



Summer NEWSLETTER



Midleton CBS Primary

Hello
Summer!



As another wonderful school year draws to a close, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every member of our school community. To our pupils, parents, staff, Board of Management, Friends of Midleton CBS Primary, volunteers, and all those who support our school in so many ways, thank you for your contribution, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Together, we have celebrated many successes, created lasting memories, and continued to build a caring, vibrant, and inclusive school community. We are incredibly proud of all that has been achieved and are

excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. As we look forward to September, we do so with great optimism and enthusiasm as we begin a new chapter in the history of our school. We wish all our families a safe, happy, and relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting new adventure in the new school year.



Things to Note

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| ★ 12 Noon Close | 25 th June |
| ★ Last Day of Term | 25 th June |
| ★ First Day Back | 27 th Aug |



Calendar 26-27

The school calendar for 2026-27 will be emailed to all families and revised again in September. It can be viewed [HERE](#) also on our website.

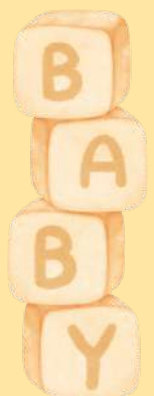
Roots of EMPATHY

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We recently marked the completion of our Roots of Empathy Programme in 4th Class with our wonderful tiny teacher, Baby Méabh, and her family. Throughout the year, the boys enjoyed watching Méabh grow and develop, while learning valuable lessons about empathy, emotions, inclusion, and kindness. They were most excited on her final visit when she WALKED through the classroom door. At only 11 months old she is flying through her milestones and we couldn't be prouder.

To celebrate the end of a fantastic year of learning, we were delighted to host our third Roots of Empathy Cork Celebration Party in which we hosted five babies, their families and their instructors, bringing together participants to recognise their achievements and experiences in the programme.

A special word of praise has to go to the boys who took part in Roots of Empathy this year. They demonstrated excellent listening skills, thoughtful participation, and great respect during every visit. Their enthusiasm, maturity, and growing understanding of the feelings of others made the programme a wonderful success. We are very proud of all they have achieved and thank Baby Méabh and her family for sharing this special journey with us.



Roots of Empathy
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New Primary Curricular Framework

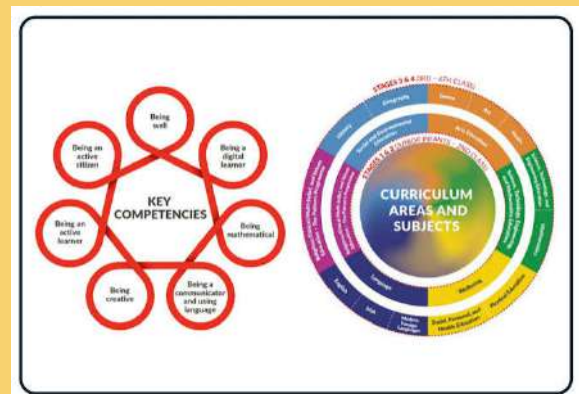
You may have heard about the new Primary Curriculum Framework that is being introduced in primary schools across Ireland over the coming years. This updated curriculum is designed to ensure that children develop the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

The new curriculum places a strong emphasis on children's wellbeing, creativity, communication, critical thinking, and learning through meaningful experiences. While subjects such as English, Irish, Mathematics and PE remain central to school life, there will be increased opportunities for children to make connections across different areas of learning and to develop important life skills alongside academic knowledge.

As a school, we have already begun preparing for this significant development. Our staff have participated in two full days of professional learning and training this year, with further training and support planned over the coming years. This ongoing professional development will help ensure that we are well-equipped to implement the new curriculum in a thoughtful and effective way.

The introduction of the curriculum will be phased over a number of years, allowing schools time to engage with the changes and embed new approaches to teaching and learning. Parents and guardians can be assured that any changes will be carefully planned and introduced in a way that supports the best interests of our pupils.

We look forward to continuing this exciting journey and to providing learning experiences that help every child to flourish, both in school and beyond.



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Cork City Sports

Our pupils represented Midleton CBS Primary with great pride at this year's Cork City Sports in MTU, enjoying a fantastic day of competition, teamwork and achievement.

We were delighted to celebrate a number of outstanding individual and team successes, with several pupils earning medals and podium finishes. Their performances were a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment they have shown throughout the year in training.

While the medals and victories were wonderful to see, what impressed us most was the behaviour, sportsmanship and encouragement shown by our boys throughout the day. They cheered each other on, celebrated one another's successes and supported teammates through every event, embodying the values of our school community.

A sincere thank you to our staff who gave so generously of their time in preparing pupils, organising entries and supporting the boys on the day. We are especially grateful to those who also volunteered to marshal events, helping to ensure the smooth running of such a large and successful occasion.

We are incredibly proud of all who took part. They were excellent ambassadors for Midleton CBS Primary and should be very proud of their achievements both on and off the track.



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Yellow Corridor School Tour

For the first time ever, all three classes from the Yellow Corridor – Mn. Andrea's, Mn. Lucy's and Mn. John's classes – travelled together for their end-of-year school tour. This year we visited Airtastic in Little Island, and what a fantastic day it was!

Airtastic were incredibly accommodating and kindly reserved the entire bounce area exclusively for our group. They also reduced the lighting and sound levels, creating a welcoming and comfortable environment for all of our pupils.

After sitting patiently through the safety video, the children could hardly wait to get bouncing! They explored the play area with great excitement and enthusiasm, enjoying the tower, swinging ball, long tunnel, ball pit, slides and balance beams. Smiles, laughter and happy squeals could be heard throughout the day as the children made the most of every minute.

The children were accompanied by 12 staff members, who seemed to be having just as much fun as the pupils! Many parents also joined us and enjoyed a lovely coffee morning on the balcony overlooking the play area, providing a wonderful opportunity to chat and connect with one another.

It is hard to believe how quickly the time passed. Before we knew it, the day was coming to an end and each child received a party bag filled with treats to take home. It truly was a fantastic day for everyone involved, and we are sure that many children – and perhaps a few staff members too – slept very well that night!

A huge thank you to Airtastic for their kindness, flexibility and support in making our school tour such a memorable and successful experience.



Sherpa Breakfast Club...Coming Soon!

Sherpa's before school programme, 'Rise Then Shine', will be launching in Middleton CBS from September. Rise Then Shine is the perfect start to your child's school day with an array of energising activities and some delicious and nutritious food.

A healthy breakfast keeps children energised throughout the morning, while Sherpa's focus on an active start and calming morning meditations, stimulates brain activity and concentration so children get the most out of their day.

It's the perfect solution for busy working families, offering a safe, secure environment before school where children enjoy a fun and positive start to the day.



- ✓ **An active, engaging, stimulating start to their day**
- ✓ **A nutritious, healthy breakfast to boost their energy for school**
- ✓ **Activities delivered by a team of fully-qualified experts who feel like family**
- ✓ **Seven fun-filled adventure categories, designed for all ages and interests.**
- ✓ **Create lifelong friendships over exciting adventures beyond the classroom.**
- ✓ **Children choose how to spend their mornings with regular children's meetings**
- ✓ **Typically available from 7:30am on school grounds**

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New School uniform

Exciting things are happening with our school uniform! Following our uniform survey earlier this year, we are delighted to share that our updated School Uniform Policy will come into effect from September 2026. A big thank you to all the parents and guardians who took the time to share their views. Your feedback helped us create a uniform policy that reflects the needs of our school community while keeping comfort, practicality, inclusivity and school pride at its heart.

With the warmer weather arriving, we're also thrilled to introduce our new school-crested T-shirts and shorts. These fresh additions to our uniform are perfect for sunny school days, active playtimes and outdoor learning. Pupils can wear the new T-shirts during the warmer months, while continuing to wear their white polo shirts if they wish. The new uniform items help ensure that everyone looks smart, feels comfortable and is ready for all the fun and learning each school day brings.

A school uniform is about much more than what we wear—it helps create a sense of belonging and reminds us that we are all part of one school family. We can't wait to see our pupils wearing the new uniform with confidence and pride. Together, we'll continue to build a positive, welcoming school community where every child feels included, valued and ready to shine!



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The Summer Fair

What a fantastic afternoon we enjoyed at our Summer Fair! The school grounds were buzzing with excitement as families, friends, past pupils, and members of the wider community came together for what was one of our most successful fairs yet.

From the moment the gates opened, there was a wonderful atmosphere of fun, laughter, and community spirit. The crowds turned out in huge numbers despite the weather and there was something for everyone to enjoy. Children delighted in the games and activities, while families relaxed, chatted, and soaked up the festive atmosphere.

The entertainment throughout the afternoon was outstanding. The penalty shoot-out proved hugely popular, the dance performances were fantastic, and the ever-popular Dunk-a-Teacher brought plenty of laughter and good-natured revenge! There was certainly no shortage of volunteers willing to take a soaking for a good cause. One of the highlights of the day was the return of the traditional old-style sports races. From the three-legged race to other classic challenges, it was wonderful to see children taking part together, creating memories and reminding us that sometimes the simplest activities are still the best.

Events like these do not happen by accident. A huge thank you must go to our Parents' Association, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who helped organise, set up, run activities, and, of course, tidy up afterwards. Your generosity of time and effort made the day possible.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. The sense of community on display throughout the afternoon was truly special and reflects everything that is best about our school.

What a day! A day full of smiles, laughter, friendship, and fun that will be remembered for a long time to come.

Summer Fair GALLERY

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Graduation

Our Sixth Class Graduation Ceremony took place on Thursday, 18th of June in the school halla. This special occasion marks the end of the boys' primary school journey and the beginning of an exciting new chapter as they prepare to move on to secondary school.

The ceremony brought together pupils, families, staff members, Priomhoide Niamh, Fr. Jim Killeen and invited guests to celebrate the achievements and memories of our graduating class. Having spent six years growing, learning and developing within our school community, the boys have much to be proud of.

The evening featured a selection of songs, reflections and presentations prepared by the pupils, showcasing the friendships, experiences and milestones that have shaped their time in Midleton CBS. Graduation certificates were presented, and a number of special awards recognised the many contributions made by members of the class throughout their years in the school.

A highlight of the evening was the graduation slideshow, featuring photographs from First Class through to Sixth Class. Looking back on their journey, from beginning primary school during the Covid years to becoming the leaders of our school community. Needless to say, it brought bring plenty of smiles, laughter and maybe a few tears.

A sincere thank you to the Friends of Midleton CBS for providing refreshments following the ceremony.

Congratulations to all of our graduating Sixth Class pupils. We are incredibly proud of the young people you have become and wish you every success and happiness in the years ahead.



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COMMUNION 2026

Second Class made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 2nd May. The boys prepared so diligently in the weeks leading up to it and all their hard work certainly showed on the day! They were a credit to themselves, their families and the school with how well they took part in the ceremony. To a man they looked every inch the wonderful young men they are and we were so proud of them all! Thank you to Fr. Jim and Fr. Tiernan for their help and support as the boys prepared. The boys were very lucky to have so many of the adults who get to work with them every day in the church to see them shine! How lovely that the boys can now receive Holy Communion in any Catholic church they find themselves, anywhere in the world!



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Multicultural Day

Our annual Multicultural Day was a wonderful success, with pupils, families and visitors enjoying a fantastic day of celebration, learning and community spirit. Blessed with beautiful sunshine, everyone had the opportunity to relax and explore the many displays, foods and artefacts from around the world.

We were overwhelmed once again by the incredible response from families. The generosity shown through the donation of food, objects and cultural displays for our fair in the hall was truly remarkable. The variety of items on display reflected the rich diversity within our school community and provided pupils with a unique opportunity to learn about different cultures and traditions.

This special annual event reminds us how fortunate we are as a school to benefit from such rich cultural influences and connections. It is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to celebrate their own heritage while also developing an appreciation and understanding of the traditions and experiences of others.

A sincere thank you to all the families who contributed to making the day such a memorable occasion. Your support, enthusiasm and willingness to share your cultures help make Multicultural Day a special one each year.



Multicultural Day GALLERY

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Active Week/Sport Day

What started off as another art competition that the school entered, turned into one of the most epic days and one that the boys will remember forever. Glanmore Food, the company that provide the hot meals to the school everyday, run an art competition every year to design a mascot for their company. Many classes entered the competition, including 6th Class. We had running oranges, bananas at the gym and a cob of corn with a six-pack. It was that six packed corn that secured Henry in 6th Class the win and a day that he and the rest of the school would never forget. Glanmore Foods brought the resources and the boys, across the school, brought the enthusiams and energy to the day.

There were multiple stations and activities to keep the boys busy throughout the day. These included the Strive Station, where activity co-ordinators set up fun and challenging obstacle courses and games for the boys. There were races, run by the teachers which included sack races, egg and spoon, wheelbarrow and relays. One of the highlights of the day was the inflatables where the boys got to try their chance at scoring goals at the penalty shootout and or scoring high with the whack-a-mole and the hoop toss. Another highlight for the boys was the disco in the hall which had the boys dancing, doing a conga line and moonwalking their way around the hall.

A huge thanks to all at Glanmore and an even bigger thanks to Henry in 6th CClass for giving us an amzing sports day for Active Weeks.

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Curiosity Cube

In 2025, the science and technology company Merck, launched its Curiosity Cube in Germany for the first time. The solar-powered mobile science labs will bring hands-on STEM experiences to students across Europe, North America, and Africa.

With nearly 300,000 students reached across 20 countries, the Curiosity Cube has given thousands of students the chance to experience science in a meaningful way. Recently, the boys at CBS had the exciting opportunity to take part in the Curiosity Cube and participate in a range of activities that encouraged them to explore, investigate, and ask questions about the world around them.

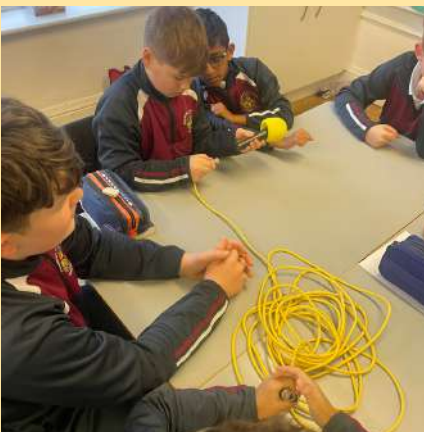
It was fantastic to see all the boys get involved and foster a sense of curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm for learning.



A very special thanks to Merck for this fantastic opportunity and providing the boys with such an enjoyable and memorable educational experience.

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Food Dudes

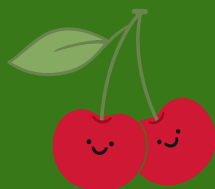
In June, pupils from 1st to 6th took part in the Food Dudes program. The programme encourages children to eat more fruit and vegetables both in school and at home.

It is based on positive role models in the Food Dude characters, repeated tasting of fresh fruit and veg, and online activities from the Food dudes website fooddudes.ie

It is ultimately designed to enable children to enjoy eating healthy diets, and to promote a healthy eating culture within schools nationwide.

This year Food Dudes week coincided with our 'Glanmore Sports Day' which was an extra treat for the boys, and gave them the incentive to Power-up with fresh fruit and vegetables for all the super energetic activities they completed.

Our boys have been greatly enjoying the programme, encouraging each other to taste and enjoy new, and accustomed flavours. Thank you to our Student Council who delivered the fruit and veg packs to classes each morning and Well Done to all the boys for being truly excellent 'Food Dudes'!!!

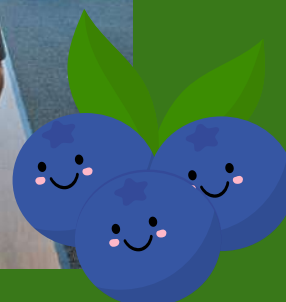




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Curious Minds Gold Award 2025/26

Congratulations to our school for receiving again the Research Ireland Curious Minds Gold Award. This is our 9th year achieving this award.

Our school provided evidence of children's engagement with STEM in the following areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and a STEM Showcase. This was the feedback our school received.

‘Congratulations to everyone at Middleton CBS on your award! I was blown away by the huge amount of STEM work done in the school this year. Massive congratulations on winning your outdoor classroom in the biodiversity competition, very impressive! It looks like STEM Day went very well, with some fascinating investigations demonstrated. I would like to highly commend the staff and teachers in the school for creating such amazing learning opportunities for their students. Keep up the fantastic work and well done on your award! It's a real credit to the pupils, teachers and whole school community.’

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5th Class Orienteering

Fifth Class recently enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Fota Island, where they took part in an orienteering activity set in the beautiful surroundings of the island. The day was filled with teamwork, problem-solving and plenty of outdoor fun.

Using maps and clues, the pupils worked together in small groups to navigate their way around the course. They had to use their observation skills, communicate effectively and make quick decisions as they searched for checkpoints. It was wonderful to see the children's confidence and independence grow as they tackled each challenge with enthusiasm.

The trip also gave everyone the opportunity to appreciate the natural beauty of Fota Island. The pupils enjoyed spending time outdoors, learning new skills and supporting one another throughout the activities.

A huge thank you goes to the staff and organisers who helped make the day such a success. Fifth Class represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent behaviour, cooperation and a positive attitude from start to finish.

It was a memorable experience for all involved, and one that the pupils will be talking about for a long time to come!



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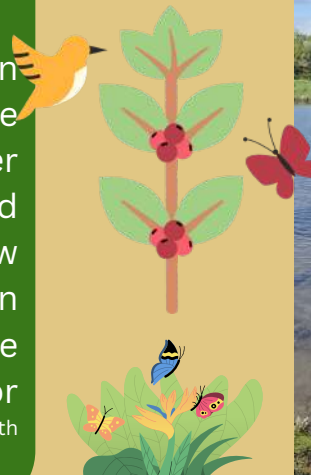
5th Class Biodiversity Visit to the Estuary

5th Class recently enjoyed an exciting biodiversity field trip to our local estuary. During the visit, the pupils explored the rich variety of plants and wildlife that make the estuary such an important habitat.

The children identified a range of native tree species and learned about the vital role pollinators play in supporting biodiversity. They observed different pollinating insects in the no-mow area of the estuary park and discussed how these species help local ecosystems thrive.

As part of their investigation, the pupils also sampled freshwater habitats and searched for aquatic species using nets. By examining the creatures found in the water, they gained a better understanding of water quality and the importance of protecting our local natural environment.

The visit was a wonderful hands-on learning experience, and everyone returned to school with a greater appreciation of the biodiversity found right on our doorstep. It was a great follow up to the biodiversity workshops we had in class with Stephanie from Heritage Schools. Thanks so much to Stephanie for the fantastic biodiversity workshops for 5th class.



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Inclusion in our School.

At CBS Primary School, we are proud to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child is valued, respected and given the opportunity to thrive. Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. One of the many ways we promote inclusion is through reverse integration.

This allows friendships to develop naturally and provides opportunities for all children to learn from one another in a supportive and positive environment.

We also encourage integration into mainstream classes, enabling pupils to participate in lessons, projects and school events alongside their classmates. This approach helps build confidence, independence and a strong sense of community among all our pupils.

Our Aistear Play Sheds, Jungle gym, astro and sensory gym provide wonderful opportunities for children to engage in imaginative and cooperative play. Through shared activities, pupils develop important social skills, communication and teamwork while enjoying meaningful interactions with their peers.

Group work is a regular feature of classroom life. Working together on tasks encourages cooperation, problem-solving and mutual respect, allowing every child to contribute and experience success.

Inclusion extends beyond the classroom. Through whole-school events, assemblies, sports activities, school tours and celebrations, pupils are given opportunities to participate, collaborate and celebrate achievements together. Our emphasis on positive relationships and peer support helps create a caring atmosphere where everyone feels included.



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4th Class Boys Enjoy Exciting 5-a-Side Soccer Tournament

Our 4th Class boys recently enjoyed a fantastic morning of sport when they participated in a local 5-a-side soccer tournament.

On a sunny but showery morning, we set off on foot, making our way through the town to the tournament the Midleton FC grounds at Knockgriffin.. The boys were exceptionally well behaved throughout the walk and were very conscious of road safety, making us all proud as they represented our school so positively.

When we arrived, we were warmly greeted by some Transition Year students from our local secondary schools. These students had generously given up their time to organise and lead the tournament, and we were very grateful for their enthusiasm and support throughout the morning.

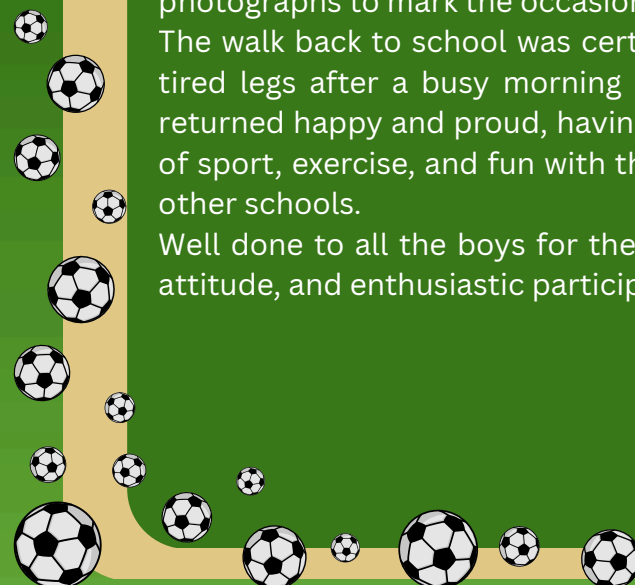
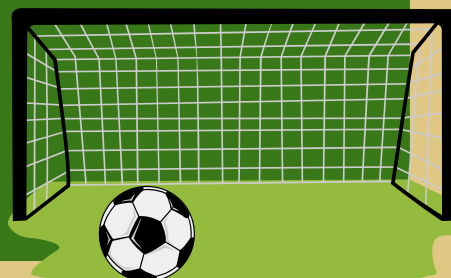
The event began with a series of training exercises and skill-building drills, allowing everyone to warm up and prepare for the games ahead. The boys were then divided into teams and took part in a morning of friendly competition, demonstrating great teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination.

After a number of exciting matches, the final was contested between France and Ireland. Both teams played brilliantly, but it was France who emerged victorious and claimed the tournament title. There was also plenty of excitement during a penalty shoot-out competition, which proved to be a huge hit with all the participants.

At the end of the tournament, the winners were presented with their medals and everyone gathered together for group photographs to mark the occasion.

The walk back to school was certainly a little slower, with many tired legs after a busy morning of activity! However, the boys returned happy and proud, having enjoyed a wonderful morning of sport, exercise, and fun with their classmates and peers from other schools.

Well done to all the boys for their excellent behaviour, positive attitude, and enthusiastic participation throughout the day.



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Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day / Family Hour was a very special occasion for our 3rd and 4th Class boys. There was a great sense of excitement as they welcomed their family members into their classroom, and had the chance to share a little of their school day with them.

The morning began in 3rd Class with a Haka performance and a rendition of 'Killeagh' by Kingfishr. Afterwards they took part in a special interview with their guest about what school was like when they were young. This led to some lovely conversations and plenty of interesting comparisons between school then and now.

After all their hard work (Family members included!), board games and art activities were next on the list. It was great to see everyone chatting, working together and enjoying the special day.

Thank you to all who joined us and helped make the morning so enjoyable. It meant a lot to the boys to have their families in school, and it was definitely a highlight of the year for our classes.



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Rugged Robots

During Term 3, Múinteoir Fiona's 6th Class enjoyed an exciting series of Robotics lessons using Rugged Robots. The pupils developed their coding, problem-solving and teamwork skills as they completed a variety of challenges both indoors and outdoors.

The class programmed the robots to navigate different routes, avoid obstacles and complete tasks with increasing complexity. Taking the learning outside added an extra layer of fun and challenge, as pupils tested their coding skills in larger spaces and real-world environments.

The pupils showed great creativity, perseverance and collaboration throughout the programme. Well done to 6th Class on their fantastic work and enthusiasm for robotics!



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School Lotto

The Midleton CBS School Lotto continues to be a vital source of funding for our school community. Each week, the lotto helps support student resources, extracurricular activities, and ongoing improvements to facilities that benefit every pupil. By taking part, families, past pupils, and friends of the school are directly investing in the education and opportunities of current students.

Tickets are easy to purchase, draws take place weekly, and there are great prizes to be won. Even when you don't win, your support makes a real difference. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Midleton CBS Schools Lotto—your generosity helps our school thrive.

At the end of terms, as an extra special treat if you're on our weekly school lotto list, you're automatically on the "nice list" for our extra National Bonus Draw with some fantastic prizes guaranteed.



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Andrea's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ Airtastic Summer School Tour
- ★ Water play week
- ★ Friday Disco - Yeah!



Technology is an important part of learning in our class. We use videos, nursery rhymes, relaxation activities and educational games to support learning in a fun and engaging way. Pupils enjoy using technology to practise early literacy and numeracy skills through programmes such as Starfall and Topmarks, as well as taking turns to write their news on the interactive whiteboard, learning about science, history and geography.

Technology also plays a key role in communication. Many of our pupils use AAC devices to help them express their wants, needs, feelings and interests while developing new vocabulary. We also use iPads to capture special moments in the classroom, which can be shared with families and celebrated together.

Through the use of technology, our pupils are building confidence and important skills for life in an increasingly digital world.

Aistear: Learning Through Play

This term, our Aistear activities have been full of fun, imagination and learning. In May, we explored the theme of *People Who Help Us*. The children loved taking part in role-play activities as doctors, dentists, vets and gardaí. We also learned about the many people who work in our school and the important jobs they do every day.

In June, we brought *summer* right into our classroom! Our beach area was filled with sand, shells, parasols and plenty of opportunities for imaginative play. The children enjoyed running an ice cream van, making their own ice creams and even eating them in the garden. Water Week was another highlight, with lots of splashing, laughter and a few soggy staff members along the way!

Through play, the children developed language skills, learned about weather, water safety, animals and life in warmer countries, and most importantly, discovered that learning can be great fun. In Mn. Andrea's Class, we love learning through play—and we love school!

Lucy's Class NEWSLETTER



As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we are looking back with pride on a wonderful Term 3 filled with learning, laughter, friendship and plenty of fun in the sun! This term, our Aistear play sheds were packed with exciting themed toys, encouraging imaginative play, social interaction and lots of creativity. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring each theme and engaging in meaningful play experiences together.

We made the most of the fabulous facilities here in CBS. The boys loved spending time on the jungle gym, in the playground and in our outdoor classroom. We also enjoyed many visits to the school garden where we learned about plants, flowers and fascinating minibeasts. It was wonderful to see the children exploring and learning through hands-on experiences in nature.

Throughout the term, we completed plenty of group work and independent work, building confidence and developing important skills. We welcomed the summer season with exciting summer-themed lessons and colourful artwork, which brightened up our classroom and showcased the children's creativity.

In Maths, we used visuals and concrete materials to support our learning and understanding. We were also excited to begin our new Maths Journals, where we recorded our learning and celebrated our progress.

Our reading achievements this term have been outstanding. The boys enjoyed borrowing a wide variety of books from the library and developed a real love of reading. We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm they showed when exploring new stories and information books.

Some of our boys also achieved an important milestone by learning how to use a Picture Exchange Communication Board. It has been wonderful to see their communication skills grow and their confidence flourish.

Reverse integration continued to be a highlight of our week. We had great fun spending time with our older peers and enjoyed building friendships with children from other classes across the school community.

One of the biggest highlights of the term was our school tour to Airtastic. It was an epic day filled with excitement, adventure and lots of smiles. The boys had an amazing time and created memories that will last a long time.

We are incredibly proud of every child in our class. They have worked hard, shown kindness, embraced new challenges and achieved so much this year. Thank you to all our families for your continued support throughout the school year.

Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ School Tour Airtastic
- ★ Playing in our Aistear Outdoor Area.
- ★ Planting with Eimear.



Claire's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ School Tour to Mardyke Arena
- ★ Sports Day
- ★ Merck Curiosity Cube



Our Highlights

We have had a very busy and exciting few weeks in First Class! Our school tour to the Mardyke Arena was a huge success, with everyone enjoying the chance to challenge themselves on the wall-climbing activities, test their skills on obstacle courses, work together in team challenges and take part in lots of fun novelty games. We also had an unforgettable Sports Day, where pupils showed great determination and sportsmanship in traditional races, fitness training circuits and exciting inflatable games. The celebrations continued with a lively disco that had everyone dancing and having fun. Another highlight was a visit from the Merck Curiosity Cube. Pupils had the unique opportunity to work alongside real-life scientists, using their problem-solving and teamwork skills to complete a range of hands-on puzzles and scientific challenges. It was a fantastic way to learn about science in a fun and interactive setting. After all the hard work and excitement, everyone enjoyed a well-deserved ice cream to cool off and finish a wonderful day together.



During Term 3, First Class enthusiastically embraced the outdoors and the many opportunities it offers for learning. We explored the school garden as a habitat, discovering how it provides food, shelter and homes for a variety of living things. The children built their own minibeast homes before investigating them to identify which creatures had taken up residence! Through hands-on exploration, observation and discovery, the pupils developed a greater appreciation for nature and biodiversity. Great fun, curiosity and learning were enjoyed by all!

John's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ School tour to Airtastic
- ★ Baking delicious cookies
- ★ Visit to Cupán for yummy treats



Term 3 in Muinteoir John's Class

We have had a busy and enjoyable final term in our classroom, with lots of opportunities for learning, fun, and community engagement.

The boys in An Realt thoroughly enjoyed taking part in baking activities where we made delicious cookies and homemade pizzas. These activities provided excellent opportunities to develop practical life skills, following recipes, exploring different ingredients and, of course, enjoy some tasty treats together.

A particular highlight of the term was our school tour to Airtastic. The boys had a fantastic day exploring, playing, and spending time with their classmates. It was wonderful to see everyone having fun, building confidence, and creating happy memories.

During a spell of fine weather, we also made the most of the sunshine by taking several walks around Midleton. These outings included visits to local landmarks and statues, helping the boys learn more about their community while developing road safety and community awareness skills.

We also visited Cupán, where the boys practiced and experienced a welcoming community setting.

We are incredibly proud of all the boys for work, enthusiasm, and progress throughout the school year. We wish everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing summer break.



Sinéad's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ First Holy Communion
- ★ Bricks for Kidz
- ★ Heritage Schools Estuary Study



Our Highlights

What a busy final term we have had in second class! Just after our Easter Holidays Bricks for Kidz visited our classroom and we got to work in pairs to make a helicopter fly! After that we designed and built the scene we might view from our birds eye view in our helicopters!

Early in the term some of us got to make Our First Holy Communion. We had been working hard in the weeks leading up to it and it was great to see our families and friends with us in the church on the day. When we got back to school we had a really fun party with a huge cake and we got to celebrate with our friends who didn't come to the church with us.

We went to the Mardyke Arena with First class for our school tour and it was so much fun! We played monkey football and dodge ball and played fun games where we all had to work together. We all got to try the climbing wall. It was so high and some of us even got to the very top!

Lots of us brought in food for Multicultural Day in the halla and some of our families even came to join us on the day! We got to taste food from all over the world and sit in the sun in the school garden!

At the Merck Curiosity Cube, we got to put DNA pieces together to make things spin and light up! After that we put triangles into lots of different shapes. We were super scientists who stuck with it and helped one another until we all got the correct shapes.

Sports Day was the best yet! We had so much fun with obstacle courses, dodgeball, egg and spoon races, wheelbarrow races and the inflatables!

If third class is going to be this much fun, bring it on!



A lady from Heritage Schools came to tell us all about the estuary in May.

We went down to The Feather Monument and got to use nets to see what lives in the estuary. We found crabs and tiny shrimp and Jonah even found a teeny tiny star fish-like creature!

Anna's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ Sports Day
- ★ Pen Pal letter writing and zoom call
- ★ Multicultural Day



Multicultural Day

I really liked Multicultural Day. It was very fun! We got to see food from other countries. We loved the waffles from Belgium, the muffins from Cyrus and the noodles from The Phillipines. There were 19 countries represented in total. It was so nice to try different foods and see cultures from other countries. We enjoyed the sunshine in the garden while eating all of the delicious food!

Jamie and Nathan, 3rd Class

Sports Day

Sports Day was so much fun. Henry in 6th Class won the competition to win a sports day. We took part in activities such as the three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, egg and spoon race and a relay race. We enjoyed working together as a team for these races.

After that, we completed an obstacle course where we did ball slams, army crawls through tunnels, hoop throws and hurdles. We then played dodge ball which got very competitive.

After lunch, we enjoyed the inflatables section where we threw hoops, took penalties and played Whack-a-Mole.

We then went to a disco in the halla where the DJ played lots of songs we knew. We got the chance to request songs for the DJ to play. Our favourite song to dance to was Gangnam Style. It was great to share the dance floor with 1st and 2nd Class and show off our dance moves!

From 3rd Class boys

Eoghan's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ Sports Day
- ★ Our school tours
- ★ Merck Curiosity Cube & the Ice-Cream truck!



Multicultural Day was so much fun. We got to see and taste lots of different foods from around the world. Some of the boys were wearing clothes from their own country too! 4th class had grandparents day on the same day, and it was so much fun showing them our work and playing games with them.

Our School Tours

The boys in our class enjoyed fantastic school tours this year to Mardyke Activity Centre, Cuskinny Adventure Centre and Oysterhaven. From exciting outdoor challenges and team-building activities to water sports and adventure games, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The tours provided wonderful opportunities for fun, friendship and making lasting memories.

Kara's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ Baby Méabh's Visits
- ★ Our School Sports Day
- ★ Junk Art with Cardboard Tubes



Mini Games for PE

Our class went outside to play mini games for PE. We had three stations. At station one we played Bean Bag Toss. We had three beanbags and we had to try to get them in the hole on the stand. The next station was Bean Bag Target. For this we also had three beanbags but this time there was a huge target board on the ground with different scores. The top score was fifty! For the last station we had a pole jumping game, which was tricky but fun!

Olaf and Noa

Our Highlights!

School Garden Sketching

In May we went out to the school garden to do some sketching. It was a sunny day. Teacher told us we would be sketching. We looked around for a while and decided what to draw. All of the drawings we different! Back in class we coloured them in and hung them on the wall.

Max and Illia

The Parachute Games!

A great highlight this term was using the parachute for games! It was a very windy day so it was perfect. To warm up we played waves- we had to make small, medium and big waves with the parachute. First we played lifeguards and sharks and there was a lot of screaming! Then we threw some foam balls on the parachute and tried to keep them in the middle.

Logan and James

Football Rounders

For this game we put pot cones in the shape of a diamond around the astro. Then we made two teams called the fielders and the kickers. After that it was the same as normal rounders but with a football to kick instead of a small ball and bat. We give it ten out of ten!

Lisa's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ Sports Day
- ★ School Tour to Cuskinny
- ★ Orienteering in Fota



Orienteering in Fota

Congratulations to Leon and Thomas!

They were the winners of the orienteering challenge in Fota. They finished the course in a record time of 19 minutes. Their strategy according to the boys was; having Leon stamp the card, while Thomas planned ahead, looking at the map for the next stop. Very impressive orienteering skills and teamwork boys! Well done to the lads!

School Tour to Cuskinny

Last Friday we went to Cuskinny for our school tour. It was a lovely sunny day. We did archery, grass sledding, rock climbing and ziplining. For archery we had a friendly competition. The team with the most points won! The rock climbing was really challenging. Some boys reached the top and the best part was coming down! Zip lining was super fast and so much fun. The grass sledding was great fun too. We helped each other into the sleds and then we went speeding down the hill. We had handles to turn the sled left and right but some of us still ended up in the hedge! We had the best day at Cuskinny for our school tour!

Rory's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ School Tour - Cuskinny
- ★ Orienteering in Fota Island
- ★ Sports Day



Orienteering

Fifth Class recently enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Fota Island, where they took part in an orienteering activity set in the beautiful surroundings of the island. The day was filled with teamwork, problem-solving and plenty of outdoor fun.

Using maps and clues, the pupils worked together in small groups to navigate their way around the course. They had to use their observation skills, communicate effectively and make quick decisions as they searched for checkpoints. It was wonderful to see the children's confidence and independence grow as they tackled each challenge with enthusiasm.

Term 3

We have had a really busy and active Term. With the weather getting better we have been able to get outside and enjoy the outdoors that bit more.

We have had the pleasure of visiting the estuary for a field study of habitats through the heritage schools programme.

We visited Fota House Gardens for an orienteering event. We had a lovely day visiting Fota and observing the beautiful Flora and Fauna in the Grounds. The boys had great fun getting the train to Fota:)

We had an amazing sports day which was kindly sponsored by Glanmore Foods (thanks to Henry in 6th class for winning the reward for the school),

The curiosity cube from Merck visited once more the boys loved learning about DNA, Genetics and Enzymes,

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Parents for their cooperation over the duration of the year, I hope you all have a wonderful summer and wish all the boys the very best in 6th class next year.

Anthony's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ Graduation
- ★ School Tour
- ★ Students Vs. Teachers



6th Class Reflection

As we come to the end of our time in primary school, we have been looking back on an incredible journey. It is hard to believe that we began First Class during the second year of Covid-19. Since then, we have grown in confidence, independence and friendship, creating many memories along the way.

This year has been particularly special. In February, we celebrated our Confirmation, an important milestone that we prepared for throughout the year. We also enjoyed an unforgettable school tour to Oysterhaven, where we challenged ourselves with exciting outdoor activities and made memories that will last a lifetime.

As the oldest pupils in the school, we were proud to take on leadership roles. We helped younger classes on wet mornings and on trips to Mass, organised and looked after yard equipment, and facilitated basketball games during break times.

The last few weeks have been action-packed. We celebrated Sports Day in style, thanks to the AMAZING prize won by Henry and sponsored by Glanmore Foods. We enjoyed the Student Council Soccer League, where unbelievable skill and teamwork was displayed. We had our annual students vs. teachers sports day, which was every bit, if not more, competitive than the soccer league. Finally, we celebrated our graduation with Fr. Jim, our families, teachers and friends. We looked back on all we have accomplished over the past six years and we were blown away by how far we've come.

As we prepare to move on to secondary school, we are excited for the opportunities and challenges ahead. While it is difficult to say goodbye, we will always treasure our years in Middleton CBS Primary and the friendships, experiences and lessons that have shaped us along the way.

Fiona's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ Students V Staff
- ★ Oyster Haven - School Tour
- ★ Sports Day



The 6th Class Graduation was a wonderful and emotional celebration of the boys' time in primary school. The ceremony included performances of Wavin' Flag and I'm Still Standing, which reflected the journey and achievements of the graduating class. The boys shared fond memories of their years in primary school, bringing both laughter and reflection to the occasion. A prayer service featured symbols representing their time in the school, while photographs of the boys as young pupils alongside more recent 6th Class photos highlighted how much they had grown. A special video montage, showcasing photographs from throughout the years, provided a touching look back at the many happy memories and milestones they shared together.

Oyster Haven

The 6th Class school tour to Oysterhaven was an action-packed and memorable day filled with fun, challenges, and plenty of water! The students took part in a variety of exciting obstacle courses that tested their balance, teamwork, and determination, as well as thrilling zipline activities, raft racing, muddy beams and the Atlantic Challenge (a dip in the sea to wash off the mud). One of the highlights was due to be kayaking, but unfortunately a thunder and lightning storm rolled in, and for safety reasons everyone had to come out of the water. Despite this disappointment, the children still enjoyed some swimming later on in the day and made the most of it all. Overall, it was a fantastic tour that created great memories for all involved.

Kelda/Edel's Class NEWSLETTER

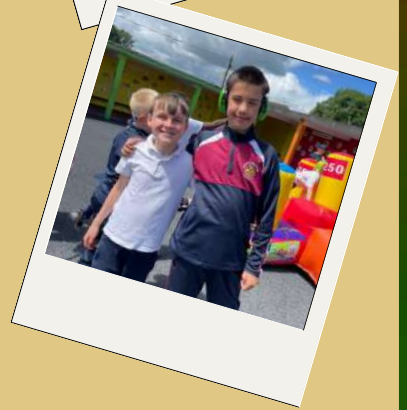


Term 3 Top Moments

- ★ Our school tours to Oysterhaven and Cuskinny
- ★ School Sorts day
- ★ Visit from Curiosity Cube



The boys really enjoyed our school sports day this year which was sponsored by Glanmore foods, thanks to Henry and his incredible art work which won this prize for our school. Activities such as relays, egg and spoon races, fun on the inflatables were all enjoyed. The annual staff versus teachers was held, this was very competitive, fun and cheered on by all. The boys enjoyed the recent visit from the curiosity cube from Merck.



The boys in An Lús Mór have had a great 3rd term, working very hard and having lots of fun too. 3rd class enjoyed activities such as zip lining, forest maze challenges and more on their school tour to Cuskinny. A fantastic day out was had by all! The 6th class boys loved their day out in Oysterhaven where they took part in lots of obstacle courses, zip line activities, raft racing and a dip in the sea.

We all enjoyed multicultural day in school with 3rd class boys hosting grandparents day also. As always, it was very special day for our school community where we invited families into our school to experience and taste all the beautiful dishes from around the world.

The boys in An Lús Mór have had a great school year. We wish our two 6th class boys all the best as they embark on their new chapter in secondary school next year. We hope that everyone has a fantastic summer and see you all in September.