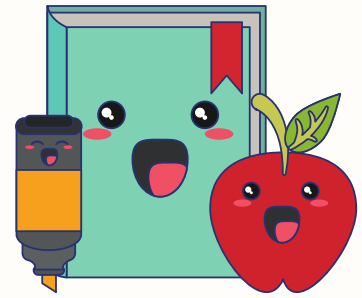




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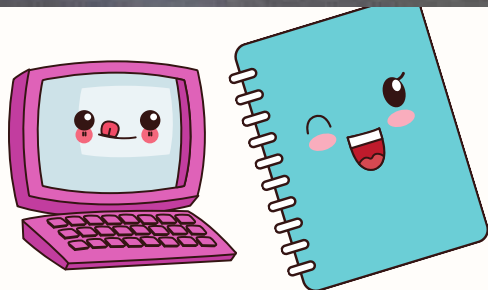
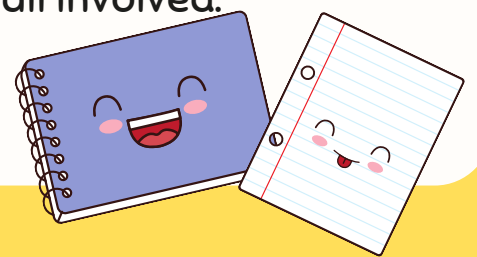
Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter. We have had another extremely busy month in St. Pat's.

Our Open Day was a great success. Many new parents visited the school throughout the day and were impressed with our bright school, large playground and many other facilities. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils in September.

We extended a very warm welcome to three new pupils from Ukraine who have recently joined us. They are settling into school life in Ireland very well and we are just delighted to have them here with us in St. Pat's.

We held a wonderful concert to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in our school. It was fantastic and raised funds for Irish Red Cross. RTE & Virgin Media showcased the concerts on TV, even live on St. Patrick's Day! Well done to all involved.

Kind regards,
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DATES FOR THE DIARY



*** Thursday 7th April we will have a bake sale and coffee morning in the hall. More information to follow.**



*** County Photos Photographers will be coming to take photos on Tuesday 26th April-more details to follow**



*** First Holy Communion will take place on Friday 6th May at 11am in St Augustine's Church in the city.**



*** School will close at 11.45am on Friday 8th April for the Easter holidays. School will re-open on Monday 25th April 2022.**

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES TIMETABLE



We were very excited for the return of our after school clubs over the last few weeks. Keep an eye out for more clubs in the next few weeks!

TIMETABLE

MONDAY:

Athletics (School Yard) 2.15pm - 3.15pm

TUESDAY:

Junior Lego Club (Room 1) 2.15pm - 3.15pm

WEDNESDAY

Board Games Club (Room 17) 2.15pm - 3.15pm

THURSDAY:

Senior Lego Club (Room 5) 2.15pm - 3.15pm

It is not too late to join...Please register at the office in advance of joining any of the clubs!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION



Thank you to those who have expressed an interest and joined our Parents Association to date.

We are looking forward to the Parents Association joining us for events in the school between now and the end of this school year.

It's not too late to sign up, if you are interested in getting involved, please send an email to saintpatricksgalway@gmail.com, or let Jackie in the office know!

THANK YOU!



It was heart-warming to see the whole school community coming together to help the people of Ukraine in their hour of need.

Our caretaker Joe proudly delivered 30 boxes of goods to the drop off centre on behalf of the school community.

A massive thank you to all the families that donated items, to Ms. O'Connell for co-ordinating the collection and to all the pupils & staff who helped sort and pack the boxes.

ST. PAT'S PRE-SCHOOL



Our classrooms - 'The Sunflower Room' & 'The Rainbow Room'



It's been a busy month in our pre-school, as we opened our newly refurbished 'Rainbow Room'. The children love their new classroom!

Our curriculum is guided by Aistear and we take an Inclusive, Play Based & Emerging Interests Approach to our curriculum.

We focus on being inclusive of all children's needs, using play as the main method of learning and observing children's interests to inform the learning experiences we provide for the children.

E.I. CLASS (ROOM 2)

We've had a marvellous month in our Early Intervention Class.

*** We celebrated the birthday of one of our incredible boys. We had a delicious cake, cookies, balloons and bubbles. It was a very special day.**

*** We dressed in green and covered our room in St Patrick's Day art work.**

*** We got some new books to add to our library and they're a huge hit. All the children, without exception, choose reading when given a choice of activity.**

*** We are learning all about the signs of Spring in our locality - flowers blooming, young animals appearing, birds building nests and buds emerging on the trees**



JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



Junior Infants have been learning all about Spring. We planted seeds in our school garden and went on a nature walk to see if we could see different signs of Spring, such as daffodils, snowdrops, buds and nests.

We got creative and used paint to create beautiful flowers during our art lessons. We also learned about the life-cycle of the frog and created our very own pond for Aistear.

SENIOR INFANTS/1ST CLASS (ROOM 1)



The girls and boys in Senior Infants and First Class had a busy month.
We learned about the 'Garden Centre' in Aistear and got to enjoy planting our own seeds, as well as helping out our caretaker Joe in the school garden.

We took part in 'Engineers Week' and built our own 2-D Shapes, with spaghetti and mini marshmallows.

Maths and Science never tasted so good!

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)

We had a lovely walk around the city during March, searching for some signs of Spring. We saw evidence such as daffodils, nests, buds and primroses.

We noted the many waterways of our city centre and walked past the river, canals and noted some gushing waterfalls much to the excitement of the children.

No walk would be complete without a playground visit. We had a blast!

Earlier in the month we took out our pots and pans and we made pancakes. The children followed the steps and helped to make the batter. Sampling the pancakes was of course great fun and the children gave them top marks!



2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



2nd class, along with 3rd, 4th & 5th class, held a series of concerts over the past few weeks.

The concerts took place in the school hall, on Shop Street & at N.U.I.G.

All proceeds raised went to the Irish Red Cross & their Ukraine fund. We helped raise a massive €1,740.68! Thanks to all who contributed.

Congratulations to Jorja, who recently won 1st place at the Alan Scariff Feis.

In addition, she also won several medals over the course of the weekend at the Feis.

Well done Jorja!



We had a very successful appearance on Ireland AM on St. Patrick's Day morning. Deiric O'hArtagáin & the Virgin Media crew gave the children, parents & staff a great welcome! We had lots of fun throughout the morning.

3RD/4TH CLASS (ROOM 7)



Things got a bit fishy in Room 7 this month. We had a visit from Maria Marra, from Atlantaquaria, our local aquarium. She brought in loads of squid and we had great fun dissecting them.

We also sold daffodils in the yard on Daffodil day. The daffodils were grown and harvested in our own school grounds.

We created some beautiful art work for Mother's Day. Our mums are so special to us!

4TH CLASS (ROOM 6)



It's been another busy month in Room 6! Here are some of the highlights:

- Appearing on National TV on Ireland A.M.**
- Making yummy pancakes on Pancake Tuesday.**
- Preparing for our concerts & dressing up in green in the run up to St. Patrick's Day.**
- Raising money for Irish Red Cross.**
- Designing and creating Mother's Day cards.**
- Completing our T.S.I reading programme.**

5TH CLASS (ROOM 5)



Another busy month in Room 5!

Our class reward this month was a trip to the playground-what a beautiful Spring day we had! Our first class selfie of 2022 was taken that day.

We performed with 2nd,3rd and 4th class for St Patrick's Day and were even featured on the news on TV.

We have been building on our STEM skills, whilst having lots of fun with Lego. What a great month March has been!

6TH CLASS (ROOM 13)



Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys who made their Confirmation on Friday March 11th in the Augustinian Church. They represented the school and their families so well on the day. Thank you to Bishop Brendan & Fr. Tony for celebrating a lovely ceremony.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Rinneamar Tráth na gCeist ar Kahoot le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge. We enjoyed using the devices to take part in interactive quizzes on Kahoot as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022!