

ST PATRICKS SNS NEWSLETTER

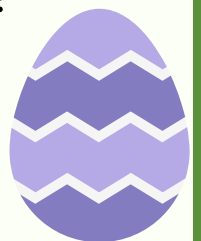
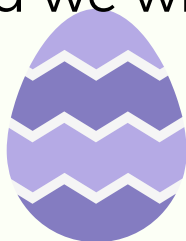
THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
STUDENTS AND PARENTS



Happy Easter!

The last couple of weeks have been very busy here at St. Patrick's SNS! But what a great couple of weeks they have been. We have enjoyed being able to go back to some of the more 'normal' things around our school like playing on yard together, school assemblies in the Community Centre hall and even doing PE with other classes. We will look forward to more of these things during next term!

We hope you all have an amazing Easter break and we will see you all back in two weeks!



The Parents Association

We would just like to take this opportunity to introduce the Parents Association of the senior school. A number of you joined the school over the last couple of years and may not yet be aware of what we usually do throughout the year. The last two years have made it very difficult for the Parents Association to organise any events but we are now back to normal.

The primary aim of the PA is to make all parents feel they have a part to play in the school, and a contribution in helping to make their child's years in the school a positive time in their life.

The Parents Association plays a vital role in building a strong community between the school and the parents. Fundraising is essential to the running of the school, and here in St Patricks Senior School the PA along with all the parents in the school have raised much needed funds for so many worthwhile projects.

We will list below the events and activities organised by the Parents Association so far this year and some things we will be doing over the next couple of months.

Also below please find a list of all the members of the Parents Association. If you would like to discuss any ideas with us or if you would like to join the Parents Association please get in touch.

The Parents Association

List of Events / Activities organised by the PA:

November / December

- Calendar Preparation and Calendar Sales – this year we raised €3,665 between calendar sales and advertising.

February

- Cake Sale – this event returned on 17 th February last, the previous cake sale was held in 2019! All the children were delighted. We raised €1,896, a fantastic day was had by all.

March

- Mr. Brain was a fun event organised by the Parents Association. He performed for each class level in the community centre. The event was a great success with lots of laughs. The children all loved it.
- Gardening: We have a team of volunteers working with the school on improving the garden. A number of classes plant bulbs and seeds in Autumn and Spring. Additional volunteers are always welcome.

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April

- Easter Egg Raffle – this is happening this week and we will update on the funds raised in the next newsletter. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of PE and yard equipment. There will be a number of very happy children heading home for the holidays with some lovely Easter Eggs!

May

- Active week. This will take place during the last week of May. It is organised by the school. We welcome parents and clubs to share their skills or introduce new activities to the children during this fun week.

June

- Graduation Party for all 6th class students – more details
- Garden Parties will take place for all classes this year.

The Parents Association

Committee Members and Contact Numbers

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Guess who ...?

The pictures below are of some of the staff members of St. Patrick's SNS when they were in Primary School. Can you guess who is who?

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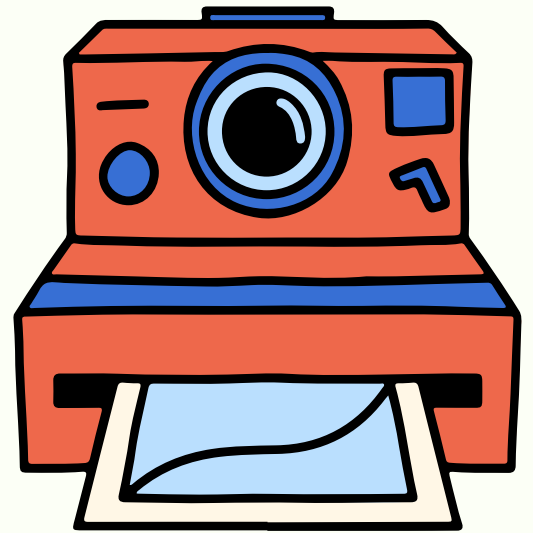


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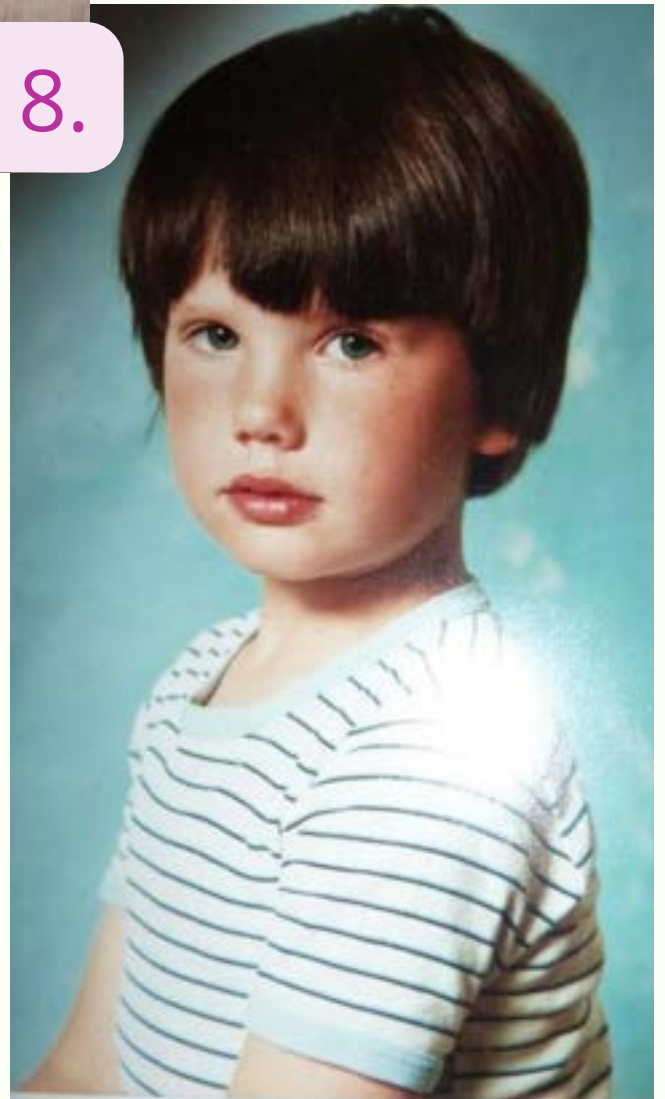


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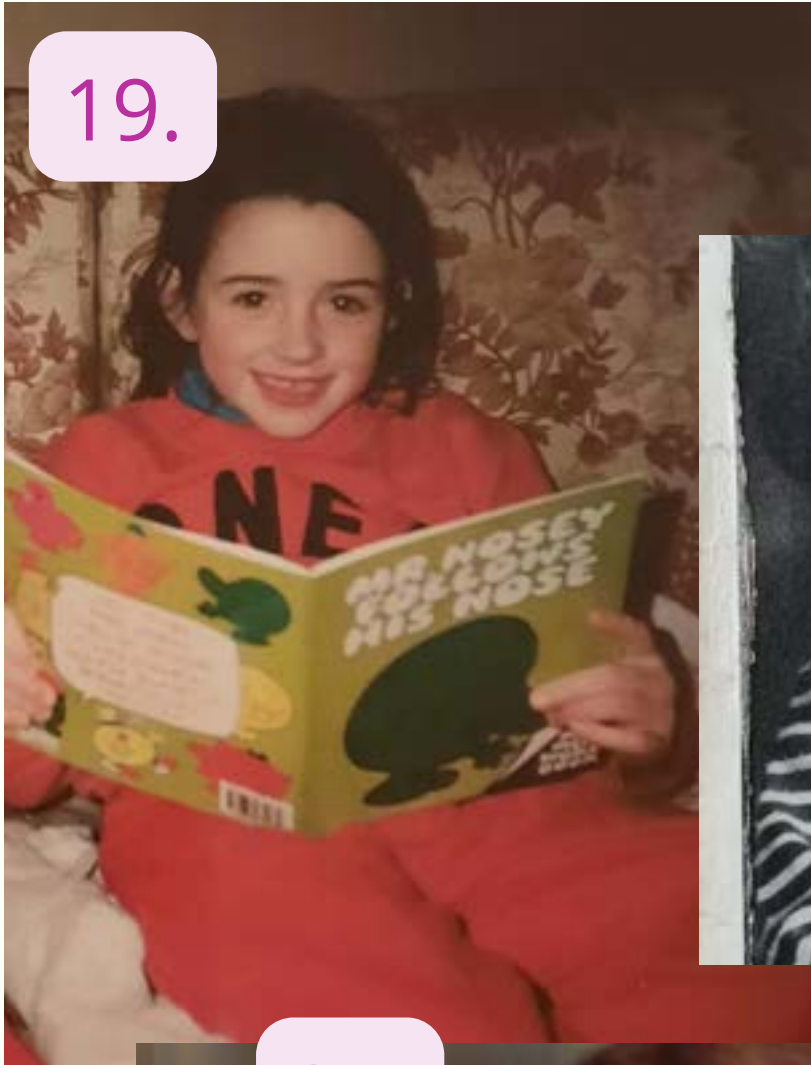


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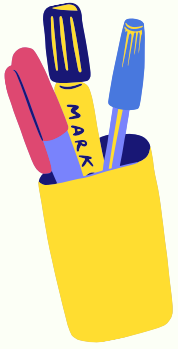


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What has been happening



Ms Kelly's class enjoyed making flowers from coloured tissue paper. We hope they're brightening up homes all over Skerries!



Ms. Sheehan's 4th class really enjoyed Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, which we read over the past few months. Here are some of the reviews from students in her class:

Sam: "I like the book because it had adventure, friendship and drama, and the idea was amazing! I would rate it 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$ out of 10."

Charlie: "I liked Kensuke's Kingdom because it was heartwarming and full of adventure! I would give this book 10 out of 10."

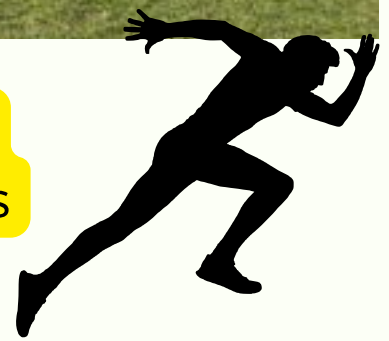
Annie: "Kensuke's Kingdom is a fantastic story full of twists and turns. It's a great book full of excitement. I would rate it 9 and $\frac{1}{2}$ out of 10."

Ruby: "I really enjoyed this book because it was very adventurous. I enjoyed this book so much because it was very eventful. I would give it 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of 10."





St. Patrick's SNS and Realt na Mara had a joint training session out at the field. It was a huge success!!



Ms. Tuite's class took full advantage of the great weather and used our beautiful front garden for their science lesson.

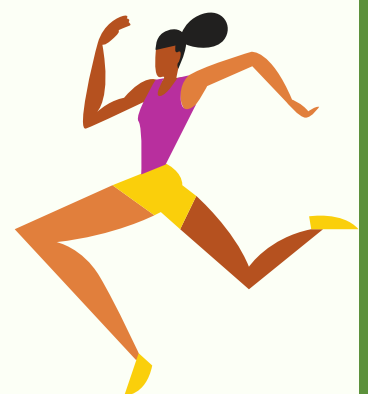




This is our caretaker Stephen. He is a great help to our school and is always around to help the students and teachers with anything they need. Steven always greets everyone with a great big smile and a warm hello. Here he is getting our lovely garden all ready for Spring.



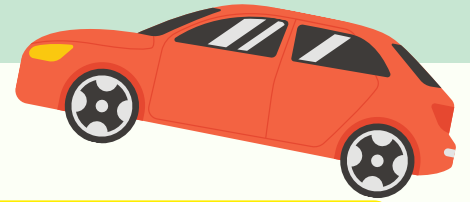
Ms Durkan, Ms Beggs and boys and girls from each class level had a great day out at Athletics in Donabate. All of the runners did incredibly well so well done to everyone involved!!





We had such a lovely time celebrating 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' this year. There were plenty of fun activities occurring around the school over the course of the week with an assembly to finish off the week. Each class practiced a performance which they shared with the other teachers and students at the assembly. Well done to all of the students for their excellent acts! Maith sibh!





Ms Hewitt's Class made their own vehicles using recyclable materials. Their task was for the vehicle to roll a metre in length. Each and every vehicle rolled over that metre! Well done everyone!





Mr. Quigley's class were also very busy working as engineers. They designed and constructed their very own bridges in groups. Their bridge had to support the weight of a copy and all of them passed the test!



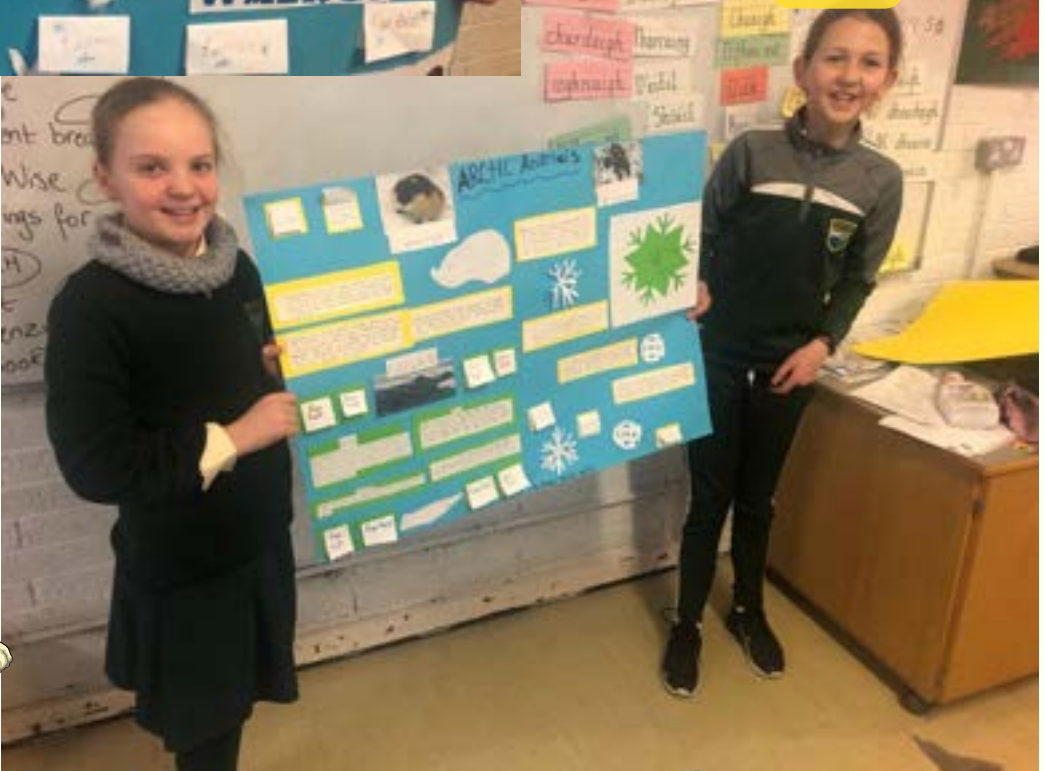
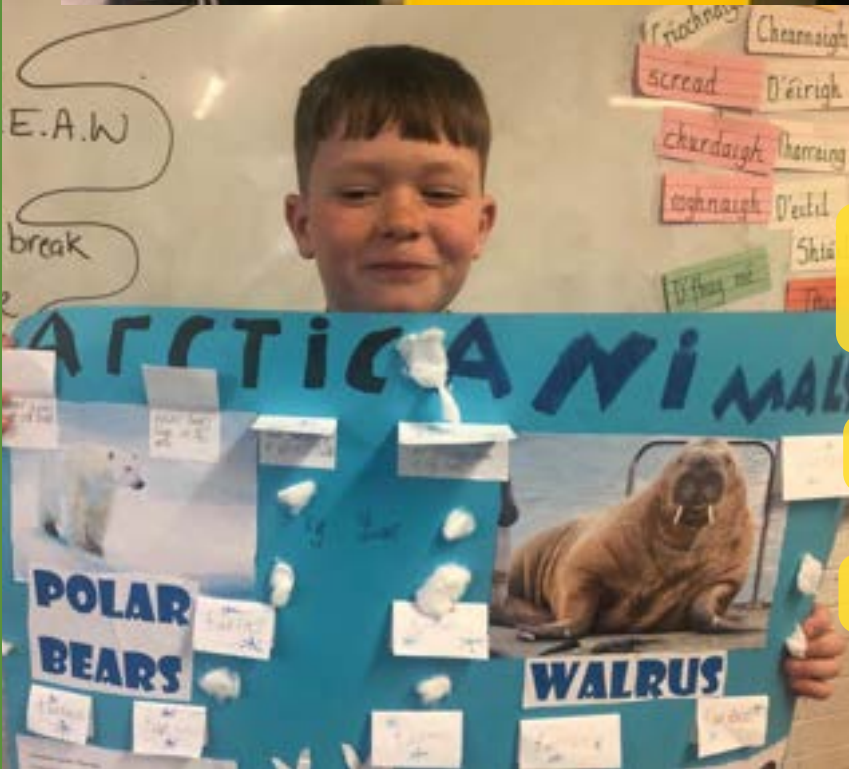


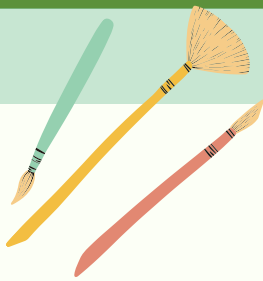
Ms Mac Kenna's 5th class have been enjoying working on some STEM activities. They did some experiments on friction and slopes and investigated how angles and materials influenced the distance a toy car could travel. They also tested their reaction times and found out that some students were more reactive in the morning whereas others had to have their lunches before their reactions sped up!



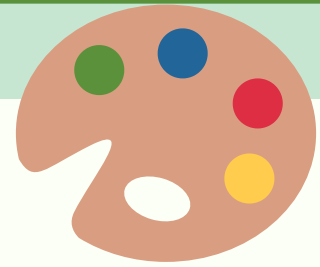


Ms Colgan's class have been working on projects based on different Arctic Animals. As you can see, they have put lots of work into these and learned lots of new and interesting information while having fun!





Artwork



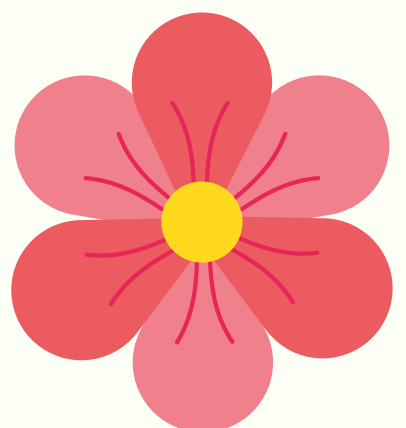
Here is some of the amazing artwork that our students have been creating over the last few weeks. They are such a talented bunch!



Ms Osborne's Class



Ms Flanagan's 3rd Class





Ms Beggs 3rd Class





Mr Quigley's 6th Class

