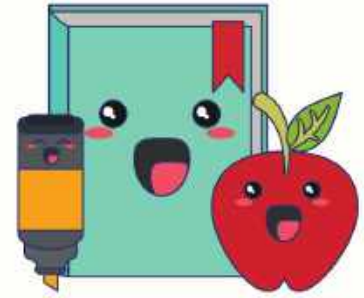




St. Patrick's Primary School



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Principal's Desk

Welcome to the November edition of our school newsletter. It has been another fun-filled, interesting and busy month here in St. Pat's.

Science week got off to a great start in our school with Mr. Griffin and 20 pupils from 4th, 5th & 6th class taking part in an Exhibition Day at University of Galway on Sunday 13th November. They demonstrated and explained a variety of experiments to both young and old and did our school proud.

Our Student Council had their first meeting this month and have been coming up with great ideas on how to showcase all of the wonderful activities and resources which our school has to offer at our upcoming open day. Our open day for perspective pupils will take place this Thursday, 8th December from 12pm to 3pm. Please spread the word.

Well done to 6th class and our debating team who have been taking part in a debating competition with other local schools via zoom. Debating teaches valuable communication skills and how to prepare and effectively defend a point using facts and sound research.


We have lots planned for December including Carol Singing, Christmas shows, visits to the Live Crib and lots of active learning and fun in the lead up to the Christmas break.

Kind regards,

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DATES FOR THE DIARY



Open Day for prospective pupils for September 2023 will take place on Thursday December 8th from 12-3pm.



Carol Singing - 5th class will perform at:

1. Boston Scientific (Dec 7th)
2. Eyre Square Shopping Centre (Dec 8th)
3. William Street (Dec 20th)



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



Christmas Shows:

Wednesday December 14th

- Jnr. Infants @ 12.30pm
- 1st/2nd class @ 1pm

Thursday December 15th

- Snr. Infants @ 11am
- 3rd - 6th class @ 7pm



The school will close for Christmas holidays on Wednesday December 21st @ 11.45am, and reopen for Term 2 on Thursday January 5th @ 8.30am

FR. SEAN MANNING SCIENCE



QUIZ



We are very proud of the sixteen boys & girls from 5th & 6th class who represented the school at the Fr. Seán Manning Science Week Quiz held at Coláiste Muire Máthair (formerly St. Mary's College) on Friday November 18th.

With a massive 50 teams taking part, well done to Wiktor, Senan, Ronan & Lorcan who finished 3rd. We are very proud of all our teams who represented our school so well on the day.

SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Our after school programme is continuing up until
Friday 16th December.

All clubs take place from 2.10pm – 3.10pm

MONDAY:

Athletics (School Hall/Yard)

Chess Club (Room 16) Will resume in January

TUESDAY:

Lego Club Senior (Room 16)

Music (Room 17)

Gaelic Football (School Yard)

WEDNESDAY

Irish Dancing (School Hall)

THURSDAY:

Lego Club Junior (Room 1)

Basketball (School Hall)

Coding (Room 12)

FRIDAY

Indoor Soccer 2nd, 16th, 19th Dec (School Hall)

STUDENT COUNCIL 2022/2023



Meet our Student Council for 2022/2023. Our student representatives are already busy at work!

We look forward to seeing some of their work coming to fruition over the next few weeks & months.

Big thanks to Ms. Cunniffe & Ms. Staunton for getting our Student Council up and running again.

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)



Another busy month in Room 2!
We made polar bears and penguins. We painted using our toy cars and then set up a carwash in the classroom. Our yoga skills are improving every month too!



JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



Welcome to our Doctor's Surgery! This month Junior Infants have been learning all about doctors. We pretended to be doctors, patients and receptionists and role-played different scenarios from treating patients with sore throats to broken bones! We even made our own x-rays!

SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



November was a very busy month for us here in Room 1. We went on nature walks, completed a Maths trail, carried out lots of science experiments for Science Week and demonstrated how creative we are during our workshop with our artist-in-residence Dee Deegan. We were very excited to welcome three new students to our class and we were thrilled to get to experience the amazing Killaloe Exploration Dome where we learned all about the solar system.

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



Winter is here and we went scavenging for signs of the changing seasons on a nature hunt.

We presented our own weather forecast inspired by News2day on RTE. We worked scientifically during science week by investigating a Tornado in a bottle and how objects may be moved by force with an air cannon. Scratch is a coding program that we have been using to create stories and games.

1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



The month of November flew by in Room 8 as we welcomed new classmates, visited the library, conducted experiments for Science Week and began preparations for our Christmas Show on December 14th! We also had a brilliant experience learning all about our solar system when the Killaloe Exploration Dome, a digital mobile planetarium, visited our school on November 25th!

3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

We started Basketball classes with a wonderful new coach. We also got a special Pizza Party in Supermacs as Jorja won their Halloween colouring competition! The class got to make (and eat) their very own personal pizzas. We have a class of budding chefs on our hands!.



4TH/5TH CLASS (ROOM 15)



The year is flying by. 4th & 5th are taking it all in their stride. We are all working so hard, having fun as we go. Well done everyone! This term we are having a lot of fun and are learning a lot of new skills in both gaelic and basketball.

5TH CLASS (ROOM 17)



As part of our Winter theme, 5th class focused on creating the northern lights (aurora borealis) using oil pastels and black pastel paper. The children are also busy creating winter art to be used during our Christmas Concert on December 15th!



Winter may be upon us but there is still plenty of work to be done in the garden! This time of year can be used to be prepare the soil for the growing months ahead. 5th class have been adding fallen leaves, seaweed and cow manure to our containers. This will add nutrients and protect the soil during the rainfall and cold weather.

6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)

Keep an eye out for 6th class in their smart looking class hoodies!



We recently took part in three workshops as part of Science Week 2022.

1. Corrib Coding – We participated in an all day coding seminar.
2. Samhail – Imagine your life on Mars. We constructed our own Mars research stations in Art as part of this.
3. Killaloe Exploration Dome – the mobile planetarium, which told us loads of facts about the solar system.

