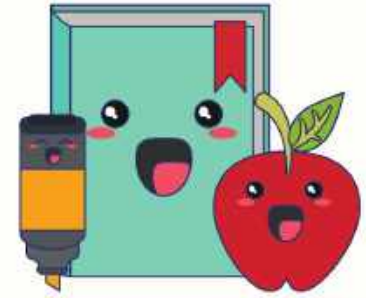




# St. Patrick's Primary School



October 2022

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## Principal's Desk

Welcome to the October edition of our school newsletter. It was a very busy and productive first half term in St. Pat's and staff and students alike were well deserving of a rest over midterm break.

Along with all the interesting, engaging and interactive curricular work which goes on in our classrooms and school grounds daily, lots of other initiatives, projects and school outings have been taking place. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for regular updates.


Ms. Staunton and Ms. Cunniffe coordinated the setting up of our new Student Council this month. The Student Council will represent the views of the students on matters of general concern to them and will enhance communication between students, staff and parents. The aim is also to promote friendship and respect among pupils. Their first project will be to consult and work with Ms Clancy, Ms Conway and local artist Dee Deegan on our Creative Schools Programme. Our Students Council will be rotated and a new committee will be elected at Easter 2023.

We have lots planned for November including Sciences quizzes, a Coding Workshop with Corrib Computer Training (for 6th class), a visit from the Killaloe Exploration Dome for all students and preparations for our Christmas shows.

Thank you to our hardworking staff for a great team effort as always and to all parents for their support and cooperation.

Ríona Donoghue

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY



Science Week will take place from Monday November 14th – Friday November 18th.



Parent Teacher Meetings will take place during the week of Monday November 21st – Friday November 25th. Teachers will be in contact to arrange times.



Open Day for prospective pupils for September 2023 will take place on Thursday December 8th.



School will be closed on Friday December 9th to facilitate a staff training day.



Christmas Shows:

- Wednesday December 14th (Pre/School – 2nd class during school hours)
- Thursday December 15th (3rd – 6th class @ 7pm)

# SPORTS CORNER



In addition to coaching sessions for 1st to 4th classes with Connor Gleeson (Fr. Griffin's/Éire Óg GAA club) we were delighted to have Galway football captain Seán Kelly, and Cian Ryan of Galway GAA in with us over the past few weeks. Seán has been coaching Gaelic football to 5th & 6th classes, while Cian has been introducing hurling to Senior Infants.



Well done to our Gaelic Football team who participated in the Mini 7s competition, playing four matches against the Jes, Mervue, Shantalla & Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh. We are looking forward to more blitzes as the year progresses.

# SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Clubs resume from Monday November 14th.  
Re-registration is essential to book the next 5  
week slot between now and Christmas (except  
for Gaelic & chess).

All clubs take place from 2.10pm – 3.10pm

## MONDAY:

Athletics (School Hall/Yard)

Chess Club (Room 16)

## TUESDAY:

Lego Club Senior (Room 16)

Music (Room 17)

Gaelic Football (School Yard)

## WEDNESDAY

Irish Dancing (School Hall – starts Nov 23rd)

## THURSDAY:

Lego Club Junior (Room 1)

Basketball (School Hall)

Coding (Room 12)

# ✨ OUR STUDENT COUNCIL ✨

1st/ 2nd Class - Ms. Jordan

Madisen Fitzgerald  
Joao Mainardi Alves



3rd Class - Ms. McCarthy

Matevi Bychenko  
Abrianna Murray

4th/ 5th Class - Ms. O'Doherty

Ariana Beganji  
Mark Boyle



5th Class - Mr. Conboy

To be confirmed

6th Class - Mr. Monaghan

Andrei Mardirosevici  
Victoria Fregene



# JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)



Room 2 were very busy this October!

We celebrated two birthdays in the classroom!

All of the children in the class loved completing different Halloween activities. We did lots of Halloween art and dressed up as witches and made magic potions. On dress up day the spooky cat and superheroes had lots of fun dancing to Halloween music!

# JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



We had a very spooooooky Halloween in Junior Infants. We made Halloween pizzas, we carved a pumpkin, we pretended to be witches and wizards and brewed potions in our potions lab and we also created cool Halloween art! The children looked really scary in their Halloween costumes!

# SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



We have had a very busy and spooky October in Room 1.

We love Halloween and really enjoyed carving our class pumpkin. We made spiders, pumpkins, frankensteins and witches in our art lessons. We created spells and brewed witches' potions in Aistear.

We enjoyed dressing up on the last day before our midterm break and have learned lots of Halloween songs and even a monster dance!

This month we also started our hurling lessons with Coach Cian on Friday mornings.



# JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)

We had a very special October in Room 3.  
We celebrated not one, but two birthdays!



**A big  
Happy Birthday  
to Ryan and  
Kason.**

5th Class helped us  
plant some seeds.

We fed the ducks  
on the Corrib



We went to the Library

We had a Spooky  
Halloween



# 1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



Our highlights of October included attending not one but two shows! We enjoyed both shows immensely. We made autumn trees in art, conducted a science experiment and learned how Día de los Muertos is celebrated in Mexico and Diwali is celebrated in India around the same time as Halloween. We also had great fun dressing up for Halloween and performing our 'Bones' and 'Monster Mash' dances in our costumes!

# 3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

We had a great October, including going to a Baboro workshop which taught us about how our bodies work. We played games and enjoyed a dance class! We had a fancy dress party before the Halloween break.



# 4TH/5TH CLASS (ROOM 15)



Wow! What a wonderful month we had. So much fun and games. Dressing up for Halloween was a huge success and many a fright was had in the hallways of St Pats. Everyone has worked so hard bringing us up to half term. Well done to you all. You all deserved the break. 😊

# 5TH CLASS (ROOM 17)



5th class have been working hard on their MyEU50 project about Croatia. Along with a variety of research topics about the country, the pupils have been cooking Croatian meals and even sang & recorded a Croatian song called 'Ribari' by well-known Croatian singer Vinko Coce.!



We have recycled our plastic bottles into bird feeders throughout the school. The windows of Room 17 have turned into a live wildlife documentary in recent weeks, with visitors including sparrows, starlings and blue tit birds. Winter can be a difficult time of year for small garden birds and 5th class are delighted to do their bit to help!

# 6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)

One of the highlights of October was Maths Week! Daily Maths challenges & puzzles kept us busy and entertained, as well as work on the mini-whiteboards. We carried out a Maths trail which included a survey on the cars parked in the school car park. We had fun drawing charts & graphs to represent our findings.



We also tried out Chromatography in Science, and used the paper we tested to create Halloween pictures

