

2022

ST PATRICKS SNS NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
STUDENTS AND PARENTS

WELCOME 😊

Welcome to our first issue of St Patrick's Senior National School newsletter!

We are very excited to launch this newsletter which will show off everything that is happening in our school. We all do amazing work both inside and outside of the classroom and it is just too good not to share!!



A message from Mr. McGinty

I would like to give everyone a big welcome back to Term 2. As the weather improves and restrictions are removed, hopefully we will be able to get students back together, outdoors and enjoying themselves. This term we should see the return of lots of fun new activities to school life such as the 5th and 6th class Hurling, Camogie and Football teams, 'Buddies', and the return of many of our external coaches and visitors to the school. Our Parents' Association are also planning events to make this term more enjoyable and so far, we have the Bake Sale planned for Feb. 17th and 'Dr. Brain' is coming in on March 10th to speak to students in the Community Centre.

Our school participated in Catholic Schools Week and students focused on learning about St. Brigid and 'inclusiveness'. I would like to thank Fr. Melvyn and St. Patrick's Church for their very generous donation of a 'Sacred Space Kit' for every classroom in the school.

The students' council is up and running! Well done to the students Robert Phelan, Holly Harford-Long, Martha Caden, Joseph Kilbride, Alan Courell, Emily Gordon, Alanna Griffith and Callum Neary who were elected to the student's council!

Ms. O'Sullivan already has them busy working together to plan activities for students, contribute towards school decisions and this week working alongside our parents at the Bake Sale.

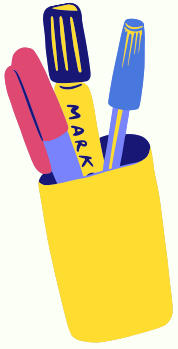
We have brand new jerseys for our Gaelic teams this year! Our teams will be well kitted out for the Fingal Leagues this year. A big thank you to Niall and Fiona Brunnock, and Informa for sponsoring our jerseys.

Our new website (www.stpatssns.ie) is on the way, we're looking forward to advertising all the great work our students and teachers are doing! A big thank you to Ms. Shorten for all the work she has put in to get our new website up and running. Also - our first newsletter! A big thank you to Ms. Hewitt and all the contributors for our first newsletter. We hope this is an enjoyable read, and gives parents and guardians an insight into what is happening in school.

I hope we all have an enjoyable and active Term 2!

Thank you,
Kind Regards,
Oisín McGinty



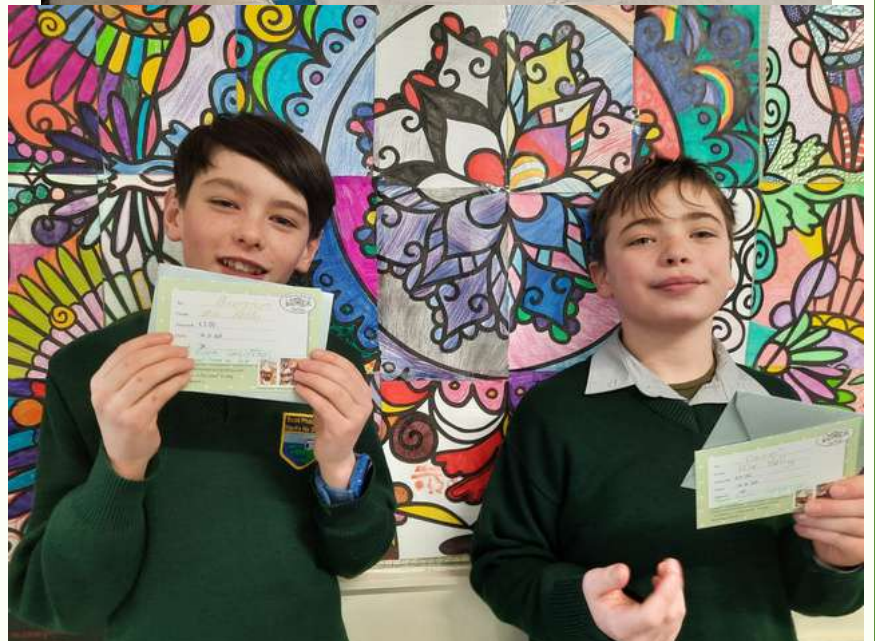


What has been happening



Ms. Kelly's class explored the principles of flight, and constructed their own paper planes to enter the class competition.

Congratulations to Brandon who won the category of longest time in the air, and Conor whose travelled the longest distance.



Student Council

We would like to present to you our new Student Council members:

Ms Hewitt's Class: Robert Phelan and Holly Harford-Long

Ms Durkan's Class: Martha Caden and Joseph Kilbride

Mr Quigley's Class: Alan Courell and Emily Gordon

Mr Kealy's Class: Alanna Griffith and Callum Neary

These members have been elected by their fellow classmates to represent the students' voice in our school.

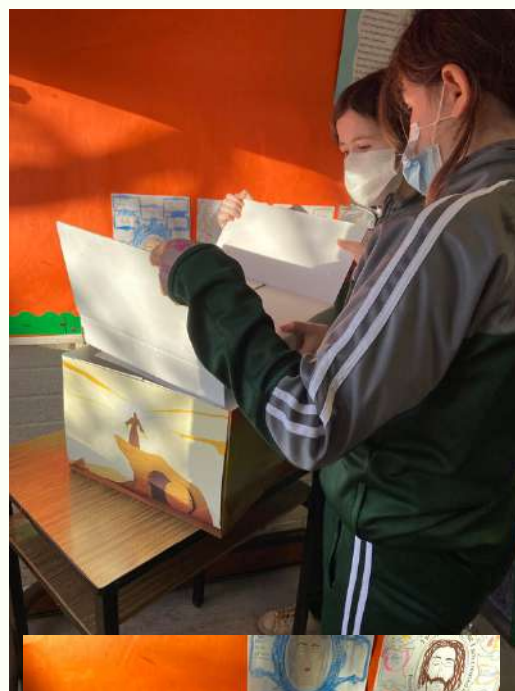
We wish you all the best of luck going forward in your new role!



Sacred Space Boxes

We would like to say a huge thank you again to St. Patrick's Church and Fr. Melvyn for the generous donation of 'sacred space kits' for every classroom in our school.

We have set up our lovely displays and have appointed students to look after these spaces for the remainder of the school year.



Green Schools



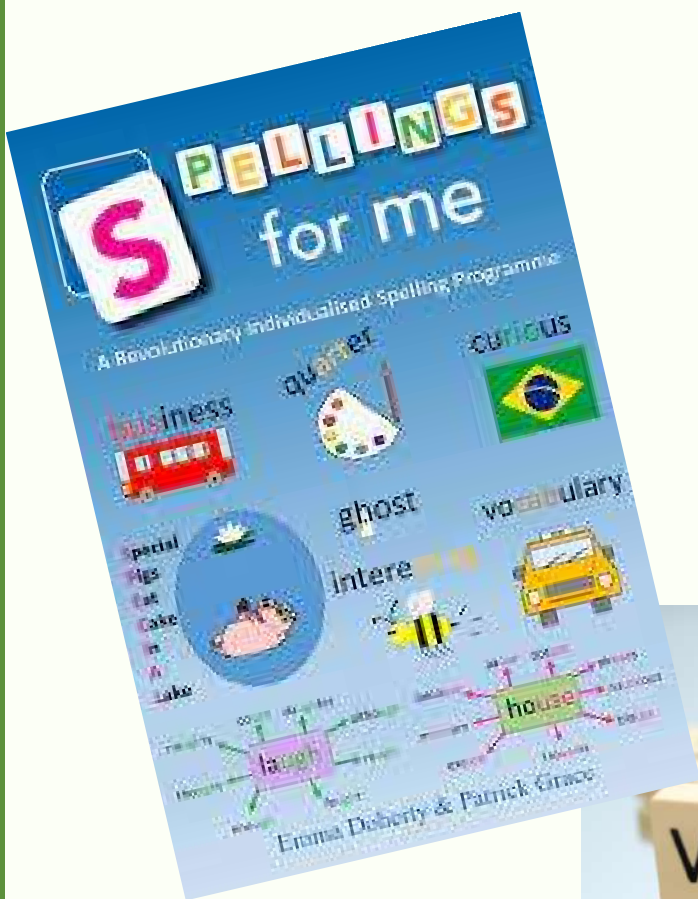
We are working towards our 6th Green flag: “Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste”. The Green-Schools committee has been hard at work learning about global citizenship and how our actions here in Ireland can affect people around the world. We have also been working to reduce the amount of waste produced by the school by improving recycling practices in classrooms. Mrs MacKenna’s class started a campaign to encourage pupils to avoid single-use plastics. We would ask that all pupils bring reusable water bottles to school. Stay tuned for more Green-Schools news

'Super Spellers'

Each class teacher has been keeping an eye on all of our students work on Spellings for Me. We will be picking a 'Super Speller' each week that is working hard to use all of their strategies to help with learning their individual spellings.

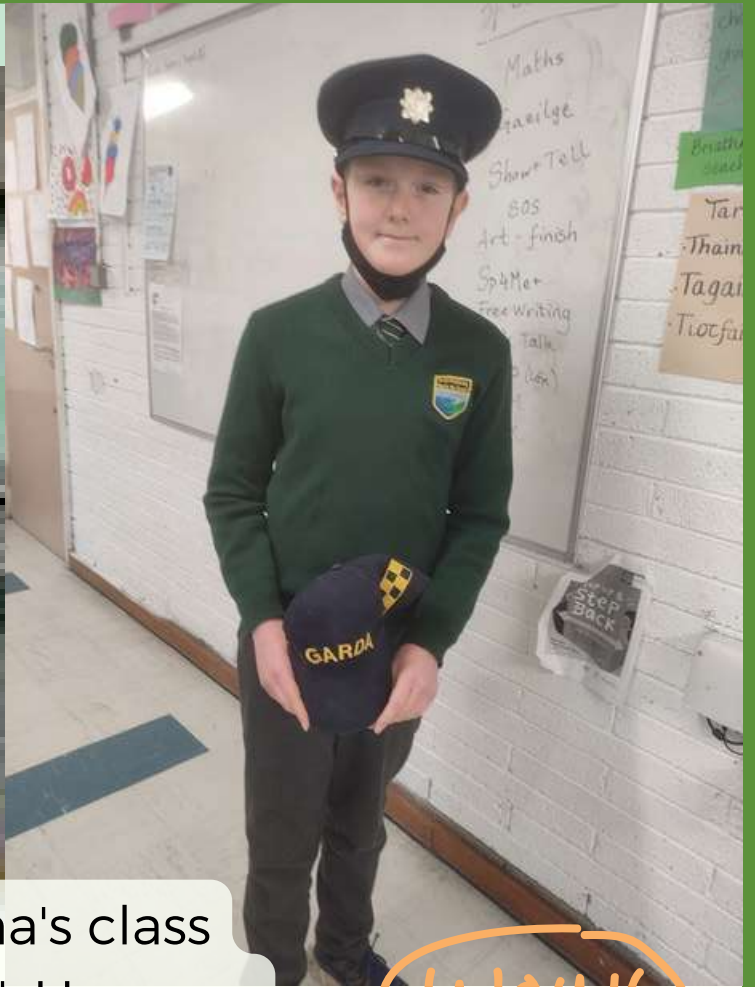
These 'super spellers' will be getting prizes as a reward.

So keep working hard everyone!!



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Each week Ms Mac Kenna's class enjoy doing 'show and tell'. Here are some of the students showing off what they had brought in.

Wow!



Parents Association Bake Sale

The Parents Association bake sale took place on Thursday 17th of February. It was a great success, raising €1896 in total!! It was the first one we have had in two years due to COVID. Great to have students, teachers and parents back together for such a fun event.



The winners of the bake sale poster competition

New School Jerseys

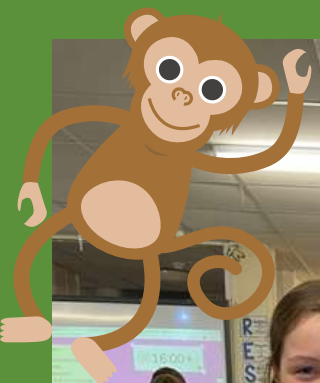
A big thank you to Niall and Fiona Brunnock, and Informa for sponsoring our new football, hurling, and camogie jerseys. We'll be well kitted out for the Fingal and Primary Schools League this year!!





The PA were able to provide gardening sessions to some of the fifth classes. The children did some weeding and then planted spring bulbs. Daffodils are already starting to grow! Thanks also to Steven the caretaker for helping us transform the area under the sixth class windows. We look forward to sowing vegetable seeds in the next few months.





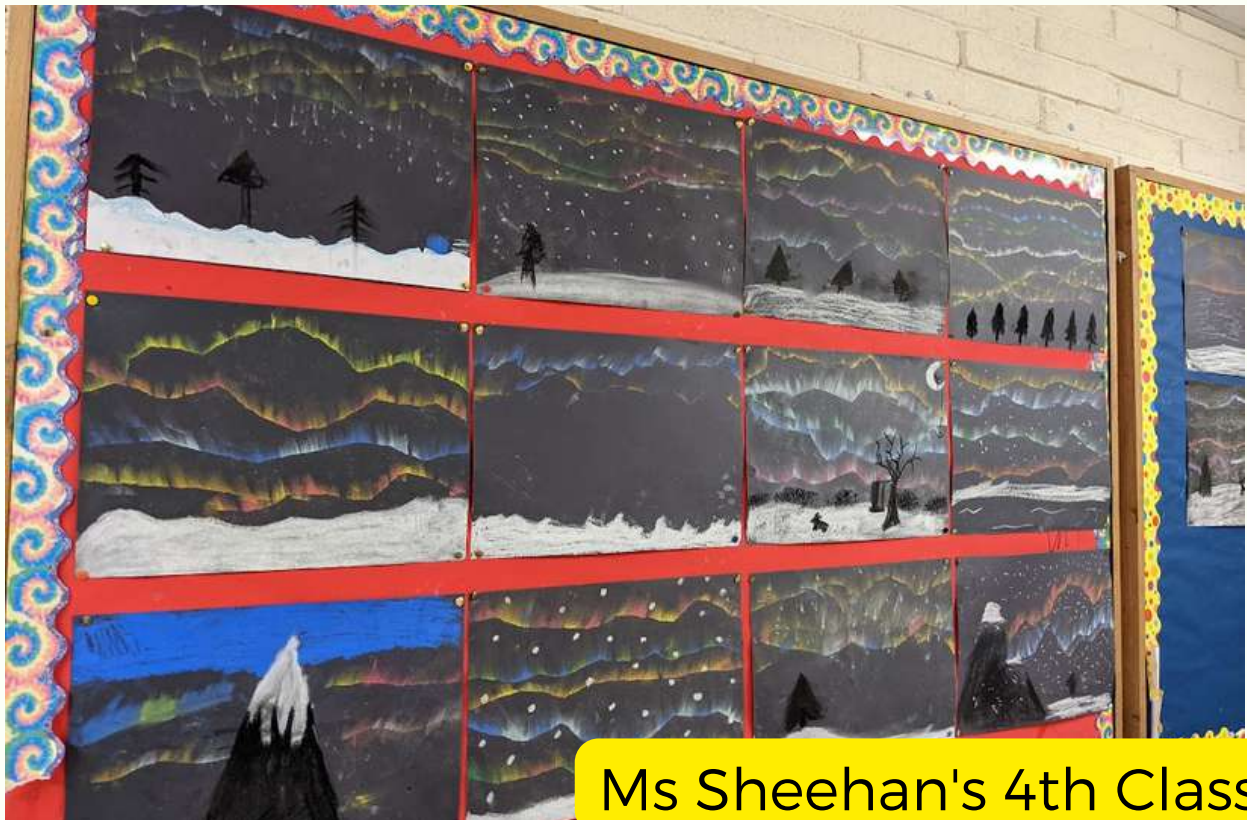
The students of 6th class have been learning all about the Amazon Rainforest. They used that knowledge of the different layers within the rainforest and the animals that live there, to create their very own Amazon Rainforest art project. They used a range of materials to create a very life like display. They all look amazing!



Artwork



Here is some of the amazing artwork that our students have been creating over the last few weeks. They are such a talented bunch!

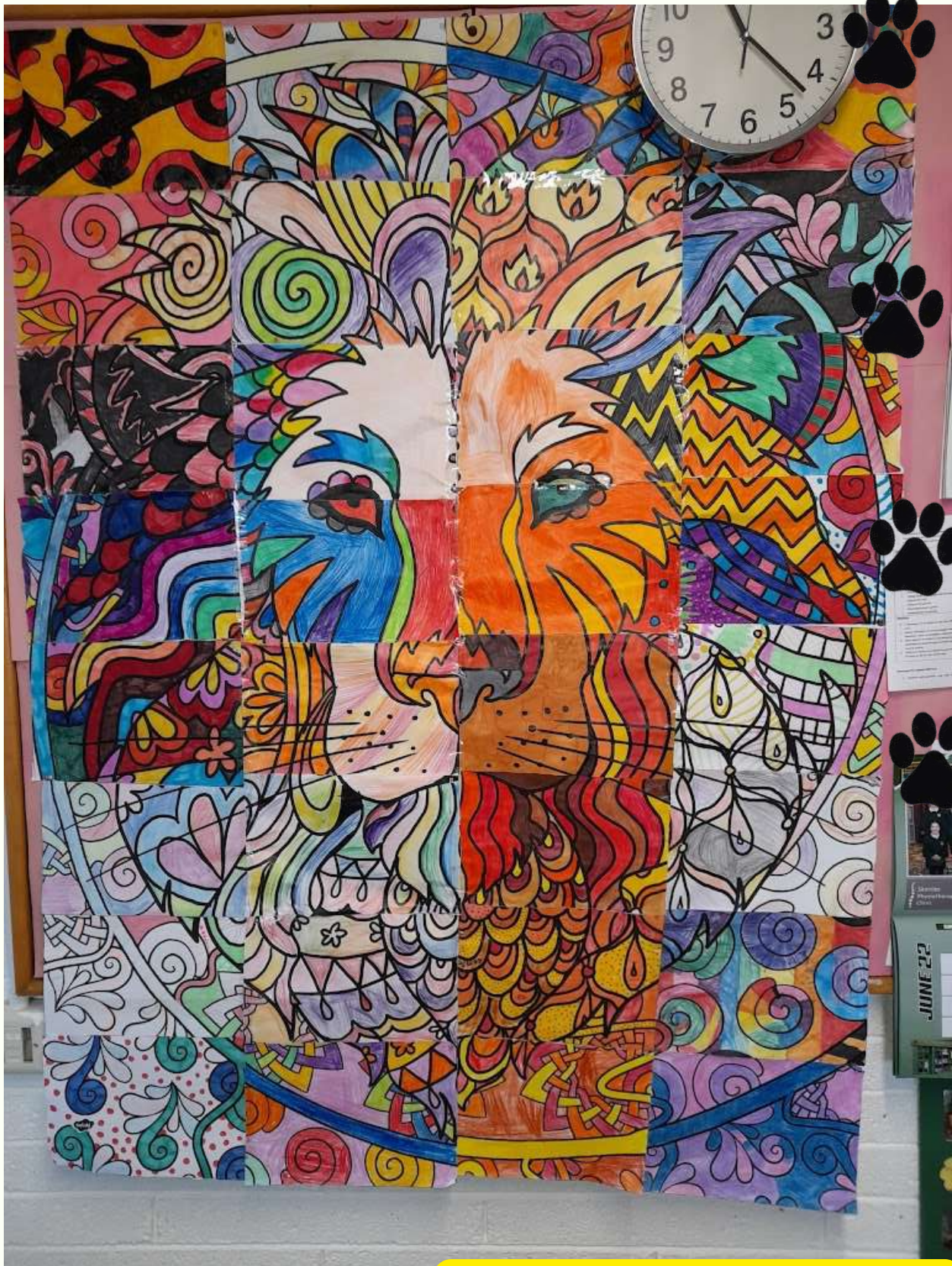




Ms Hewitt's 6th Class



Ms Flanagan's 3rd Class



Ms McGealy's 5th Class



Happy Valentine's Day Ms. Begg's 3rd Class



Ms. Durkan's 6th Class