

# School News

January 2024



Congratulations to Lily Bennett from 4th Class who has been selected for the U11 Metropolitan Girls League Academy. Lily plays for Malahide United and is one of three girls selected for the squad from Malahide. Great to see girls' football growing in popularity within the community!



## SAPA

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and has settled into the New Year. We can't believe it's the end of January already!

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone that supported and helped out at the Christmas Coffee Morning on the last day of term. It was great to see so many parents join us for a cuppa and some festive cheer.

The morning was a great success, and we raised €632 on the day for Charity. We sent a total donation of €750 to Barretstown this week.

We would also like to say a special thanks to Salome Enslin Aucamp for baking yet another fabulous cake for our raffle on the morning.

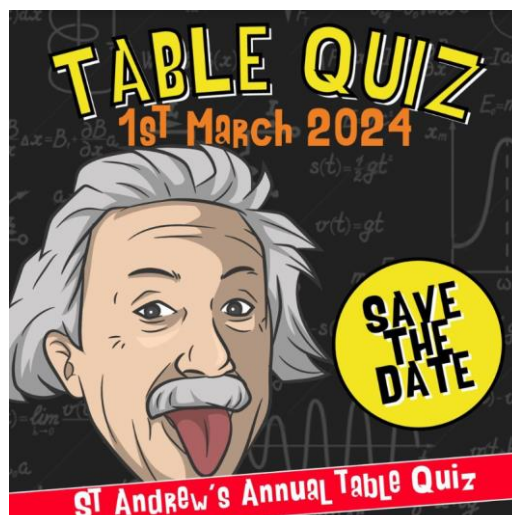
Now moving on to this year, we have lots of fun events planned for kids and parents alike, so please keep a note for your diary.

The School Table Quiz will make an eagerly anticipated return on the 1st MARCH. The quiz this year will be held at the Malahide Cricket Club. Further details to follow.

The remaining dates for the Class Cake Sales are as follows:

- 2nd & 4th Class - 23rd February
- 1st & 6th Class - 22nd March (in aid of the Great Irish Bake 2024)

We will also be announcing the dates for an Easter Movie Night, the Annual May Fair and the return of the St. Andrew's Fun Run in the coming weeks. There are lots to look forward to as we head into Spring.



# Funky Feet



## 5<sup>th</sup> Class Advertising Projects



## Around The Classes



**Junior Infants** have had a rocketing start to 2024. They have been learning all about the theme 'space' this month. In Play and Learn they learned about astronauts and space shuttles. They made rockets with magnetic tiles and with toilet rolls and they acted out a rocket launch in small world. The following week they set up a space station in the classroom and conducted experiments in the role play zone. They made their own moon sand using flour and oil and had

great fun playing with the toy astronauts in the sand. They learned all about the different planets and created their own solar system in the art zone. They then moved on to the theme of 'space travel agents' where they sold holidays to different planets. In the discovery zone they explored the difference between night and day and used light to create their own shadows. They even enjoyed a game of light tag! In maths they explored 3D shapes and the story of the number 3. They have been doing amazing addition and making patterns. In Irish they learned all about 'an aimsir' and are loving doing their daily calendar and weather through Irish.



**Senior Infants** have had a super start to 2024. They have been learning about wild animals



and the zoo in Play and Learn. The children have created some lovely animal artwork, built homes for the animals and have learned about their habitats. The children have continued learning new tricky words and have learned some new diagraphs this month. In maths, they continued with their numbers, learning the number 8 and also starting to learn about 3D shapes. The class also have learned lots about sport this month, finding out how it affects their body and

learning about the Olympic Games! The children worked very hard with Ms. Jeffrey and Ms. Malone to make wonderful bird feeders. They had a visit from 'Mouse' from Owls who taught the children how to identify Irish birds. There will be lots of bird watching in gardens at home now!





January in **1st Class** has been a busy month! After a lovely break the class began their new year, rocking into 2024 with some fantastic art, making guitars! They made some great classroom promises and their own New Year's resolutions. The theme of the month has been the theme of toys and play. They have looked at toys throughout the years and had great fun looking at toys from the past and how they are different from the toys we play with nowadays.

During the very cold week, they examined how things keep us warm. They did a science experiment using butter to act as insulation and keep our fingers warm as we dipped them into icy water!

In maths, the class have been doing a lot of work on money, working with all the different coins and working out how much change they would get from buying different things in the shops.

In English, the class kept with the toy theme and examined the book "I love you Blue Kangaroo". They looked at how all the characters were feeling at different stages during the story. They sequenced the story and wrote about a toy that we would add to the story as a new character.

The class also kept to this theme during Gaeilge lessons, focusing on "Caitheamh aimsire!". It has been a very busy but fun month!



**Second Class** have jumped into the new year full of enthusiasm and excitement.

They spent their first week back chatting all things sport. Learning about the history of The GAA, playing hockey and rugby in PE, focusing on Caitheamh Aimsire in Gaeilge and chatting all about the upcoming Paralympics in 2024. In maths they searched the school for 3D shapes identifying as many as they could and they have had a huge amount of fun learning all about adding and subtracting money (everybody wants to buy from "The Chuckle Brothers Pritt Stick Shop"). They read Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown in English class and are having a lot of fun imagining what it would be like

to be as flat as Stanley and all the places they would go. They explored land art by Andy Goldsmith and tried their hand at sponge painting inspired by Claude Monet. The class began learning all about The Titanic. They read a book called "If you were a kid aboard the Titanic" by Josh Gregory. This prompted interesting discussions about the different classes aboard The

Titanic. The children wrote fantastic diary entries from the perspective of a child survivor and the results were super. Congratulations to Leah and Emma for taking part in the Irish dancing Dublin Championships and to Leah for coming third. The class were so lucky to go to see Frozen at Malahide Community school. It was a great day out for all. Looking forward to welcoming the month of February and all that lies in store.



There have been lots of activities happening in **3rd Class** since they've been back from their Christmas break. The children created some lovely pieces of art to celebrate the new year. They also added a few goals that they would like to achieve by the end of 2024. They have been learning all about electricity in science. They will be creating their own electrical circuits soon but have already explored the properties of static electricity by simply rubbing a balloon against their woolly jumpers. There was lots of excitement in the classroom when the charged-up balloon was brought near their hair!

The class are currently looking at the explanation genre in literacy. They have been exposed to lots of different articles and videos providing facts on a variety of topics. The children have chosen their research question to find facts on and present to the class. Finally, we were invited to watch transition year's show "Frozen" in Malahide Community School. The class really enjoyed the show, especially cheering on some of their 4th year friends who have helped the class as part of School Link this year.



**4th Class** enjoyed their first few weeks back in school after the winter break. They completed lots of great work and took on plenty of new topics and interests across the curriculum. In maths we focused on fractions and making graphs using data and statistics. The students especially loved the graphs as they could personalise them and survey what they found interesting. In English they had literacy stations each morning where the students worked on their comprehension, grammar and reading skills in small groups. Gaeilge lessons had a focal point of the "seomra ranga" and learning more about our "trealamh scoile" (school supplies). In art and SESE the class focused a lot on the Normans and how their invasion into Ireland had a massive impact on our culture as they changed how we farm more efficiently along with building villages, towns and castles with more craftsmanship. The children enjoyed creating Norman motte and bailey formations as well in art out of clay and painting them afterward. In P.E, the class have started rugby in the hall which the children have really dived into, learning lots of new passing and dribbling techniques. In SPHE, the focal point of their studies was based on kindness and how we can be more kind, generous and thoughtful both in school and at home. The children completed some lovely tasks outlining these important values and have worked hard to incorporate them into daily classroom and schoolyard practice.



**5th Class** have had a very busy start to the new year so far. They learned about lines and angles in maths and practised drawing different types of angles using their maths sets. Before Christmas, 5th class learned about advertising and the techniques used to convince people to buy a product. They put these techniques into practice by developing their own breakfast cereals and producing posters and videos to accompany their cereal. The groups did an excellent job! 5th class learned about Italy and The Renaissance in geography and history.

They worked in groups to produce projects on both of these topics. In art 5th class learned about the work of Pablo Picasso and the artistic movement of

Cubism. The children created their own cubist designs of the night sky. They also learned about the work of The Renaissance artist Michelangelo, focusing on The Sistine Chapel. The class had fun exploring what it would have been like for him painting the vast ceiling of the chapel while lying on his back.

The children all agreed that it would have been very difficult!!



**6th Class** started off the new year with a focus on fitness. Ms Hoffman conducted a "beep test" with the class with a view to improving fitness and running ability, working towards completing a junior Parkrun together in February. The class began another module of swimming and are trying out some rugby sessions with Dan our Leinster rugby coach.

6th class began the novel "The Guns of Easter" which covers many historical themes such as 1916, World War One & explores the socioeconomic situation of Dublin at

the time. They explored the idea of symbolism in the novel and created impressive clay clocks in art. They also drew beautiful Polar Bears which were inspired by the work of Sandra Diekmann.

In SPHE they explored how to be an Upstander and led an assembly on the topic. They also reflected on their personal values and made values trees. They've worked incredibly hard in Gaelige grammar and maths in preparation for entrance exams that are happening this month for many pupils. They're also looking forward to beginning some projects on cities around the world which we'll update you on in February!



## Assemblies

Ms. McElhinney led our first assembly in January. It was all about kindness and how we should treat each other.

Ms. Hoffman and 6th Class led our 2nd assembly. It was about being an upstander. If you see someone being treated badly you can:

1. Tell an adult
2. Stand with the person being treated badly, be their friend
3. Stand up to the person behaving badly.



## January Anti-Bullying Topic

Our anti-bullying topic for January was all about being an upstander not a bystander!

