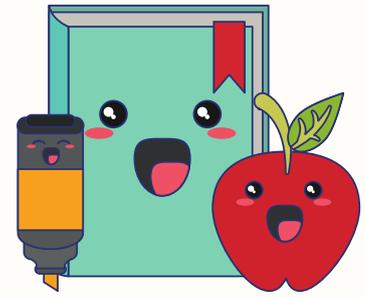




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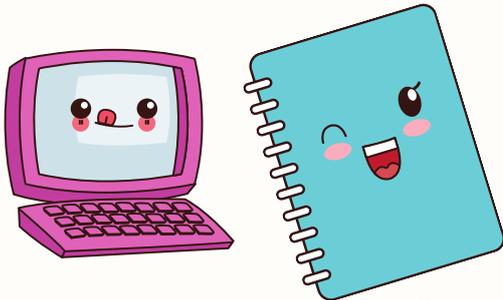
Welcome to the first edition of our new school newsletter. Each class will have their own page to show all the wonderful work taking place in our school.

Spring, for many, is a symbol of new beginnings. As Covid restrictions are easing, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back into St. Pats. After-school activities will be resuming soon and we intend to reopen our school library also.

Our Open Day will take place in March. If you know any children interested in enrolling with us for September 2022, ask them to contact the school. Places in some classes are limited and other classes are full.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. Do let us know what you would like to see more of in future editions. A big thank you to Ms. Molloy and Mr. Monaghan for coordinating our school newsletter.

Kind regards,
Marian Barrett



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DATES FOR THE DIARY



6h Class Confirmation Ceremony - Friday March 11th



Seachtain na Gaeilge - Monday March 14th - Friday March 18th



'St. Patrick' themed Shop Street Performance

2nd, 4th & 5th Classes

March 15th/16th (To be confirmed)



A reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), Friday March 18th (Public Holiday) & Monday March 21st (Teacher In-service Training)

PARENTS ASSOCIATION



We will be reforming our Parents Association in the next few weeks.

In the past, the Parents Association have organised fundraisers, volunteered in the school library and assisted in planning school events.

If you are interested in getting involved, please send an email to saintpatricksgalway@gmail.com, or let Jackie in the office know!

E.I. CLASS (ROOM 2)



E.I. is a hive of activity at the moment...

- We're on "Swan Watch" each Thursday, watching a beautiful mom make a nest for her babies.
- We are learning our numbers, making houses, playing dress up and having fun.

JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



Junior Infants have been very busy since Christmas
In January, we learned all about houses and homes. We made houses using various materials based on the theme of "The Three Little Pigs". We loved our role play area - pretending to cook in the kitchen, watch TV and doing the hoovering.

'The Farm' was our theme for February. During Art, we made pigs, sheep and hens. We enjoyed singing songs - 'Old MacDonald' and the 'Farmer in the dell'.

During P.E., we honed our fundamental movement skills such as skipping, throwing, jumping and striking.

Junior Infants in St. Pat's is super fun!!

SENIOR INFANTS/1ST CLASS (ROOM 1)



**Room 1 have been learning about....people who help us
in our community**

**We were very lucky to get a visit from our local community guard,
Garda Claire.**

**The girls and boys found out how she helps us to keep safe.
We had great fun dressing up in her uniform and Garda hat.**

**Our lollipop lady, Denise, and lollipop man, Alec, paid us a welcome
visit. They told us all about road safety and crossing the road safely!**

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)

Spring is in the air and the colour and freshness is being felt by all in Room 3.

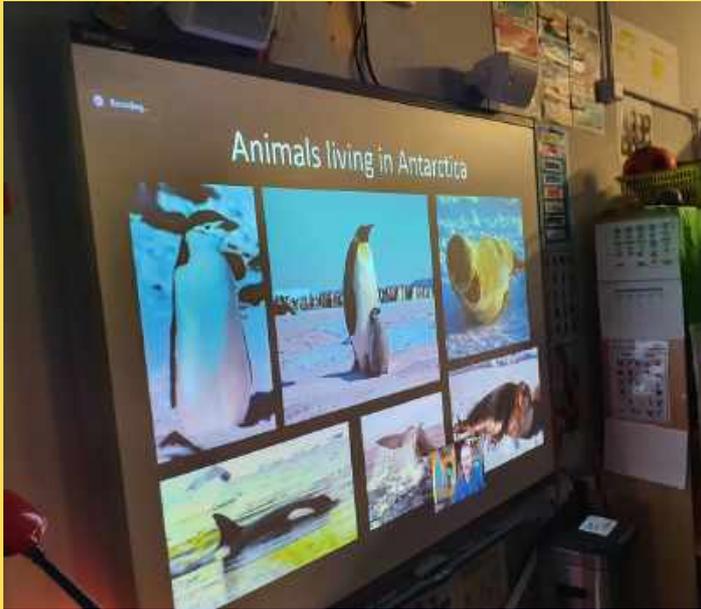
We had lots of fun in our school garden last week. We filled seedling trays with compost and planted tomato seeds. We also planted some spring bulbs and look forward to the colourful flowers growing over the next month!

Our Mums and Dads received personalised cards from all the children for Valentine's Day. We were busy pouring our HEARTS into our art work! I'm sure our mums and dads felt very loved!

We look forward to the next half term and the run up to Easter. We will be balancing work with play and have a tour or two planned!



2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



We hosted a zoom call with Henri Robert, a scientist who works for the International Polar Foundation in Antarctica. Henri gave a wonderful presentation and answered plenty of questions from the class. We are working on a project about Antarctica and will have some big news about that soon!

We were thrilled to have a visit by Mary from Galway & Claddagh Swan Rescue this month. Mary gave a fascinating talk about the wildlife that exists in our city. Our school has worked with them previously by growing peas, spinach, lettuce and cabbage, which is a healthy diet for the young cygnets, ducklings and other types of birds they take into their sanctuary.

It's wonderful to see the signs of spring sprouting up around the school. Ghosts, pirates and witches from 2nd class planted over 200 daffodil bulbs on the day of their Halloween holidays and we are now getting to see the success of their work!

3RD/4TH CLASS (ROOM 7)



Third and Fourth class (Room 7) are completing the Explorers Education Project. We had our first visit from Dr Maria Vitoria Marra, from the National Aquarium of Ireland, to teach us about marine life in Ireland and the importance of marine life in our world. When she returns in March, we will be helping her complete a squid dissection!

4TH CLASS (ROOM 6)



The boys and girls in Room 6 have been very busy researching, creating and presenting some magnificent projects. With varying topics such as transport, animals, sports, historical events and ancient civilisations, there was something for everyone and the class was enthralled at finding out loads of new and interesting information.

5TH CLASS (ROOM 5)



Room 5 -A Hub of Activity!

We have been using iPads to research famous revolutions from around the world. We will present them as a group later this month.

We have also been enjoying gardening time, creating posters for cyber safety and creating new planets to decorate our hallway!

Rehearsals are well underway as we prepare to perform on Shop Street ahead of St. Patrick's Day! Look out for our talented singers!

6TH CLASS (ROOM 13)



JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAMME

We have recently begun the J.E.P. The programme gives an insight into how to set up, grow and establish your own business.

We are currently working on our BIG IDEA and each group is getting ready to present their chosen idea to the Dragons in the next few weeks.

DEBATING

Well done to our debating team of Tom, Cathal & Ahmad who represented our school in last week's debate against Brierhill N.S., which was held through Zoom.

The boys opposed the motion 'Animals should not be kept as pets' and received very favourable feedback from the judges. All members of the class had input into the speeches.

We are looking forward to more debates between now and the end of the year, which will give more children in the class the opportunity to participate.

