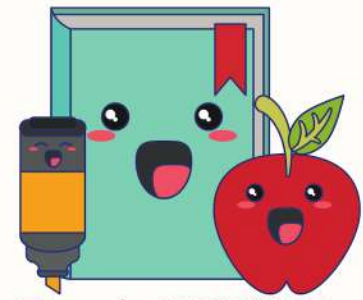




St. Patrick's Primary School



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Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter. Our school library is back up and running again thanks to the dedication and hard work of our Parents Association and volunteer librarians. We are looking for donations of books for our infant classes and books suitable for girls. If any parents wish to donate books, please contact the school office.

Well done to the girls & boys who represented our school in the FAI soccer tournaments. Thanks to their coaches Ms. Walsh and Mr. Monaghan. Thanks to Ms. Dwyer for coordinating World Book Week & to Ms. Nolan for coordinating Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Ms. Fiona Molloy, our support teacher has decided to take a sabbatical from teaching. She will be taking on a new role as a Special Educational Needs Organiser in the NCSE after Easter. Fiona will be missed by everyone in St. Pats. We wish Fiona the very best her new position.

Our school band "Fáilte" & the Shamrock Regiment Band from LA performed in the school hall on Monday night. The performances from both groups were outstanding. Well done to Mr. Jarlath Conboy and Mr. Barry Gleeson for preparing the children.

I will be on maternity leave after Easter so our Deputy Principal Ms. Ríona Donoghue will be Acting Principal while I am on leave. Mr. Mark Monaghan will be Acting Deputy Principal. I want to thank you all for your continued support to our school.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter,

Marian Barrett



March Highlights

- World Book Week
- Bake Sale
- Chess Success
- Open Evening
- Big Travel Challenge
- Concerts
- Gaelic Football Coach
- Debating
- Quizzes
- School Library Re-Opens

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SPORTS/ACTIVITIES UPDATE



We are delighted to have Colm O'Rourke, Club Development Officer for Fr. Griffin's/Éire Óg GAA Club, provide weekly Gaelic football coaching to each class until the summer. to school each Monday. Big thanks to Fr. Griffin's/Éire Óg for again including us in their schools coaching programme.



Great excitement for our chess team, as they won the Shield of the Galway Chess Academy competition at the Ardilaun Hotel. Well done to all who competed, and big thanks to Brendan from Chessossity for all the coaching and mentoring throughout the year.



Our girls' soccer team competed in the FAI 5s on Friday March 1st at Drom



Our boys' soccer team competed in the FAI 5s on Tuesday March 5th at Drom

WORLD BOOK WEEK

BOOKWORMS



St Patrick's Primary School at Lombard Street marked the end of a fun World Book Week activities with a visit and reading session with Ireland's Laureate na nÓg, Patricia Forde. Patricia is pictured during her visit with some of the Junior and Senior Infants, from left, Seán (SI), Sara (JI), Lara (SI), Myriam (SI), Dillon (SI) and Victoria (JI). PHOTO: JOE O'SHAUGHNESSY.

World Book Week took place from March 4th - 8th in St. Pat's and it proved to be a wonderful success.

Thank you to Ms. Dwyer for co-ordinating.

Below is a sample of some of the activities that took place:

- Paired Reading (5th & 6th class read to Junior & Senior Infants).
- Visit of author Patricia Forde for reading sessions with Junior Infants to 4th class.
- Reading sessions with Méabh McDonnell in Charlie Byrne's Bookshop for all classes.
- Reading sessions with Brian Gallagher in Easons.
- Dress-Up as favourite book characters on World Book Day.
- Writing Workshop with Méabh McDonnell for senior classes.
- Quizzes - 5th/6th Quiz & 2nd/3rd/4th Quiz.



ST. PAT'S BAKE SALE



A massive thank you to all the parents and children who baked and donated scrumptious treats for our Bake Sale last Friday. We raised €456.80 for our Sensory Room.

QUIZ/TRÁTH NA GCEIST



We held two quizzes as part of World Book Week – one for 2nd/3rd/4th and one for 5th/6th. Thanks to Ms. Molloy for putting the quizzes together, being quizmaster and for organising the prizes.



Bhí Tráth na gCeist againn sa halla ag deireadh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Mile buiochas do Ms. Nolan. D'eagraigh sí na ceisteanna agus na duaiseanna, bhainamar an taitneamh as!



GREEN SCHOOLS



The Green Schools Committee was busy promoting the 'Big Travel Challenge'! We extolled the benefits of walking, cycling and scooting to school and raised awareness about the dangers to our health and environment caused by engine idling. A poster competition was held and surveys were conducted over a two week period. We were delighted to receive so many signed 'No-Idling Pledges' and to see an increase in the number of people walking, scooting, cycling and car-pooling to school!

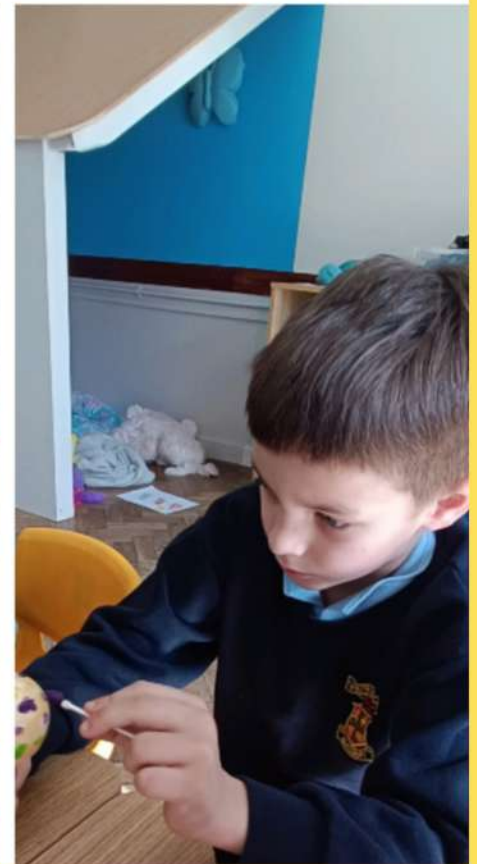
We also learned about the Galway City Council initiative that allows people to 'Park and Stride' – free parking for up to an hour in the morning and afternoon while you walk the remainder of the way to school. 1st, 2nd and 3rd class went on a nature walk to discover some of the scenic routes from participating car parks to St Pat's. If you're interested, you can download a registration form here!

ST. PAT'S PRE-SCHOOL



We had lots of fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We are preparing for spring time and going outside to enjoy the sunshine. We all enjoyed painting and lots of fun and messy tuff trays.

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)



We have had so much fun in school over the past few weeks. It was Jamie's Birthday 🎂 We dressed up in green for St. Patrick's day 🍀 We painted eggs for Easter 🐣 We went to the bake sale and had lots of tasty treats 🍰 We went to Charlie Byrne's bookshop 📚

JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



What a busy few weeks it has been in Junior Infants! For World Book Week we visited Charlie Byrne's Bookstore. We also participated in Buddy Reading with 5th/6th Class and had a special visit from author, Patricia Forde, who read one of her stories to the children. It was very funny! The children dressed in green for St. Patrick's Day. We also went on a spring walk around the school to observe all the signs of spring in our environment.

SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



Senior Infants have had a busy month and are looking forward to a well-earned break over Easter. We have started Gaelic Football training with Colm and we are improving every week. We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Week. We enjoyed paired reading with 6th class and created some fantastic artwork. We paid a visit to Charlie Byrne's Bookshop where Maeve regaled us with a magical story and we each received a book to take home. Author Patricia Forde also visited the school and read to us from her book "Imagine!"



SENIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



We have been learning all about Spring and made a beautiful display of spring flowers and animals.

We made heart shaped pots with clay. Paddington bear and The Mandalorian attended our class on World Book Day! We also celebrated Michael's birthday !!

1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



This month we finished our Junk Art animals, made clay hands for Mother's Day, dressed up for World Book Day, visited Charlie Byrne's bookshop, learned some more Gaelic football skills, created a loud storm with our instruments, went on a beautiful walk to see the 'Park and Stride' car parks and lots more! We continue to work hard and have become great readers! We are enjoying borrowing books from Galway City Library and our beautiful school library. Room 8 wish you all a great Easter Break!

2ND/3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

We have had such a busy and wonderful start to Spring here in Room 7 🌸 ☐

We continued learning new dance moves with Yuri and started Gaelic football every Monday 🏈 World book day was on the 7th of March and we had a fulfilled week where we went to a book reading in Charlie Byrnes book store, dressed up as our favourite book character and took part in the Big Book quiz with rooms 8 & 15. Our bake sale was a big success and we all dressed up in green for St. Patrick's Day 🇮🇪 🍀

We would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter 🐰 🐣 and hope you all enjoy the well deserved break ✨



4TH CLASS



5TH/6TH CLASS (ROOM 12)



Room 12 have been very busy over the past few weeks. World Book Week, Quizzes, Hip/Hop Dance with Yuri, Gaelic Football with Colm to name but a few of the highlights.

Our class was also well represented on the boys' FAI 5s soccer team who enjoyed a great day out at Drom a few weeks back.

6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)



We had a great programme of events to celebrate World Book Week - writing workshop with Méabh McDonnell followed by a reading session in Charlie Byrnes Bookshop, a reading session with author Brian Gallagher in Easons, a book quiz in the hall and paired reading with Senior Infants



Evan, Lorcan & Ingrid were on the debating team who unfortunately lost out to Bawnmore NS in the Galway Debating Competition, held via Zoom. Despite not advancing to the next round, they can be really proud of the way they performed and no doubt they benefitted from the experience. Well done to also Senan, Ciara, Muhammad & Dihan who assisted with the preparation of the speeches.