

# School News

November 2022



Congratulations to **Allie Harley** in 5<sup>th</sup> Class who is the class winner of the Lions Club Peace Poster Competition. Here she is pictured with the President of the Lions Club, Geraldine Foran and Rose Minton.

## Fun Friday/House Points Day







## Christmas Card Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Card Fundraiser. We are delighted to tell you that we raised **€530!**



## November Anti-Bullying Topic & Assembly

This month as part of our whole school anti-bullying work, the classes discussed the idea of 'What is Bullying?' and different types of bullying. Ms. Dougherty and 4<sup>th</sup> Class also led an informative assembly on the topic and highlighted 4 types of bullying that can take place; verbal, social, physical and cyber bullying.

### SAPA

The first term has flown by, but we've managed to pack in quite a lot in the last few months! Most notably, one of the highlights of the school year, the Halloween Disco was back in the calendar for the first time in 3 years. It was a roaring, ghoulish success, with some eerie-sistible costumes (helped out by the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand costume sale the week before) and some fa-boo-lous moves on the dance floors in the GP room and the Parish Centre. Thanks to all who helped out on making it such a success. We also managed to fit in the Gibney's Wine Fair, which took place in the Grand Hotel on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The fact that it was a school night didn't seem to dissuade the crowds and there was a great buzz in the room. In addition to the entrance and raffle tickets that were sold in the run up to the fair, St Andrew's shared the raffle ticket sales on the night, with the other 6 schools in Malahide, bringing the total raised to €1,300. It has been busy so far, but there are still a few events to look forward to before the end of the year ....

The Parish Christmas Fair will be taking place this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 10.30am - 2.30pm. If you'd like to make some room for all the presents Santa might be bringing, you can donate any pre-loved toys and books by dropping them in to the Parish centre between 3pm-6pm this Friday. (No broken or soft toys please!) If any keen bakers would like to contribute cakes, jams or chutneys, they would be more than welcome - contact Hazel Bolton on 8450721. And finally, don't forget to pop in on Saturday and get a jump start on your Christmas shopping. The final cake Sale of the year will be hosted by Junior Infants and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. To add to the festive fun, the 16<sup>th</sup> will also be Christmas Jumper day in the school.

To round off the year SAPA will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning in the GP room in the school on the last day of term, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 10.30am to 12.40pm. Everyone is welcome to call in. We'll also be giving out raffle tickets for a show stopping Christmas cake, so please make sure to join us for a mince pie and a cup of coffee.

### SAPA

## Chess

Happily, chess activity has now resumed with a very enthusiastic group ranging from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class to 6<sup>th</sup> Class participating. There are a number of tournaments ongoing, a novel one being that 3/4 members take on the coach, making 12 moves, and are awarded points based on the quality of the moves with the top scorer receiving an award.

Winners so far- W1- Joshua Brewer; W2- Peter O'Sullivan; W3- Mackey Brennan; W4- Rhys Duggan and W5-Arthur Sheridan. This competition is continuing.

Another novel event is the "Knight Challenge". This involves only a Knight on the board and the object is for the player to cover as many squares as they can, without ever re-entering a square already covered. Current leaders are Peter O'Sullivan with 59, Leon Wang with 53 and Ultan Sheridan with 49. Again, this competition is ongoing.

*Tom O'Sullivan - Chess Coach*

## Around The Classes

This month **Junior Infants** have continued learning through play, music, activity and

creativity! The children created beautiful leaf art using chalk pens to display in their classroom.

Ms. Hoffman was impressed with how they worked in role in the doctor's surgery as doctors, patients, receptionists and pharmacists!

The class always love playing with the marble run so Ms. Hoffman gave them the challenge of designing their own super marble mazes from Lego.

The boys and girls have been keeping fit and flexible doing lots of exercise in athletics with Colette, yoga with Karen and Daly Exercise with Sean. They had an introduction to ipads and were experts at playing fine motor skills and number games. They worked as gardeners and planted crocus bulbs and are looking forward to seeing if a white, yellow or purple one grows! Through music, the children enjoyed dancing to the Freeze Dance and creating pictures based on some of the songs from The Beatles!

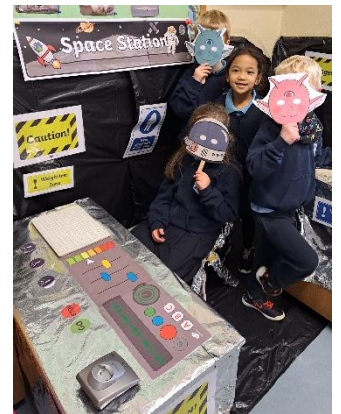
All that, on top of the wonderful work they're doing with sounds, maths and Gaeilge made for a busy and fun filled month!







**Senior Infants** have had a fantastic November. The children have worked really hard at their writing this month, learning some new tricky words and using them in sentences. They have also been doing lots of sums, learning to count on using the number line! They have been learning all about the theme of space this month in Play and Learn. They learned all the vocabulary for the space station and used it in their own rocket ship in the classroom! They made UFO's and painted them, they turned out lovely! The children made some space themed playdough creations, such as asteroids and planets. They built rocket ships in their construction station using a variety of materials. They also built a solar system jigsaw. This month in Gaeilge they have been learning all about the Aimsir! The children have loved performing their songs about weather as Gaeilge. The children have really enjoyed a busy month of sport, with athletics, Daly Exercise and yoga. They have been super active. Senior Infants also have also started to learn all about arctic and Antarctic and can name where the different animals live. We are looking forward to a festive December!



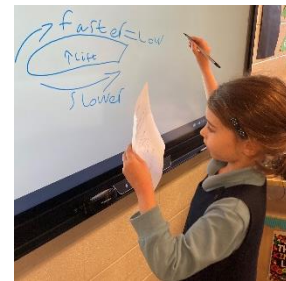
**1<sup>st</sup>Class** had a very busy November with lots of great activities and lessons going on both inside and outside the classroom. After the mid-term break at the start of the month, the children started their maths stations working in small groups focusing on their adding and subtracting skills whilst also starting to look more at time using clocks and length, measuring lots of different things around the

school. They continued their love for reading buddies sessions with 6<sup>th</sup>Class, getting to read with their partners twice a week. In SESE, they turned focus to studying fish and their life cycle, as well as learning all about the *Salmon of Knowledge* and drawing their amazing Koi Fish using black cards and colourful chalk. The children have also enjoyed their sport this month, jumping into learning about the world cup in Qatar and the history of the competition. GAA and Daly fitness were our two exercise classes this month and 1<sup>st</sup>Class showed great improvement in their ball skills and abilities working as a team. To finish the month, each student enjoyed wearing their house colours for the day on Friday and getting to know the other members of the same house team out in the yard.





**2<sup>nd</sup>Class** have had lots of fun during the month of November. This month they have been learning all about inventions. They looked at inventions of the past, including the telephone, and enjoyed trying to guess the purpose of some real life inventions! They then had brilliant fun coming up with their own ideas for inventions to help around the house or at school, and then chose companies to write letters to telling them all about their fantastic ideas! They also looked at the features of adverts and used these to help us create our own advert posters. As well as looking at the invention of telephones they have also been learning all about how sound travels and how our ears work. In maths they have been busy practising their telling the time skills, as well as learning all about halves and quarters. They also really enjoyed Science Week this month. They had a go at several experiments, and some children even tried their hand at being teachers for the afternoon, demonstrating an experiment to the rest of the class! 2<sup>nd</sup>Class are looking forward to a busy December and are going to especially enjoy continuing the rehearsals for their Christmas play!



**3<sup>rd</sup>Class** have been very busy for the month of November. They have been learning all about coastal seas and the negative effects water pollution can have on them. The children are currently researching facts about sea creatures to create an informational report to share to the class. With the help of David Attenborough, they gained a deeper insight into the various sea creatures that live within their coastal seas. 3<sup>rd</sup>Class also had the opportunity to visit the National Gallery of Ireland where they viewed some spectacular pieces from a range of well-known artists. Some of their favourite pieces included the works from Pablo Picasso, Jack B. Yeats and William Turner. The children have been engaging in the STEPS engineering projects since the beginning of September. With the closing date fast approaching, everyone has been working exceptionally hard to finalise their drawings of their inventions. They are lucky to have an





engineer visit them this week to provide some expert advice to them. They are really excited to start building their ideas in the coming days. It will be a tough competition as all of the ideas are really fantastic! With Christmas just around the corner, they have started unwrapping their books from their "Bookvent Calender". They will be unwrapping a book every day and reading it together in class to mark the countdown to Christmas. 3<sup>rd</sup>Class have worked really hard this month and they are looking forward to more fun activities in December.



3<sup>rd</sup>Class and 4<sup>th</sup>Class enjoyed a workshop with the Junior Einstein Science Club where they got to see lots of experiments!



4<sup>th</sup>Class have been very busy throughout the month of November. In maths, the children have started to partake in maths stations in which they have had the opportunity to revise skills such as time whilst also learning new skills in topics such as length. The children have had great fun applying their 'Maths Eyes' to the school environment also as they undertook a line and angle hunt around the school building. The class has also begun new P.E. activities this month which include Daly Exercise and rugby. The children have greatly enjoyed taking part in circuit activities within Daly Exercise whilst also learning important throwing and catching skills within rugby. In art, the children have been looking at the concept of creating optical illusions. At present, they are creating an illusion centred upon a 3-D hand. These finished pieces of work look spectacular and will certainly trick the eye of anyone looking at this artwork. 4<sup>th</sup>Class are looking forward to creating more optical illusions next month also. Lastly, in drama, the children have been working extremely hard rehearsing their Christmas play. Great dedication has been shown by everyone and the class are very excited to show off their hard work to everyone on 20<sup>th</sup>December!



Estimate and measure 7 items in the school yard and/or building			
	Name of item	Estimate	Actual length
1.	Gate	1m 50cm	1m 50cm
2.	Window	80cm	75cm
3.	Chair	1m	1m 80cm
4.	Table	80cm	70cm
5.	Window	1m	1m 50cm
6.	Wall	1m 30cm	1m 30cm
7.	Door	2m 00cm	2m 00cm

**5<sup>th</sup>Class** has been very busy this month. They have enjoyed lots of P.E. activities including G.A.A, rugby, athletics and Daly exercise. In English they have been working hard in stations each day. They are really getting stuck into 'Wonder', by R.J. Palacio. Looking through different characters' eyes has been really interesting. It's so important to consider every point of view in a story. In maths they have completed big units of work on data, problem solving and long division. It's going really well and Mrs. Halpin is very proud of all their hard work. In Gaeilge they finished off a unit on 'Scoil' and have been working hard on 'Bia' for the rest of the month. They always end up 'stiúgtha leis an ocras' if Gaeilge is before break! The theme for S.E.S.E. this month was 'forces that changed the world'. In history they learned about the Bronze Age and the history of energy and power. The invention of the wheel was so important! In geography they learned about our earth's resources, how we extract fossil fuels from our earth and all about more renewable energy options. In science they learned all about friction. They had lots of fun using their knowledge of air resistance to create parachutes. They also did a unit on naturalist Sir David Attenborough, learning all about his life and how he ended up so passionate about conservation. Across the arts 5<sup>th</sup>Class have been busy creating lots of colourful pieces. They created optical illusion



paper waves, one-point perspective art and beautiful zentangle pieces with a splash of colour for Mrs. Halpin's birthday. They've been learning about making sounds and all the ways they can make different sounds without ever using a conventional instrument. They have also been working really hard on preparing for their St. Andrew's Day assembly in the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. It's been lots of practising, learning lines, singing songs and saying prayers.



**6<sup>th</sup>Class** have had an action-packed month full of fun activities and great learning! The class have started their first batch of English stations and have enjoyed listening to a Macbeth audiobook, reading their class novel 'Benny & Omar' and exploring the concepts of onomatopoeia, procedural & persuasive writing! In maths they have been focusing on the topics of fractions and decimals. They have been able to notice how common these are in the world around us and how important it is to know how to use them correctly! In Gaeilge they have also been learning about the topic of Bia. The class have made a great effort to take part in conversations about their favourite foods, writing stories about their daily routines and learning about the different rules we need to put verbs into the different tenses!





In SESE the children have also been learning about trade this month. They have learnt about where their food comes from, how it gets to Ireland and how the concepts of bartering and currency have changed over time. They have also begun learning about Fair Trade products. These provide farmers with a fair wage, the ability to plan for the future and allows children to go to school. The class also learnt about how important the plane is to international trade, however it is also a big contributor to



Global Warming. To address this 6<sup>th</sup> Class aimed to create a new model of glider that could potentially be used to transport goods around the world in the future in a eco-friendly way! They can't wait to test out their designs in the coming days! This month the class have also been very interested in the FIFA World Cup and this has been the centre of some very interesting conversations and activities. The class created very interesting tourist brochures for each of the participating countries and have also designed some very imaginative football kits! In PE the class have been very busy participating in yoga, rugby, hockey with Mr Jones, Daly Exercise and even got the opportunity to take part in another orienteering event which took place in Corkagh Park. Luckily the weather was kinder to us this time and the class had a fantastic time strengthening their map work and teamwork skills! A special mention to **Senan O'Reilly** who was the highest scoring boy and to **Katie O'Toole** who led the way for the girls. We cannot wait for the next event in Malahide Castle after Christmas!



Never say,  
"I can't"  
Always say,  
"I'll try"