



St. Patrick's Primary School



February 2023

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Friday March 17th

Monday March 20th

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at 11.45am

Principal's Desk

Welcome to the February edition of our school newsletter. Our monthly newsletter gives just a small flavour of the wonderful, engaging learning which is going on in our classrooms daily.

During the month of February pupils marked many special occasions in school including St. Valentine's Day and Pancake Tuesday.

Our Catholic pupils gathered together to mark our Foundation Day and St. Brigid's Day at a mass in St. Augustine's Church. Thank you to Bro. Niall, a member of the Patrician Brothers and a former teacher at St. Pat's who joined us for our mass and spoke to us about the history of the Patrician Brothers who founded our school.


We were delighted to welcome Government Chief Whip Hildegard Naughton, TD (a former teacher at St. Pat's) and Maria Walsh, MEP who visited 6th class to discuss the E.U. with them.

Once again thank you to our wonderful staff for providing a holistic and stimulating education to our pupils and also to our parents who support and nurture their children's continued learning in the home.

Kind regards,
Riona Donoghue

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INTEL IRELAND AWARDS



Aidan Brennan, Mark Boyle, Sumaiya Haque and Aarav Sakhrelia represented St. Patrick's Boys and Girls Primary School at February's Intel Mini Scientist Awards in Maynooth University, winning Best Sustainability Award for the school! The children's Trash Into Treasure project, which involved feeding the school garden soil with seaweed, cow manure, banana skins and nettles, along with using pallets, tyres and sanitiser containers as planters, came out on top against tough competition from schools all over Ireland. This is the first time St. Pat's have entered the competition, representing Galway following their triumph at the regional finals in November.



This year's competition was entered by over 6,000 pupils nationwide. The competition aims to encourage students to see that science and technology is all around us, and can be fun and exciting!

CREDIT UNION QUIZ



Well done to the twelve boys and girls who represented our school at the Credit Union Quiz, held at the Salthill Hotel recently. All three teams competed very well on the night, and competed well in both the U11 & U13 categories.

Thanks to Mr. Barry for all his work in preparing the teams and for accompanying them on the night.



(Missing from photo: Davitt & Ayanda)

GAE LIC FOOTBALL COACHING



We are once again very grateful to all in Fr. Griffin's/Éire Óg GAA club, who have continued to include us as part of their schools coaching initiative.

Their Club Development Officer, Mary Fitzpatrick, will be coaching each class every Monday between now and the end of the school year. The pupils have really enjoyed the first few sessions.

SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Our after school programme continues for Term 2!

Please register via the Aladdin App

All clubs take place from 2.10pm – 3.10pm

MONDAY:

Chess Club (Room 16)

TUESDAY:

Lego Club Infants – 6th (Room 6)

Music (Room 17)

Gaelic Football (School Yard)

WEDNESDAY

Irish Dancing Infants (STEM Room)

Irish Dancing 1st – 6th (School Hall)

THURSDAY:

Art Club (STEM Room)

Basketball (School Hall)

Coding (Room 12)

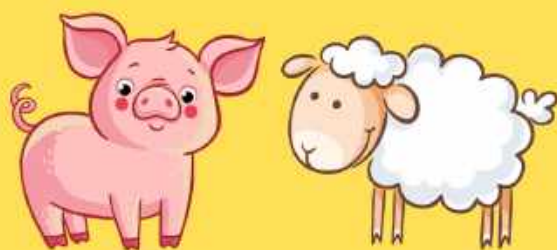
JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)



We have been enjoying observing the signs of Spring on our walks. There are lots of new beautiful flowers growing all around us. We have been very busy digging for dinosaurs and doing our dinosaur yoga. We also made delicious pancakes with chocolate syrup and marshmallows.



JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



Spring has sprung and the young farmers from Junior Infants have been very busy feeding their animals, bringing the sick animals to the vet, collecting eggs from the hens and driving the tractor. They also had fun making cool sheep and pig crafts during Art!

SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



Spring is in the air in Room 1. We are enjoying the brighter days and have been out and about to observe the signs of the new season all around us. We celebrated Valentine's Day and Pancake Tuesday this month. We have started Gaelic football lessons on Monday mornings with Mary and we have had some very exciting hurling matches with Mr. Holland. Literacy Lift Off is coming to an end for us this week. We have really benefitted from it and enjoyed reading a wide variety of books.

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



Good bye Winter, Hello Spring!

We had two birthdays in February. Michael turned 7 and Ned is now 8 years old. Happy birthday boys. We were on the lookout for signs of Spring in our locality. St. Brigid's Day was on the 1st of February and we made some crosses. On St. Valentines Day we made bouquets for our loved ones. Shrove Tuesday went down a treat with pancakes. We have been busy with Literacy Lift Off.

1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



We have been on the hunt for signs of spring around the school grounds and have been delighted to find flowers blooming and buds emerging! We learnt how to give a 'pizza massage' and how to do 'bubble breathing' in Fun Friends, made fingerprint hearts for Valentine's Day and have completed Literacy Lift Off! We thoroughly enjoyed reading a variety of books and working together in small groups.

3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

We have been busy baking in February and whipped up some tasty Rice Krispie buns. We also iced and decorate Valentine's buns. Delicious!



4TH/5TH CLASS (ROOM 15)



Oh what fun we have been having!
Spring is in the air and we are making the most of it. Valentines Day, Pancakes and lots, lots more.

5TH CLASS (ROOM 17)



ICE-ELATION! BY 3RD CLASS & 5TH CLASS

5th class completed their latest documentary 'Ice-Elation!' in February. The documentary was started last year by 2nd class (now 3rd) and features live Zoom interviews with polar expedition guides currently based in Antarctica. The pupils recorded their own soundtrack for the documentary, which also features green screen technology and voice overs. Keep an eye out for our young documentary makers in the years ahead!



Henri Robert, a scientist who is currently working at Princess Elisabeth Station in Antarctica, joined us for a chat online!



Signs of spring are appearing all around us. The daffodils which 5th class planted in October can now be seen all over the school grounds. The pupils have also begun planting seeds in the school greenhouse in preparation for their new business venture, watch this space!



6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)



As part of our work on the Blue Star Programme, we were delighted to welcome Maria Walsh, Irish M.E.P. for the Midlands/North-West, and Hildegarde Naughton T.D. to the school last week. Maria told us all about her work in the European Parliament. She asked us about what we had been learning as part of the programme so far and participated in a Q&A. We thank Maria for her visit, as we continue working towards achieving the Blue Flag for our school.