



St. Anne's National School

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Newsletter October 2022

Book Bills

Thanks to all who have paid their book bills so promptly. Some parents/guardians may find it difficult to pay Book Rental Bills at the beginning of the school year. If you require assistance, please contact the principal (if you have not already done so), as a limited amount of money is made available by the Department to help in such circumstances. Confidentiality is assured.

Maths Week

Monday 17th to Friday 21st is Maths Week Nationwide. Ms. Power outlined at assembly on Monday morning all the activities she had organised for the week. On Tuesday we had maths themed PE lessons for classes. Wednesday we focused on a maths based art lesson. Maths quizzes were planned for Thursday while tomorrow we hope to bring pupils on maths trails. Thanks to Ms. Power for organising.

Green Schools

The Green Schools Committee consisting of representatives from 2nd-6th Class has been set up. Well done to Lucy & Grace (6th), Saoirse, Beth & Eoin (5th), Aidan & Felicia (4th), Ruth & Peter (3rd), Jane & Shem (2nd). A special mention to James also who has been taking care of composting from the staff room. Here are some of the activities they have been involved in:

- Green Schools' noticeboard has been updated
- Ms. Barry's class are doing an excellent job of collecting the compost from each class
- All classes were involved in colouring a tree collage for Tree Day which is on display in the GP room
- At assembly Grace & Lucy explained about the Tree Day Trail they created and Peter and Ruth gave a presentation on the Holly tree which was our special tree (delivered by post) for Tree Day on 6th October
- On Tree Day the senior classes planted out spindle trees and a Scot's Pine tree and some of the junior classes planted holly trees and sowed acorns
- We are all trying to conserve energy by switching off the lights when leaving rooms
- "Múch na soilse" Maybe we can all try it at home too!

Picker Pals

2nd Class are involved in a very exciting environmental awareness programme called Picker Pals. They attended a welcome webinar on 10th October. The aim of the programme is to develop children's awareness of the issue of litter and the community responsibility for it. Each child will get a Picker Power Adventure book and a fun activity book as part of the programme. Everyone will bring home the Picker Pack and do a short family litter-pick with an adult and complete a Picker Pals Report for our Class Album. We will be watching some Picker Pals TV episodes and look forward to our adventures while becoming #pickerpals!

Birds of Prey

We were delighted to welcome Colin Travers and his Birds of Prey to the school last Friday. Colin brought various species of owls and hawks for pupils to learn about, see and hold. The conservation of these amazing creatures was the central theme of the exhibition.

6th Class Kilmore Quay Trip

On Monday 10th of October, Mr Murphy and 6th class participated in a Coastwatch Ireland Survey and Beach Clean in Kilmore Quay. All had an enjoyable and educational day. Thanks to Mick Berry for facilitating the day for us.

National Lámh Day

We celebrated National Lamh Day on 19th October. Classes watched Dizzy Deliveries a new children's TV programme on RTÉ Junior – well worth a watch!

Boo for Barretstown

As usual, the pupils can dress up on the Friday (28th) before the Hallowe'en Break. We are asking each child to bring €2, which will be donated to Barretstown. Barretstown is a not-for-profit camp for children with cancer and other serious illnesses located at Barretstown Castle, Ballymore Eustace, County Kildare. It was founded in 1994 by Hollywood actor Paul Newman.

Kids Hallowe'en Disco

Reminder that Clearestown Hall Committee are holding a Kids' Disco on Friday 28th of October at 6.30pm in the Community Hall.

Active Schools

We marked the European Week of Sport at the end of September with a relay involving all classes passing the EU flag to one another at various spots around the school and GAA grounds.

This year's Active Schools' Committee has just been announced. The student reps who will work with Ms. Power are:- Emma and Anna (6th), Liam, Logan, Ollie, Freya, Doireann and Amy (5th), Sean, Henry, Joey, Lucy and Tara (4th) and Ben, Ellen, Cáit and Cathal (3rd).

Student Council Elections

After a week of campaigning, we held our elections for Student President and Vice President. Lucy Cornille was duly elected by our student body and will serve as Student President, while Brian Kennedy was second, and will be her right hand man. Well done to all in 6th class who campaigned. Thanks to Mr. Murphy for organising.

School Debating

Debating in 6th class is back in full swing! There has been lots of friendly discussion going on in the class. We are taking part in a school league this year and are up against Danescastle National School next Thursday. Our first motion is "GAA players should be paid" The opposing side of Charlie Fogarty, Max Bolger and Clayton Byrne hope to convince the adjudicators that GAA players should not get paid. While the proposing team of Cormac Cunningham, Bryan Kennedy and Faye Bates will argue that GAA players deserve to get rewarded for their efforts. Best of luck to both teams.

Lost and Found

We have a huge amount of clothing, mainly school jumpers, in our Lost and Found Box. This Monday, (24th), our school secretary Jenny will put all the contents out for display in the GP room. Please encourage your child to look in the GP room on Monday afternoon for any items they are missing.

Lunchtime Leagues

We have three separate lunchtime football leagues running in the school at the moment. Mr. Murphy's Senior League includes boys from 4th -6th and 6th class girls. Ms Power's Girls League includes all girls from 3rd to 5th. Mr. Ormonde's Junior League incorporates boys from 1st -3rd plus 2nd class girls. We hope to have finals after the midterm break.

School Fundraisers

Our Ice Cream party in June raised €280, which was donated to Down Syndrome Wexford. Proceeds of the Nuala Stafford Rounders Cup day, €1,142 was donated to two worthy causes. Half went to Delvin Hospice in Co. Westmeath, where our former colleague Sinead Collins received great care before her passing. Half also went to a local fundraiser "Caitlin's Comeback".

Rackard League Update

The Girls' Rackard League Team topped their group this year after victories over Horeswood, Mayglass and Kilmore. They qualified for the Roinn A quarterfinal where they lost out to Castlebridge. However, the girls Mini 7s team are flying high. In round 1 they topped the group and again on Monday last they came out in first place in round 2 with victories over Piercestown and Kilmore. The semifinals will be played after Hallowe'en. The school also entered a Girls' Rising Stars team who had great games against Cushinstown and Piercestown. Thanks to Ms. Barry and Ms. Power for all their hard work with the girls.

The Boys' Rackard League Team also topped their group and qualified for the Roinn A quarterfinals. After a great victory over Castlebridge, they are due to play the semi-final early next week.

The Boys' Mini 7s team also topped their group the first day and qualified for Round 2. On Tuesday they defeated neighbouring schools Murrinstown NS and Piercestown NS to secure a semifinal place. St. Anne's NS also entered a Boys' B Mini 7s team who had a great win over Curraclloe NS before losing out to Kennedy Park School in the deciding match.

Our Boys' Rising Stars team had some great games against Castlebridge, Piercestown and Kilmore and showed that next year's team will be a force to be reckoned with. They now face a playoff with Piercestown for a place in the semifinals. Thanks to Mr. Murphy for all his hard work with the boys.

Swimming

Pupils in 4th and 5th classes will begin 6 weeks of swimming lessons in Ferrybank Pool commencing Thursday 10th of November.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Information leaflets will be sent home in schoolbags early next week. If you wish to take part, please return shoeboxes to the school office on or before 8th of November.

Maternity leave

Best wishes to Ms. Emer Fitzharris who is on Maternity Leave at the moment. Ms. Sarah Lacey was appointed recently to the position of 1st class teacher and we wish her success in her new role.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 26th of October- Flu vaccinations in school
- Friday 28th of October- school closes for Hallowe'en Break at **3pm** as normal
- Monday 14th –Friday 18th November – Literacy Week & Book Fair in school.
- Thursday 24th of November- Parent/Teacher Meetings. School closes at **2pm** for all pupils.