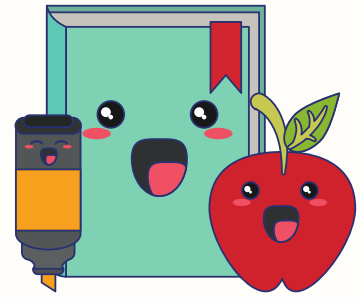




# St. Patrick's Primary School



September 2022

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## Principal's Desk

Welcome to the September edition of our school newsletter. Class work and after school curricular activities are now in full swing in St. Pat's. It is great to see our pupils so enthusiastic and engaged in their school work and extracurricular activities. We have welcomed lots of new students to our school and hope that they have settled in well and are enjoying all that St. Pat's has to offer.

Well done to the boys and girls who participated in the Galway Primary Schools Cross Country Championship in Renmore. Thank you to Ms. O'Doherty & Ms. Codyre for preparing our athletes. It was a great experience for them and St. Pat's is very proud of all who took part.

We held a ceremony to raise our Green Flag for Water. Mr Conboy and the pupils on the Green School Committee worked very hard over the past couple of years to conserve water in our school and to educate pupils on how to prevent wasting water at home also. The committee used the Picker Pals Programme to help them in cleaning up the canals, rivers and beaches near St. Pat's. Well done to all involved.

We have lots more planned for the coming months including trips to the City Library and to events in Baboró International Arts Festival for Children, setting up our new Student Council & beginning engagement on our Creative Schools Programme with the help of local artist, Dee Deegan.

Thank you to all of our fantastic staff for a great team effort as always.

Kind regards,  
Ríona Donoghue

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# SCHOOL COACHING VISITS



Galway football goalkeeper Connor Gleeson has returned to coach in our school on behalf of Fr. Griffin's/Éire Óg GAA club. We are thankful to Connor & Fr. Griffin's for providing these coaching sessions. Connor will be coaching 1st/2nd/3rd/4th class over the coming weeks.



Thanks to Emer Flatley, of the FAI, for taking our 5th & 6th class recently for a futsal soccer session in the hall. Both classes will now take part in a six week futsal programme to improve their skills!

# DATES FOR THE DIARY



Maths Week will take place from October 17th – 21st.



Halloween dress up – takes place on Friday October 28th. School then reopens on Monday November 7th.



First Holy Communion for 1st & 2nd class children will take place on Friday April 28th 2023 @ 12pm



A date for Confirmation for 6th class pupils will be announced in due course.



# SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Our school clubs/activities have recommenced!  
Here is the timetable from now until Halloween.  
All clubs take place from 2.10pm – 3.10pm

## MONDAY:

Athletics (School Hall/Yard)  
Chess Club (Room 16)

## TUESDAY:

Lego Club Senior (Room 16)  
Gaelic Football (School Yard)

## THURSDAY:

Lego Club Junior (Room 1)  
Basketball (School Hall)  
Coding (Room 12)

Please register using the online link sent out in  
advance of joining any of the clubs!

# JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)

Room 2 have had a super September! We've gone on lots of walks, spotted a heron, swans and lots of ducks.



We've had lots of fun in the classroom too! Playing games, painting, building and lots more!



# JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



For the month of September Junior Infants have been exploring the theme of "Myself and My Family". During art we made pictures of ourselves and our family members. We made faces using playdoh. We role-played scenarios in the home corner during aistear. We built houses with blocks and we played with small people in our doll house.



# SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



We had great fun in Room 1 this September. We have enjoyed observing the changes in the season as autumn sets in and adding seasonal treasures to our nature table. We have produced some great artwork and learned so much in the classroom with our station teaching and daily Aistear sessions. We have also been on lots of nature walks. We are going to have a super, duper year!



# JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



We are back in full swing in Room 3. September has been a busy month with lots happening.



We have been working hard. We visited the school garden and the playground too.





# 1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



September was off to a busy start for Room 8 as we welcomed new and familiar faces back to school! We've visited Galway City Library for new books and for an event by the author Dolores Keaveney. Dolores taught us all about bees, read her book, 'Dee the Bee', to us and we even designed a very large art piece made up of all our unique and colourful drawings of bees! Gaelic football practice has also started for 1st & 2nd class on Tuesday afternoons – lucky us!



# 3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)



And we're back!!!

Room 7 have been settling back into school nicely. We have recently signed up to take part in the 2022/23 Vex Robotics Competition! We are designing and building our very own robot who we will then code to be able to play different games on our arena!



# 4TH/5TH CLASS (ROOM 15)

## Stars of September !



And we're back!!!

Room 15 have started the new school year with a bang. We are so very lucky to have new students join us too and we've had lots of fun getting to know one another through art & games. .

A huge congratulations to all our athletes who took part in the Cross Country Competition. We are all very proud of your wonderful achievement.



# 5TH CLASS (ROOM 17)



5th class were busy harvesting our crops from the school garden. Using our very own potatoes and carrots, the class made mash potatoes with carrots and crisps!

The sound of guitars and ukuleles can be heard from Room 17 every Wednesday as the class are busy learning how to play the instruments. Fast progress is being made with exciting news coming soon!



# 6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)

It has been a busy September for Room 18 as the boys and girls settle in to their final year in primary school!



Last week we debated how we would allocate the budget if we were part of the government, some budding politicians among us for sure!



We have been testing out the new school chrome books which were purchased over the summer. We are looking forward to getting more use out of them as the weeks progress!