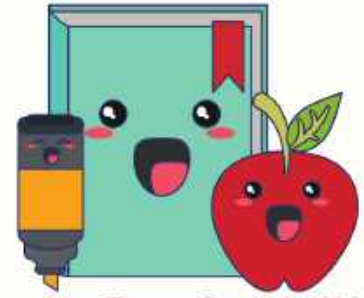




St. Patrick's Primary School



March 2023

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Easter holidays:

Closing on 31st March @
11.45am

Re-opening on Monday
April 17th @ 8.30am

Principal's Desk

Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter. The month of March in St. Pats was no different from any other month, as it was bustling with activity! We welcomed local author Patricia Forde who has written several books as Gaeilge and in English also. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed Patricia's engaging and enthusiastic story telling. All classes visited Eason's and/or Charlie Byrne's bookshop and enjoyed listening to book readings and responding to the stories they heard. Each pupil brought home a new book. We hope that events such as these instil a lifelong love of reading in our pupils. Many thanks to Ms. Dwyer for organising these events for World Book Day.


Literacy Lift Off was a very enjoyable experience for our Junior classes this term. Next term, pupils from 3rd to 6th class will have an opportunity to engage in literacy interventions in the form of Literacy Lift Off & TSI. We are excited to foster a love of reading in our students by engaging them in meaningful experiences with novels. We look forward to guiding them through these texts and providing activities that will deepen their understanding and enhance their enjoyment of the material.


Seachtain na Gaeilge and St. Patrick's Day events were a tremendous success this year. All classes took part in our concert and assembly. Performances included singing Irish songs, reciting Irish poems, playing instruments and Irish dancing. 4th to 6th classes enjoyed a quiz as Gaeilge in the hall also. Thank you to Ms. Nolan and other staff members for coordinating Seachtain na Gaeilge.

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our families for a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Riona Donoghue

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SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



Bhí a lán imeachtaí againn sa scoil le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge – ceolchoirm, canadh, damhsa, dánta agus Tráth na gCeist. Bhain na páistí an taitneamh as! Míle buíochas do gach duine.

We had a very busy Seachtain na Gaeilge with numerous events throughout the school – a concert, singing, dancing, poetry and a quiz. Everyone really enjoyed dressing up and getting into the spirit of Irish & St. Patrick's Day!



DAFFODIL DAY 2023



On Friday 24th March we marked Daffodil Day in support of the Irish Cancer Society with a no-uniform/dress in yellow day.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who assisted on the day and to all for supporting this worthy charity. In total, €201 was raised for this very deserving cause.



CREATIVE SCHOOL WEEK



From music to drama, dance, literature, art and design & much more, creativity is the heartbeat of our school here at St. Pat's.

We are busy preparing for an exciting & funfilled Creative School 's Week which will take place in May.

We are interested in hearing from any parents or guardians who would be interested and available to share their creative skills with our school community. If you have a skill in crafts, design, music, literature, drama, dance or any another creative area we would love to hear from you.

Send an email to : secretary@saintpatricksgalway.ie and we shall reply with further details. More details on Creative School's week will issue next term.



ART CLUB



At Art Club we have had great fun this term experimenting with different art forms and techniques. We've been painting, weaving, creating silhouettes and using stencils- we've even used ear buds to make pointillist masterpieces! Check out some of our talented artists at work!



JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)



We celebrated Jamie's birthday this month in Room 2! We really enjoyed doing arts and crafts to brighten up our classroom for spring. We made pigs, chicks, flowers and more.

Lá Glas was a big success, the children wore green, white and orange and we made shamrocks in art.



JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



5, 4, 3, 2, 1... Blast off!!!

This month Junior Infants have been learning all about our solar system. They dressed up as astronauts and launched their rocket into space. They worked on the space station. They made funny alien friends out of playdoh and lego. They also made some cool rocket ships during art. This was our favourite Aistear Theme so far this year.

SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



We were very lucky this month to have a visit from local author Patricia Forde. She gave us some fantastic writing tips and we presented her with drawings we did of our favourite part of one of her books. We also had lots of fun when we paid a visit to Easons for World Book Day. Our St. Patrick's Day concert was a wonderful success where we performed a spring song "The Sun is Shining Bright" agus dán as Gaeilge "A hAon, a Dó, Muc is Bó."

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



March came in with a chill as we saw the weather turning colder and even got to make some snow balls.

World Book Day was on the 7th of March, we celebrated by taking a trip to Charlie Byrne's.

Ned sang a song for the school during assembly and we celebrated St. Patrick's Day.

We made our First Confession in the Augustinian.

Thanks to Brother Adeel for all his help.

EGG-citing news, our chicks have hatched. We are EGGS-tremely happy. Happy Easter



1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



March has flown by in Room 8! To celebrate World Book Day on March 8th, Eason's and Charlie Byrne's Bookshops invited us for a book reading and we thoroughly enjoyed both events. We have been busy making spring art and celebrating St Patrick's Day while some of our classmates also made their First Confession. We have loved listening to our classmates during 'Show and Tell' on Friday afternoons.

3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

We have had a wonderful month with lots of Sports, including learning how to play Gaelic football with our new Gaelic coach! We also had a fun day out to Limerick to go to the Young Irish Filmmaker Awards, where two films we made last year had been nominated for awards. We got to see ourselves on the big screen!





4TH/5TH CLASS (ROOM 15)



What a busy month in Room 15. We had a lot of fun on wonderful trips to local bookstores, along with a superb visit by an inspiring author to celebrate World Book Day. Saint Patrick's Day music, dancing, fun & festivities.

5TH CLASS (ROOM 17)



**FRESH
FILM**

3rd class and 5th class had an amazing time at Fresh Film Festival in Limerick this month! After entering the competition for the first time, the pupils got to watch two of their own movies on the big screen in an audience with hundreds of other young filmmakers from schools all over Ireland and abroad

5th class have been busy working on the Nature Hero Award project! From painting murals in the school garden to planting trees and shrubs all over the school grounds, this group of nature heroes will leave a long-lasting legacy in St. Pat's!



**nature hero
awards**

Schools making a home for nature



6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)



Well done to our Jack, Wiktor & Kiara who represented us in the Galway Debating competition. They proposed the motion 'The teaching of Irish should only focus on Oral Language in primary school'. We are looking forward to the next debate after Easter.



Bhí Trá na gCeist againn sa halla le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhaineamar an taitneamh as!

We really enjoyed taking part in an Irish Quiz as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.



We had a visit from Congregational Leader of the Patrician Brothers, Bro. Peter Ryan, & retired St. Pat's teacher, Bro. Niall Coll.

Bro. Peter spoke about the work he does and the different parts of the world it takes him. Bro. Niall spoke about his time as a past pupil & teacher in the school.