



# School News

September 2022



Welcome back everyone. A very special welcome to our new **Junior Infants Class 2022**.



## New Books

We received a book grant from the Department of Education to update our class libraries.

The teachers and pupils compiled wish lists and here are some of the wonderful new additions to our class libraries. Happy reading everyone!



## Anti-bullying topic for September.

We are all different, we are all special is the anti-bullying topic for this month. 3<sup>rd</sup> Class presented a lovely assembly on this theme and each teacher discussed it with their class.

## Our GAA Team

**Evan Finucane, Olly McQuade, Noelle Quinn, Tara Eason, Ben Allen, Toby Doyle, Mitya Moore, Senan O'Reilly, Sarah Miller, Dylan Lowther, Tom Murray, Conor Reid, Mackey Brennan, Katie O'Toole, Matthew Toner, Freya Murphy, Peter O'Sullivan, Emily Grogan, Alex Wallace, Isabella Murphy, Rory Smyth, James Dunlop, Sofia O'Connor, Orlaith Amituhu, Rhys Duggan, and Allie Harley.**

St. Andrews N.S. have made a great start to the season in the Cumann na mBunscol competition. Playing in the Corn Nagle we have been drawn in a very competitive group. In our first game against St Malachy's SNS the team had a fantastic win which showed excellent teamwork. Captain for the day Conor Reid led the way in a game of many highlights which also included a midfield masterclass by Tom Murray, a brilliant goal scored by Sarah Miller and some tenacious defending by Alex Wallace! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> game came against Swords ETNS in Broomfield. In what was a very tight and cagey first half we were level at half time. Mackey Brennan had an unbelievable game in goal, so much so we lost count of the amount of saves he made! Swords had the bounce of the ball in the second half and made the most of their chances. St. Andrew's did not give up however and scored a beautiful team goal finished off by Olly McQuade who has made a very impressive start to life as a full forward! Emily Grogan, James Dunlop and Dylan Lowther showed great leadership and never gave up. Next up is an away game against Glasnevin N.S. where hopefully we can build on our two great performances so far!



## SAPA

Firstly, St. Andrew's Parent's Association (SAPA) would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families joining St Andrews N.S. this year! This new school year sees the departure of six long serving members of the Committee, Jane Hudson, Angela Toner, Shirley Doyle, Helen Humphries, Bev O'Flaherty and Donna Ironmonger. They have all given their time and energy so generously over the past few years organising SAPA events for the children and school families throughout the school terms. We wish them well and thank them sincerely for all of their hard work.

A new Committee was formed at the recent AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> September with Jacqui Turner and Heather Lamont taking the reins as co-chairs of SAPA for the coming year. We also warmly welcome new members Kate Bennett, Jenny McQuade, Nadine Murray, Kate Adrien, Paul Jones, Andrew Mulvany and Fiona Given - it's fantastic to have so many new members joining and we are very much looking forward to working together to host lots of social events in the coming school year.

Our **Class Reps** for the year are;

Junior Infants - Elisabeth Lane, Senior Infants - Louise Deeter

1<sup>st</sup> Class - Emma Wilson & Kate Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Suzanne Thornhill

3<sup>rd</sup> Class - Laura Brogan & Martina Heffernan, 4<sup>th</sup> Class - Maeve Thornes

5<sup>th</sup> Class - Gillian Whelan & Jenny McQuade, 6<sup>th</sup> Class - Claire Grogan, Susan McElhinney & Suzanne Thornhill.

We are delighted to be back in a position to organise in-person events for the whole school and plan to kick off the new term by hosting a spooktacular Halloween Disco on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October! We will also have the first cake sale of the year on 7<sup>th</sup> October which will be hosted by Senior Infants and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. We will have more details on both of these events for you very soon!

**Jacqui Turner & Heather Lamont**

## Non Uniform Day



## Around the Classes



We are delighted to welcome our new class of **Junior Infants** to school! The boys and girls are having a wonderful time playing, learning and getting to know each other. They are busy working as artists, designers, builders, actors, chefs and much more! The class were lucky to have 4 sessions of Yoga this month with Karen and really enjoyed getting the finger puppets for Savasana. Ms. Hoffman is amazed by all the wonderful maths activities they are completing and are experts at matching and making sets. The boys and girls are enjoying learning lots of Jolly Phonics sounds and actions and practising tracing and patterns in writing. They are having great fun singing and dancing to songs and rhymes,

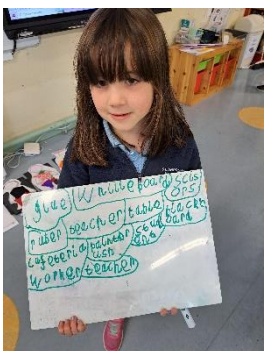


even Irish ones too! I am so proud of the way the boys and girls come in to school each morning themselves with happy faces ready to work on their morning activities with the 6<sup>th</sup> Class Big Buddies! It has been a super, busy, and fun filled month, well done Junior Infants!



**Senior Infants** have had a fantastic September settling back into school. They have been learning lots and having fun along the way. Senior Infants have started Play and Learn this month. Their Play and Learn themes have been 'The Post Office' and 'The School'. The children were writing letters and posting them in their very own post office in the classroom! They made post vans from Lego and they wrapped parcels in Junk Art. This week they moved onto 'The School', where the children have been

building their own schools, designing and making school uniforms with fabric and playing school in Small World. Senior Infants have had fun at GAA and at yoga this month. They also had a special visit from Mouse from OWLS who will be coming to teach us lots about nature and animals - the class were very excited. The children made lovely butterflies in art to decorate our classroom, and have been learning about the vowels and the numbers 5 and 6 too! It has been a busy month and they are excited for October.





**1<sup>st</sup>Class** have had a wonderful first few weeks back in school. They've engaged in lots of new and different activities across the range of subjects. There have been plenty of fresh new skills learnt in Gaeilge, maths and English lessons such as word games as Gaeilge which the children have loved to play, as well as using their cubes and mini whiteboards in maths to showcase their brilliant counting, grouping and adding skills. Mr Blake has been delighted to see how active all the students are in their P.E lessons, athletics sessions on Thursdays with Colette and their 'Just dance' movement breaks. In SESE and visual art



lessons the children have been very creative, enthusiastic and showed their artistic side when they created their Picasso animal portraits in art class last week using paint. They have also started a daily routine each morning after their morning activities where they discuss an animal of the day. The children's inquisitive nature to learn about the new animal each day and provide their own insights on the animals has been fascinating. They have incorporated this love of nature into their SESE lessons discussing habitats in geography and the 5 senses in science. The students took a keen interest in finding out where different animals live and how each animal is suited so

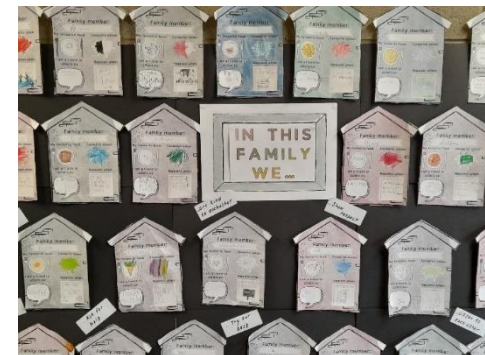
well to their specific habitat. The children overall have adapted very well to moving into 1<sup>st</sup>Class and have shown great interest in partaking in all classroom activities day to day.

It's been a busy month in **2<sup>nd</sup>Class**, with all the boys and girls doing amazingly well settling back into school life. They have all been getting to know each other throughout the month and are learning a lot, especially as there are 2 teachers and Ms. Dowling in the room! They had great fun in literacy, perfecting their story telling skills. They learned actions to re-tell the story of Little Red Riding Hood and used some really fantastic adjectives to help them with their character descriptions and their story settings. They had a great time looking at perspective in art and created woodland scenes with the silhouettes of Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf in the background. They got stuck into their maths topics also and are really enjoying the challenge of their new Mental Maths book. They have now begun their maths stations which are proving to be a great way of really focusing on some of their more tricky maths problems. In SESE, they started the month thinking all about their bodies and how to keep them healthy. They compared different types of food and came up some with healthy recipes and menus. They learned all about their teeth and were amazed at the amount of teeth everyone had lost and what a coincidence it was when two students in the class lost teeth that same week! They have been wrapping up the month examining photos of Malahide village in the past and comparing it to the village as it is today. They drew maps of the village and other local areas with places of interest and importance included on them. They are really looking forward to next month when they will be giving their first assembly and preparing for all things autumn!





**3<sup>rd</sup>Class** have had a wonderful few weeks being back at school. They have been working very hard as a class in all subjects. They looked back at their history and learnt that houses were very different in the past especially when it comes to household items. They examined some of the different items that people used in their homes years ago. Without electricity, people had to be very creative when cooking food and washing their laundry. They came to appreciate all the things they have in their homes today. In Gaelige, they have been busy learning new phrases and vocabulary to describe themselves. They have been singing the "Hokey Pokey" in Irish together. This has helped them to remember all the different parts of the body. The children also created some wonderful pieces of art this month. They learnt all about Frida Kahlo who was a Mexican artist famous for her self-portraits. Using pastels and different coloured fabrics, the children created their own "Frida Kahlo" masterpieces. 3<sup>rd</sup>Class also hosted this month's assembly sharing the importance of celebrating differences in our classrooms. They read the story "The Dot" together and created their own collaborative art piece. Everyone did such a fantastic job! With October just around the corner, they have lots of fun things planned in preparation for Halloween. They will continue with their yoga, GAA and try out some more fun activities.



The children in **4<sup>th</sup>Class** have had a very busy first month back at school. In the first week, the children created 'All About Me' posters to provide everyone with an insight to their favourite things and what they are looking forward to throughout the year. The children also created some spectacular self-portraits which are proudly displayed in the classroom for all to see. In history and geography, the children have been focused on the theme of 'School' and have engaged in brilliant discussions regarding similarities and differences between present day schools and schools in the past. The class also talked about their school community and how each member of the community plays an important role in our daily school lives. In English, the children have begun to participate in station activities throughout the week which include reading, grammar,





comprehension, spelling, and free writing tasks. The children are putting great effort into practising their literacy skills and have written some very creative pieces of work within the free writing station. 4<sup>th</sup>Class have also been working especially hard in art. The class have created fantastic artwork related to the concept of uniqueness. For this artwork, the children outlined their hands and surrounded their hand portraits with positive and uplifting comments about themselves. The children's use of bright colours has ensured this display is eye-catching! The class have also created a piece of 'Ruler Art' in which they explored the use of line and pattern to create some highly decorative pieces of work. Well done 4<sup>th</sup>Class!

Mrs. Halpin and 5<sup>th</sup>Class have had a busy first month back! But they're all settled back in now and ready for a great year ahead! They are enjoying cycling with Mick and Shane in Malahide Castle, and getting back to athletics with Collette. Some members of the class are also really enjoying G.A.A. training and have had great success at their first



few matches this year with the school team. In English they have been doing lots of reading and making great use of the 'Bookflix' display to tell each other what they're reading and make recommendations. They've been revising some grammar and doing plenty of comprehension this month too. In Irish they've been learning all about Mé Féin and writing great pieces all about themselves and their families. In maths they've done some revision and have enjoyed getting back into maths stations with Ms. Ormsby and Ms. Fisher. They've also been doing a bit of coding on the iPads. Throughout the month of

September, the S.E.S.E. theme has been homes. They've looked at rural and urban areas, different kinds of homes, homes in the past compared to homes now, sustainable building, building materials and how their homes are heated. They particularly liked learning about interesting buildings around the world and designing an interesting and imaginative building of their own. They also created some great personal timelines about themselves. Across the arts they've done some great work on colour, including looking at the colour wheel, designing warm and cool coloured cityscapes, examining shades of colour and drawing 3D illusion chalk bubbles on black paper. They learned about guitars and music notation in music. They also did a bit of script reading and performance work using two duologues from a play called 'Plastic Pirates'. Finally, they have been doing great work on building self-esteem this month. They're filling up each other's buckets with kind words and giving each other lots of confidence boosts every day. They learned about how everyone is unique and that's what makes our class, school and community great! They've also started to learn a bit about world religions. They are currently in the middle of a unit of work about Judaism. October here they come!



6<sup>th</sup>Class have had a very enjoyable start to their final year in St. Andrew's that has also been filled with some fantastic learning! 6<sup>th</sup>Class also held an assembly in St. Andrew's Church on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The whole class worked really hard and put in a fantastic effort reciting a September poem, retelling the parable of "The Prodigal Son" and reading prayers. In maths, the class have revised the topics of place value, data, addition, subtraction and multiplication. They have also impressed Mr. Jones with their mental maths skills during the Countdown maths game. The class have also

engaged very well during English. We have begun their first class novel of the year, "Benny & Omar" by Eoin Colfer. The children have made some great predictions about what they think will happen and have enjoyed learning about some of the slang and idioms they have come across so far. The class also wrote very creatively describing their dream holidays, all of which sounded amazing! In SESE they have been learning all about space. They have explored the concepts of orbiting and learnt about how long it takes each of the eight planets to orbit the sun. The class are also in the process of creating eBook projects focusing on people who have had explored, visited and observed space. These are being made on the Book Creator app. From what Mr Jones has seen so far, they are going to be spectacular! In music, 6<sup>th</sup>Class have learnt about the brass section of the orchestra. They have been able to identify and distinguish between the various instruments and their sounds. They also really enjoyed participating in listening quizzes! They have also been very lucky to have Karen in with them to do yoga and Collette to help them develop their athletic skills. They also managed to squeeze in some other PE lessons that practised the skills of running, dodging and teamwork. Finally, in art, they have been focusing on the concept of perspective. The class have created some fantastic aquarium one-point perspective art that they are very proud of. Keep up the brilliant work 6<sup>th</sup>Class!



## Assemblies

Our first assembly of the year was led by Ms. McElhinney. We talked about the values of our school, being kind to others and making sure to include everybody.

Our second assembly in September was led by 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and Ms. Halligan. They showed us that we are all unique and that is what makes us special. We celebrate difference.

We also visited St Andrew's Church for an assembly to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. This was led by 6<sup>th</sup> Class and Mr. Jones.



## Dates for your Diary

Cake Sale on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Halloween Disco on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Gibneys Wine Fair Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November