope that the children are looking forward to the Halloween Disco tonight. We'll have plenty of prizes to give out for the best fancy dress costumes, pumpkins brought in as well as for games on the night too. We'll also have tuck shops selling plenty of goodies!

When we are back in November the Sapa team will turn its attention to a new event, a parents' disco on the evening of Friday 29th November at the Malahide Cricket Club. We've had plenty of requests for Sapa to run some parent only nights so we are delighted to oblige. More to follow on this in November through Aladdin/class WhatsApp groups and we hope to see as many parents there as we can!

Happy Halloween from everyone in the St Andrew's Parent's Association

Message from St. Andrew's Parish



CHURCH KIDS' CLUB CORNER



The next kids' Club will take place **on Sunday November 3rd**. We will be learning all about Saint Andrew with a special nod to the school's 200-year celebration.



Lynn Harley is organising a Skating Outing through the Parish for past pupils in secondary school. If you have a teenage child that would like to attend this outing on **Friday Nov 29th** please do get in touch with Lynn on 087 975 0201. It promises to be a great night for all!

Kids' Club WhatsApp Group

If you haven't done so already, please feel free to join the Kids Club WhatsApp Group to keep in touch with kids' parish activities and Sunday Kids' Club throughout the year.



Children who led the Harvest Service in Church. Photo used with permission.

October Fun Friday & Halloween Dress Up







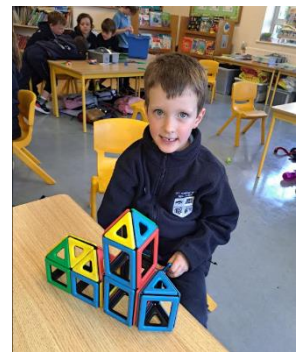
Cake Sale



Junior Infants have had a busy, fun-filled October. They have been learning all about autumn and hibernation. They explored what animals do in preparation for hibernation, made homes for hibernating animals and made clay hedgehogs. They read the story 'The Leaf Thief' and made the squirrel from the story using a combination of drawing, painting, printing and leaf rubbing. They have also had a spook-tacular time preparing for Halloween. They enjoyed role-play in the potion shop, making their own potions, doing Halloween art and making haunted houses and Halloween scenes. They have been learning all about school and Halloween in Irish and have been exploring shapes and the number 3 in maths. They finished the month off with a teddy bear day which they earned by filling the class reward jar with stars for their great kindness and hard work. The children and teddies had a great day celebrating!



Senior Infants enjoyed the month of October! This month the children learned about autumn and Halloween in play and learn. The children learned about different types of trees and did some rubbings of leaves from trees nearby. They made habitats for woodland animals and played with the haunted house in small world. The children made some beautiful Halloween silhouette art and hanging handprint spider art too. The children learned all about the story of the number 6 and about length in maths this month. They also learned new tricky words and double letter words. They came up with some recipes for spooky spells and wrote them in cauldrons. They had another great visit from Mouse from Owls which they really enjoyed. We are looking forward to November!



1st Class have had a brilliant month of October. They did a fantastic assembly, they worked so hard to learn their lines and I was so proud of how loudly they spoke them, and the amazing singing they did! They have continued their really hard work in English, working hard to make their sentences more interesting, as well as remembering to use their capital letters and full stops! They have been looking at the story 'Don't Hog the Hedge', where Hattie the hedgehog is preparing for hibernation. The children worked hard on retelling the story as well as thinking of adjectives to describe Hattie and writing about the feelings and emotions of the different characters. In maths, the class have been working on place value, as well as on 2D shapes and their properties and they have been revising the fraction of half. As Gaeilge, we have been focusing on the topic 'An Scoil', and looking at stories and vocabulary around 'Oíche Shamhna'. In addition to all this, the children have really enjoyed learning about India, before turning their attention to autumn and learning all about the history of Halloween. They also produced some fantastic spooky bat art! I hope you all have a lovely mid-term, and well done to all of the children for their hard work since September!



October has been a really busy month for us here in **2nd Class**. The class have been so fortunate to have Sean from Daly Exercise in every week for PE. The children have been so enthusiastic and the coach even commented on the excellent behaviour and good manners amongst our group. The class have been focusing on the autumn theme this month and working hard creating beautiful autumn art using colour mixing, finger painting and paint brush dabbing. They have also enjoyed being creative with their Halloween decorations this year creating chalk art and junk art. In Gaeilge, they have been concentrating on the topics 'Ar Scoil' agus 'Oíche Shamhna'. Working particularly hard on their writing and reading in Gaeilge. In English, they have been



having fun with Mr. and Mrs. Twit listing all the yucky things that you might find in Mr. Twit's beard. They have explored creative writing and procedural writing. The class have excelled in maths this month, they have been doing a huge amount of pair work and group work with place value, 2D shapes and rounding. In SESE, they have been learning about native Irish trees and having very interesting conversations about places to visit in Ireland. This led the class to explore The Giant's Causeway and sparked fun conversations about Fionn MacCumhaill and The Scottish Giant. 2nd class are continuing to explore and express themselves with a great attitude, enthusiasm and positivity. Their anti-bullying topic this month focused on conflict resolution. The class talked a lot about how to handle different situations, what to do if someone annoys you and how to avoid conflict. Second class are so excited for Halloween and



are looking forward to seeing what November has to offer. Stay safe over the break and see you soon.



3rd Class have been very busy for the month of October. They have been learning all about Fairtrade and the importance of choosing products that support farmers around the world. They designed their very own chocolate bars and created slogans to advocate for the cause. 3rd class have also been making great progress with their STEPS engineering project. Each group have generated some fantastic ideas and are now very excited to start creating some designs for their chosen product. With Halloween just around the corner, the class have been listening to different types of Halloween music and comparing the instruments used in each of the songs. They created "spooky zombies" using coloured card, tissue paper and a collection of oil pastels. They have displayed them around the classroom adding to our decorations. In English, they have been learning about "procedural writing" and have created spooky spells and recipes which have been a wonderful addition to the 3rd class Halloween display. Using a few key ingredients, they created their very own bubbly potions in the school garden. 3rd class are all so excited for their Halloween party on Friday and are looking forward to seeing everyone dress-up in their costumes. I hope everyone in 3rd Class has a lovely midterm break! See you soon!



4th Class enjoyed a spooky month of Halloween October fun getting ready for all the celebrations and trick or treating activities. In Gaeilge, they learned about all things Oíche Shamhna as well as reading some short stories and poems. In maths, the class focused on the clock and telling the time. They also looked at patterns and angles such as acute and obtuse angles. In SESE, they looked at Irish wildlife with a particular study on Irish native species and plants. They also looked at the history and geography behind where Halloween came from and how it is celebrated around the world. In P.E, the class finished our swimming programme and Daly Exercise classes for this term. They participated really well and progressed very nicely in the swimming especially. In SPHE, conflict resolution was the anti-bullying theme this month, with the children focusing on ways they can actively resolve problems or conflict they might have in class or outside school in environments such as sports teams or with friends. In art, for Halloween they created different Jack O'Lanterns with pumpkins, ghosts and Frankenstein designs. They also drew scary Halloween scarecrows.

4th class finished the month hosting a whole school assembly with Halloween safety being our topic of discussion. The children sang a Halloween song about how to stay safe at Halloween whilst also performing two short dramas for the school on trick or treating safety and safety around bonfires.



"The World of Water" and all things spooky were the two main themes of October in **5th Class**. The class learned about the life and exploration of Christopher Columbus in history, as well as researching rivers, oceans, sea animals and plant life in geography and science. The class compiled their research into their first reports of the year and created eBooks on the iPads about rivers of their choice. In art, the children designed and made some really impressive clay monsters using the pinch pot method. They also took part in a combined art and literacy project that required them to write an estate agent advertisement for a haunted house. The art work that the children did to accompany the written work was very striking! 5th class created spooky "Mummy Eyes" art, invented magic potion recipes, and sewed some felt pumpkins.



October was a packed month for **6th Class**! They are making great progress with their running training for 'Marathon kids', completing their sessions in the yard and in Malahide Castle park. In maths, they focused on ratios and fractions and also enjoyed a Maths Week zoom quiz to celebrate Maths Week. In history, they have been learning about the causes and main events of WW2 and read extracts from 'The Diary of Anne Frank' and the novel 'When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit'. In art, they created spooky portraits with charcoal in the style of Tim Burton. In SPHE, they explored the idea of 'Thinking Traps', how sometimes we can fall into negative habits of 'catastrophising' or 'mind reading' leading to unreasonable thinking and stress. They listened to and sang the Phil Collins song 'Another Day in Paradise' which led to a discussion on homelessness. Ms. Hoffman and the class are looking forward to a well-earned rest over mid-term!



Assemblies

Ms. Poyser and 1st Class led our first assembly this month. They did a great job giving us advice on how to solve arguments and deal with people who are not acting kindly. They all spoke really well and sang a lovely song for us.

Mr. Blake and 4th Class led our second assembly. They taught us all about staying safe at Halloween. They got their message across very well and they performed a song with actions.

October Anti-Bullying Topic

Our October anti-bullying topic was conflict resolution. All the classes discussed ways to solve conflict and how to deal with someone who is upsetting or annoying us.

