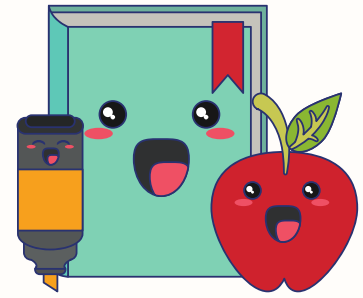




May 2022

St. Patrick's Primary School



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Principal's Desk

Welcome to the May edition of our school newsletter. It was another very busy month in St. Pat's and we look forward to lots more fun activities in June.

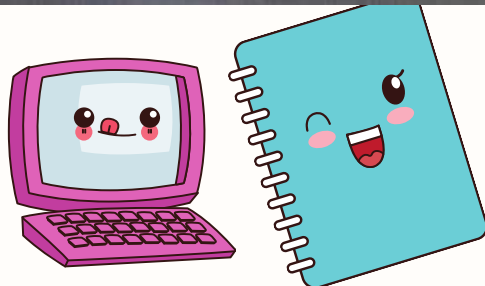
Well done to 2nd class and Mr. Conboy who organised a beautiful ceremony for First Communion. Congratulations also to all involved in winning awards for our school this month: Mayor's Award for Culture, Arts & Cúrsaí Gaeilge and also the Mission Possible Award.

Thanks to staff, parents and pupils for their tremendous team effort in organising a lovely send-off for Mrs. Joan Coughlan following her retirement. Congratulations to Ms. Barrett and her husband who have welcomed a baby girl to their family.

The children and staff have worked very hard to complete the curriculum in an engaging and active manner this year. We have lots of fun activities to look forward to in June, including Sports Day, school tours, nature walks, fun in our school garden and our 6th class Graduation Ceremony. It will be another great month for all in St. Pat's.

Kind regards,

Riona Donoghue.



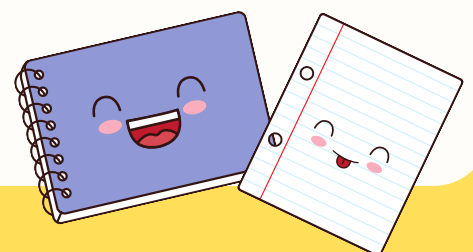
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DATES FOR THE DIARY



- **There will be no school on Monday June 6th & Tuesday June 7th**
- **School will also be closed on Monday June 13th for a Staff Meeting/Training Day**



- **Sports Day (2nd - 6th classes) Thursday June 9th & Sports Day (Infants, 1st class & Junior ASD class) Friday June 10th.**



- **School Tours:**
5th/6th - Monday June 20th
2nd/3rd/4th - Tuesday June 21st
Infants/1st class - Thursday June 23rd



- **6th Class Graduation - Tuesday June 21st @ 11am.**



- **School will finish up for the summer holidays on Friday June 24th @ 11.45am**



- **St. Pat's annual 'Summer Camp' returns this year from Monday June 27th - Friday July 1st. The camp will run from 10am-2pm daily, at a cost of €60 per child.**

FAREWELL MRS. COUGHLAN!



On Friday May 27th, we finally got an opportunity to wish Mrs. Joan Coughlan well in her retirement.

Mrs. Coughlan retired in November 2020 after a long and distinguished career as a class teacher, support teacher and Deputy Principal here in the school. Due to Covid restrictions at the time, we were unable to give her the send off she deserved.

We sang songs, read poems & letters, made cards and put on a memorable performance for her. We wish her good health and happiness in her retirement.

ST. PAT'S PRE-SCHOOL



The children in the Rainbow Room are preparing for their graduation to big school on the 17th of June.
The boys and girls in the Sunflower Room are getting ready to move up to the Rainbow Room.

E.I. CLASS (ROOM 2)

"A Marvellous May"

We had a brilliant and busy month.

We learned about the many members of the cat family, before pretending to be cats ourselves!



We started aerobics which we LOVE, especially when we incorporate balloons!

We started talking about our summer wardrobes as the weather improves and took many trips around the city.

JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



This month's Aistear theme of "The Supermarket" was a huge hit! The children played in our role-play area and pretended to be customers, a shop keeper and shop assistants.

We started learning about money in maths and we used our money skills to buy the groceries from our supermarket. We also made some yummy ice creams using puffy paint!

SENIOR INFANTS/1ST CLASS (ROOM 1)



The girls and boys from Senior Infants and First Class have started guided meditation this month. They look forward to their meditation break everyday. It helps their focus & concentration and to find their zen.

They also enjoyed a summer walk last week to take in the signs of summer.

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



May brought colour and flowers to our classroom. We looked at the beautiful cherry blossom trees and were inspired to make our own finger print blossom trees in class. Look how beautiful they are!

All this talk of flowers brought us out to the school garden. we planted seeds and learned all about plants and how we can help them to grow.

We experimented with magnets in the classroom, we learned all about healthy eating , we studied lots of jungle animals and sang a song called "Daddy's Taking Us to the Zoo Tomorrow!"

2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



We had an amazing time at the recent Galway City Mayor's Awards where we picked up the award for Arts, Culture, Heritage & Cúrsaí Gaeilge! A huge thanks to everyone who helped with our music programme over this past year and a special thanks to Mayor Colette Connolly and Galway City Council for this wonderful recognition.



We were honoured to perform in St. Nicholas' Church last month as part of the Galway Ukulele Festival! Taking place in the famous Latin Quarter of Galway City, the Galway Uke Festival brings a whole host of great concerts, street event spectacles, competitions, workshops & more, all celebrating the wonderful sounds of the ukulele. We are already looking forward to next year's festival!

3RD/4TH CLASS (ROOM 7)



We've been busy cooking up a storm during Golden Time. There are lots of budding chefs in Room 7.

We also learned all about various species of Shark and created projects on them.

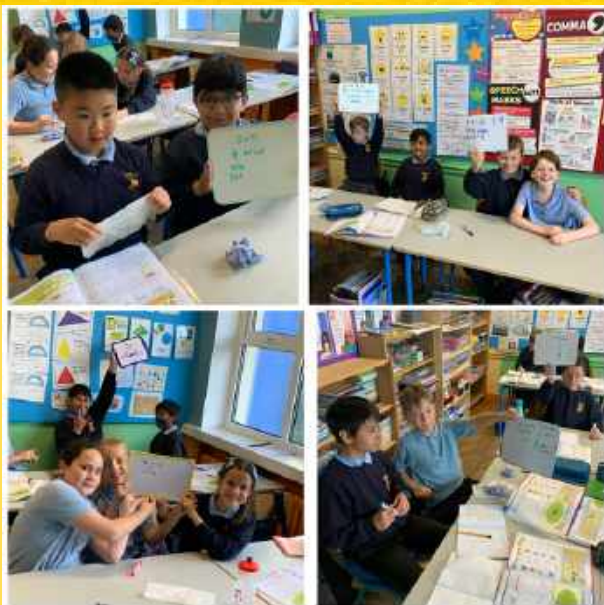
In keeping with our sea theme, we did some beautiful "Under The Sea" artwork .

4TH CLASS (ROOM 6)



FOLLOWING ON FROM OUR HISTORY LESSON WE EXPLORED OUR VERY OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE VERY FIRST PAINTINGS!

ACTIVE MATHS EACH MORNING, PREDICTING AND PROBLEM SOLVING! WE LOVE TO GET HANDS ON WITH OUR OWN WHITEBOARDS TO SHOW OUR ANSWERS!



WE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AT THE GAELIC BLITZ WHERE WE GOT TO SHOW OFF OUR SKILLS TAUGHT BY COACH CONNOR. KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY IS A BIG PART OF OUR LIVES IN ROOM 6. WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN PLAYING HOCKEY, GAELIC, SOCCER, BASKETBALL AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!

5TH CLASS (ROOM 5)



5th class, along with Senior Infants & 1st class presented their cheque to Carol from the Galway Simon Community this month after our very successful bake sale & fundraiser.



We got back to basics in Art this month and had some fun with finger painting. It was a case of smiles all round as we had super fun using this technique!

6TH CLASS (ROOM 13)

Well done to Wojciech who played in the primary school game at half time in the Galway vs Leitrim Connacht Senior Football Championship match in Pearse Stadium recently. Here he is with Galway footballer, Kieran Molloy, after the game!



The 'Simply Signs' team were the winners of our recent Dragons Den presentation as part of the J.E.P. The whole class has now come together to make this product, and the orders are flying in!

Great credit to all the boys who presented in the hall on the day of the presentation, and to our judges - Ms. O'Doherty, Mr. Holland & Ms. O'Donnell.