

# St. Fintan's NS

*November*

## A word from our principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a very busy November here in St. Fintan's National school. Science week was incredible and all the children took part in either demonstrating or observing lots of amazing experiments. We held our first ever World Children's Day on Nov 20th. It was a fun filled day with lots of child centered activities. We are also beginning our journey to become a Child's Rights School. This journey will be happening over the next 3 years . Please read the articles below for further details.

The teachers have been very busy with their classes this month. Please read below to see what is happening in your child's class this November.

Kind regards,

Ms. Farrell

## Important Dates

***Ms. O. Reilly's Christmas Play: Thursday 14th of December at 9:15 am***

***Junior Infant Play: Wednesday the 20th of December at 9:15 am***

***Ms. Bogan's Senior Infant Play: Wednesday the 20th of December at 10am***

***Ms. Foley's Senior Infant Play: Wednesday the 20th of December at 11am***

***Carol Service for 1st to 6th class at 12.30 on Wednesday the 20th of December in St. Fintan's Church.***



**1st Class Play: Thursday 21st of December at 12:00**

## World Children's Day

On November 20th, we were delighted to celebrate World Children's Day in St. Fintans for the very first time. Excitement was high as the children arrived dressed in blue for a fun-filled day of child-centred activities. Junior Infant to Second Class spent the day enjoying parachute activities, chalk, skipping, ball activities and time in our playhouse area. The senior end of the school were delighted to partake in a 'Kid takeover' where some students got to teach a lesson in place of the teacher! We had our wonderful caretaker assume the role of DJ Barry for the day, he provided tunes for the children to dance to during yard time. To top off a wonderful day, all of the children got a night off homework!



## Cinema Trip Dates

12th of December Junior Infants-2nd Class will be watching the new Disney film Wish

13th of December 3rd-6th Class will be watching the movie Wonka.

## St. Fintan's begins its journey to become a Child Rights School

This year we have started the journey to become a Child Rights School. This is a three-year programme with the school being awarded bronze, silver and gold as we progress through each stage. We hope to achieve bronze status in June 2024, eventually leading to our gold award in June 2026. The idea is that the children will 'Learn, Participate and Enjoy'. With this in mind, we have extended our Student Council from 2nd-6th class and our council members have been busy visiting the junior classes with the Charter of Rights and telling them about our 'Right of the Month'. We also hope to have some children speak about Child Rights at our monthly assemblies. The teachers are incorporating the rights into their teaching wherever possible and each classroom is displaying a copy of the Rights for the children to reference.



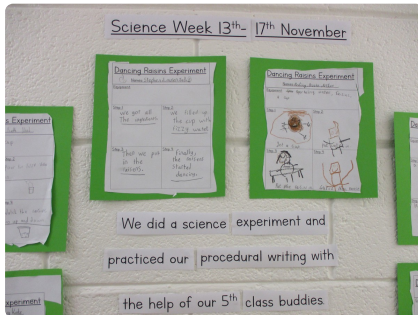
The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) sets out the rights that all children are entitled to. The Irish Government agreed to ensure children enjoy their rights. Schools have a special role to play in fulfilling this promise.

The Child Rights Schools programme is a 'whole school approach' to Child Rights Education that embeds respect for rights throughout the school on an everyday basis. More information on the programme can be accessed at: <https://www.unicef.ie/child-rights-education/primary/crs/>

## Junior Infants

Junior Infants have been loving learning about the vet in Aistear. We have been playing in the vet surgery and even made our own x-rays! The children were so excited to meet their 5th class buddies this month and did an experiment during Science week with them. They had so much fun at the science fair in the hall and loved the experiments that 6th class prepared for it.





## Senior Infants

This November in Senior Infants we enjoyed learning about the topic of 'Transport' in particular all about the airport. We had special visits from two pilots! We had a lovely day for World Childrens Day where we got to spend lots of time outside playing with chalk and taking part in fun activities such as skipping, chalk and the parachute. We enjoyed the science exhibition in the school hall.







## First Class

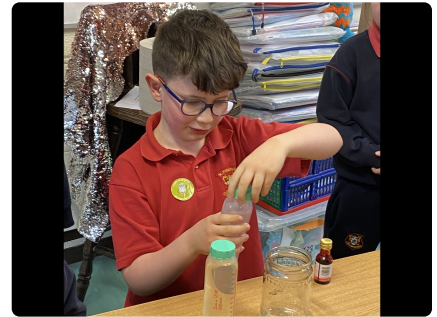
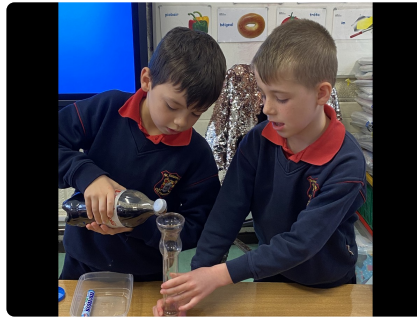
Ms. Tuohey's 1st Class had a great time reading the *The Day the Crayons Quit*, and doing lovely artwork and writing based on that super story.

They also loved playing the parachute on World Children's Day and really enjoyed Science Week.

Ms. Breen's 1st class had great fun becoming Scientists for the day. Our scientists carried out super experiments which involved Volcanoes, exploding coke bottles, skittles and much much more.







## Second Class

October was a busy month in room 7 and 8. During Math's Week both classes enjoyed many math's challenges and activities. They even carried out their own survey and prepared graphs to show their results. Room 8 discovered that winter is their favourite season!! During Science Week Room 8 used skittles and water to explore the science behind the process of diffusion. Look at the wonderful colourful results of their science experiments!

After all their hard work, the children got a chance to switch off and enjoy the many fun activities that were available throughout the school during World Children's Day on 20th November. We hope our artistic efforts in the yard brought a smile to the face of those collecting the children during the days that followed.

And now that November is drawing to a close it's time to get ready for the very busy and exciting month that lies ahead!!







## Third Class

In Room 10 this month we have been learning about Children's Rights. Three of our students got to take on the teacher's role as we celebrated World Children's Day! They got to teach an Art lesson to the class based on our rights and took the role of the teacher very seriously (pictured below)!! We also enjoyed Science Week this month. We participated in an online Science quiz and got to visit the Science fair in the hall where the 6th class students demonstrated a range of science experiments for us (pictured below)!

This month, we have been focusing on Kindness. On World Kindness Day, we discussed different ways of showing kindness. We began recording Random Acts of Kindness that were noticed around our classroom.

In November, we began Tag Rugby each Monday and we are excited to continue this in the coming weeks!

Ms. Smith's 3rd class are having great fun playing tag rugby every Monday. The class are taking part in a penpal exchange with another 3rd class from a local school. They were very excited when they received their first letter and really enjoyed writing back to their penpal.







## Fourth Class

November has been a busy month in Room 12. Science week was filled with lots of fun and hands on experiments. We made our own lava lamps and tried to make eggs bounce!

In honour of National Children's Day we wore blue and had a children take over in class. Our new young teachers taught us an art lesson and how to make slime. DJ Barry provided great entertainment out on yard.

We have been taking part in tag rugby every Monday and are looking forward to participating in the blitz next month.

Ms. Tarbett's 4th Class had a great time at World Children's Day. We took part in "Kids Teach". Mr. O'Driscoll and Ms. Krasovska taught the class a beautiful art lesson. We made polar bears from newspaper. They've bright futures ahead as teachers!

We've also been working hard in groups on our Celtic projects. They're absolutely amazing. We'll be presenting them this week.

This month's assembly will be a very exciting one. The two 4th classes will be performing a song for the school. Ms. Tarbett's class will perform Feliz Navidad. It'll be bueno!!



## Fifth Class

Senior infants and fifth class have been working together on reading and all classes have been really enjoying it!

Fifth and sixth class enjoyed a great day orienteering in St Anne's Park on November 22nd. Well done to all participants, especially to Luke and Daire and Abby and Molly who came top of the class in their divisions.





## Sixth Class

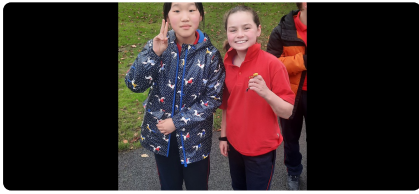
November was extremely busy in 6th class despite the fact that it was a shorter month due to mid-term break. We had great fun putting our Science Fair on for all the other classes in the school, and got great feedback from children and teachers alike for our efforts. The fair ran over two days and included CO<sub>2</sub> ballons, volcanoes, static electricity, non-popping bubbles, fireworks in a jar, cleaning ketchup, exploding vinegar, gummy bears, frozen chocolate, slime, lava lamps, oobleck, wind energy, blubber gloves, erupting lemons and invisible ink!

On Wednesday the 23rd of November we heading over to St.Anne's Park in Raheny to compete in the Lenister Schools Orienteering league. A really tough course, which included 30 stations, was navigated with great energy and enthusiasm. A super day out was capped with the news that our boys took the first, second and third places in the 6th class race, while our girls placed 3rd in their 6th class race. What a fantastic achievement!

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