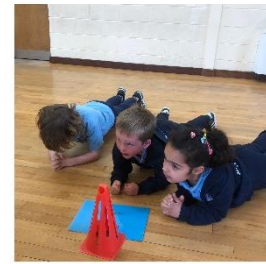




School News May 2023

Active Week 2023



Food Dudes

On Thursday 11th May in The Grand Hotel our school was presented with a beautiful plaque in recognition of our participation in the Food Dudes programme over the last few years and our commitment to healthy eating. Thank you so much to all the children for making a super effort sampling different fruits and vegetables. Also a big thank you to the parents for continuing this on by providing lovely healthy lunches each day with lots of fruit and vegetables.



In My Shoes Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes for the 'In My Shoes' charity shoe appeal. Altogether, we managed to donate over 100 pairs of shoes that are now being shipped to children in need in Lesotho and South Africa. We are delighted to support this collection and are very grateful to everyone who was able to donate!



SAPA May Fair

What a day! The sun was shining again for us this year and we couldn't have asked for a better day. It was wonderful to see so many families there, not just from our school but from the parish too - it really felt like a community event for everyone. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped before, during and after the event! The helpers who set everything up the evening before and on the day, the volunteers who helped us run all of the stalls, the bakers who brought us delicious goodies to sell, everyone who donated toys and books, and the wonderful people who stayed to help clear up after all the fun was finished. Big shout out to Smyth's butchers in Portmarnock for their very generous discount on the delicious burgers and sausages for our BBQ. We hope you all enjoyed the musical entertainment by Karl Deeter and band. It created a fantastic atmosphere on the day so thank you again Karl for giving your time. This was our first year inviting external stall holders to join us and we hope you all enjoyed the Craft Fair in the parish hall. We were so impressed with the beautiful arts, crafts, jewellery and gifts on offer. We would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and say congratulations again to all winners! For those who bought tickets but who weren't there when we did the raffle, all of the winners have been contacted. Special thanks to all the SAPA team who have put in a huge amount of time and effort over the last couple of months to make this event happen, we really appreciate all the hard work. Overall the day raised just over €2,500 which is amazing! Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We most definitely couldn't do it without you!

Jacqui & Heather



UCD 2023

St Andrew's sent a squad of 23 children to compete in this year's Cumann na mBunscol Athletics competition. Due to the track at Santry's Morton Stadium being updated, this year's venue was in a very sunny UCD. Competing in the 80m sprint, 4x100m relay, long jump, shot putt, high jump and long distance we managed to secure a brilliant 3 medals! Katie O'Toole set the ball rolling winning a super silver in her sprint event before Emily Grogan followed that with a brilliant bronze medal in the long distance! Our medal haul was completed by our Under 12 boys relay team consisting of Ben Allen, Toby Doyle, Will McCann, Max Styles and Olly McQuade who sneaked a fantastic bronze medal! Every athlete did the school proud and we have no doubt the future is bright for athletics in St Andrew's!



GAA Team

The St Andrew's Senior GAA team finished their season during May. Having qualified as runners-up in our group we were drawn to play St Fintan's BNS in our semi-final in the grounds of Parnell's GAA Club. In what was a pulsating first half, we led by 3 points thanks to some brilliant team play and a penalty rebound scored by Dylan Lowther. Ben Allen & Rory Smyth defended brilliantly to keep a talented Fintan's forward line at bay. The 2nd half was a very tight affair with Fintan's upping their game to draw level with some early points. The game went back and forth with both sides taking the lead before a flurry of points from Fintan's stretched their lead to 2 with only a few minutes to play. St Andrew's had a fantastic shot by Freya Murphy saved brilliantly by the Fintan's goalkeeper that ensured that Fintan's just about sneaked the win. Although it wasn't the result we wanted, it has been a super year for the Senior GAA team this year reaching 2 semi-finals, losing both by a single score. Mr Jones & Ms O'Brien are extremely proud of the whole squad and the effort, resilience and teamwork they have shown throughout the year! St Andrew's Abú!



St Andrew's Chess Report

Our Chess season has now come to an end with the conclusion of various competitions that produced many exciting games.

A highlight of the season was the "friendly" match against Holmpatrick N.S. It proved to be an exciting match with each game keenly contested. Fittingly, it ended in a drawn match.

The season ended with prize giving. With various competitions during the season, all members won awards.

Awards were presented to: -

2nd Class - Champion- Ruadhan O'Connor; Silver medal - Cooper Brennan; Bronze medal (tied), Ethan Jeffrey & Luke Quinn

3rd Class - Champion - Robert Duggan; Silver medal - Tim O'Sullivan; Bronze medal- Sebbie Staunton-Smith

4th Class - Champion - Mark Carroll; Silver medal - George Given; Bronze medal (tied)- Charlie Nagle & Ultan Sheridan

5th Class - Champion - Rhys Duggan; Silver medal - Evan Finucane

6th Class - Champion - Leon Wang; Silver medal - Mackey Brennan; Bronze medal - Dylan Lowther

The following awards went to players in challenges against yours truly and were based on the quality of their performance

Best game awards went to: - Joshua Brewer; Peter O'Sullivan; Michael Shihoff;

Also, awards went to the following whose games in the team tournament caught my eye and which helped their team to become highly placed:

Oliver Clarke; Ishaan Rathi (both on Team Mackey that took the bronze medals); Arthur Sheridan; Oliver Sheridan; Oscar Ironmonger (on team Arthur-Silver medallists). Also to Peter Shihoff (Team Peter O'S)

Tom O'Sullivan

Around The Classes



May was another super month in **Junior Infants**! Active school week was so much fun! Junior Infants tried out sports such as GAA, fitness bootcamp, soccer, dance, skipping and more! They also enjoyed meeting Hunter and Bella the cricket coaches from Malahide Cricket Club and practising their cricket skills on Fridays. In May they covered the theme of sight. They explored light and shadows and made amazing silhouette pictures. They read the story of 'Dogs Don't Wear Glasses' and worked in role in the class opticians. They made their own

funky glasses too! In maths they explored money and learned about counting 1c, 2c and 5c coins. Look at some of the impressive constructions. They have really become expert designers and builders. Ms. Hoffman is delighted with the children's wonderful work!



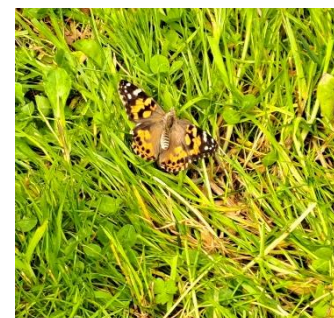
Senior Infants had a super month in May! We were working hard this month on finishing our 'under the sea' dioramas. The children wrote a lovely written piece describing what they liked about their diorama and we invited parents to come in to see them on display in our classroom. Senior Infants enjoyed active week and took part in



skipathons, runathons, tennis, cricket and more! They loved being active and getting outside for these activities. The children have been learning how to do coding on the iPads on the app 'Daisy the Dinosaur'. We had our last visit from Mouse from OWLS. The children have enjoyed learning lots about nature with him this year. We had another special visit



from Ms. Piggott who was teaching the class for a few weeks in March. She had caterpillars which the children watched grow while she was here, and she brought in the butterflies when they hatched from their chrysalises to show the children. We got to release them in the garden.



We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable month of June.





1st Class had a great month in May where there were lots of outdoor activities for them to enjoy in the lovely sunny weather. To begin the month, we had an active week where they got to try all kinds of activities such as dance classes, cricket, aerobics, soccer and handball. They loved being able to leave the school to play in the castle as well. The children really jumped into every activity giving them all a good try. Across the other subjects, we looked at wide ranges of things from reading comprehension stories in English, siopadóireacht in Gaeilge and fractions in maths. We explored more science topics as well in May looking at the sun, heat and space and how each topic is connected in our solar system and helps support life on Earth. We finished the month of May by having our school tour in Gormanstown at the 'Let's Go' adventure centre. We had a ball and the children loved getting to try the different inflatables and activities such as rock climbing, go-karting, 'tug of war' and archery.



2nd Class have had a busy and active month of May! We continued to look at several more of the Greek Myths, using these to inspire our own writing. As well as

this, we turned our attention to superheroes, designing our own heroes and then making comic books for them to star in! In maths we covered weight as well as naming 2D shapes and exploring symmetry. The children loved learning about space, making amazing projects about the different planets, as well as looking at the geography of our own planet. In addition to all of this learning in the classroom, second class loved all the activities they participated in for Active Week and getting to go up to the castle on Friday mornings for our cricket sessions. We were lucky enough to finish off the month with our school tour to Let's Go in Gormanston. We had the most brilliant day. The children represented their school so well and participated enthusiastically in all of the activities, which included zorbing, inflatables, climbing wall, archery and go-karts. We are all looking forward to more fun during our last month in second class!



3rd Class have done some wonderful work in May. We kicked off the month with our school's "Active Week". The children had the opportunity to try a variety of sports including, soccer, tennis, dancing, athletics, and cricket. Each sport brought a new challenge but everyone tried their best and had a wonderful time. Third class also started their swimming lessons in the PSLC. This has been something that the class have been really looking forward to every week. This month has also brought new and exciting topics such as, "Magnetism" and the story of "Ernest Shackleton". In science, the children learnt about the properties of magnets and how they feature in our everyday lives. With this in mind, the children created their own "magnetic cars" using toilet rolls, cardboard, cocktail sticks and two magnets. At the end of the week, all of the cars lined up against each other and raced to the finish line. In history, we learnt all about the famous explorer, "Ernest Shackleton", who journeyed across the Antarctic. In pairs, the children created a movie trailer based on his incredible story. Everyone did a fantastic job - Well done! Lastly, I would just like to congratulate Peter, Robert M, Arthur, Oscar, Rory and Elliott on their huge achievement in making the top 8 finalists in the Steps Engineering Competition. With over 600 contestants across the country, "The Pickles" team did extremely well and we are all very proud of them. It was a fantastic project where every team in the class created something very special. The future definitely looks bright for engineering! With the summer break almost upon us, we are looking forward to our school tour, outdoor games and more fun in the sunshine.

4th Class have had a very busy May! This month the children took part in Active Week which gave the children the opportunity to take part in a range of different activities including soccer, cricket, athletics, tennis, dance and many more! The class had great fun throughout the week and demonstrated their excellent teamwork skills. Following on from this, the children have been working very hard in maths as they focused on the topic of time. The class practised adding and subtracting hours and minutes in which they discovered key steps have to be followed in order to arrive at the correct answer. The class have also been practising their operational skills and are now very confident using these skills in all areas of maths. In art, the children have been focusing on the artists of Van Gogh and Kandinsky. The class painted some beautiful flower portraits inspired by Van Gogh's sunflower artwork. They also utilised their construction skills to create trees inspired by Kandinsky's use of concentric circles. This artwork has made a fabulous addition to our classroom's corridor! Finally, in geography, the children have commenced project work based upon a country of their choosing. The class are very excited to begin their research and we all really look forward to hearing the project presentations in June!





May has been a busy and productive month in **5th Class**. They have had lots of fun activities and learned plenty in between times! They have done a huge amount of work on their Junior Entrepreneur Project 'Beaded Beasts'. It was a great experience and they all learned a lot about the highs and lows of running a business. Their final decision will be how to spend their profits. Thanks to all the classes and parents for their support! They've had some great P.E. this past month too. They really enjoyed Active Week and all the fun activities each day. Between cricket, GAA and athletics as well, it's been a very active month! Well done to all our class members who took part in Santry this month as well. The class has done lots of great work in class across the curriculum. They finished their second class novel, *Goodnight Mr. Tom*, which they all really enjoyed. In Gaeilge they completed a unit on Teilifís and have started into Siopadóireacht. Maths included work on 3D shapes, number sentences, data, weight and capacity. In S.E.S.E. they worked on topics including modern day famine, keeping our bodies healthy and teeth. They've also been learning all about Islam in religion. Their artwork this month has been super! They've drawn silly chalk emus, learned about Pop Art, made Piet Mondrian inspired pieces, 3D balloon art and some floral inspired still life drawing for the Parish Hall. Roll on summer fun in June!



May has been an action-packed month for **6th Class**! The class have worked so hard on their Junior Entrepreneur Project this month and are very proud of their product "Sports Skill Cards". These are aimed at teaching children the correct technique for skills linked to some of the most popular sports including football, rugby and basketball. They are currently on sale in packs of 6 cards that also include QR codes that link to videos that can be watched! 6th Class also worked brilliantly during their study of World War 1 and 2! The groups were each given a country to research that was involved in both wars and the class created magnificent group projects highlighting the similarities and differences between the two global events! In maths we have explored the concepts of the circle and 3D shapes. We were able to solve problems involving the circumference and area of a circle while we also figured out how to correctly identify 3D shapes and find the volume and surface area of 3D shapes. We also created some really cool 3D art to finish our work on 3D shapes! This month 6th



class also completed their "Tech Talk" series with PWC. Our final session focused on "Technology for Toys" and it stimulated a great discussion related to how toys have changed from when our parents were young to now! The class also designed their own unique toy of the future and described how technology will continue to have a massive impact for years to come! Finally, 6th Class have begun rehearsals for our end of year school play "We're all going on a ... Summer Holiday"! We have a couple of busy weeks ahead to get the practice in but we are very much looking forward to putting on a fantastic show in June!



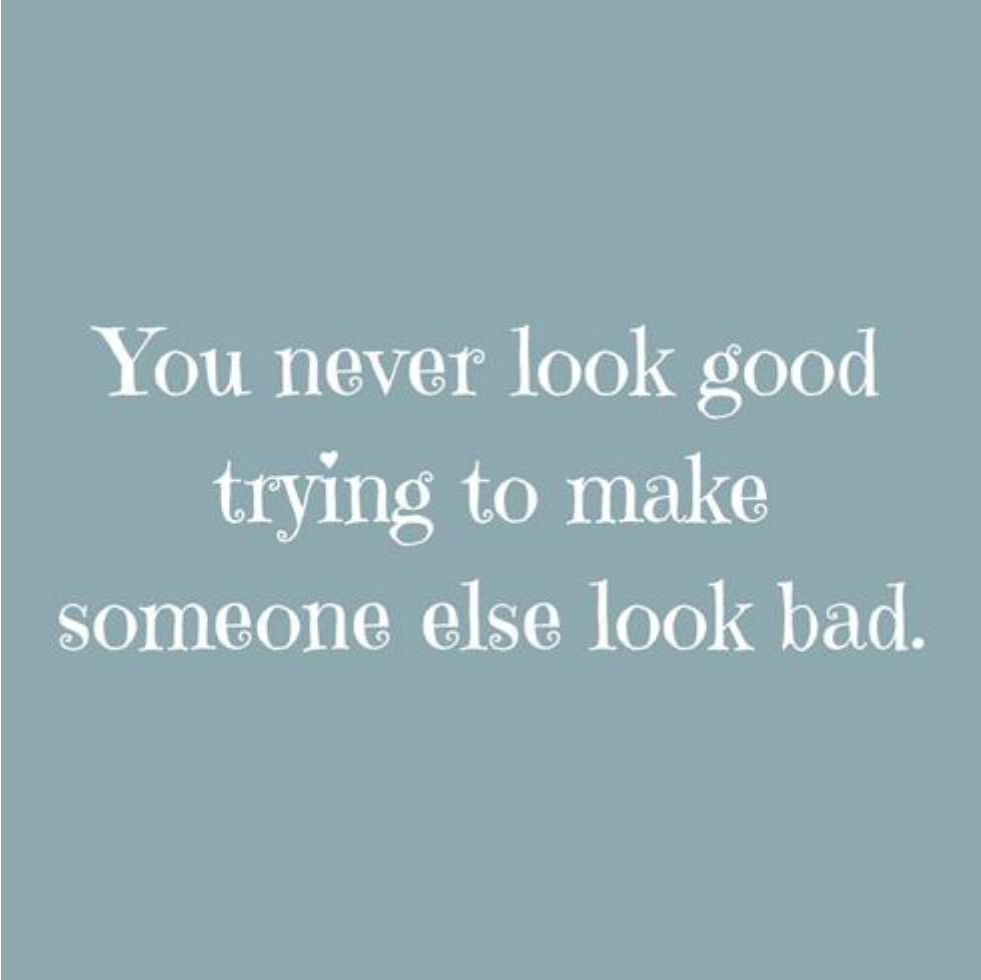
May Assembly

Ms.Anderson led the first assembly in May. She spoke to the children about all the ways they can lead a healthy life. 2nd Class sang a great song for us.

Our second assembly was led by Ms.Halligan and 3rd Class. They did a super assembly all about the effects bullying has on people.

May Anti-Bullying Topic

For our anti-bullying topic in May we focused on the effects bullying has on people.

A rectangular graphic with a solid teal background. The text is centered and written in a white, serif font. The text reads: "You never look good trying to make someone else look bad."

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