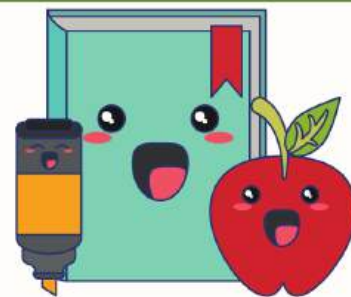




St. Patrick's Primary School



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Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our school newsletter. We hope you enjoy looking back on all of the fun, engaging and educational activities we took part in during November and December in St. Pat's.

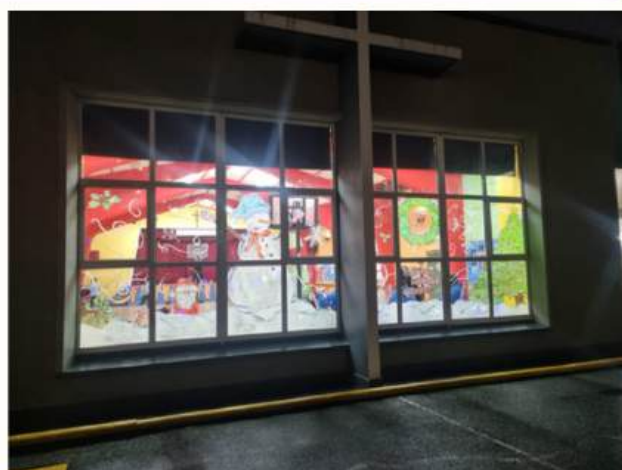
Some of these include activities for Science Week, Olympic Handball tournaments, Safe Cycling workshops, visits to the Live Crib & St. Augustine Church for mass, Christmas market, library, local playgrounds and winter walks to learn about nature in our vicinity.

We held an assembly where classes performed Christmas songs and poems, both in English and Irish for their schoolmates. We also recorded the children singing and hope to hear them broadcast on Galway Bay FM on Christmas Eve on the Santa Show between 3pm-6pm. The Junior and Senior Infants performed for their parents and were outstanding.

Thank you to all our staff for their continued hard work, dedication and enthusiasm to ensure a well-rounded education for our pupils.

On behalf of the staff of St. Pat's, I wish you all an enjoyable Christmas break and best wishes for 2025. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Riona Donoghue



Highlights

- Open Day
- Christmas performances
- Tesco Fund – Knocknacarra
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Cycle Right Workshops
- Science Week
- Olympic Handball
- French lessons
- Cinema Trip
- St. Vincent de Paul collection

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SCIENCE WEEK 2024!



Well done to all the pupils who participated in Science Week in November.

The St. Pat's stand at the Science Fair in University of Galway was a big hit!



Well done to all the pupils who represented us at the Fr. Seán Manning Science Quiz at Coláiste Muire Máthair. Thank you to Mr. Barry for preparing and accompanying the teams



There were daily experiments in the classes & the visit of the Planetarium Dome. Huge thanks to Ms. O'Connell & Mr. Griffin for co-ordinating the week's activities.

Green schools



Green Schools are continuing to work hard on their journey towards achieving the travel flag for our school.

Our community Garda Nigel Silke taught the pupils how to use a speed gun to monitor the speeds of passing vehicles.

The 5th classes were fortunate to receive part funded cycle training workshops by Cycle Right. The students learned the skills and rules essential to cycling safely on the streets which will benefit them greatly as adults.

The children would like to remind parents to use park and stride, walk, scoot or bus to school. And if using cars, please switch off your engines when waiting.

OLYMPIC HANDBALL

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th Olympic Handball teams who played in a tournament against other teams from Galway city.

One team got into play offs for the next round. Both teams played well and had a few friendly games at the end of the tournament.

A big thanks to Ms. Lavelle & Ms. Coyne for coordinating it all & for all the coaching and training at lunch times.



CHARITY & FUNDRAISING



A huge thank you to all who donated to our charity collection for St. Vincent de Paul in the run up to the Christmas break. As you can see from the photo, a large amount of items were received for a worthy cause



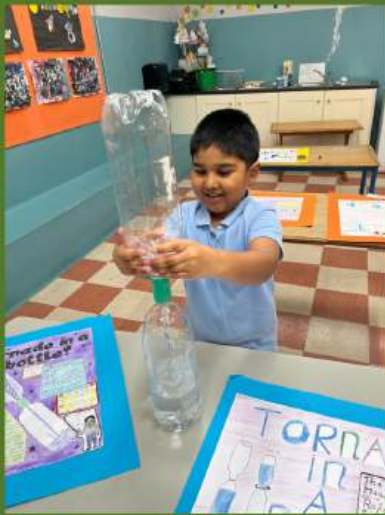
Please support our fundraising campaign for a new Sensory Room by donating your blue tokens in Tesco, Knocknacarra to St. Pat's. Well done to the two boys in Room 2 who got us started a few weeks ago!

ST. PAT'S PRE-SCHOOL



All the children in the pre-school got a great surprise last week when Santa Claus dropped in for a visit!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ROOM 2



This term, we've had fun doing Science Week experiments with 6th class & investigating ice and snow during Aistear time. Tawaf and Adrian went on a very special trip to start Tesco Knocknacarra's fundraiser for our school sensory room. We enjoyed trips to the live crib & playground, decorated gingerbread men and made beautiful Christmas Art. Merry Christmas from all in Room 2!

Junior Infants A (Room 4)

We had great fun during Science week, we explored 3-D shapes in Maths and loved learning about the Doctor's Surgery



We have also been very busy, preparing for Christmas. We went on a Winter walk and we dressed up as elves and reindeers.



Junior Infants B (Room 3)

Junior Infants have had a very busy term! Thank you to Mr.Griffin's class for showing us very interesting experiments.



We have been learning all about the doctor's surgery. We did role-play, made a hospital with lego and designed stethoscopes.



We have been preparing for Christmas. We have been doing lots of Christmas art and we went on our Winter walk.



SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



Senior Infants have had a busy term. We have been blending our sounds, counting to 20 and participating in lots of science experiments. We went to the city library and for a walk around the city.

1ST CLASS (ROOM 8)



Happy Christmas from everyone in Room 8. We have really enjoyed our first term! This month we have been busy getting ready for Christmas. We have enjoyed trips to the playground, library, the Live Crib and the cinema! We created some beautiful Christmas art and learned some Christmas songs. Best of all we have been entertained all December by the antics of our class síog!

2ND CLASS (ROOM 7)

What a busy and fun-filled two months we've had here in Room 7. We've been learning about 3D shapes in maths and became problem solvers in figuring out how to construct our own. We've had weekly trips to the library and helped out in the garden. We also went on trips to the cinema, live crib and playground and practiced lots of Christmas songs along the way. Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break 🎄🎅.



SENIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 6)



Merry Christmas from all in Room 6!
We have loved visiting our new school library this term, engaging in lots of art activities and research. We especially enjoyed learning and recording our Christmas poems!

3RD CLASS-ROOM 15



Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful holiday.
Merry Christmas & happy new year!



4TH CLASS (ROOM 12)



Room 12 have had a busy and exciting two months! We loved Science Week, especially the Exploration Dome, and had great fun working in groups to create slides presentations on our Chromebooks. We got creative with lots of winter art and enjoyed a fantastic trip to the cinema to see Moana 2.

Happy Christmas 🌨️

5TH CLASS (ROOM 18)



We really enjoyed taking part in the safe cycle workshops - 'Cycle Right' - organised by our Green Schools Committee



Our December project was 'How Christmas is celebrated around the world'. All the children chose a different country to research, and everyone did a super job creating and presenting their projects to the class.



5TH/6TH CLASS (ROOM 17)



Feliz Navidad ! We want to wish you a merry Christmas from everyone in room 17 🎄 🎄



We presented our science experiments to the public at NUIG during Science Week. It was a great success. Thousands of people attended the fair 🧑 🧑 🧪 🧲



We also invited all of the classes in our school to the STEAM room for demonstrations and experiments.