

# ST. FINTAN'S NS

SEPTEMBER

## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I cannot believe that September has come and gone already. That was such a quick month. All the children have settled back to school so well after the summer break. The new Junior Infants are amazing and all seem delighted to be coming to school every day. Let us hope the novelty does not wear off!

I will endeavour to greet children at one of our three entrances at least once a week so that if they are worried or upset about anything at all, they can have a little chat with me at the gate. Also, if they have any happy or exciting news, I would love to hear it.

Please read on to keep up to date with the latest school-wide information and news.

**We have noticed that we are using a huge amount of paper in the school, especially for hand drying. I would ask that you provide a little wash bag with a face cloth/hand towel in it for your child, in order to reduce paper usage in our school.**

**Reminder, tomorrow the 6th of October is a non-uniform day, in aid of the DSPCA.**

Thank you all for the voluntary contributions received so far this year. We are so grateful to you as this money is so needed for the effective running of our school.

Please note that applications for Junior Infants have been open since October the 1st. Application forms are available on our website [www.stfintansns.ie](http://www.stfintansns.ie)

Best Wishes,  
Ms Farrell



## GAA NEWS

The senior girls had a great win in Beann Eadair GAA for their final game of the Cumann na mBunscoil season. Well done girls!



## JUNIOR INFANTS

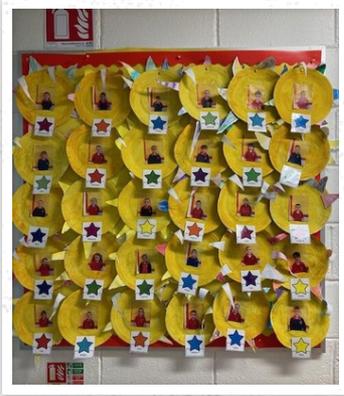
The Junior Infants have had a fantastic start to their school journey and have had a busy first month of school. They have been learning nursery rhymes, lots of new songs and have even had some GAA skills sessions with Paddy. They are particularly enjoying learning stations with Ms Binchy (photos attached). We are looking forward to lots more fun activities in October.



## SENIOR INFANTS

We have had a great first month in senior infants. We have learned lots about houses, home and our school. We are really enjoying GAA with Paddy every Thursday. We have made a few lovely art pieces. In September, we made a colour wheel using the primary colours red, blue, and yellow and discovered how these primary colours can form other colours by mixing them.





## FIRST CLASS

Ms Tuohey's first class were learning about the 5 senses and did an experiment to test out how good their sense of smell was.

Ms Breen's class were learning all about measurement and decided to bake some cookies!



## SECOND CLASS

Second class have had a busy month settling in to being the most senior class at the junior end of the school. They have learned about Vincent Van Gogh and re-created sunflowers from one of his most famous works of art. They also wore blue and pink to celebrate the Dublin Ladies football team's success in the All Ireland. Hearing some of the players talk about their GAA journey was something that hit home with the two 2nd classes, many of whom play GAA across a number of clubs. Maybe some of them will bring the Brendan Martin cup back to the school in a few years!!



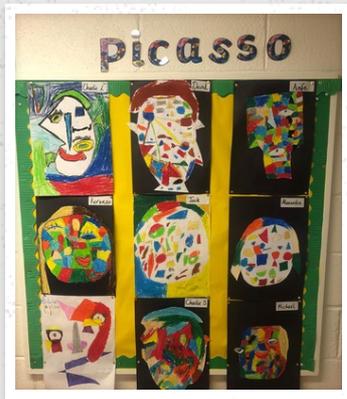
## THIRD CLASS

The children in Ms. Smith's 3rd class started Spanish lessons. The artist they focused on this month was Pablo Picasso. They learned all about Cubism and created their very own Picasso self-portraits.

The students in Ms. Byrne's class have settled into 3rd class well and have got off to a brilliant start! They have been working hard and trying their best every day!!!

Below are things we have done/ focused on during the month of September in Room 10:

- **SESE:** We learned about animals and habitats. We discovered birds were omnivores so made our own bird feeders by recycling our plastic bottles.
- **Music/ Gaeilge:** We are learning how the Irish language is used outside the classroom, and so, we learned the song "Sky Full of Stars" as Gaeilge and are hoping to add percussion instruments soon to develop our concepts of rhythm and pulse.
- For Irish Sign Language (ISL) Awareness week, we all learned the ISL alphabet. We can all say, "My name is \_\_\_\_\_" and spell out our names. We found this very interesting as it will help us communicate with more people.



## **FOURTH CLASS**

The two 4th classes will be taking part in the Peace Proms this year. We're really looking forward to it. Last year was a great success so we're all geared up for it!

Now that it's October, the 4th classes will be going on an autumnal nature walk this week. We'll be foraging for leaves as we'll be making some leaf animals in our art class. We can't wait to see all their creativity coming to life!

## **FIFTH CLASS**

Fifth class thoroughly enjoyed settling back into school life in September! They had a brilliant time at their class trip to Glasnevin Cemetery and learning/researching before hand all about the famous people like Éamon de Valera who have had a huge influence on Irish history.

Mr O'Byrne, one of our student teachers, has been working with Ms. O'Reillys class on data and we have been compiling our own survey results into different charts.

Both 5th classes will be going to Kilmainham Gaol on October 9th and are really looking forward to the trip!

## **SIXTH CLASS**

6th class had took a trip to Glasnevin Cemetery earlier this month. We had an amazing tour and learned so many interesting things about our history and the Irish leaders that took part in the Irish rebellions in the past.

Our football teams are doing remarkably well. Our girls team have been very competitive in their games and consistently put in a great performance as do our boys team who have made it to the quarter finals.

