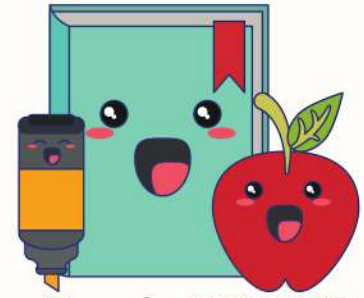




# St. Patrick's Primary School



Jan/Feb 2023

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## Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

St. Pat's has been a hive of activity since returning to school after the Christmas Break. Our Creative Schools Week was enjoyed by everyone. Visiting teachers from Slovakia were really impressed with all the activities that took place during their time with us. We celebrated St. Brigid's Day and Foundation Day on the 1st February with mass in the Augustinian Church. Our fifth and sixth class pupils will make their Confirmation on Wednesday, 17th April 2024 at 11am.

Some dates for your diary

- Thursday, 29th February 2024, Primary Mathematics Curriculum in service will take place. School will be closed to facilitate this training.
- Tuesday, 5th March 2024, Open Evening in the school hall from 5pm until 7pm. Any prospective pupils and parents wishing to enrol in September are welcome to attend.
- Monday, 18th March 2024, the American JFK band will perform in the school hall. Everyone welcome.
- Thursday, 25th April 2024, our Parents' Association are organising a Quiz Night in the school hall to fundraise for new books for our school library.

Many thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to become librarians for our school library. We hope to have the library up and running again very soon.

Best wishes,

**Marian Barrett**



### New Year Highlights

- Creative Schools Week
- International Day
- Tesco Community Fund
- Pancake Tuesday
- Dance Classes
- Credit Union Quiz
- Green Schools Walk
- Art/Science Workshops
- Blue Star Programme

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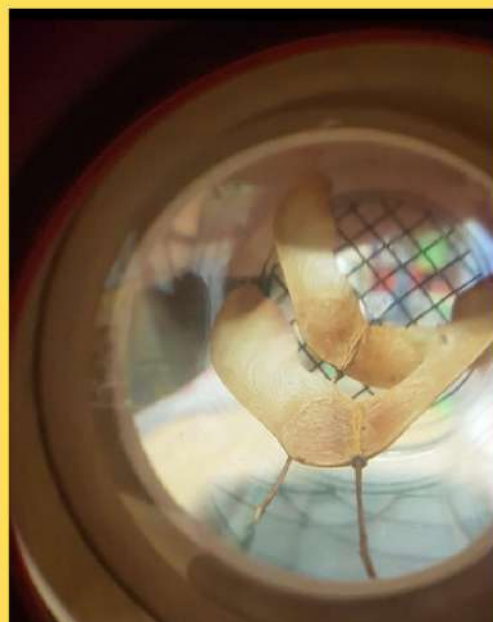
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# CREATIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

This year we held our Creative Schools Week in January. Our school was busy being creative and enjoying workshops with artist Dee Deegan, circus performer Stephen McGinley and Yuri from the 4M Dance Centre. Lots of collaborative work took place and some classes even enjoyed creative homework activities!



# INTERNATIONAL DAY

International Day was a great success again this year! A huge thank you to all of the students and their families for making it such a fun, informative and colourful day. The different foods and flavours from all around the world were amazing! We had four teachers from Slovakia visit our school that week and they joined in with an amazing stand and traditional clothes.



# TESCO COMMUNITY FUND



Thank you to Ms. O'Donnell for entering St. Pat's in the Tesco Community Fund in Headford Road. €745 was raised towards funds for our future Sensory Room. Thanks to all parents who supported and promoted the cause. We hope to raise more funds for our Sensory Room in the future.

# WORLD BOOK WEEK : 4TH - 8TH MARCH

## Mark your diaries!

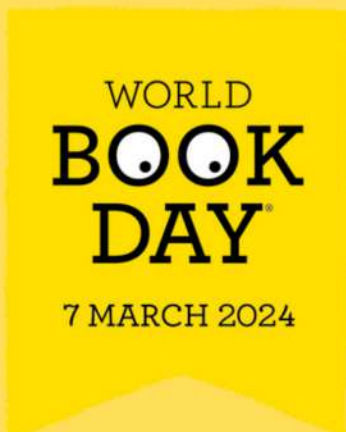
We are counting down to a celebration of books and reading to mark World Book Week here at St. Pat's!

From book readings with local authors , writing workshops, poetry sessions, buddy reading and much more besides it's going to be fulfilled!

We are especially excited to welcome Dr. Patricia Forde, Laureate na nÓg, Ireland's Children's Literature Laureate & award winning children's book writer back to our school to inspire us once more.

So get thinking & talking about your favourite books and why you love them!

Is it the story, is it the illustrations, what makes them special to you?



# CREDIT UNION SCHOOLS QUIZ



The annual Credit Union Schools Quiz took place on Monday January 29th at the Salthill Hotel.

We had two teams in the U-13 category, and one team in the U-11 category.



Well done to all the pupils from 4th, 5th & 6th class who attended along with their parents and for making the effort to get there on a Monday evening.



Although we didn't take home any prizes, it was a really enjoyable evening!



# GREEN SCHOOLS



This term, our Green School's Committee participated in a 'Walkability Audit' assessing and documenting both the positives and negatives of the safety of the streets, footpaths, pedestrian crossings and also noting the beautiful scenery local to St Pats.

Their findings were sent to Galway City council by the Green Schools Officer Orla Patton who accompanied us on our walk.

We hope to see some changes soon that will make our paths safer and more enjoyable to walk.

# ST. PAT'S PRE-SCHOOL



We are focusing on inclusion and diversity in our preschool and with over 15 nationalities we ran a coffee morning for our families. We had so many different types of food from all over the world. We all had such a fun time! Thank you to everyone involved. Special thanks to Ingrid, Marjorie and Abrianna who painted all our faces.



# JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)



Lots has happened lately in Room 2. Ned and Adrian had birthdays in January and February. We celebrated Pancake Tuesday, Valentines Day and St. Brigid's Day. We learned all about the Farm and the Vet in Aistear. We are learning how to make letters with playdough and we went for a walk to the playground. Happy Days.

# JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



Spring has sprung in Junior Infants. We have been very creative these last few weeks making crafts for valentines day and St. Brigid's day. Our themes were "The Classroom" and "The farm" for Aistear. We pretended to be "teachers" and "vets" at the role-play station in the Aistear Room. The children also learned some cool circus tricks during Creative School's Week and enjoyed learning about different nationalities on International Day.

# SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



Senior Infants have had great fun this term. We have had a circus skill workshop where we got to juggle and spin plates, it was great fun. We also made pancakes for Pancake Tuesday and made clay hearts for Valentine's Day. We celebrated Chinese New Year with lanterns. We have also had a fantastic time in the Aistear room learning all about animals.

# SENIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



We have been really busy since returning in the New Year.

We made projects about different countries to celebrate International Day. 🌍

We researched the Lunar New Year and made some Chinese Lanterns and even got to try fortune cookies!

We also celebrated a birthday this month !!

# 1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



Room 8 have started 2024 with lots of exciting activities! We were very excited to learn some hip hop dancing with Yuri from 4m Dance Studio! We have continued our visits to the Galway City Library and we are currently being read *George's Marvellous Medicine*—we cannot wait to see what happens next! We took junk from home and turned it in to animals. We will show you the finished product in the next newsletter! One of the pieces of work we are most proud of is the collaborative piece for International Day which we worked on together as a class. We each coloured one piece and then put it together—We think the final result is amazing!

# 2ND/3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

What a wonderful start to 2024 it has been in Room 7. We kicked off the year with Creative Schools Week and International Day. Our class designed a beautiful banner for Creative Schools Week as well as a collaborative art piece which you can see just inside the front doors of the school. We got to learn hip hop dancing with Yuri from 4m Dance Studio and we are so excited to continue this in February and March.

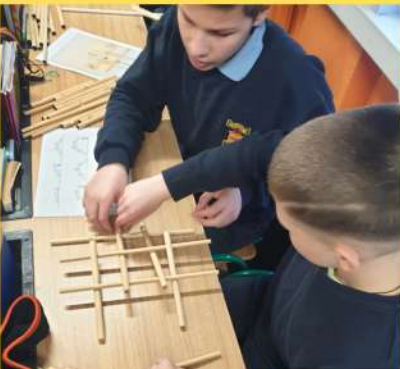
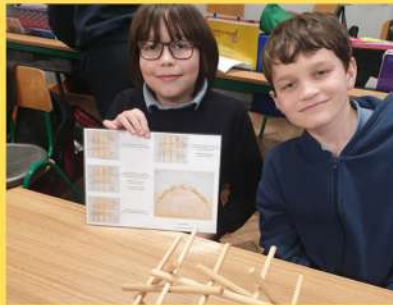


# 4TH CLASS



*Oh what fun, when spring has sprung!*

# 5TH/6TH CLASS (ROOM 12)



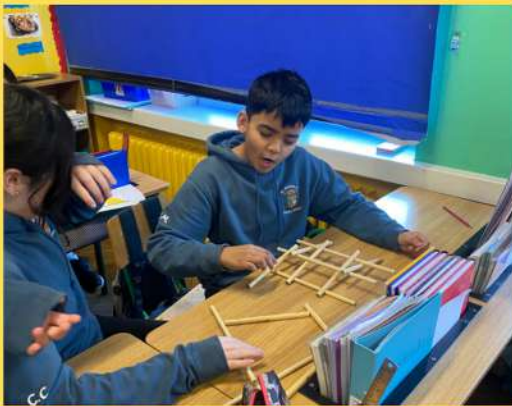
Room 12 really enjoyed participating in our International day as well as a workshop themed on 'Uniting Art & Science' with Dee Deegan. The pupils designed and made their own board games as part of Creative Schools Week.



# 6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)



**We have started the Blue Star Programme for this year - the class did a great job of creating and presenting projects on different landmarks within the E.U.**



**We really enjoyed Creative Schools Week! We participated in a workshop based on 'Uniting Art & Science' with Dee Deegan. Once again, International Day was a standout day. Well done to all the pupils who set up stands & took part in the Talent Show**