

ST PATRICK'S SNS NEWLETTER



As another busy and enjoyable school year draws to a close, it is wonderful to look back on all that has been achieved across our school community since September. The halls and classrooms of St Patrick's have been filled with learning, creativity and laughter throughout the year, with pupils taking part in a huge variety of activities and events. From assemblies and performances to school tours, sporting events and special celebrations, there have been many opportunities for children to showcase their talents and grow in confidence.

We are extremely proud of the continued efforts of all our pupils, both inside and outside the classroom, and grateful for the support and encouragement shown by parents, staff and the wider school community throughout the year. Our sports teams represented the school brilliantly once again, while ongoing developments in digital technology and classroom resources have continued to enhance teaching and learning for everyone. We hope all families enjoy a safe and relaxing summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting school year in August.

Sports and activities we enjoyed this year



By Tyler Dinan and Esmé Conlon - Ms Dowlings 3rd Class



GAA: This year we did some GAA sessions with Lauren and we played lots of games such as rounders (GAA version) . It was lots of fun.

Rugby: We played rugby with Andy on Wednesdays. We played bulldog charge and had an amazing time.

Tennis: On Tuesdays we played tennis with Jim. We rallied and played a game which was called open the gates.

Football: We did a session with Keith. This year we played football games such as upsie downsie and had a great time.

Library: We went to the library a few times this year. We read lots of books

Chess club: At the chess club we played chesskids.com on their chromebooks and also normal chess. Some of the students went to Loughshinny for a chess tournament and St. Patricks won.

Athletics: This year some children went around Dublin doing races they did very well.

Knitting: This year some kids knitted scarfs. It was very fun.Thanks Catherine for showing



What's been going on in Mrs Colgan and Ms Mac Kenna's class this term ...

Italy Project

By Alice Ferguson

We did lots of projects throughout the year but my favourite was our Italy project!

I worked with Anna and Éabha and we got the topic of the history of Italy. It was super fun and we all got a part to research: I did famous people, Éabha did the oldest mountain and Anna did famous landmarks!



Kensuke's Kingdom

by Ella Mccullagh

Our class read Kensuke's Kingdom and it was amazing. I love books and I read quite often but Kensuke's Kingdom was my all time favourite. My classmates enjoyed reading it too.

There were happy and sad moments in the book but that's what made it such a good story. We read it in school as well as at home. The book is about a boy who goes missing out at sea. But if you have not read it I won't spoil it for you. The author of the book is Michael Morpurgo. I'm so glad we got to read it

And thank you to Ms Colgan and Ms Mackenna for helping us learn about Kensuke's Kingdom. I would recommend this book to all students in fourth and fifth class.



School Tour 2026

by Chloe Scully

All the school tours in St Patrick's Sns are very fun. We all look forward to the tour and we enjoy it when we're there.

This year every 4th class went to "Lets Go!" It was very fun.

We went on zorb balls which are big inflatable balls that you go in with your friend and you roll down an inflatable hill.

After that half of the class went on four platforms with a wrecking ball in the middle, you have to pass it to the other people on the platforms and you wear helmets so you don't hurt yourself. Then we had a lunch break and we got to eat our treat.

We went on a big slide and our teacher went on it too.

A big thank you to Ms.Colgan and Ms.Mackenna and all of the teachers.



Active Week 2026

by ROBYN GRANT

This year's Active Week was brilliant. We did lots of different things like bowls and hockey, fun games, gymnastics, playball and golf.

My favourite was gymnastics. The coaches were really nice. For hockey Lynda was our coach. We did hockey twice. Play ball was on the astro and it was fun. We did archery and a cone game. In bowls we did mini games like bowling and rolling the ball into a basket. We did a HIIT session and that was great. It got my blood pumping and I was energised. The songs were good too and the 6th class were nice.

The week was so fun and thanks to all the parents and teachers that organised all this for us.

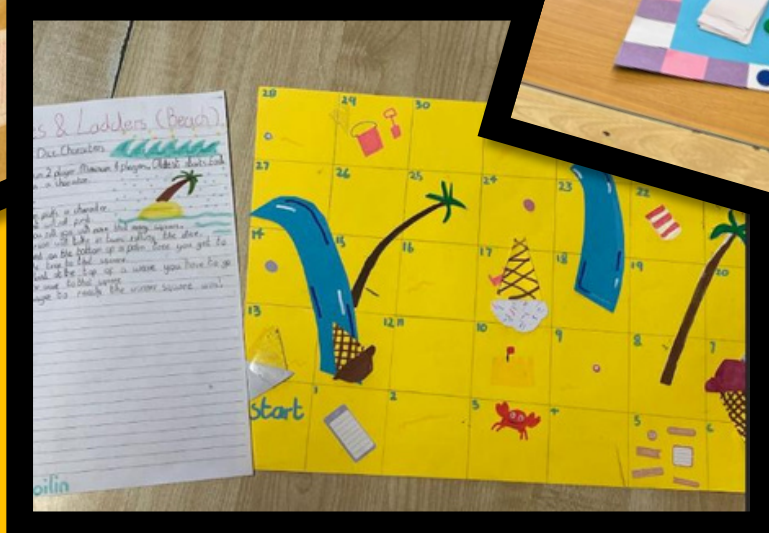
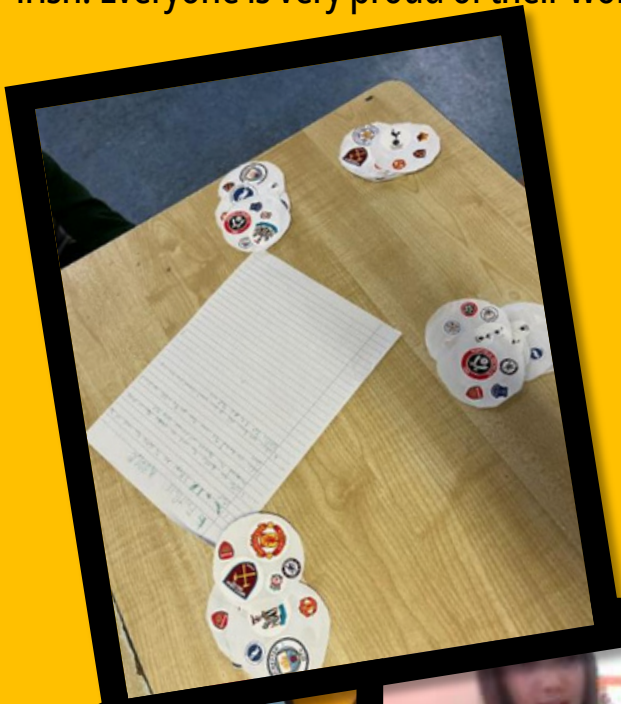


Step Write Up

During the last term Ms. Tuite's class have been learning about Procedural Writing in English and Scríobhneoireacht Ghnásúil as Gaeilge.

Firstly, in English, we made our own board games from scratch. There was a great variety of games: snakes & Ladders, Flag Guessing Games, Football Dobble, and Card Games. We then wrote out the procedures that needed to be followed to play the games and everybody had a go!

As Gaeilge, we recorded 'How To' videos about how to make a cup of tea all through Irish. Everyone is very proud of their work!



MY EXPERIENCE IN 3RD CLASS

by Euan Wash - Ms Kelly and Ms Guest's 3rd class

In the past year I've been in 3rd class, I have made so many new friends. It's great!

I've been counting, and my average attention span has increased 12% when I'm in homework club doing my homework vs when I'm at home doing homework. The subjects are good.

Our tour to Emerald park was absolutely great! I did accidentally inhale some rain, but apart from that, I loved it!

I was Patrick Kielty in the class assembly. I put baby powder in my hair to replicate him! IT DID NOT GO WELL.

Overall, I think it was a smooth transition to the senior school.

By Euan Walsh



What's been happening in Ms. Osbornes class ...

Ms. Osborne's class did their assembly this term. We had a great time preparing, practising and performing. As a class, we planned and wrote the play, picked our characters, designed our costumes and selected songs to go in our show. We began with the idea of a murder mystery and the class brought it to life with all of their unique characters and ideas. Once we had our idea ready, we spent the next week rehearsing every day until it was perfected. We loved getting to perform as a class for the last time. We hope you enjoyed the show!



What's been happening in Ms. Osbornes class ...



The 4th class school tour

This year, 4th class went to 'Let's Go' in Gormanston. We got to do lot's of different activities. These included archery, rock climbing, go carting, zorb balls, bouncy castles and more. Our favourite thing was when we got to climb into a zorb ball and roll down a huge hill. We also loved the air mountain and the go carting. We had lovely weather, which meant we got to enjoy eating outside on the grass. Afterwards, we were all exhausted.

These memories made us have a laugh!

By Alex and Ava - Ms Keane's 6th class

This year our class had lots of fun. Every Wednesday we went to the library to read books. Everyone loved the egg chairs and there were often arguments over who got to sit in them! Ms Keane taught us the Rattlin Bog on the tin whistle and we enjoyed learning the tune together. One funny moment happened during class when a 4th class child suddenly shouted, "I WANNA RUN AWAY!" from outside the window. Everyone was surprised and laughed. We have had a great year full of reading, music, and fun. Our Confirmation day was on the 22nd of April 2026. The day was really memorable. After the ceremony there was an ice-cream truck outside the church and most of us got ice-cream. For our school tour we went to Navan Adventure Centre in Navan. We did Foot Golf, Lazer Tag, Obstacle courses and we got Supermacs for lunch. Every cabin had a food fight - chicken nuggets and chips were flying everywhere but we made sure to clean it up after.

Here is a poem we created using our new AI skills:

Leaving Primary School

The years have flown, the time has come,
To say goodbye to everyone.
We've learned, we've laughed, we've made good friends,
And shared memories that never end.

Though we leave and move ahead,
New adventures lie instead.
We'll always keep our school in sight,
And carry its memories shining bright. ☀

BY CONALL MC CARTHY AND
ALICE DARCY

Ms Dowling's 3rd class

Animal Adaptations - Chameleon

We were learning about animal adaptations and for our project we did chameleons.

CHAMELEONS ARE VERY SPECIAL LIZARDS THAT ARE FAMOUS FOR CHANGING COLOUR. THEY CAN MOVE THEIR EYES IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AND HAVE LONG, STICKY TONGUES THAT CAN SHOOT OUT VERY QUICKLY. CHAMELEONS LIVE IN WARM HABITATS IN AFRICA, MADAGASCAR AND PARTS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN. THEY ARE MOSTLY TREE-DWELLING ANIMALS AND ARE VERY GOOD AT LIVING IN TREES. THESE AMAZING REPTILES CAN CHANGE THEIR SKIN COLOUR AND USE THEIR LONG TONGUES, WHICH CAN BE AS LONG AS THEIR BODY, TO CATCH INSECTS.



Sports



It was always going to be difficult for this year to live up to the heights of last year when it came to exploits and successes on the sports pitches and tracks, but none the less we saw our school represented with pride and accomplishment across the year again. We can be very proud of the level of sporting ability that is in our school across all disciplines and sports, and our sports teams all made sure that the school was well represented.

Our Athletics team takes in students from all over the school, from third class all the way to sixth class, and they always allow our students to feel like they are representing the school. The team performed excellently across the Final League and the Morton Stadium athletics race day. Another brilliant showing from the team this year.



Sports

Our Girls Gaelic Football team can be very proud of what they achieved this year putting in a very strong showing in the Fingal League, just coming up short in a semi final after an excellent performance. While disappointed to not make a final they can be very proud of how they played. With a lot of the team being made up of fifth year girls as well, we can be confident of another strong showing next year.

Our Girls Camogie team also gave a strong account of themselves in the Cumann na mBunscol and saw a number of excellent performances across the year. Again, there was a strong mix of fifth and sixth girls making up the team and panel and this further highlights the level of sporting talent that we have in the school

The Girls 6th Class Soccer team also took to the field this year after being set up again last year for the first time in years, and between representing the school in the FAI Schools League and the FAI 5-a-side blitz, there was plenty of opportunities for the girls to show their prowess on the soccer pitch.

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Sports

The boys Gaelic Football team found themselves in the Premier division this year having succeeded in winning the Fingal League last year, and despite the high standard of opposition the boys performed incredibly across all the games, just missing out on a semi final berth after losing a reply. It is clear that we are going to see some of these boys go on to represent the blue of Skerries Harps and Dublin into the future.

The boys Hurling Team took the field this year following on from the success of last year's team reaching the Cumann na mBunscol final in Croke Park, and this year's team were very unfortunate not to repeat the trip as they lost out in a close semi final in Ellenfield Park. The boys managed to top their group with a number of excellent performances and they can be very proud of how they did this year again.

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4th class beach trip

Ms Flannaery's class



We walked to the south beach. We got to build sandcastles and had a competition. It was a tie! We had our lunch at the beach. After we walked to Storm in a Teacup and got ice cream. When we were finished our ice creams, we went to the playground. We had great fun in the playground then went back to school. It was the best Monday ever!



Sixth Class Graduation Celebration

On Friday the 19th of June, the pupils of Sixth Class gathered with their families, teachers and friends to celebrate a very special milestone, their Graduation from St. Patrick's SNS.

The two-hour celebration was filled with memories, laughter, music and outstanding performances that reflected the wonderful journey our Sixth Class pupils have enjoyed throughout their years in primary school. Each class took to the stage to share their talents, entertaining the audience with rewritten versions of popular songs including *Mamma Mia* and *Mr. Brightside*, alongside energetic dance performances to *Party in the USA* and *Copacabana*.

A special musical highlight of the evening was provided by Ethan McGinn and Tadhg, who performed a fantastic piece featuring electric guitar and the box, written by Ethan himself. Their talent and creativity were greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

One of the most meaningful moments of the evening was the presentation of the Spirit of St. Patrick's Award. This special award recognises one student from each Sixth Class who represents the values, character and community spirit of our school. These students consistently demonstrate kindness, respect, perseverance and a positive attitude, while making a difference to those around them through their actions and example.

This year's recipients were:

- **Ms Beggs' Class:** Sadhbh Walsh
- **Ms Keane's Class:** Eddie Ferguson
- **Mr Quigley's Class:** Michael Rawl
- **Ms Tuite's Class:** Harley Walsh

Congratulations to all of our award winners. Their contributions to school life have helped make St. Patrick's a caring, supportive and welcoming community for everyone.

The celebration concluded with all of the Sixth Class pupils taking to the stage for a spectacular dance performance to *Let's Go* by Calvin Harris. As they gathered together one final time, they left us with the fitting song *Unwritten* by Natasha Bedingfield, reminding us that their next chapter is only beginning.

We are incredibly proud of all our Sixth Class pupils and wish them every success and happiness as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey. They will always remain an important part of the St. Patrick's family. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



My Primary School Memories

by Rosa Griffin

It's hard to remember all the amazing memories from the past eight years of school, so let me tell you just a few.

Junior Infants

On my first day of school, I remember we got name tags to help us learn everyone's names. Our teacher, Ms Spillane, gave us lots of colouring, and we played games to learn things about everyone. We loved to play restaurants in the kitchen in the garden. We also got buddies from 6th class. I remember my buddy was called Nicole. I also remember that we went to the beach with them. It was so much fun!

Senior Infants

In Senior Infants, my teacher was Ms Hewitt. I remember that we got split up from our Junior Infants class. We then stayed in the same class until 4th class. In Senior Infants, I remember doing the Nativity play for Christmas. That was also the year that the COVID-19 pandemic started, so we missed a lot of Senior Infants.

1st Class

In 1st class, my teacher was Ms Holahan. She was my favourite teacher in the junior school. We had to wear face masks because COVID was still around. I also remember going on beach trips and learning more things because we were getting older.

2nd Class

2nd class was my last year in the Junior school. My teachers were Ms McMenamin and Ms Kelly. This was the year that we made our First Holy Communion! I remember that for our school tour we went to Tayto Park, and it was so much fun! We also made tie-dye t-shirts at the end of the year and got everyone to sign them.

3rd Class

In 3rd class, we moved into the senior school. My teacher was Ms Beggs. We won the pizza party at the end of the year because our class raised the most money for the sponsored walk. We also made a book about countries of the world and it was published!

My Primary School Memories

by Rosa Griffin

4th Class

In 4th class, I had two teachers, Ms M. Kelly and Ms E. Kelly. For our school tour, we went to Croke Park and Jump Zone. It was very fun. For our assembly, we performed Cinderella. It didn't go the best, but it was okay.

5th Class

In 5th class, my teacher was Ms Montcalm. She was a very nice teacher. I remember that we did the egg drop challenge and had to drop an egg out of the window. My egg survived! We also got split up for 5th class. Ellie, Sophie and I stayed in the same class. We had been in the same class since Junior Infants. For our school tour, we went to Footee, where we did bubble football, laser tag and footgolf.

6th Class

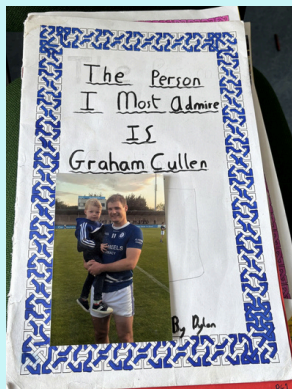
In 6th class, my teacher was Ms Beggs. Ms Beggs was my favourite teacher in all of primary school. We entered a scarecrow competition for Halloween. The scarecrow was called Gerry.

For our school tour, we went to Navan Adventure Centre. We got Supermac's there, and it was very fun. We also got buddies from the junior school. My buddy is called Iryna.

We made our Confirmation on the 22nd of April. We are having our graduation on the 19th of June, we are doing a dance and singing two songs. We also did a 'Bake Off' in school. I was in a group with Ellie, Sophie and Hannah.

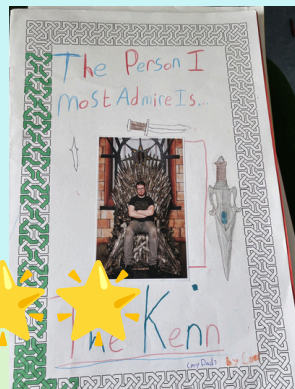
My last day of primary school will be on the 26th of June.





The Person I Most Admire

Mr Doran's 5th class



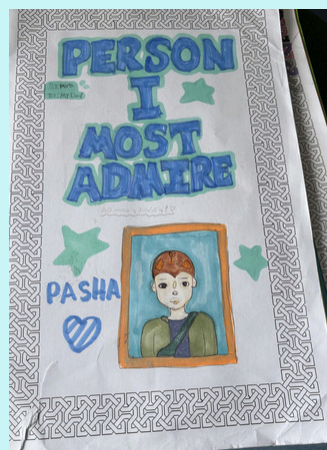
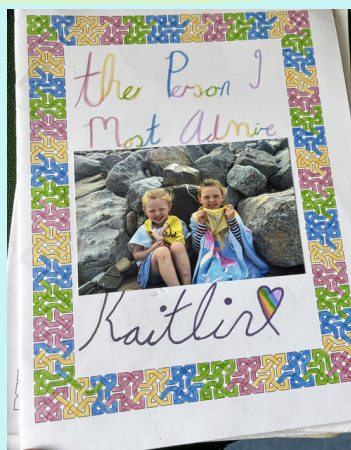
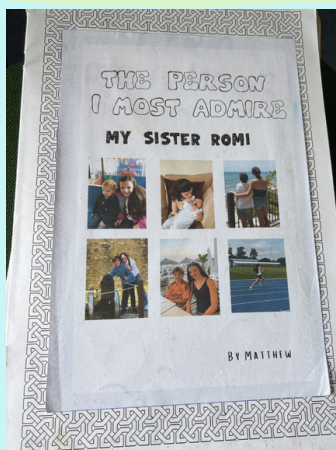
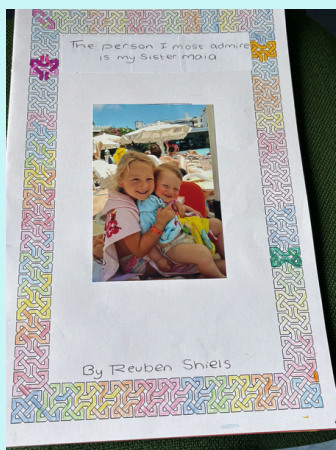
During the month of May, the children in Mr Doran's 5th Class took part in a special project entitled "The Person I Most Admire." Each pupil received a scrapbook and a project checklist to guide their work. Their task was to choose someone they admire and consider a positive role model.

The children dedicated a great deal of time and effort to their projects, working both in school and at home throughout the month. They carefully followed the project guidelines and successfully completed their work by the submission date of 22nd May.

The quality of the finished projects was outstanding. The creativity, effort, and attention to detail shown by the children were truly impressive. Selecting the winning entries proved to be a challenging task, with Mr Doran seeking the opinions of other staff members to help with the judging process.

It was wonderful to learn about the many inspiring people who play important roles in the children's lives. Through their projects, the pupils highlighted the positive influence, support, kindness, and encouragement provided by their chosen role models.

Congratulations to all of the children on their fantastic work. They should be very proud of the effort, thoughtfulness, and enthusiasm they brought to this project. 🙌📚✨



Active Week 2026

By Shay, Emily, Rory, Robert and Anabelle

Monday

On Monday we had hockey and HIIT and the tennis court.

For hockey we did hockey sharks and fish. There were three people on and the other people needed to get to the other side of the astro and the three people needed to get hockey balls from them .

For HIIT we had two coaches telling us about keeping our body healthy and showing us some workout moves. We all have fun doing workouts and listening to music .

For tennis our teacher got us the tennis courts and we would play in groups of four and play matches. We had a lot of fun!

By Emily



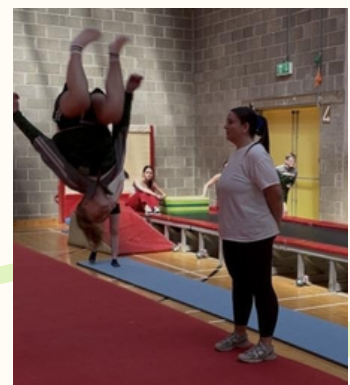
Tuesday

On Tuesday we played tennis again. For tennis we did mini matches with a partner.

Our coach was Jim and after a few mini matches, he played some games with us. One of the games we played was Jim had to hit the tennis ball and we had to dodge them. Tennis was very fun.

For gymnastics our coaches were Molly, Eva, Lily, Clodha and Amy. First we did a quick warm up and then we got split into groups. I went to track first, we did some jumps and then we jumped over some mats. Next we went to bars where we did a hanging competition. After that we went to the beam where we were walking on the beam and did jumps. Next was the floor where we did an obstacle course. Lastly on the vault we did handsprings. Gymnastics was very fun.

By Anabelle



Active Week 2026

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Wednesday

On Wednesday we had football with Keith, fun games and an inspirational talk.

Football with Keith ⚽ : in football we did four boys teams and four girls teams. There were two boys teams from our class and two boys teams from Mr Doran's. The final had one boys team from Mr Doran's and one boys team from our class. The team from Mr Doran's class won.

For fun games we did an egg and spoon race, Rory won.

Then we did a sack race, James Muldoon won.

After we did a relay, Oscar, Noah, Alex and Robert won.

Next we did another relay, Robert, James Muldoon, Anne, Eve and Alannah won.

Finally we did a 3 legged race, Noah and Robert won.

Inspirational talk : It was with Mr Doran's brother and Harry Groom. I thought active week was very fun.

by Robert 😊.

Thursday

On Thursday we started off the day with GAA. Our coach was Lauren.

She is very nice and plays lots of fun games with us.

After that we had badminton.

Badminton was great fun, me and my friends played a game of 2v2.

Next we had the astro my class all played a game of World Cup.

And to end the day off, all of the 5th classes went out to do HIIT with Mr. Quigley's class. Active week was very fun and I enjoyed it very much.

by Shay



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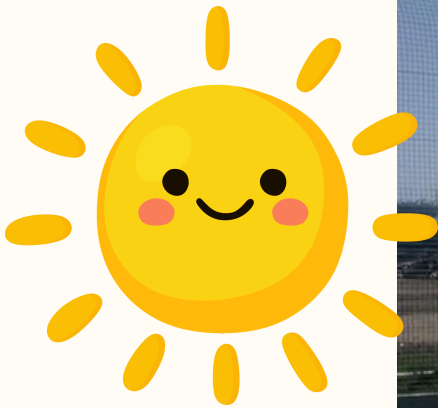
Friday

On Friday we went on our sponsored walk around skerries for the first part of the day. The sponsored walk lasted fifty minutes and it was roughly 5k so it was very long.

Then later on we did a relay around the astro then Ms Keane's class joined in with us and our class won with a very fast time.

Robert, Lucy, Liam and James M were on the team that won. People were very competitive but it was still fun and everyone enjoyed it. So at the end of active week everyone was exhausted but sad that it came to an end.

By Rory



Our School Tour

Ms Mackey's class -

By Liadh and Rachel

On Thursday the 11th of June, 5th class all went on the School Tour to Footee . There were lots of things to do there . We did laser tag , foot golf, bubble football, relays and so much more. We had so much fun!

All the classes were doing different things at different times, so it wasn't too crowded at the different stations. After a couple of activities we had a lunch break and all the classes ate together , there was the option of eating inside or outside on the benches there.



Unfortunately it was quite wet when we got there , because it had been raining pretty heavily beforehand , but that didn't stop us from enjoying all the activities.



In Laser Tag every one was given a laser gun and a matching headband. It was in a forest with different objects to hide behind. There were 2 different teams that were against each other: the red team and the blue team.

In bubble football we got to knock each other over. We kind of got distracted and didn't actually play football but just kept knocking each other over instead.

We also played giant foosball where we had to hold on to bars while we kicked the ball into the opponents goal. It was quite small but still fun.

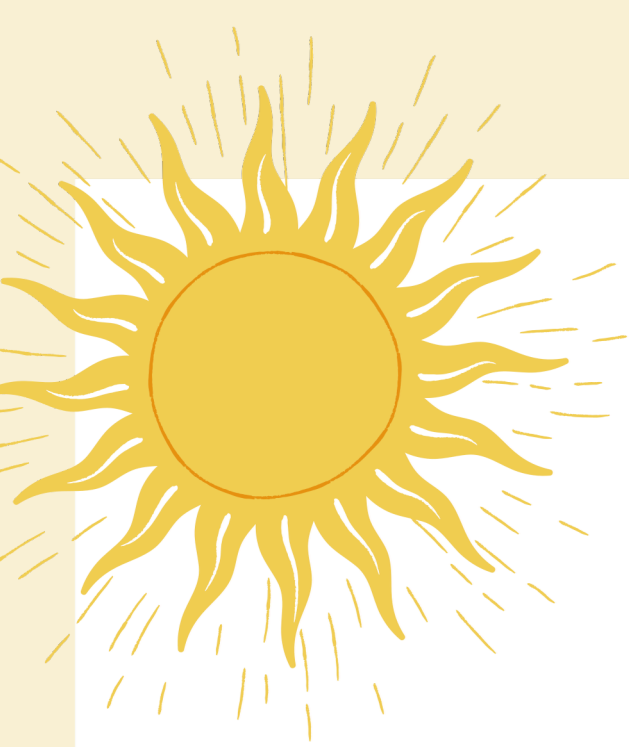
In foot golf we only got to do 3 holes and there were 2 teams: the boys team and the girls team. We didn't get to see who won because we had to leave to go back home on the bus but it was still fun.

One of the activities was in a big blow up bouncy castle with a real grass floor . There were six goals in it and 1 exit and one entrance . Six people started in the goals and the objective was to score a goal in another person's net to get them out, but also guard yours at the same time . If you scored a goal in someone else's net they would be out and a new person would take their place and start with the ball.

We did a relay race against Ms Montcalm's class, there were several different races to do. First we did a race where we all had to run up spin the hula hoop around 3 times then run back and high five your teammate, the next race was a sackrace where you had to hop up then come back and give the sack to your teammate so they could do the same . But this race was harder because it took more time to get out of the sack and hand it to the next person in line.

Tug of war, we did the tug of war against Ms Montcalms as well as the relays . The girls and boys in our class won!!!





SUMMER BUCKET LIST

1. Go on a Picnic
2. Build a Fort
3. Go to the Beach
4. Eat an Ice Cream
5. Visit the Library
6. Go Swimming
7. Have a BBQ

8. Visit the Zoo
9. Play with Friends
10. Do Some Drawing
11. Do a Nature Walk
12. Read a Book
13. Eat Outside
14. Fly a Kite

