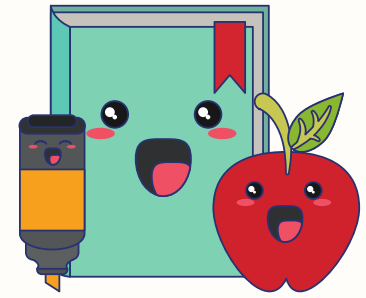




# St. Patrick's Primary School



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## Principal's Desk

Welcome to the September edition of our school newsletter. September was a busy month for everyone as we all settled back into the routine of school life.

It was a very busy summer in the school as the Summer Programme took place during the first two weeks of July. The children who participated had a fun filled two weeks with different excursions and activities. Thanks to all the teachers and SNAs who participated in the Summer Programme this year. We also had the exterior of the school repainted. It was a tedious job due to the wet weather in July and August but thankfully it was completed in time before the school reopened on the 30th August 2023.

Unfortunately, we were unable to retain our eighth mainstream teacher position on the 30th September 2023 as a number of children left the school over the holidays. As a result we have two split classes this year. If you know of any parents who wish to enrol their children in our school for next September, we have a new enrolment enquiries form on our school website [www.saintpatricksgalway.ie](http://www.saintpatricksgalway.ie).

Well done to Mr. Jarlath Conboy, our caretaker Joe Broder, and our traffic wardens Denise and Alec Melvin on winning the Best Floral Display in this year's Garden of the Year Awards ran by Galway City Council. Due to their great efforts planting the beautiful flowers and shrubs around the school, we won a plaque and voucher for Dangan Nurseries.

We have lots more planned for the coming month including Circus Performance workshops, trips to Baboró International Arts Festival, setting up our new Student Council for 2023 and continuing with the Creative Schools Programme we started last year. Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,  
**Marian Barrett**

# TESCO COMMUNITY FUND



## SPREAD THE WORD!

Our school is very lucky to have been chosen to be part of the Tesco Community Fund. Please donate your blue tokens to this worthy cause!

This is located at Tesco in the Galway Shopping Centre on Headford Road. The school with the highest amount of tokens at the end will be allocated €1,000.

Thanks to all who have donated so far.



Thank you to the parents who volunteered to become members of our Parents' Association this year.

Mothers and fathers are welcome to join the PA.

We will let you know about the first meeting that will take place in the school hall after the Mid Term Break.

# SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Our after school programme is back up and running.

We have partnered with Music Generation again this year. We will be offering subsidised Brass Instrument classes and Ukulele classes on a Monday and Wednesday afternoons in November. More details to follow. Please keep an eye on the Aladdin Connect App.

All clubs take place from 2.10pm – 3.10pm

## MONDAY:

Chess Club (Room 17)

## TUESDAY:

Lego Club 1st – 6th (Room 1)

Music 3rd – 6th (Room 11)

Gaelic Football 5th/6th (School Yard)

## THURSDAY:

Art Club 1st – 6th (Room 17)

Basketball 2nd – 6th (School Hall)

Coding Beginner Level 1st – 6th (Room 17)

# JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)



Back to school with a bang 🎉

Some of the activities we have enjoyed include:

Nature walk 🌞

Bubbles 😊

Arts and Craft 🎨

Playdough Disco in Ms. Cunniffe's 🧑

Circle time 🧑

# JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



What a busy September! Junior Infants have made a very successful transition into big school. They have been learning all about the theme of Autumn and how the weather gets colder and the animals start getting ready for the winter. The children made their own squirrels and used tissue paper to make their bushy tails. We also started playing in our new Aistear Room. The children really enjoyed role playing different scenarios at the Autumn Market!



# SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



We have been very busy this September in Room 1. The Mayor of Galway came to visit us on our first day back. We have been outside for maths trails and nature walks and have been working really well together in our literacy and maths stations every day. We have created some beautiful artwork and learned lots of new songs too.



# SENIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



What a great start to the school year in Room 3! We've been working hard and have had lots of fun doing art, yoga, playing games, and much more!



# 1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



We have had a very busy first month back in school in room 8! We met the Mayor of Galway our very first day back. We are learning how to do cursive writing for the first time. In Drama we have had great fun making 'Freeze Frames'.

And look at us learning the ukelele! We are going to continue learning it in October.

In Irish we are having lots of fun singing songs and beating our teacher in our Irish games!!

# 2ND/3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

Welcome back to a brand new school year. We have had a busy and exciting first month back at school here in Room 7. It's hard to believe September is over already. We learned all about medieval castles, as well as Irish myths and legends such as 'Tír na nÓg' and 'cúchulainn'. We have also started learning the ukulele which we will be continuing in October.





# 4TH CLASS



*Welcome back 4th Class.  
It's so exciting to be back!*

Your paragraph text

Your paragraph text

# 5TH/6TH CLASS (ROOM 12)



Room 12 have settled quickly into their stride and have been working busily and diligently over the month. With too many items to mention we will highlight just a few. The class produced wonderful Report and Recount writing as well as recreating amazing artistic scenes from our chosen novel "The Butterfly Lion".

Local history included researching and learning about local historic buildings and landmarks while we also discussed the provinces and counties of Ireland with an emphasis on Co. Galway. Time flew, fun was had and friendships rekindled. Roll on October.

# 6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)



**Mayor of Galway City, Eddie Hoare, dropped in to visit on our first day back to wish us well for our final year in primary school.**

**We were also delighted to welcome Dylan & Mark as new members of our class.**



**We had great fun at the Circus/Creative Arts workshop recently. This is part of the Creative Schools Programme. Thanks to Ms. Clancy for organising.**