

ST. FINTAN'S NS

Autumn 2024

A word from our principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I cannot believe that we have come to the end of October. That was such a quick half term. 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.

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

Thanks to you, parents and guardians, for all your generous donations for the sponsored walk. We will continue to take any donations after the mid-term break. These donations will go to funding PE resources and equipment for our children.

We had the fantastic Orla Comerford visit our school . She is such an amazing and inspirational role model for our children . I will put a link to the News2Day piece on our website.



Next term will be a busy one with parent/teacher meetings and Christmas preparations. This is always a lovely term, with lots of fun activities for the children in the lead up to Christmas.

We would ask parents collecting children from after school activities to refrain from parking in the staff car park. This is for the health and safety of the children.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe Hallowe'en break. I hope the children enjoy trick or treating and dressing up.

Thank you for all your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes,

Ms Farrell

Cumann na mBunscoil

A big well done to our boys and girls Gaelic Football teams who took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil competitions during September and October.

The boys got off to a great start with a 20-point win against St. Marnock's up in Beann Éadair but things got a bit tougher when we went on the road in our next two fixtures against very strong opposition from St. Assam's Raheny and St. John Bosco's Navan Road. It is a testament to the lads that they never shirked from the challenge and playing at such a high level (Division 2) will stand to them.

The girls started off with a very tricky away fixture against regular opposition in GS Baile Brigín and were extremely competitive despite falling to defeat. What followed however were a fantastic win against Swords ETNS and a gritty draw against GS Coolock, both up in Beann Éadair.

A huge well done to all involved. The players themselves, our coaches (Ms. Byrne, Ms. Giles, Ms. Mac Hugh, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Mac Lochlainn) and finally our dedicated parents on whom we rely for transport and other logistics!



Junior Infants

The junior infants have settled into school life so well! They are really enjoying doing lots of motor skills activities, pre writing skills, cutting, stations and free play. The play house area in the yard is a big hit and it is lovely to see them making new friends and coming up with their own games. The junior infants are all looking forward to Hallowe'en and the mid term break and will be excited to get back to work in November. Happy Hallowe'en everyone!



Senior Infants

We have had a fantastic first term here in senior infants. We have been learning about lots of interesting things including The Home and Autumn. We have also been working really hard on showing kindness to one another and being a good friend. We channelled our inner Picasso to create some self-portraits! GAA is in full swing, and we are really enjoying our weekly sessions. We also took inspiration from our school garden and sketched the beautiful sunflowers!



First Class

It has been a busy first term in first class. We did a nature project where we collected leaves from around the school grounds and designed our very own 'leaf monsters!'. We talked about the different types of trees and leaves, their similarities and differences and made sure we had lots of different types for our project. The first class children are really enjoying the 'picker-pal' initiative. Since we are learning all about recycling and how to take care of the environment, each week one first class pupil is chosen as the 'picker-pal' and they get to bring the equipment home for a whole week! The teachers and children really enjoy hearing all about the 'picker-pal' adventures in the scrapbook each week



Second Class

It has been a busy month for everyone in room 7 and 8 but thankfully everyone was ready for the move to 2nd class. We're thrilled to see how well the children have settled back into school after the summer holidays! The children have enjoyed catching up with both their classmates and yard buddies who are now in 6th class. There was also a lot of work done, so much work that everyone needed a school trip and thankfully the Gaiety theatre came up with just the right thing!! On 13th Sept we all went to the Gaiety to watch a superb production of David Walliams Awful Auntie and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children have also started some fun autumn art projects, bringing the beautiful season into the classroom with vibrant colors and designs. They've also been enjoying incorporating Lego into their weekly routine, sparking creativity and teamwork. It's been wonderful to see their imaginative ideas come to life! Other activities enjoyed during the months include learning how to draw hedgehogs and developing our athletic skills during PE.





Third Class

Both 3rd classes have got off to a fantastic start this year! Everyone is settling into 3rd class well! We began the school year with a memorable trip to The Gaiety Theatre, where we saw "Awful Auntie." We have done lots of fun Art so far this year, where we explored seasonal art, autumnal leaf creatures, self portraits and are currently creating spooky Art for Halloween! The students engaged in Math's Week during this term too! We had a Math's Quiz in the hall, in which we joined up with 4th class for our teams. Both classes went on a 2D shape hunt around the school to find 2D shapes and examples of tessellations in the school yard. Ms. Byrne's class tested which various 2D shapes can tessellate together, using iPads.

Both classes created fabulous posters to hang on the wall or to hold in the air while we welcomed Orla Comerford to the school! The students put lots of hard work into making these posters. There was a great sense of excitement among the students this day!

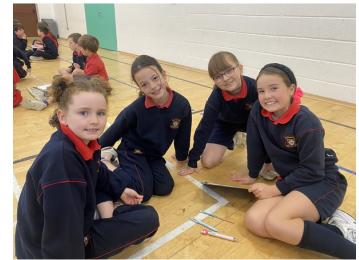


Fourth Class

It's been a busy two months for fourth class. We went on an Autumnal walk, where we foraged for leaves and used these to make leaf animals. We also created some autumn leaf paintings. In English, we looked at report writing before completing our animal report projects. We gained so much knowledge about loads of different animals!

During maths week we took part in lots of fun activities, including a maths quiz with 3rd and 4th class and various maths games using dice and shapes. We took part in a maths trail and recorded how many windows are in the school, as well as measuring the distance from our classroom to the secretary's office.

In music, we are participating in Peace Proms and have begun practicing. We are really looking forward to it. Happy Halloween from everybody in 4th class!



Fifth Class

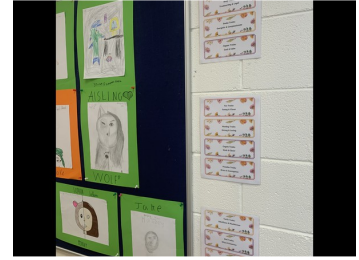
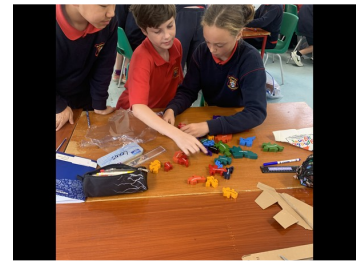
Ms Tuohey's 5th class have had a very busy first two months back at school! From learning the counties of Ireland and discovering their Mayan *spirit animals*, to meeting their new yard buddies and orienteering, it has been non-stop and full of fun. We are very excited for this month leading us up to Halloween!

We've had a busy few weeks in Ms. Tarbett's Rang a 5. Our orienteering trip was a great success. We even had a few winners in our midst!

The boys and girls had great fun creating works of art using pointillism. They turned out beautifully.

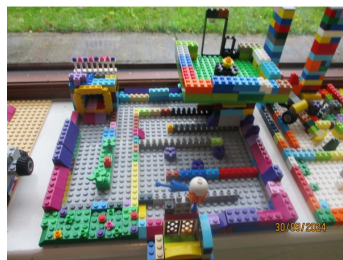
We've been working through the map of Ireland, learning one province per week. We're almost finished!

We welcomed our very own Paralympic winner, Orla Comerford, to the school. She is an incredible inspiration to us all. It was a day to remember.



Sixth Class

6th Class completed their first STEM challenge of the year. Working in small groups they had to construct a working marble run made of LEGO. They had one hour to plan and build their LEGO marble run. The end results were brilliant! We are already thinking of next months challenge. 6th Class also took part in their first orienteering event of the year on Tuesday 1st October. They had 45 minutes to complete the course- a tough task but they all did brilliantly. We're already looking forward to our second event in the New Year!





Linda Maher

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