



St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

Newsletter May 2021

Concern Debating Competition 2020/21

Huge congratulations to Ms Cunningham and our school Debate Team. St. Anne's are once again having a very successful year of debating. Following our victory over Murrintown NS, we faced Barntown NS in the County Final. The motion "Irish people do not care for the developing world" was up for debate. Our team was opposing. It was a nail-biting final but St. Anne's were victorious. We are now the County Primary Schools Debating Champions! However, it didn't end there. We then progressed on to the All-Ireland stages of the Concern Debating League and last week we debated against St. Kevin's in Kilnamanagh, Dublin. The motion was "Tomorrow's children will inherit a better world." Again, Billy Cunningham, John Donohoe and Pearl Redmond displayed great persuasion and were triumphant. We will now fly the flag for Wexford in the All-Ireland Semi-Finals on the 3rd of June debating "Celebrity led campaigns will do more harm than good for the developing world." We will be proposing the motion against Scoil Bhríde, Paulstown, Kilkenny. We wish 6th class, the team and team coach Ms. Cunningham the very best of luck.

New School Jerseys

Thanks to Brendan Sidney of **Retrofit Ireland** who very kindly sponsored a new set of jerseys for the school. The jerseys, designed by Liam Benson in 6th class, are an alternative strip with black the dominant colour. We can't wait to get back on the playing fields to try them out!



Sponsored Walk

Our annual Sponsored Walk will take place this year on Wednesday 16th of June. This is the school's main fundraiser this year and all proceeds will go towards purchasing **additional literacy resources** for our pupils. A sponsorship card will go home to each family next Monday 31st. We ask that this card be returned on or before the 16th of June.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association wish to thank all who continue to support their **Lotto**. They have decided to extend the Lotto this year into the summer holidays. If you wish to support, envelopes should be returned to the school office by Friday May 28th.

The Parents' Association also intend to hold a **Clothes Collection** in aid of school funds. Old clothes can be left up to the school from 10th to 15th of June. You received a letter with information about the collection already this week.

Keep Well / Incredible Edibles / Farm Safe Schools: 1st Class.

Congratulations to Ms Kehoe's 1st Class who were awarded a Certificate for successfully completing the themes required in the Keep Well campaign. They had to submit videos, artwork, recipes and complete an interactive worksheet. They also submitted an article which appeared in the Irish Country Living section of the Irish Farmers Journal last week. It was a class diary on the final theme of the Incredible Edibles Project which was Healthy Eating Week. 1st Class also enjoyed sampling some of the produce (strawberries, lettuce and spinach) that is growing in our school garden. Their potatoes, chives and turnips are growing well, but there is fierce competition with the rabbits to sample the carrots!

Ms Kehoe's Class are almost finished their Farm Safe Schools journey and will soon be submitting a project for accreditation. They have been learning about farms, animals' safety and safety with machinery while using our Lámh signs to reinforce the safety messages. Keep up the great work 1st Class!

World Bee Day 20th May 2021

Some tips from 1st Class to help the bees:

Let the dandelions bloom.

Reduce mowing.

Plant pollinator friendly bulbs and bedding e.g., crocus, snowdrop, grape hyacinth, lavender.

Create a small south-facing earth bank/bare soil for nesting.

Active News

We hope to hold our "**Active Week**" from 14th to 18th of June this year. On "Make It Up Monday" each class will complete a number of skips with the aim of completing 1038m, the height of Carrauntoohil, the highest mountain in Ireland. We will also complete a circuit on Monday.

On Tuesday we will have fun and games with Nicola from "Stretch and Grow".

"Walk it Wednesday" is when we hope to complete the Annual Sponsored Walk.

On Thursday we will have hockey for the Seniors (3rd-6th), while the Junior end of the school will have their Sports Day.

On Friday its Sports Day for Seniors while Juniors will have gymnastics.

We look forward to a good week and well done to all classes on completing their "Run Around Ireland".

Fundraisers

The Jersey Day held recently raised €457 which almost covers the cost of our entry fee into Wexford's Fittest School. The Rackard League Bingo raised €473.

Dates for your diary

- Friday June 4th- Tuesday June 8th-School closed for Bank Holiday Weekend
- Monday 14th-Friday 18th -June Active Week
- Friday 25th of June- School closes for Summer Holidays