



School News

March 2025



Soccer

Well done to the boys' soccer team who kick started their league and cup in March with a win in both competitions. Everyone played really well across both matches, displaying the skills they have been practising at training.



SAPA

First of all, a big thank you to everyone who came to our Quizco night at Malahide Cricket Club recently. A great night was had by all and we managed to raise around €1,200 for worthy causes at our school.

Speaking of which, we are delighted to have organised the painting and decorating for the 4 upstairs classrooms over the past couple of weeks, paid for by your money raised at SAPA events. The classrooms now have a bright and airy feel about them with great feedback received from both pupils and teachers.

We have another cake sale on the horizon, this time on 11th April with proceeds going to Temple Street's Great Irish Bake campaign. We are asking Junior Infants and 6th class parents to organise baking for us this time please with details to follow through class rep WhatsApp groups.

Finally, we are making good progress with our plans for our May fair, to be held on Saturday 24th May this year. We will be looking for volunteers for a variety of roles if any parent is available to help, even for an hour or two.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ceiliúradh **Seachtain na Gaeilge** anseo i Scoil Naomh Aindriú idir **10^ú-14^ú** Márta. Rinne gach páiste an-iarracht an ghaeilge a labhairt go flúirseach le linn an tréimhse sin, sa rang agus i dtimpeallacht na scoile. Bhí gníomhachtaí éagsúla eagraithe ag na múinteoirí le go leor duaiseanna buaite ag na páistí. Bhain gach duine an-sult, tairbhe agus spraoi as Seachtain na Gaeilge. Ar aghaidh linn!!

We celebrated **Seachtain na Gaeilge** in St. Andrew's N.S. between 10th and 14th March. All the children made great efforts to speak Irish in their classes and around the school. The teachers arranged lots of activities and prizes were awarded to the children. Seachtain na Gaeilge was beneficial and fun for all!!



Our Shoes Campaign

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes to the 'Our Shoes' campaign. Six large boxes of shoes were collected by the 'Our Shoes' charity for distribution among children in the townships of South Africa.



St. Patrick's Day Fun Friday!



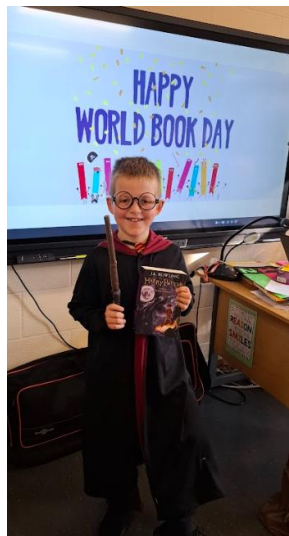


Fingal Athletics League

Well done to all our young athletes who took part in the Fingal Athletics League in Newbridge in March; the 2nd day of the league will take place in April with finals day in May to look forward to also.



World Book Day



Around the Classes



It has been a bright and creative month in **Junior Infants** as the children have sprung into spring! The first play and learn theme of the month was the farm. They set up a farm shop selling fresh farm produce, put together a farm in small world, created a farm in a cutting and sticking activity, played farm lotto and made beautiful sheep and hens in art.



Seachtain na Gaeilge was a fun and busy couple of weeks. Play and learn was done through Irish with the theme An Fherim. They read lots of Irish stories and sang lots of Irish songs. They really enjoyed their first school performance for the ceolchoirm and they did a fantastic job! Local musicians Louis, Eilís, Margaret and Don came in to demonstrate some of their instruments and play traditional Irish music for the children. Bhí an spraoi

agus craic acu go léir! Their next play and learn theme was 'The Garden Shop'. They had role-play in the garden shop, created spring gardens with loose parts and play dough, painted flowers and created beautiful 3D flower art. In maths, they had great fun using the balance scales to explore weight and have been doing lots of addition activities.



Senior Infants had a lovely March. The children did lots to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge and Senior Infants gave a super performance at our ceolchoirm in the church. The children made such an effort speaking as Gaeilge and won lots of raffle tickets in the classroom for doing so! The children loved their visit from a traditional Irish music band (led by Ms. Fisher's parents!). They also celebrated World Book Day. The children enjoyed reading buddies with 5th class where they chatted about their excellent costumes, their favourite books and the older children read to them. They had an exciting visit from Mouse from OWLS, who brought the children outside to learn about how birds build their nests. Senior Infants have been working really hard on their practice for their show 'Jack and the Beanstalk', which they are really excited to perform for an audience! They did the themes of mini beasts and dinosaurs in play and learn and engaged in some amazing imaginative small world play, and made some great junk art and constructions.

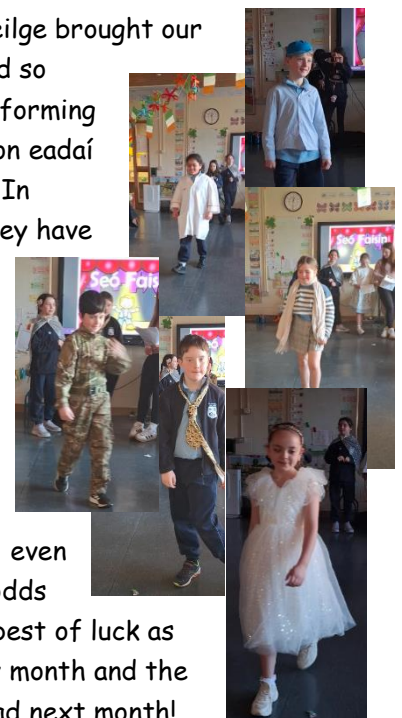


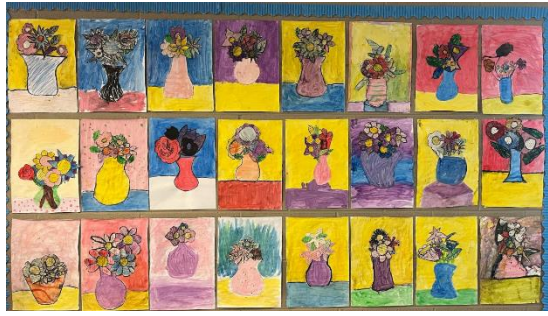
This month **1st Class** turned their attention to their new topic of 'places'. The class learnt how to look at an atlas, and learnt the names of the seven continents and five oceans with some very catchy songs! They then started learning all about Spain, with the help of Elsa who recently moved here from Spain and so was able to be our class expert! The children looked at Spanish traditions, and Spanish food, before studying Picasso and having a go at producing some of their own Cubism inspired artwork! In English, they began looking at the story of The Bog Baby, and have begun designing their own creatures to write their stories about. In maths, they have been studying money as well as practising their subtraction skills. This month, 1st class celebrated Seachtain Na Gaeilge with some really fun activities and games, and the children worked really hard all week to speak as Gaeilge to get their raffle tickets! They also did a fantastic performance of two songs; 'Páistí Óga' agus 'Téidi Beag Álainn' in the ceolchoirm. They also learnt about St. Patrick's Day, thinking about some of the traditions around it, before designing their own leprechaun traps! Well done 1st class for all your hard work this month!



March has been a blast for **2nd Class**! The class started off the first week with World Book Day. They organised their writers workshop and have started learning how to create their very own storybooks. Costumes this year were super impressive. 2nd class had a chaotic classroom that day filled with all sorts of fascinating storybook characters from The Fantastic Mr. Fox to Harry Potter. It was so much fun! Seachtain na Gaeilge brought our

beautiful Irish language to the forefront of the month. The children worked so hard to use their *Nath na Seachtain gach lá*. They had a wonderful time performing at the ceolchoirm in St. Andrew's Church. In Gaeilge, they've been focusing on eadaí and the children took part in their very own fashion show. It was fantastic! In maths 2nd class have been learning all about length, weight, and capacity. They have started working in their maths copybooks now and have made serious progress in presenting neat work. In English and literacy, the theme has been all about spring and the children have enjoyed brainstorming, reading, and researching all they can around this topic. They learnt all about the life of St. Patrick in religion. They delved into Greek mythology learning all about Persophene, the Greek Goddess of Spring. Staying on the theme of myths and legends they delved into the Irish legend Tir na nÓg. In science they have been learning all about the lifecycle of a frog and even had a chance to taste swamp juice, YUCK! They were so lucky to have Ms. Dodds with them this month. The children loved having her and wish her the very best of luck as she is coming very close to completing her teacher training. It's been a busy month and the class have been working so hard. 2nd class are so excited for what lies ahead next month!

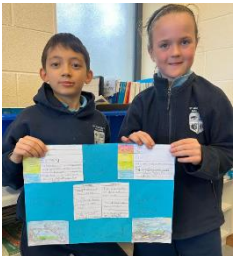
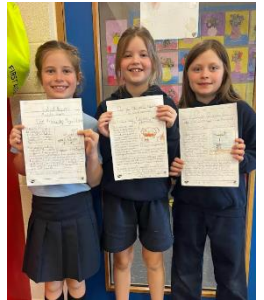




3rd Class have had a very busy but enjoyable March full of fantastic learning! In English they have been working on producing their very own newspaper reports focusing on new forms of transport. They learnt about the structure of the reports, the importance of a headline and how to incorporate direct and indirect speech into their work. The class are really proud of what they produced! Their next task is creating an amazing setting description about



a trip to a tropical island to continue their focus on transport and movement! They also finished their class novel "The Butterfly Lion" and created some very in-depth book reviews on it! To add to this, 3rd class have also been learning about some very famous modes of transport from the past. After creating timelines identifying how different forms of transport have developed over time, they created pair projects to highlight the similarities and differences between them. In maths the class learnt about the concept of division and used their new skills to solve a range of word and number-based problems! Everyone has put in a brilliant effort to learn their tables and have really enjoyed the weekly competitions! They have just begun their next topic of time and are learning how to read and use timetables and calendars. The class have also been lucky enough to have Ms. Hoffman take them for art this month. They have explored the strands of fabric and fibre and paint and have produced some amazingly beautiful pieces of art! In Gaeilge, the class have made a superb effort to speak more as Gaeilge i rith an lae. They completed lots of fun oral and written activities during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Mr, Jones was also very proud of their performance during the annual ceolchoirm! Maith sibh Rang a 3!



4th Class had plenty of activities on for the month of March with Seachtain na Gaeilge at the forefront of our studies as well as the celebrations of St. Patrick's Day. For Seachtain na Gaeilge the children focused on speaking as much Gaeilge as they could in class and around the school showcasing their new and improving vocabulary. They also performed 2 amhráin gaeilge in the church for the ceolchoirm singing 'Beidh Aonach Amárach' and 'Peigín Leitir Mór'. In maths, they continued with their studies of long multiplication, as well as looking at length, learning how to convert different metric measurements such as centimetres, metres and kilometres.



In SESE, St. Patrick was the focus for the month of March studying the history of his time in Ireland and also his move here from Wales. 4th class also looked at forestry in Ireland and deforestation with a particular focus on the Amazon rainforest in Brazil. In SPHE, the anti-bullying topic was 'peer pressure' and ways in which the children can recognise peer pressure and how best to respond to it. In art, flowers, plants, trees and all things spring were on their minds, drawing lovely pictures of daffodils and forests. As a celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we had our lá glas in school with the children dressing up in all their favourite éadaí glas. There was also a traditional band who came in to showcase all the amazing instruments that we use in Irish music. In P.E, 4th class have continued their swimming lessons in the PSLC and are improving really well while also competing in the cross country athletics races in Santry this month. It was a great experience for all the participants to race and compete against other schools.



5th Class did lots of fun things in March. The children took part in lots of activities to celebrate World Book Day. The children took part in an online quiz, read books to Junior Infants, and did an in class book tasting. The children learned the Irish songs 'Trasna na dTonnta' and 'Scaoil Uait na Deora'. They performed them excellently at the school ceolchoirm. 5th class finished their architecture projects this month and will be presenting them to the class over the next couple of weeks. A small group of the class took part in a lego day while the rest of the children went to do cross-country running. They came up with some amazing creations! In art, the children sketched snowdrops and tulips against a stained glass window background. 5th class have also started the writers' workshop this week and the children will be working on narrative stories using the pixar story spine structure. Also in English, the class composed Haiku poems about different aspects of nature.

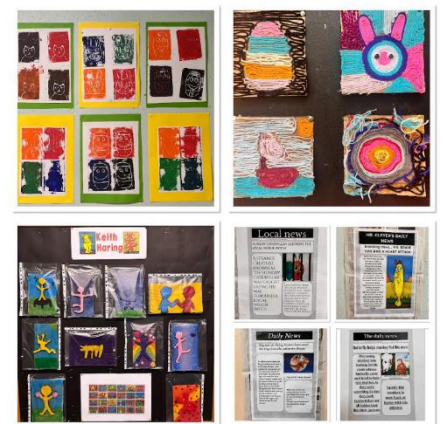


March began for **6th Class** with a class visit to the 1916 History Museum in the GPO to explore life in Dublin at the time, the events of Easter week and the aftermath of the Easter Rising.

For World Book Day the class celebrated their favourite picture books by creating fun newspaper articles based on their stories. They enjoyed dressing up as some characters from well-loved books. They enjoyed reading the novel 'Frankie's World' by Dublin author Aoife Dooley and had a meet and greet with Aoife herself in Malahide library. She told the class about how she comes up with ideas and illustrations for her graphic novels and the class tried out some character ideas of their own. 6th class have worked hard in maths on the topic of percentage profit & loss and explored the idea of variables and algebra. Ms. Hoffman & Mr. Jones have done a subject swap this month, and 6th class have enjoyed PE with Mr. Jones while Ms. Hoffman is creating art with 3rd Class.



6th class have also been creating amazing art, exploring Keith Haring's style through clay, exploring fabric & fibre making string pictures and trying out lino cutting and printing. They continued working with their 1st class reading buddies but this month they've changed to playground games. 6th class have been having a great time teaching 1st class games such as hopscotch, switch, what time is it Mr. Wolf & polio! The class are super excited to begin rehearsals for our end of year play 'Do you remember the first time?' which they'll perform in June.



Assembly

Ms. Ryan led our assembly this month with the help of some children from 4th Class. It was an excellent assembly on the theme of peer pressure. The children acted out scenarios that showed peer pressure. They explained to us what we should do in these situations.

March Anti-Bullying Topic

The anti-bullying topic for March was peer pressure. We discussed positive peer pressure. Our peers can have a positive influence on us. They can encourage us to try new sports or activities. We can watch classmates following rules and working hard and decide to do that too.

Negative peer pressure is when our peers ask or persuade us to do something that we know is not right. Sometimes they tell us that they won't be friends with us or tease us if we don't do as they say. Sometimes we watch our peers behaving in a way that we know is not right. It is important to do what you know is right and not copy others. You can ask for help from friends or adults if you need it.

“Never let anyone try and make you into something that you're not. Remember what it is that you want, and always stay strong in that.”

Abigail Breslin

Don't change
so people will
like you.
Be Yourself
and the right
people will love
the real you.

