

EASTER NEWSLETTER



Happy Easter!

Middleton CBS Primary



Well Done!

Well done to all our pupils for everything you have strived to do and achieve this term.

Your effort, determination and willingness to give things a go have been fantastic to see.

We are especially proud of the way you approach challenges with such a positive, can-do attitude.

You continue to show great resilience, curiosity and enthusiasm in all that you do.

Keep it up – you are a credit to yourselves and to our whole school community.



As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, we would like to wish all of our pupils, staff and families a very happy and restful Easter.

It has been a term full of energy and achievement, from Catholic Schools Week and Seachtain na Gaeilge to STEM Week, as well as fantastic participation in sports like hockey, soccer, and afterschool clubs: art, Lego and badminton. Alongside all of this, the high quality teaching and learning across the school continues to shine.

A sincere thank you to our staff for their dedication, to our pupils for their enthusiasm, and to our parents for your ongoing support, particularly with our fundraisers, which make such a positive difference to school life.

Wishing everyone a well-earned break and we look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed for the final term.

Calendar 25-26

The school calendar for 2025-26 will be emailed to all families and revised again in September. It can be viewed [HERE](#) also on our website.



Things to Note

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| ★ 12 Noon Close | 27 th March |
| ★ Last Day of Term | 27 th March |
| ★ First Day Back | 11 th April |

VOTE!

Our Student COUNCIL

GO OUT AND
VOTE!

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Our Student Council has been very active this term, showing great leadership and enthusiasm across the school.

One of the highlights has been the organisation of a 3rd and 4th Class Soccer League. With six teams and over 35 players involved, the league has brought great energy and excitement to the yard at lunchtime. Matches have been run smoothly thanks to the dedication of the Student Council members, who have taken on the roles of referees and organisers. A scoreboard displayed in the halla has kept everyone up to date with results and standings, adding to the sense of competition and fun. We now look forward to the final this week between Barcelona and Man City, which promises to be a fantastic occasion.

In addition to this, the Student Council has been assisting with our whole-school assemblies, helping to open and close each gathering in a confident and respectful manner.

Well done to all members of the Student Council for their hard work and commitment. We wish everyone in our school community a happy and peaceful Easter.



Audio BOOKCLUB

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Audio Book Club has kicked off for term two with a flourish, as we sink our teeth into a great new read called 'Restart'. This book is written by Gordon Korman and is a New York Times bestseller about what you can do when life gives you a second chance. So far it has been an enlightening and thought provoking read about the human condition, and it has really encouraged all of us, both pupils and teachers, to pause and reflect on what makes us human and the nature versus nurture debate.

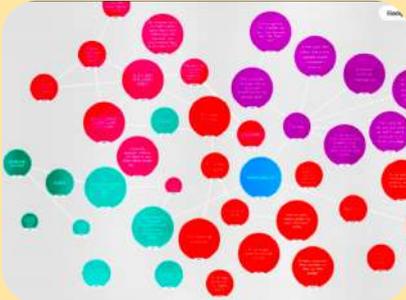
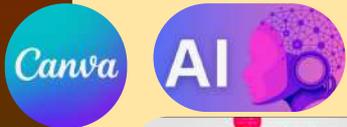
Each Friday afternoon, we meet to discuss this week's reading material with some fresh pastries and juice. It is a relaxed, supportive environment where everyone's voice can be heard. The boys have been wonderful book club participants making lots of insightful contributions.

The focus of our book club is always to encourage the love of reading in our pupils, in a fun and sociable way, and in doing so to develop reading skills, build vocabulary and literary confidence. It also facilitates more proficient use of digital libraries and assists them in accessing material in the format that best suits them, be it print, eBook or audio format.

It has been a resounding success to date, and we all look forward to our weekly meeting eagerly!



Assistive TECHNOLOGY



During Internet Safety Week, our Assistive Technology group explored the world of AI through a series of engaging lessons. Using Super Structures, the boys created collaborative mind maps to capture key ideas, questions, and insights, exploring both the opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence. It was fantastic to see teamwork, critical thinking, and digital skills in action!



Since the start of the year, the Senior Assistive Technology group has also been developing their desktop publishing skills through personal projects. Each student chose a topic that sparked their curiosity and designed a digital profile using PowerPoint or Google Slides, allowing their voices and ideas to shine. Other groups continue their projects so you can look forward to hearing more about those next term.



Alongside this, the group used gamified platforms such as Boddle and Prodigy to revise learning in a fun and interactive way, turning lessons into challenges and quizzes that encouraged collaboration, problem-solving, and creativity.



We've launched our first Tech Book Club, where the boys choose their reading format and share in discussions to spark a love of books.!



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Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday, 10th February 2026, our school celebrated Internet Safety Day. This is a special day that helps children learn how to use the internet safely, responsibly, and confidently. This year's theme was "AI Aware: Safe, Smart, and in Control," where the boys were encouraged to think about how smart technology and AI tools influence what they see and do online. It is important that the boys make safe choices when using websites, apps, games, and smart devices. Mn. Kara's Class engaged in a presentation on internet safety on the Irish website Webwise and each boy received a wristband. Another fantastic resource exploring internet safety is the 'Safer Internet Day Hub' which provides free resources such a fun activities, videos, classroom presentations and tips for children, teachers, and families. Parents and guardians can help at home by talking about favourite apps and games, checking privacy settings together and encouraging them to ask for help if something online worries them. By working together, we can make the internet a safer, kinder place for everyone.



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Say Yes to Languages

CBS Primary School is delighted to be engaging in The Say Yes to Languages course again this term. This initiative aims to broaden pupils' cultural awareness while equipping them with valuable communication skills in one of the world's most widely spoken languages. This year boys from 4th, 5th and 6th class will be learning Spanish with múinteoir Irene.

The course has been designed to be fun, interactive, and age-appropriate, ensuring that all students can participate with enthusiasm and confidence. Through songs, games, storytelling, and simple conversations, pupils are gradually introduced to everyday Spanish vocabulary and phrases. The emphasis is on speaking and listening, helping children build confidence in using the language in real-life situations.

Learning Spanish offers many benefits beyond language itself. It enhances memory, improves problem-solving skills, and fosters an appreciation for different cultures. Students will also explore aspects of Spanish-speaking countries, including traditions, food, and celebrations, making the experience both educational and enjoyable. The response from students has already been overwhelmingly positive, with many eager to practice their new skills both in and out of the classroom. Teachers have noted increased engagement and excitement during lessons, highlighting the success of this new addition to the curriculum. CBS Primary School looks forward to continuing this programme and hopes it will inspire a lifelong interest in languages among its pupils.

¡Vamos a aprender español! Let's learn Spanish together!





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STEM Week 2026

STEM Week 2026 was an exciting and inspiring celebration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in our school. Throughout the week, students took part in a wide range of hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and creativity. From building go-karts using simple materials, to investigating crime scenes, to burping every class had the opportunity to explore new skills in a fun and engaging way.

Interactive workshops and experiments brought learning to life, encouraging teamwork and problem-solving, throughout the week.

A highlight of the week was the STEM fair, where students proudly presented their projects to classmates and teachers. The enthusiasm and innovation on display were truly impressive. The pupil lead displays really engaged the pupils and as teachers we were so proud of them

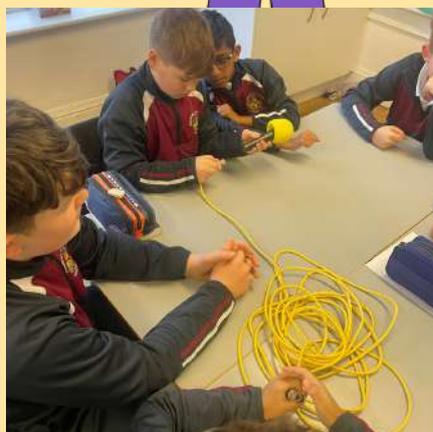
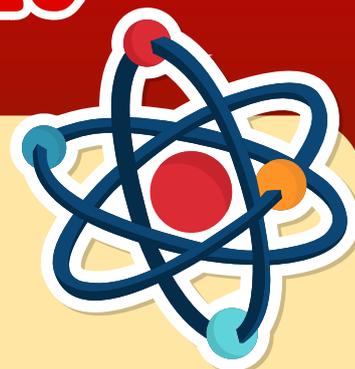
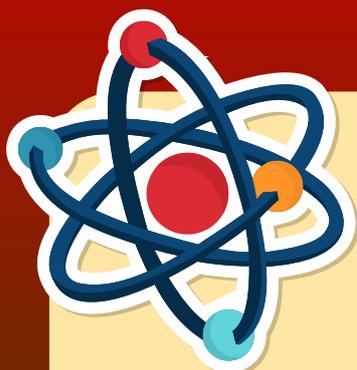
Overall, STEM Week was a great success, inspiring many students to develop a deeper sense of curiosity about the world they live in.



STEM WEEK 2026

GALLERY

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CONFIRMATION 2026

After months of preparation; learning hymns, practising responses and completing multiple lessons on the Holy Spirit, the boys in 6th Class celebrated their Confirmation in Holy Rosary Church on February 11th 2026.

The day began with the boys arriving to the church with their sponsors and taking their assigned seats. They spent time quietly looking through their booklets and practising the responses for the Anointing of Chrism part of the mass. This was when the boys walked with their sponsors up to the alter to received the Gift of the Holy Spirit when Bishop William Crean. The boys remained in prayerful reflection throughout the mass and as always were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and the school.



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World Book Day 2026



World Book Day in the CBS was a wonderful two-day celebration filled with stories, imagination, and plenty of cosy moments.

On Thursday, the school was buzzing with our paired buddy reading, where boys from the senior classes teamed up with their younger buddies to enjoy shared stories.

Later that evening, we joined together for the CBS Read, with the whole school synchronising their reading at 6pm. A special time!

On Friday, the excitement continued with our fantastic costume day. The boys showcased an incredible range of outfits, with many creative and impressive homemade costumes that really brought characters to life.

The celebrations finished with a lively assembly hosted by the Yellow Corridor for the first time, where we all enjoyed singing "If You Like to Read Books Clap Your Hands."

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the event such a success!



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HOCKEY

Middleton CBS is delighted to have participated in hockey training this year, which was facilitated by Hockey Ireland and Cork Sports Partnership. After the training session, the school was presented with hockey equipment which have been put to full use since the training. We would like to say a massive thank you to Clive from Middleton Hockey who has commenced a 6 week block of hockey training with the boys in 6th Class. For the past month, the boys have been working on their passing, shooting and receiving skills in hockey. They have participated in small 5 aside games and have been showing great progress. This is a sport that the majority of the boys have never played before but they have really taken it on and look forward to the sessions each week.



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FAI 5-A-Side

A huge well done to the boys who proudly showcased their football skills at the FAI Primary School 5s competition in Midleton this month. Teams compete to earn the exciting chance to play in the National Finals at the iconic Aviva Stadium. Our boys performed brilliantly, reaching the quarter-final stage in Midleton before narrowly losing to Glounthaune National School.

This year also marked a special milestone, as our boys' soccer team made school history by competing in the Cork Primary 11-a-side Cup for the very first time.

Our players always give their best effort and, most importantly, enjoy every moment on the pitch. We look forward to many more exciting occasions on the football pitch in the future!





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Bake Sale

Before February Midterm Break, our school was filled with the delicious aroma of freshly baked treats as we held another Bake Sale Fundraiser. The event was a wonderful success, raising valuable funds to support upcoming school projects and activities.

We thank the Parents' Association for their efforts and wonderful help on the day. A special word of thanks also goes to our Múinteoir Anthony's 6th class pupils, who played a huge role in running stalls, selling cakes, and welcoming everyone with big smiles. Their teamwork and enthusiasm made the day extra special.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community — parents, pupils, and staff alike — who contributed mouth-watering buns, cakes, biscuits, and brownies. Every purchase helped make a difference, and we are so grateful for the fantastic support.

Events like this remind us what makes our school so special: teamwork, kindness, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, or helped out on the day — we couldn't have done it without you!



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Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge den scoth againn anseo i CBS. Chuireamar béim ar ghníomhaíochtaí béil agus ar spraoi i rith na seachtaine. Ba é rosc na seachtaine ná “Is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste”, agus ba bhreá an rud é an oiread sin Gaeilge a chloisteáil á labhairt timpeall na scoile.

D’oibrigh na buachaillí go dian dícheallach chun an scoil a mhaisiú le frásaí Gaeilge ildaite. Chabhraigh sé seo leis an nGaeilge a thabhairt amach as an seomra ranga. Maith sibh do na buaiteoirí!



Ceann eile de na gníomhaíochtaí a bhí againn ná an Tráth na gGeist. D’oibrigh daltaí ó ranganna éagsúla le chéile chun ceisteanna a fhreagairt trí Ghaeilge. Bhí spraoi iontach sa halla. Táimid an-bhródúil as na foirne a bhuaigh.

Ba cuid suntais é an Céilí. Bhí an scoil ar fad amuigh ag damhsa Ionsaí na hInse agus an Dreoilín. Míle buíochas le Mn. Michelle, as a cuid oibre chun an ócáid a eagrú. B’fhéidir nach raibh na céimeanna damhsa foirfe, ach bhain gach duine an-sult as an lá!



Go raibh maith agaibh go léir a thacaigh lenár Seachtain na Gaeilge, agus ná déanaigí dearmad: Is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste!



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Easter Raffle

There is a real sense of excitement around Midleton CBS Primary School as we approach our much-anticipated annual Easter Raffle, which will take place later this week. This event is always a highlight of the school calendar, and this year it feels even more special.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our pupils and their families for the incredible effort put into selling raffle cards. The enthusiasm, commitment and community spirit shown by our students and parents have been outstanding, and it is this collective effort that makes the raffle such a success year after year.

We are also deeply grateful to the many generous local businesses and supporters who have kindly donated spot prizes. Their continued support plays a vital role in making the day so exciting for our pupils, and we are very appreciative of their contribution to our school community.

This year's raffle is particularly significant as we prepare for an exciting new chapter in the life of our school. For the first time, we will be welcoming infant classes and girls into Midleton CBS Primary School. Funds raised from the raffle will go towards preparing our classrooms with engaging, play-based resources, developing our outdoor Aistear area, and ensuring that our school environment is inclusive, welcoming and stimulating for all.

We are all looking forward to the raffle draw later this week, when the halla will once again be filled with anticipation and excitement as winners are announced and prizes are awarded. It promises to be a fantastic occasion for everyone involved.

Thank you again to everyone who has supported our Easter Raffle, your efforts truly make a difference!



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Thank you to the generous sponsors of the prizes for this year's Easter Raffle!

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New Sports Gear



With the recent delivery of our new sports kits there has been much excitement among the classes.

Led by Mn. Gail and Mn. Jason who created the design templates, the Student Council boys along with Athletic team members were involved in the design selection process of the new singlets for athletics and basketball, and the jerseys for hurling/football/soccer. We are very pleased with the final results.

The new kits are modern and very eye-catching- we cant wait to debut them at the upcoming events in the months ahead!!

The Cork City Sports will take place this year on Thursday 28th May at MTU. All classes have enjoyed trying out in the yard recently, and training will be ongoing for the team selected. We look forward to this upcoming event as we will be debuting our new sports kits.

The Athletics team are excited to be the first athletes to wear the new, stylish and comfortable gear.



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Mn. Kara's 4th Class Podcast Project

Mn. Kara's 4th Class recently took part in an exciting and engaging podcast project, funded by EirGrid and facilitated by Community Radio Youghal. The theme of the podcast was "Sustainability in Our School," a topic that encouraged the boys to explore how we can all play a role in caring for our environment.

Over the course of three sessions, the class worked closely with Linda and Dave from the radio station. During the first session, the boys were introduced to the various pieces of recording equipment and learned how a professional podcast is produced. This hands-on experience sparked great interest and enthusiasm among the class.

In the following sessions, the boys worked hard to bring their podcast to life. They researched the topic of sustainability, collaborated to write scripts, and practised their reading and delivery in advance of recording. This process required teamwork, creativity, and dedication, and the boys rose to the challenge brilliantly.

The project also involved contributions from members of our wider school community. Sean from 6th Class, along with Eimear and Mn. Anthony, took part in interviews that explored important initiatives such as beach cleans, the 6th Class trip to Ballyannon Woods, and the development of our school garden.

While the project involved a lot of work, it was a hugely rewarding experience for everyone involved. The boys learned valuable skills in research, communication, and media production, and gained a deeper understanding of sustainability in their everyday lives.

Well done to all the boys in 4th Class for their fantastic effort and to everyone who supported this wonderful project! We are looking forward to listening to our podcast and sharing it with everyone when it is released!





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The New Curriculum

A Curriculum That Finally Sees the Child and Trusts the Teacher.

There was a time when school felt like a place of red pen and quiet frustration. I remember pages returned not for what I got wrong, but for how it looked. My handwriting was messy, letters drifting off the line, answers crossed out even when they were correct. It was hard not to feel that the way I learned was something that needed fixing.

Years later, standing at the top of my own classroom, I think about that child often and how different her experience might be today.

Ireland's new primary curriculum is beginning to change what learning looks like in real and meaningful ways. It is not simply a rewrite of subjects or objectives. It is a shift in attitude towards children, towards teachers, and towards what we believe education should be.

For teachers, there is now a renewed sense of trust. The rigid scripts are loosening. In their place is professional judgement and the freedom to respond to the children in front of you rather than following a single prescribed path. Lessons can stretch, pause, or change direction if that is where the learning leads. Teaching becomes more responsive and more human.

That flexibility matters because no two classrooms are the same. Some children arrive eager and confident. Others carry quiet anxieties, gaps in learning, or a belief that they are not good at school. A fixed system can overlook them. This one is designed to notice them.

The most striking change is in the children themselves. They are no longer expected to fit into narrow definitions of success. Instead, they are invited into their own learning. They ask more questions. They make choices. They take ownership of their work.

A child who struggles with writing can show understanding through discussion or project work. Another who finds maths difficult on paper might thrive when solving real-life problems with classmates. The focus is shifting from getting everything right to being meaningfully engaged.

There is a quiet power in that. When children feel seen and understood as they are, they begin to participate differently. Confidence grows. Curiosity returns. Learning becomes something they are part of rather than something imposed on them.

Positive engagement sits at the centre of this approach. It is not about lowering standards, but about opening more ways to reach them. Encouragement replaces constant correction. Progress is recognised in small steps as well as big ones.

For those of us who remember feeling out of place in school, this change carries particular weight. It suggests a system that might have understood us better. More importantly, it offers today's children something different. A classroom where their voice matters, where their efforts are valued, and where learning begins with who they are.

It is still early days, and there are challenges ahead. And an awful lot of paperwork! Change always brings uncertainty. Yet there is a sense that something important is shifting. The classroom is becoming a place not just of instruction, but of connection, confidence, and possibility.



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Stripes Day

Our school recently took part in Stripes day, a meaningful event dedicated to raising awareness and support for children living with rare diseases. The day gave our students an opportunity to learn about the challenges faced by others while also making a positive difference through fundraising and community spirit. Together, we helped raise just over €500 for Rare Diseases Ireland.

Rare diseases affect many children and families, yet they often go unnoticed or misunderstood. 'Wearing our Stripes' helps shine a light on these conditions, encouraging understanding, empathy, and inclusion. By taking part, our boys were able to recognise that even small actions can contribute to something much bigger.

A key part to the day was our fundraising effort. Sincere thanks to the generosity and involvement of our boys and their families. The boys played such a great role in this, showing great responsibility and pride in contributing to a very worthwhile cause.

Stripes day was not only a fun and colourful day, but also an important learning experience. It reminded us all of the value of compassion, inclusion, and standing together as a community.

A very sincere thanks to all our boys and their families in supporting this very worthwhile cause.

We are also very proud of one of our Mams, Gillian Curran, who abseiled from the top of Croke Park in support of RDI recently. A true inspiration and advocate for RDI.



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Badminton Club

Our 6th Class Badminton Club has been an absolute smash hit over the past six weeks! Each week, the boys gathered with great enthusiasm, ready to serve up their best.

Throughout the programme, pupils developed a wide range of new skills, including grip technique, footwork, and accurate serving. They also explored simple tactics, learning how to place shots cleverly, anticipate their opponent's moves, and work on positioning - proving that badminton is not just fast-paced, but also a game of quick thinking. It was fantastic to see confidence grow week by week, with every player improving and giving it their all.

Most importantly, the boys had great fun, showing excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Whether it was a powerful smash or a delicate drop shot, there were plenty of moments to cheer - and a few subtle "oops" along the way!

A big thank you to all the boys who took part. You could say it really served them well!



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School Lotto

The Middleton 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 Middleton CBS Schools Lotto—your generosity helps our school thrive.

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 on May 21st with some fantastic prizes.



Just click below to sign up:

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Our Nurture ROOM



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We returned after Christmas full of enthusiasm for the new year, sharing fond memories of the past year and our hopes for the months ahead.

We had great fun baking cookies—measuring ingredients, mixing carefully, following recipes, and most of all enjoying the end product.



We then decided to learn about the Lunar New Year and discovered it was the Year of the Horse. We prepared decorations and celebrated with a banquet of Asian foods, embracing the different tastes and flavours.

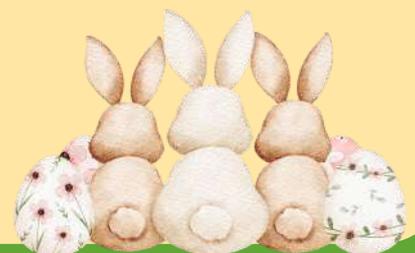
Pancake Tuesday arrived quickly, and we had a wonderful time making pancakes and experimenting with different toppings to enhance their taste.



Alongside all of this, we stayed active by taking part in yoga, soccer, basketball, and virtual runs. Before we knew it, it was time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We decorated shamrocks to brighten up the nurture room and enjoyed celebrating birthdays while chatting with our friends.



Now, we are preparing for Easter by decorating Easter eggs. It has truly been a busy and enjoyable second term in the nurture room.

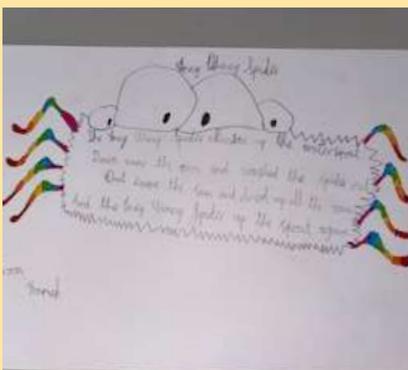
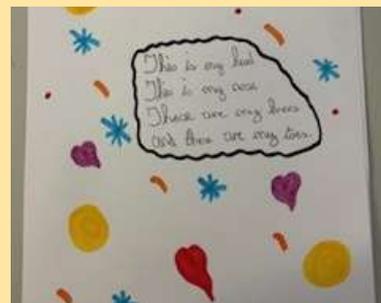


Roots of EMPATHY

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Our Roots of Empathy programme continues to thrive in 4th class, and the boys have been thoroughly enjoying their time learning alongside Baby Méabh. This week, we explored the theme of communication, with a particular focus on how vital nursery rhymes are in supporting babies' early language development. Through rhythm, repetition, and sound, nursery rhymes play a key role in helping infants begin to understand and use language.

To celebrate this learning, the boys worked collaboratively to create a beautiful nursery rhyme book for Baby Méabh to take home. The book is a wonderful reflection of our diverse classroom, featuring well-known rhymes alongside Polish, Bosnian, and Spanish rhymes, as well as some original rhymes written by the boys themselves. Their creativity and effort were outstanding, and they are very proud of their work. They are especially excited to present their special gift to Baby Méabh when she returns, continuing to build their connection with her through this meaningful programme.



Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

Frameworks Art



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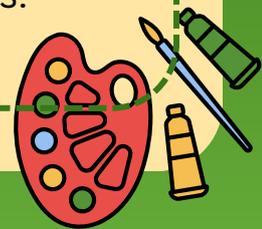
As part of the Cork County Council Frameworks Art Initiative, we were delighted to welcome a visiting artist to CBS, working with a selection of artworks kindly loaned to the school for the year from the Council's local art collection.

Over four fun-filled weeks, our 5th class boys became art explorers – discovering the pieces on display and creating their own imaginative “heart tree” self-portraits inspired by Paul Connell's work. They then brought movement and storytelling to life through cartoon drawing, using Doug Du Bois's Russell Heights as their starting point.

The boys also created their own comic books – packed with bold characters, dramatic twists, and even an alien invasion!

It has been wonderful to see confidence and creativity grow each week. We are incredibly proud of our young artists and very grateful for this inspiring opportunity.

Watch out in Term 3 where we will be holding an art exhibition as part of our Community Day for all to view the artworks.



CHESS CLUB

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We had a fantastic day in Scartleigh NS where we attended the annual Féile Fichille. It was a particularly special occasion for us this year, as for the first time ever, we entered three teams in the competition. Two of our teams competed in the Masters section, while another proudly took part in the Buds competition. All pupils represented the school brilliantly, showing great skill, concentration and sportsmanship throughout the day. A great time was had by all, and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and enjoyment around chess.

A sincere thank you to Ficheall Ireland, and especially to James Collins, for organising such a fantastic event.

A special congratulations to team ChessBS, who have qualified for the next round of the Comórtas Fichille —a fantastic achievement! We are already looking forward to taking part again next year!

Andrea's Class NEWSLETTER



What an amazing Term!!!

We've had a stellar start to the year—this term has truly flown by, and we can't believe Easter is just around the corner! It has been such a busy and exciting few months in our classroom, full of fun, play, and learning through different themes.

In January, we explored all about food and even set up our own classroom café, while the junior infants enjoyed a special trip to the PAN café. February brought all things transport and travel, with lots of imaginative play using diggers, fire trucks, and even an airport setup.

In March, we blasted off into space, travelling to the moon in our play rocket and exploring with moon sand. We also learned about Ireland and celebrated with our very own mini St. Patrick's Day parade in the Yellow Corridor.

We loved spending time with our friends in Ms. Lucy's and Ms. John's classes, and we were delighted to welcome visitors from Ms. Edel and Ms. Kelda's class during Science Week to explore magnets together. We also enjoyed buddy reading during World Book Week.

What an incredible term it has been—one we'll certainly remember... it's been out of this world!



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Our trip to Pan and school café
- ★ Our St. Patrick's day disco and Parade
- ★ Getting quite wet learning about floating and sinking



We were delighted to welcome the signs of spring and headed out on a spring hunt to spot all the changes around us. The sunny weather has been a real treat, and we've loved spending time outdoors, especially playing in our fantastic Aistear village. We even enjoyed a trip to the playground, making the most of the fresh air and sunshine. Mr. Sun, please keep shining down on us—we're not ready to go back inside just yet!

Lucy's Class NEWSLETTER



We have had a very busy and exciting Term 2 in our classroom, filled with fun and learning.

One of the highlights of the term was celebrating World Book Day. The boys had a fantastic time taking part in a whole-school scavenger hunt, where 100 "Wallys" were hidden around the school. Everyone enjoyed searching high and low to find them. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our love of books and stories.

This term, we explored the themes of Spring and Transport. We learned about the changes that come with the spring season and had great fun discussing different types of transport and how they help us in our everyday lives. We also tried to catch a Leprechaun by building a simple pulley system- no luck this year!

Our classroom has had an exciting refresh. We created a cosy corner, giving the boys a calm and comfortable space to relax and enjoy books. Each boy now has a new independent work station, helping to support focus and independence. We also introduced two new group tables, which have been great for collaboration and teamwork.

We have really enjoyed lots of sensory play this term, which has supported learning in a fun and engaging way. A big focus has also been on self-regulation, and the boys have made fantastic progress in understanding their emotions and developing strategies to manage them.

We got our hands dirty in the school garden, where we planted potatoes and garlic. We are looking forward to watching them grow over the coming months.

It has been lovely to welcome our older buddies, who came to read with us. This has been a great opportunity to build friendships and develop our reading skills. We have also been practising turn-taking and playing games, which has helped us grow in confidence and social skills.

We are very proud of all the boys and the wonderful progress they have made this term.

Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter break.

Happy Easter from us all in Múinteoir Lucy's class!



Claire's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 2 Adventures in First Class!

What an exciting Term 2 we have had in First Class! The months have flown by, filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and teamwork. Here's a peek at some of the highlights from our busy term.

In January, we kicked off the new year with the Heritage Schools Workshop all about volcanoes! We learned how volcanoes form and even made our own mini "erupting" ones — there were plenty of oohs and aahs as our volcanoes bubbled and fizzed.

February was all about Transport and Travel. Through lots of play-based learning we explored how people move from place to place — by land, sea, and air. The highlight was our airport roleplay area, where we took turns being pilots, passengers, and security officers. Our imaginations took flight!

In March, we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters. We also enjoyed buddy reading with 5th Class — it was wonderful to share stories and spend time with our older reading friends.

March also brought Seachtain na Gaeilge, and we really got into the spirit of Irish culture! We took part in a lively Tráth na gGeist in the Hall and teamed up with 6th Class, who helped us learn some traditional dances for the Céili Mór. Our Gaeilge and our dance steps both got lots of practice!

It's been a fantastic term full of creativity, laughter, and learning. We can't wait to see what Term 3 will bring!



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Heritage Schools Workshop
- ★ World Book Day Events
- ★ Seachtain na Gaeilge



Spring Has Sprung in First Class!

Hooray for Spring! The sun is shining, flowers are blooming, and we're ready for lots of outdoor fun. We started our springtime adventures with a super exciting Spring Scavenger Hunt around the school gardens. The children loved spotting colourful blossoms, buzzing bees, and all the signs that spring has arrived!

Sinéad's Class NEWSLETTER



A Busy, Fun-Filled Term

What an exciting and action-packed few weeks we've had in Second Class! We've been learning, creating, moving and celebrating together in so many fun ways!

We started off the term by getting creative making colourful friendship bracelets. The boys showed great patience and skill weaving their creations and it was so fun to see the finished products!

In P.E we learned how to play badminton, unihoc and how to dance the siege of Ennis for our whole school Céilí during Seachtain na Gaeilge. What a joyful and lively event that proved to be!

We dressed up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day and discovered that one of the cosiest places to read a book is under the table!

We've had important discussions about internet safety - learning how to stay safe online, be kind and make smart choices when using technology. The boys showed great understanding and awareness.

During Science Week we got to go make rockets at the newly refurbished library in Midleton! it was so much fun and some of our rockets blasted up to the roof!



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Science Fair
- ★ First Confession
- ★ Seachtain na Gaeilge



At the First Confession on the 24th February, we all walked into the church feeling nervous and excited. We all sat quietly in our seats and waited for the ceremony to start. Fr. Jim welcomed us all and we sang our opening hymn. Fr. Jim read the story of Zaccheus because he said sorry for the unkind things he did and Jesus forgave him. We all sat down and went to tell Fr. Jim and Fr. John our sins one by one. When we were all finished the priest told us we were brilliant and said goodnight to us. We left the church with our parents and families.
Mason and Dion

John's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 2 in An Realt

Term 2 has been packed with exciting experiences, meaningful learning and lots of memorable moments for our class. From hands on activities to imaginative adventures, the boys have shown fantastic engagement throughout.

One of our highlights was a visit from very special guests – goats! The boys were thrilled to meet with and interact with baby goats a local farmer had brought in. This provided the boys with a fantastic opportunity in exploring animal care in a calm, sensory-friendly way. It was a lovely chance for curiosity, gentle interaction, and lots of smiles.

We also enjoyed a trip to Pan this term, which was a fantastic real-world learning experience for the boys. We had an opportunity to practice important life skills such as making choices, ordering, waiting and engaging with each other in a community setting. It was great to see their confidence grow as they experienced these new skills.

We want to wish you all a very lovely Easter!



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ A visit from baby goats
- ★ Tasty treats at Pan
- ★ World Book Day



**We enjoyed a lovely trip to the library
this term.**

**Books are so important and we love
reading!!**

Anna's Class NEWSLETTER



3rd Class Adventures

I will tell you about the Heritage Ireland workshop on pre-historic animals, landscape and fossils. A lady came in from Heritage Ireland and told us she was an Earth Scientist! We drew pre-historic animals from different historical periods. Some animals looked strange and funny. In my opinion, me and a lot of other people's drawings were nice! We created a big poster with lots of animals in the Cenozoic, Mesozoic and Paleozoic time periods. My favourite part was learning about and drawing animals from the Paleozoic period.

From Ivo

Science week in February was a blast! Our mission was to make yeast burp - I promise it wasn't as disgusting as it sounds! We had different cups with different ingredients and water. The cup with warm water and sugar reacted to make the yeast rise and burp. It looked really cool inside the cup. My favourite part of Science week was working as a team to complete the experiment.

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Praise,

In January, we got exciting news that we would be writing to a 5th grade class on Long Island, New York. Múinteoir Anna's cousin is their teacher and I was so excited to learn about their life! It was a really long wait for the letters to arrive, but it was worth it! My pen pal and I both like the same food and I learned that she knew a little bit of Irish which I was so surprised by! We made the trip to the post office last month to deliver our letters. Our pen pals are currently writing back to us and we are waiting impatiently for them to arrive!

From Danial,



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Pen Pal letters
- ★ Soccer League
- ★ Heritage Ireland Workshop



This term, 3rd and 4th Class boys participated in the Student Council soccer league. There were 6 teams with 5 players on each. Each team played 5 matches. Man City and Barcelona are in the final which will take place on Thursday. The whole school will come outside to cheer on their team in the final. May the best team win!

Eoghan's Class Newsletter



Term 2 in An Seagán

It's been a busy and fun-filled term in An Seagán! The boys have been working hard across a range of themes, including healthy eating and transport, with lots of hands-on activities along the way—from making pizzas to designing paper helicopters.

We've really enjoyed taking part in Seachtain na Gaeilge and World Book Week, celebrating both Irish language and a love of reading. The boys also got creative with art, brightening up our classroom with colourful spring displays.

We made the most of the fine weather with a lovely spring walk and a trip to the playground, which were big highlights. We also got to meet three goats from Leahy's Farm – Tom, Jerry and Penny!

Well done to all the boys for their great effort, and congratulations to those who celebrated their sacraments recently.



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Spring Walk & Playground
- ★ World Book Day
- ★ Meeting the Goats!



Kara's Class NEWSLETTER



So Much Fun This Term!

St. Patrick's Day Art

For our St. Patrick's Day art we had a colour mixing lesson. We worked with the colour green! We mixed it with white and with black to create a range of tints and shades. It was tricky mixing in the black because you only need to use a tiny bit or it goes too dark! Mixing in the white was easier. We then painted our shamrocks with different designs too

Heritage Workshop on Mountains and Volcanoes

We had a visit from Tina to our classroom. She is a geologist and she studies rocks, mountains and volcanoes. First she told us about the work a geologist does. Then she passed around different types of rocks and what they are used for and how they were formed. We made our own volcanoes using cardboard, paint, red food colouring, vinegar and baking soda. When we poured in the vinegar, the lava poured out!!

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Our Penpals in New York!

We are writing to penpals in New York! They are in 5th grade. They wrote to us first and their teacher posted the letters. Mn. Kara read out all the letters and we got to choose our penpal. We wrote our own letters. We answered all of their questions, told them about ourselves and asked them questions back. Teacher posted them and they are on the way to America! We are excited to hear back!

Aleksander



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Baking with Mn. Melissa
- ★ STEM Week
- ★ Visits from Baby Maeve!



Making Parachutes!

We designed and made our own parachutes in class! First we watched a video about how parachutes work. Teacher gave out materials such as plastic bags, string, paperclips, and scissors. Then we worked with our group and tried different ways to make our parachute catch the air and float down. It took a few goes and it was interesting and fun!

James and Logan

Aisling's Class NEWSLETTER



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We have had another very busy term in 5th class! The boys have all worked so hard and are looking forward to a well deserved Easter break!

Animation Workshop

This term, the boys participated in an animation workshop led by Belinda Walsh. As part of their workshop the boys created their very own flipbooks in the classroom and learned all about the history of animation! We also enjoyed a trip down to Youghal where the boys got the chance to watch their animations come to life on the big screen at the Walter Raleigh Hotel! It was a great day out and one the boys really enjoyed!

World War 1

We have been learning all about World War 1 which the boys have found very interesting. The boys created some beautiful artwork of striking red poppies and pretended to be soldiers on the Western Front, writing letters home to their families. We also read the novel 'War Horse' this term which the boys really enjoyed.

STEM Week

As part of STEM week, the boys designed and tested out rubber band powered cars! We had lots of fun planning, designing and testing out our cars - we didn't even need the instructions! After racing our cars, we explored all about potential and kinetic energy. There are definitely lots of future mechanics and engineers in the room!



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Animation Workshop
- ★ Badminton
- ★ STEM week



This Term the boys really enjoyed playing badminton during PE! We had lots of fun practicing new skills and working as a team. We especially enjoyed a game of balloon badminton relay!

Rory's Class NEWSLETTER



Term 2 in Múinteoir Rory's 5th

We've had a busy and really productive term two in Múinteoir Rory's 5th class. The boys have really knuckled down and gotten through a huge amount of work after the Christmas break. We have enjoyed events such as STEM week, Seachtaine na Gaeilge, We attended St Mary's transition year play - "The little Mermaid", Some of the boys in 5th class participated in the FAI 5 a-side competition, the boys narrowly lost out in our caught ag caint competition, dressed up for world book week and most recently we started planting our fruit and vegetables as part of incredible edibles programme. In recent weeks we have begun to participate in the - Say Yes to Languages programme ooce more. This year we have chosen the language of Spanish. We look forward to the term ahead. As we move into the summer months we look forward to spending more time outside, continuing to see our fruit and vegetables grow and going on our school tour to cuskinny adventure centre. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy easter and I look forward to seeing all the boys again in two weeks.



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Seachtaine na Gaeilge
- ★ STEM Week
- ★ Incredible Edibles



An Easter Joke

What is the Easter Bunny's favorite kind of music?
Hip-hop.



Kelda/Edel's Class NEWSLETTER



An Lus Mór

Its been a very busy and exciting term here in An Lus Mór and the boys have been working very hard. Congratulations to our two 6th class boys who made their confirmation on the 11th of February in Holy Rosary church, we are very proud of them.

Our pupils enjoyed a wonderful mix of activities this term. In PE, 3rd Class took part in yoga sessions, building balance and relaxation skills. Art classes explored the colourful world of Vincent van Gogh and the boys created their own fantastic artwork.

The boys took part in lots of exciting activities during Seachtaine na Gaeilge. Everyone had great fun learning traditional steps for our céilí on Lá Glas and really enjoyed participating in our Ceilí Mór. The boys also participated in the Tráth na gCeist with their class and enjoyed this fun filled event.

3rd class boys learned about traditional Irish musical instruments and presented their findings in groups in their mainstream class.

World Book Day involved a visit to Mn Andrea's class for some cosy reading and a fun party! The boys loved dressing up and taking part in all the fun and magic and showed off their costumes at the school assembly.

Leahys Open Farm visited the school with three of their goats and the boys from the yellow corridor spent time getting to know Tom, Jerry and Penny!

To celebrate the change of season, together with Mn Eoghan's class, we headed outdoors for a spring nature walk to the Feathers. The boys observed new buds, listened for birds singing, and explored the signs of spring emerging all around them. It was a lovely opportunity to connect with nature and learn about the world outside the classroom. A trip to the playground rounded off our walk perfectly!



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Meeting the goats Tom, Jerry and Penny from Leahy's open farm.
- ★ Trip to the Playground



Fiona's Class NEWSLETTER



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It has been an extremely busy time in 6th Class this term. Between preparing and celebrating Confirmation to starting Hockey sessions, the boys have been experiencing many exciting and new activities.

In January, when the boys returned we got straight into preparing for the Confirmation which then took place in February. The boys did themselves, their families and the school proud and it was a great day for all. As a reward for all the work that the boys put into the Confirmation, they had a pizza party, which they really enjoyed.

In January, the boys also took part in STEM week. This involved the boys making robots using recycled materials and motors. The robots were then used to create some lovely abstract art,

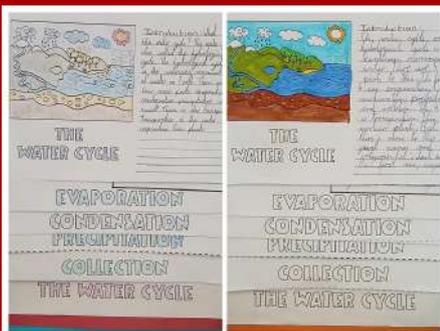
The end of February saw the boys begin a 6 week session in Hockey. After Mrs Fiona attended training in Hockey, the boys then started the sessions with Clive from Middleton Hockey. They have been thoroughly enjoying the sessions and are looking forward to the remaining two sessions after the Easter break.

March saw the boys attend the musical Over the Rainbow which St Colman's TY students staged and invited all the local 6th Class students to attend their matinee. This was a really enjoyable day out and the boys, as always, were on their best behaviour, being great ambassadors for the school.



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ February - Confirmation
- ★ March - Hockey
- ★ March - St Colmans TY Musical



Explanation Writing

The writing genre that the boys had been focusing on this term was explanation writing. They completed explanations on the Water Cycle and The Rock Cycle. Their writing included introductions, main body and conclusions. When publishing the watercycle, the boys created a flipbook.

Anthony's Class NEWSLETTER



Confirmation

Congratulations to everyone who made their Confirmation this year. The boys were absolutely spectacular on the day and made us all so proud! Thank you to all parents and guardians for their support in preparing the boys. A special congratulations goes out to Liam, who also made his First Holy Communion on the day.

As a reward for all the hard work that went into the Confirmation. We went baking in preparation for our Valentine's Day Bake Sale. Simple they might be, but you just can't beat some Rice Crispy Cakes!

As a final thank you to the boys for all their hard-work in preparation for the Confirmation, we had a pizza party. Thank you to Corner Stone for doing a great deal for us. Judging by the empty boxes, they went down a treat!



Term 2 Top Moments

- ★ Confirmation
- ★ Hosting Bake Sale
- ★ Secondary School Musicals



We are really enjoying our weekly hockey lessons with Clive from Middleton Hockey Club. Each session is full of energy, fun and skill-building, and it's great to see such enthusiasm from everyone involved. The boys are making fantastic progress in a very short period of time, developing their control, teamwork and confidence with every lesson. It has been brilliant to watch their improvement week on week.