

Samhradh
2024

Ardfinnan N.S.

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Slán from the Class of 2024

The children of Sixth Class have come to the end of their Primary School years and are both excited and sad to say slán and thank you. Term three was full of fun, laughter with a dash of music and love thrown in. From the school tour in Dunmore to the high notes of Cinderella Rockerfeller, Fun Days, Coffee Mornings, Active Week, Sports Day, the teachers taking us on in our annual game of rounders fill our memory jars. Saying farewell is part of our journey and we want to thank each and every member of Ardfinnan National School for their contributions over the last eight years. Slán

Message from our Principal

As we conclude another remarkable school year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. The 2023/24 year has been rich with memorable moments and abundant learning. We celebrate our wonderful students, particularly our 6th class boys and girls, as they prepare for their next adventure. We also honour our dedicated and talented staff, whose contributions to fostering an inclusive, nurturing, and joyful learning environment are truly commendable. To our parents and guardians, your steadfast support and partnership have been vital to your child's success. As we approach the summer break, I encourage you to take time to rest and recharge for the upcoming school year. We will build on this year's successes and lessons and look forward to all that 2024/25 has to offer. Wishing you a joyful summer holiday.



The Board of Management of Ardfinnan NS make a presentation to Mrs Mary O'Neill and Mr Bobby Carrigan acknowledging their years of service to the Board.

Hello from all the boys and girls in **Miss Cahill's Yellow Junior Infant's**, can you believe it is almost time for our Summer holidays? We have enjoyed so much this term including: gymnastics, planting lettuce in the raised beds and watering it every week until we harvested it and brought it home! Our school tour to Pirate's Adventure in Tramore was one of the best days of the school year and travelling on the bus was a first for many of the boys and girls. Of course our friends from Mrs. Molumphy's Junior Infant Blue class are always nearby and we have shared some lovely memories together throughout the year. This week, as a reward for all our hard work throughout the year we headed on a walk to the local shop and enjoyed an ice-cream cone in the sun- it was delicious! All the fun and learning in the infant classroom could not take place without the extra pairs of hands. We are so grateful to all the adults who help out in our classroom every day so a big thank you to all the helpers. We would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and sunny Summer and we will see you all again in September! Lots of love, from all in Yellow Junior Infants!

Mrs Molumphy's Blue Junior Infants have had a fantastic first year in school! So many nice memories with all our friends. We loved going off on the bus on our school tour, our trips to the playground and had so much fun trying out new games for active week including taekwondo! We love Aistear every week with Ms Cahill's class and enjoyed our teddy bears picnic together. We have worked so well on our reading and handwriting too! This week Mrs Molumphy gave us a special treat of an ice cream cone for all hard work! We hope you all have a lovely summer.

First Class: what a busy term it has been, from school tours to coffee mornings, tasty science experiments to summer art, musical recitals and much much more, We went on our school tour to Lismore. En route, we were wowed and amazed by the beautiful rhododendrons. We went to the heritage centre for experiments and outdoor STEM projects. We had our lunch in the playground and afterwards, we strolled up to the castle gardens to explore, play, sketch and print. Ms. Geoghegan was like our local tour guide. We had great fun at the coffee morning recently. Mrs. Lawlor refuelled with a cup of coffee and we had the most delicious cakes. We took part in our first recital and wowed the audience with our rhythms and beats. We learned a lot from Tommy from Music Generation and were delighted to showcase our drumming ability! We had great fun during Active Week and loved watching the teachers versus the pupils. We played on the green and explored nature around the village! We would also like to thank Barry for coaching us. We hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer break!

Le ghrá, Rang a hAon

Sporting Endeavours We have had a very busy sporting year as always. Our U11 and U13 Hurling and Camogie teams were in Cumann na mBunscoil action. The U11 Camogie team got through a very tough blitz to go down in a play off with Ballylooby while our U13 Camogie Team stormed through to a County semi-final against Borrisoleigh in which they played an amazing 2nd half before losing to a very strong Borrisoleigh side. We took part in the FAI Soccer 5s competition and our girls' team won a place in the county final, unfortunately this was fixed for the same day as our Confirmation so we had to bow out. We had another great day out with our school Athletics team at the TUS Sports Hub. Shane Howe, Ellie O'Gorman, Ava Walshe and Darragh Ryan represented Ardfinnan NS at the Primary Games trials. For the first time we participated in the Primary Schools Touch Rugby Blitz at Clonmel RFC. Joe Sheehan of Munster Rugby came out to do a coaching session with us. We really enjoyed taking part in the blitz and have continued to play Tag Ruby in school.

Thanks to all those members of staff who gave up their lunchtimes to coach us and thanks to all our families who came to support us at various events.

Why do bananas wear sunscreen?

Because they peel!

What do you call a snowman in July?

A puddle!





Mary's Retirement

One of our staff members, Mrs Mary O'Mahoney, will retire on Thursday after 22 years. As well as her work as a SNA Mary has always passed on her love of music to the pupils of Ardfinnan by singing and playing instruments with them and on one particular occasion dancing the Hucklebuck! We wish you the very best Mary in your retirement, you will be greatly missed by everyone in our school.

Second Class had a fantastic time on our school tour to Cahir Fire station. The Firemen were excellent and really entertained our class. Then onto Marlhill Open Farm, where we got to pet some animals, have a go on a real digger and had plenty of time in the soft play area. Then we had ice-cream at the playground in Cahir. We have been really busy this week for our sports day, from cheering on teachers when they are playing older classes at different sports and then we were invited into a Tae kwon do lesson in the community hall. We hope everyone has a lovely summer!

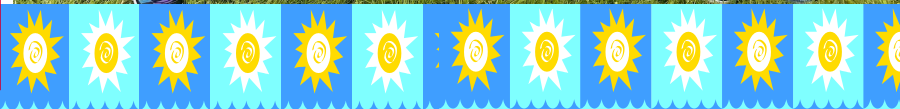
Musical Notes: Our musical year ended on a high note with our recital recently. Well done to all our performers. Our orchestra, traditional group, Peace Proms choir and drummers all displayed their talents on the day. Music Generation had given some of our Junior classes the opportunity to learn drumming during the year from their amazing tutor, Tommy. Our school choir and orchestra performed at our Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies in April and May. They enjoyed a pizza party recently to thank them for all their hard work and commitment. A big well done to all the pupils from 5th and 6th classes who presented the pantomime Cinderella Rockerfella to a very appreciative audience recently. Thanks to all the parents for their support of all things musical in our school. We look forward to more songs and music in September

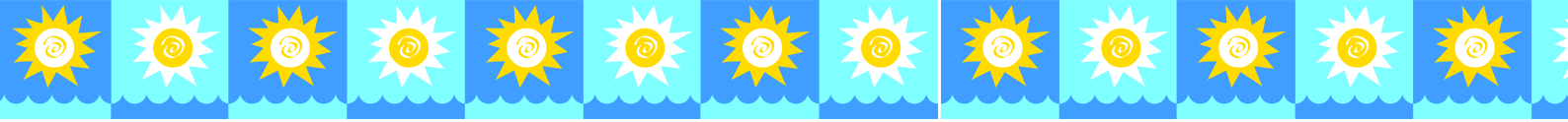
5th Class have been working really hard this year and we had a fun time on the school tour where we took in a section of the Waterford Greenway and a trip to Clonea beach. During active week we did Tug of War which was so fun and played a Teachers vs. Students game of 5-a-side soccer in which we defeated the teachers by 2 goals to nil. We had a fun time eating popcorn and ice pops. We did interesting art. We also had tea on Thursday on the first Thursday of every month where we were able to enjoy a 'cuppa' and a few biscuits. We enjoyed doing the play Cinderella and Rockerfella, everyone put in hard work learning their lines and singing. We were also forced to do the horrible Drumcondras. We enjoyed doing taekwondo as part of active week. Overall, we have had a thoroughly enjoyable time in 5th class and are really looking forward to the summer months to relax and recover.

By Lara Nahi, Méabh Marshall and Olivia Alcer

Third Class have had a busy year, here are some of our favourite activities; our school tour to Activate, writing to penpals in Carlow, learning Japanese, designing t-shirts, coaching with Nigel and Barry, having fun with Teddy and celebrating the end of the year with ice-cream. Best of luck in 4th Class!

Mr Moroney's Class have enjoyed quite a few social outings recently. Everyone loved their school tours with their own classe and had a great day at World Jumping with Ms Fogarty's class. We visited Newcastle's Fun4All day with lots of other schools. It was a brilliant day with loads of activities. Recently 5th & 6th, including Tristan, Amy and Kayla, put on an amazing production of 'Cinderella Rockerfella'. This term we learned Japanese and also drumming. We even got to take part in the summer recital to show off our new skills. We enjoyed Smart Moves with Mr Slattery and hurling and football with Nigel and Barry. Finally, we would like to wish Tristan all the best as he moves to secondary school on a new adventure. We are all now looking forward to the summer holidays and having a well-deserved break.





Senior Infant Class 2024

Senior Infants has come to an end,
 Every child has blossomed in their own way,
 Nobody was left behind, everyone has a friend,
 Imaginations soared high, laughter and play,
 Orienteering, gymnastics and drumming,
 Reading, writing, art and ceilí dancing!

Indoors and outdoors we explored,
 News copies, genre copies and more,
 Focail as gaeilge we learned,
 A lot of songs were sung and poems galore!
 Now we must say farewell to our teacher,
 Tears will be shed, hugs will be given but
 Summer is here and we are ready for our next chapter x

Mrs Fogarty's Junior Class

have been very busy working hard this term. We are proud of each other. We went on our own class school tour visiting 'World of Jump' in Clonmel and we had lots of fun. We went to the park and treated ourselves to Supermacs afterwards. We were invited by Newcastle N.S to a brilliant fun day recently where the class had lot of fun playing soccer, doing yoga and getting their face painted. Des Dillion even paid a visit with his beautiful puppets and the children loved it! This week we enjoyed watching 5th & 6th class end of year show 'Cinderella Rockafella', it was amazing. This week we have our sports day and we are enjoying the different activities! We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!



Teddy, our School Therapy Dog,

has been a wonderful addition, to our school community. 6th Class recently held a coffee morning in aid of the charity that gave us Teddy and, who continue to train him, My Canine Companion. Teddy has brought such joy to all of us and congratulations to 6th class who raised the amazing sum €1,421 for such a great cause. Thank you to everyone who baked and who came for a cuppa. Thank you to the Parents' Association who were a huge help on the morning. Thank you to all the local families and businesses who donated prizes to the raffle and thanks to all the pupils who came and bought cakes and raffle tickets.

4th Class

have really enjoyed learning Japanese with Chiho! It has been fun learning Japanese words and learning about Japanese culture and we even did origami! Active Week has been a real hit this year! We liked doing relay races, wheelbarrow races, spud and spoon races, tug o war and Taekwondo was so much fun! We also teamed up with 3rd class to do skipping challenges, rounders and dodgeball! Some of our 4th class have created a little bug hotel in our sensory garden. They have welcomed snails and many other creepy crawlies and are ensuring they have plenty to eat during break times!



Knock Knock! Who's there?
 Ken! Ken who?
 Ken you take me to the beach

