

School News

End of Year 2024



Summer Themed Non-Uniform Day & Ice Cream Surprise



Short Story Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the competition. This year's competition was judged again by Adrian Scott who was very impressed with the creativity and high standard of writing across all classes.

Congratulations to our winners:

The Winner is: **Borrow Your Sorrow** by Eva Peiu, 6th Class

Runner Up: **Spellbound** by Elena Hoffman, 5th Class

Equal Third: **Spider-Man and the Unknown King** by Charlie Nagle, Quade Calder and George Given, 5th Class

Lilly's Birthday by Megan Hoffman, 1st Class

Malahide Chamber of Commerce Primary School Art Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the Malahide Chamber of Commerce art competition. The judges were very impressed by the standard of artwork they received from St. Andrews! Congratulations to all our prize winners, especially Cian Mulvany in Senior Infants who was the Overall Winner across all Malahide schools for 2024.

Prize Winners:

Evie Molan - Junior Infants
Cian Mulvany - Senior Infants
Logan Keegan - 1st Class
Emma Heffernan - 2nd Class
Isla O'Halloran - 3rd Class
Arthur Sheridan - 4th Class
Jaza Raheel - 5th Class
Lilia Lane - 5th Class
Orlaith Amituhu - 6th Class
Lauren Clarke - 6th Class



SAPA

It really is hard to believe another school year is over. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support without which we wouldn't have such successful events.

I would also like to thank our class reps from this year:

Junior Infants - Emma Wilson

Senior Infants - Nadine Murray

1st class - Audrey Bannon

2nd class - Theonette Robertson & Kate Bennett

3rd class - Eoghan Crawford

4th class - Nikki Moore

5th - Janine Clarke & Suzanne Thornhill-Murphy

6th - Jenny McQuade & Gillian Whelan

Our 2024 Fun Run is scheduled for Sunday 15th September, more details to follow in the new school year.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone on SAPA, for the hard work and dedication that has been given throughout the year.

We hope everyone has a super summer and see you all in September.

Heather & Jacqui

Gardening Club



Gardening Club this year has proved to be as rewarding as ever. Ms. Duffy and I along with Noelle in 6th class have worked with the children to complete a variety of projects. We aim to keep the front of the school looking tidy and colourful; planting bulbs for spring and filling the window boxes with annuals to be enjoyed by school goers and passers-by alike. We propagated lots of indoor plants and herbs for the May fair and some of the Gardening

Club children were in charge of selling. On cold wet days we made bird feeders to attract birds to our gardens. The most exciting session is yet to come. On the second last day of term we shall be harvesting our vegetables - onions, garlic and potatoes. All going well there will be plenty for dinner!

Thanks as always to Ms. Duffy for her time and patience, to Nigel for watering the planters when school is closed and to Noelle who was a tremendous help to the younger children.

Have a wonderful summer,
Helena Jeffrey



Green Schools Committee

Earlier this year, St. Andrew's re-entered the Green Schools programme. Lots of boys and girls from 2nd to 5th class submitted excellent written applications to be selected for the Green Schools Committee. 12 children were chosen by Ms. Gillen and their teachers.

Congratulations to Sam Styles, Liam Flynn, Emily Poyser, Marcella Jepsen-Jones, Henry Moody, Isla O'Halloran, Izzy Lamont, Peter Shihoff, Sofina Van Meurs, Bernard Aucamp, Rachel Thornes, and Felicity McAllister who will be working very hard next year to earn our Litter and Waste flag.



House Points

Well done to all the children who displayed excellent behaviours to earn house points for their teams. Congratulations to the **red** team who collected the most house points throughout the year!

Ms. Ormsby



After 25 years, on Friday 28th June we will say farewell to our wonderful deputy principal Ms. Ormsby.

We thank Ms. Ormsby for all she has done for the children of St. Andrew's over her time here and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Her wonderful card above was designed and made by past pupil Alex Brackfield.

Assemblies

Our last assembly of the year was dedicated to Ms. Ormsby. The children recited speeches and poems they had written about the impact Ms. Ormsby has made and sang songs.

Jacqui from SAPA made a presentation to Ms. Ormsby on behalf of all parents and children.



Around the Classes

June has been a fun and active month in **Junior Infants**. The children enjoyed the summer fun day at the beginning of the month and were very excited by the visit of the ice cream van! Our final theme in play and learn was 'Pirates'. The children creatively and enthusiastically took on the role of pirates in the role play and small world zones, made pirate ships out of junk art and searched for treasure. In maths, they learned all about money and can now add 1c, 2c and 5c coins. The children put on a songs and rhymes show for their parents and did an amazing job! They had a fun morning in Malahide Castle with 2nd class where they had a teddy bears picnic. They danced and played with their teddies and had a great time! The highlight of the month for the children was their school tour to Newgrange Farm. They saw lots of animals and got to feed the lambs and the ducks. There was sand and water play and they searched for each other in the maze. Their favourite part of



the trip was the tractor ride through the fields where they saw the Three Little Bears' house and even spotted Daddy Bear himself! All the children in Junior Infants have had an excellent first year of school. They have worked so hard and made lots of new friends. I am so proud of them all and hope they have lots of fun over the summer holidays!



Senior Infants had a great last month of school. The children had lots of fun! We learned about money in maths and have been practising recognising and using coins! They had to use their money wisely and choose what items they could buy from the shop! Senior Infants had a teddy bear's picnic with their reading buddies from 5th class. We did lots of nice artwork, including some

clay monsters which turned out so well. The class enjoyed reading outside and doing a minibeast hunt in the garden. The class went on their school tour to Newgrange Farm. They had an amazing day where they petted animals, fed baby lambs, went on a tractor ride and more! We had so much fun. It will be sad to leave Senior Infants behind but the children are looking forward to 1st class. I hope everyone enjoys their well-earned summer break!





We have had a super final month in **1st Class**, which included our fun filled trip to Lullymore Heritage Park. We enjoyed learning a lot about life in the past in Ireland and the types of homes that the people used to live in and the farms that they used to work. We met lots of the local animals, took a train ride and burned off all our energy in the indoor and outdoor adventure playgrounds. It was so interesting to see a real life bog having studied the Bog Baby story! On our return to school, we created our own bog baby habitats



using shoe boxes and foliage we collected from the school garden. We finished off the topic by making little clay animals to live in our bogs.

We moved on to working on another story called "The Deep Dark Wood" and got stuck into some great literacy lessons on sequencing stories, writing descriptive settings and instruction writing. In maths, we progressed to trickier addition and subtraction work, and investigated the topic of capacity. In PE, we had a lot of fun learning new invasion games and enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic with our buddies from 6th class who we are going to miss a lot when they leave to go to secondary school. What a year, and how quickly did it fly by?! As they say, time flies when you're having fun and we certainly did have so much fun!



June started in **2nd Class** with our school tour to Lullymore Heritage Park and Nature Reserve in County Kildare. We were so lucky to learn so much about Irish homes and life during the famine.



We made a special wish to the fairies, explored the playground and rode the train. In English our class have been reading "Bog Baby" by Jeanna Willis and Gwen Millward. We created our very own bog babies out of clay and went outdoors to create a habitat for them. In maths and Gaeilge we have been going through all we have learnt this year and practising all of our new skills, vocab and concepts in preparation for 3rd class. We took part in a STEAM workshop and learnt all about robots and the importance of never giving up. The class worked with I-Pads this month. Using an app called Scratch we were able to code and programme our own video game characters. We learnt all

about space in science and created bright rockets ships using chalk and colour. Swimming and tennis kept us very busy this month. We started a project called "Teach the Teacher" and the class have been wonderfully brave and creative in their ideas and presentations. Super lessons on cricket, Irish Dancing, robots, recycling, plants, Liverpool F.C., mouse deer, box making and origami. Congratulations to our Green School Representatives from 2nd class, Sam Styles, Emily Poyser and Liam Flynn. Well done to the whole class on completing an incredibly busy and exciting year. It has been the greatest pleasure teaching you all. I wish you a very happy summer and wish you all the very best in 3rd class. YOU DID IT! WOOHOO! x



3rd Class have been busy doing lots of fun activities 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, hurling, rugby, snorkelling, cricket, scouts and much more. I learnt so much! We also had our school tour to Clara Lara at the end of May. The fun park offered so many activities including, go-karts, mini-golf, kayaking, rowing boats and a water slide that seemed to be a firm favourite for all. Keeping with our theme of "summer", 3rd 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. To celebrate the last few weeks together, we have created a "countdown to summer" where we pop a balloon every day that reveals a fun activity. We have already had the



chance to play games outside, write with a pen, change seats, play a Kahoot quiz and enjoy a teddy bear picnic in the park. This week, we will be tidying our classroom but also making sure to carve out some special time to spend with our friends before we break for the summer. 3rd 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 finished off the year very strongly with lots of great experiences and activities in the fine weather. The 3 core subjects were all tidied up to complete the year, and the children really enjoyed summarising some of the different key themes throughout June.



In SESE, we studied all things summer, especially the wildlife we see around our community and in our gardens. The students took a particular interest in learning more about some of the garden birds we see each summer nesting all around us. In PE, there were a host of different activities played such as tennis, cricket rounders and athletics. The students were also treated in June to a STEAM workshop where they discussed robots and all things technology and science. It was great to see the children so interested and engaged in the future technology. The ice cream van came to the school as well, on the same day as our summer themed non-uniform day.



Overall, the children had a super year, where they put great efforts into their studies. They enjoyed plenty of new experiences while also developing and improving on some established skills. They are very much looking forward to the summer and I want to wish everyone a lovely, safe summer break.



5th Class are really ending the year on a high! They have had such a fun and busy June. Firstly, the ice cream van arrived and everyone enjoyed a 99. The weather was a bit chilly but that didn't dampen the children's spirits. The class also had visitors from STEAM Academy where they learned a little bit about robotics. The dancing robot dog was the highlight of the visit. On the 13th June, 5th class took a trip on the DART into The National Gallery of Ireland. They took the "Highlights Tour" and got to see paintings by Vermeer, Jack B. Yeats as well as some beautiful works of stained glass. 5th class took part in a cycling workshop where they learned the rules of the road for cyclists and finished their lessons with a road cycle in Malahide. In art, the children made tie dyed t-shirts and the results were very cool. Finally, 5th class had a teddy bears picnic in the classroom with their senior infant reading buddies. The weather was a bit dull and damp for a trip to the castle so the children coloured, drew pictures, did word searches and watched Moana.



6th Class have had a packed final month! They put on an amazing performance of the show 'Let Loose' for the school and their parents. It was a wonderful display of acting and singing by all and they celebrated their efforts with a pizza and ice cream party the next day!

The next performance was to mark their graduation, they composed a wonderful poem about growing up, read personal speeches and sang uplifting songs for their parents and families. 6th class were also charged to lead the end of year assembly in the church on the last day when they gave some advice to the younger members on how to embrace their time in school. They had a final few get-togethers with their 1st class buddies with a movie session and teddy bear picnic in the park! We can't believe their time in St. Andrews has come to an end. They have done themselves proud and we wish them the very best in their onward journey to secondary school.



June Anti-Bullying Topic

This month's anti-bullying topic was about making new friends. Classes discussed how you can make new friends over the summer in new places like summer camps, on holidays etc. and how to look out for others who might need a friend too.

