

# ST PATRICKS SNS NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
STUDENTS AND PARENTS



*School's out for*

*Summer*



And here it is, the final newsletter of the school year! This year has been full of changes for students, staff and parents and it is great that we can end on such a positive note.

All of the staff here at St Patrick's SNS hope everyone has a lovely summer and we wish all of the 6th class students all the best on their journey into secondary school in September!



# Guess who ...?

Here are the answers to our 'Guess Who' activity from our previous newsletter. Did you guess any of them right?

1.



Mrs MacKenna

2.



Ms Beggs

3.



Ms O'Sullivan

4.



Ms Sheehan

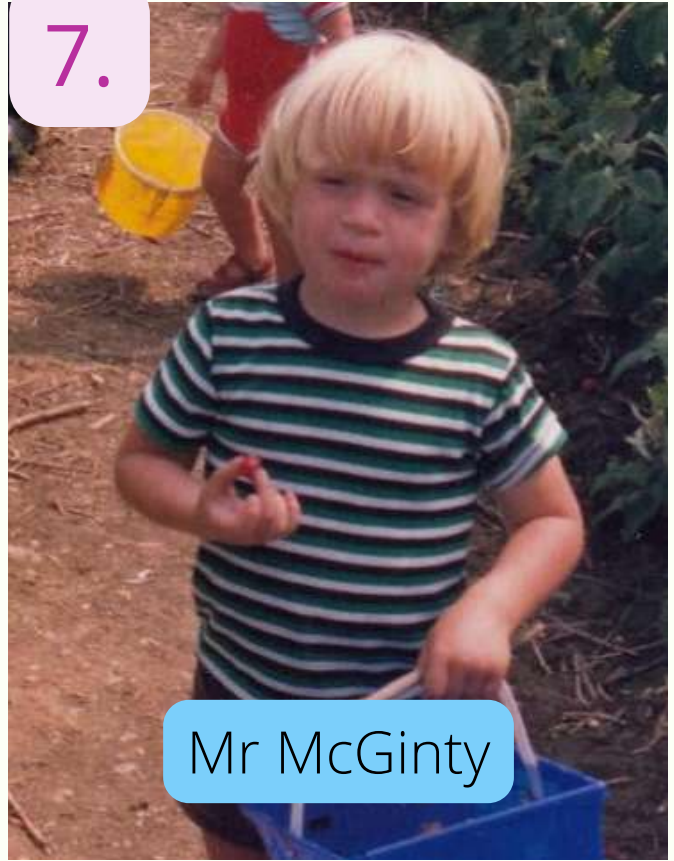
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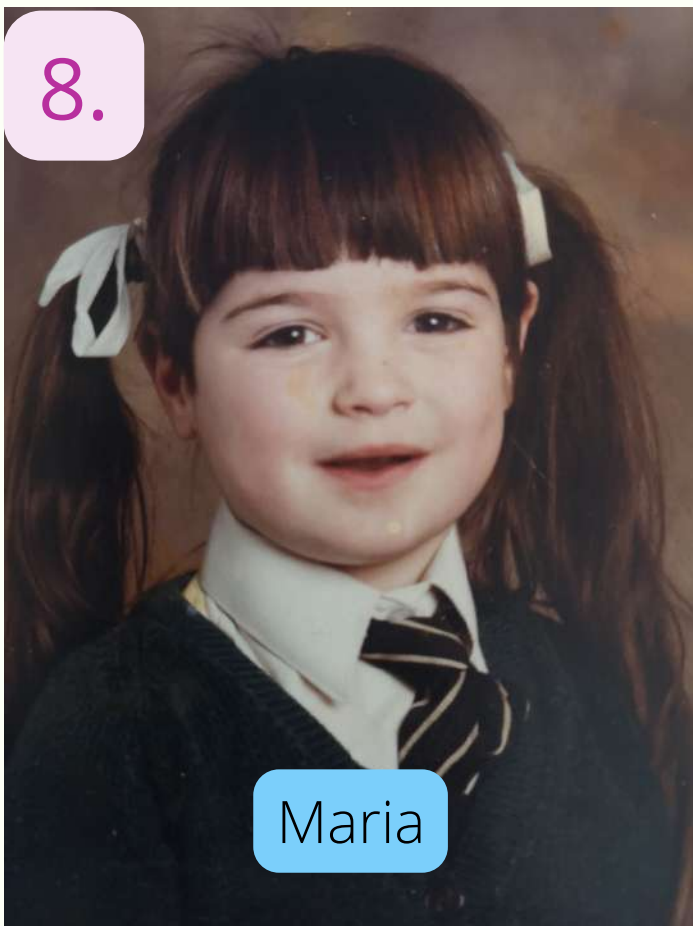
Ms Tully

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Mr McGinty

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Maria

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Stephen

# Guess who ...?

10.



Ms. Flanagan

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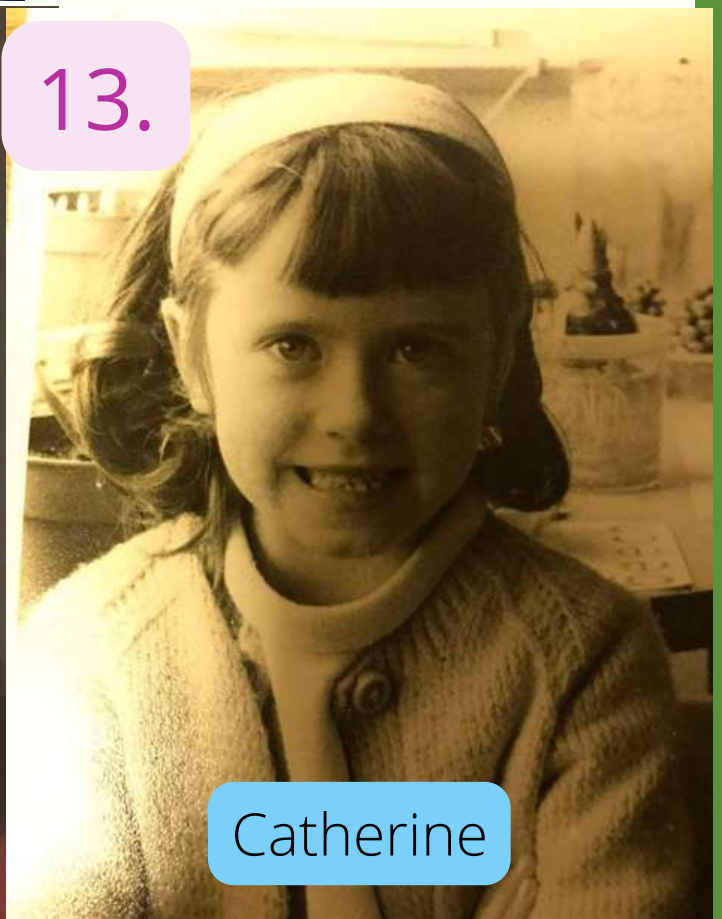
Ms. Hewitt

12.



Ms. McGregor

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Catherine

# Guess who ...?

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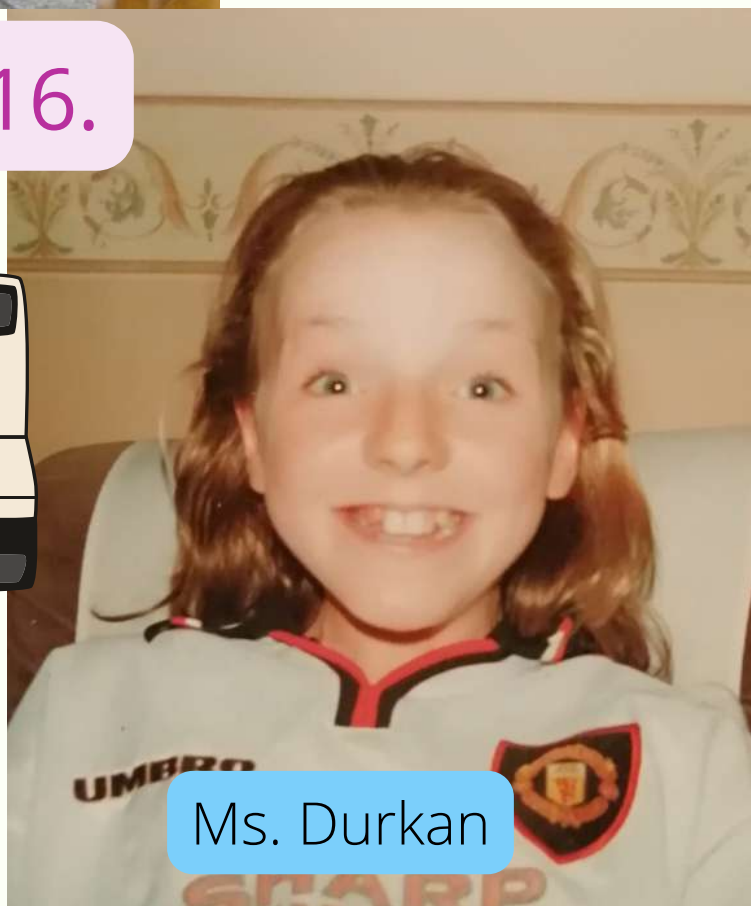
Mr. Kealy

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Mrs. Colgan

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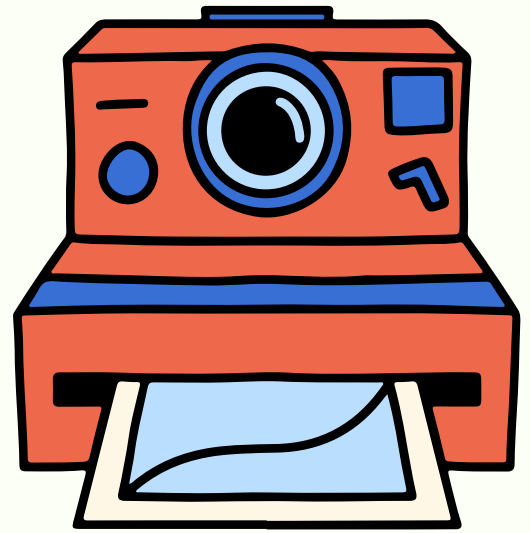
Ms. Durkan

# Guess who ...?

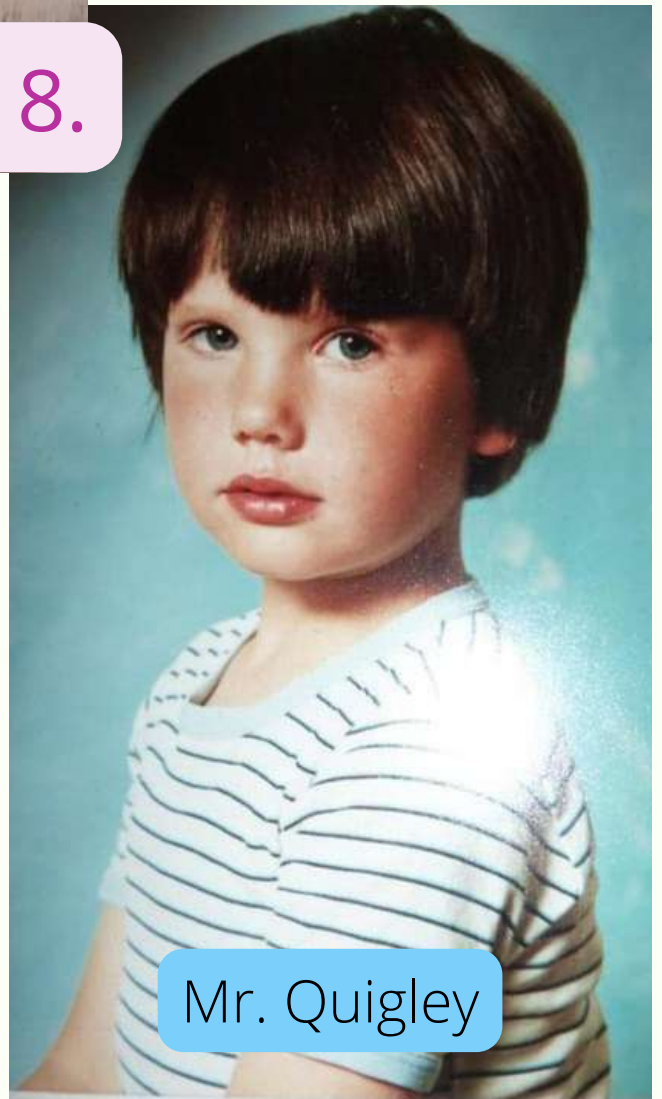
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Ms. Tuite



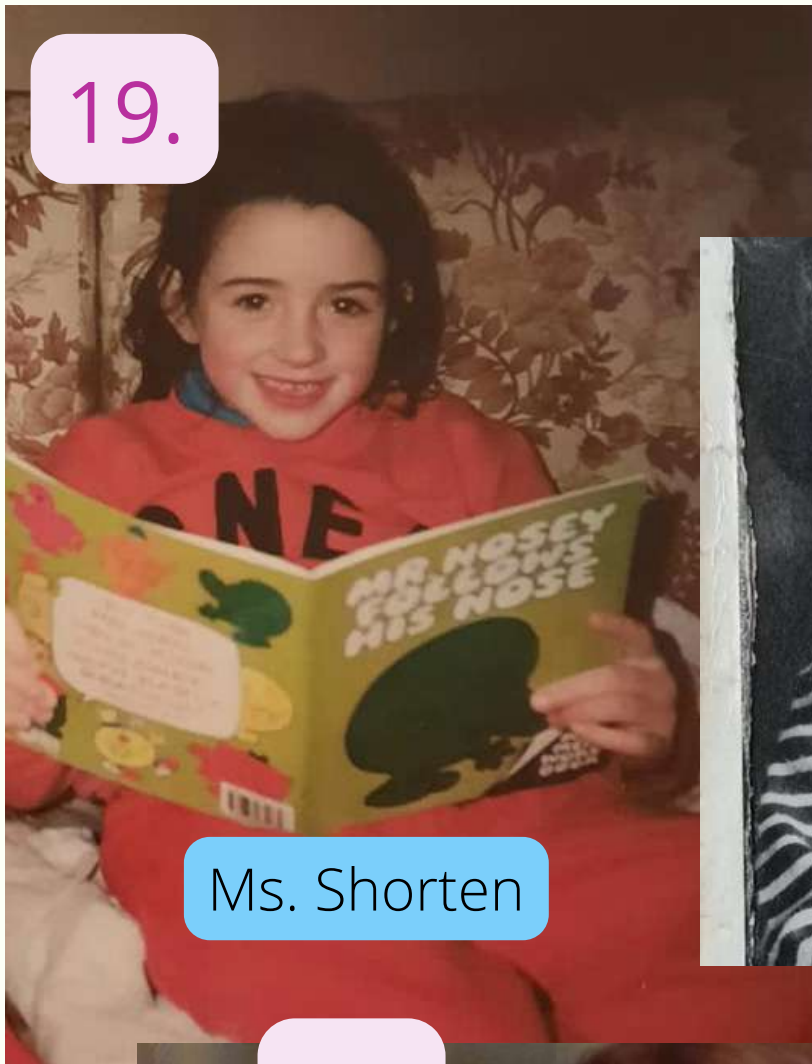
18.



Mr. Quigley

# Guess who ...?

19.



Ms. Shorten

20.



Ms. Kelly

21.



Natasza



# What has been happening



Ms Kelly's class made great use of the fallen leaves from our cherry blossom trees out the front of our school. What an amazing photo opportunity!



The third classes went to Astropark on their school tour this year. By the sounds of it they had a blast!! Here is a recount of how it all went from Elizabeth in Ms. Beggs

class ...

By Elizabeth,

On Tuesday it was my school tour. When we got to school we had to wait for the bus. Eventually the bus got to school. It was a half an hour



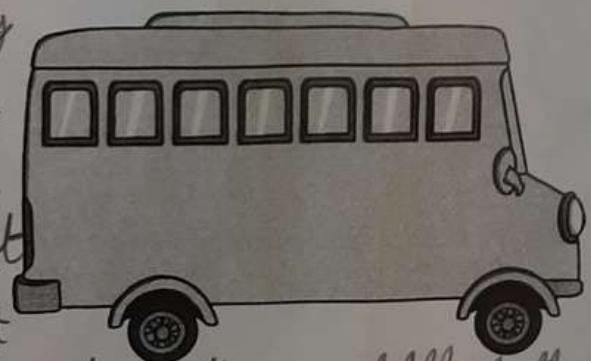
drive of singing. When we got to Astropark we got off the bus. We dropped off our bags and Ms. Beggs split us into groups. My coaches name is Jodie. We went to



the bouncy-castles first. It had an obstacle-course, a football match and a basket ball course. Then we went to the next stations, Nerf war. I didn't like it. After that we went to



bubble football we didn't do any football. After the bubble we did hockey. I really liked it. Then we got lunch. I got five treats. Then we did what ever we wanted to do. My favorite station was bubble football.



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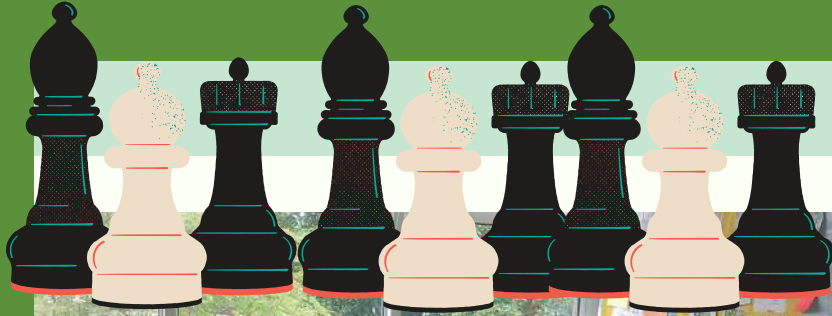


Or 5th class students have been enjoying doing drama classes together. When the weather is good they even do drama outdoors. What fun!?

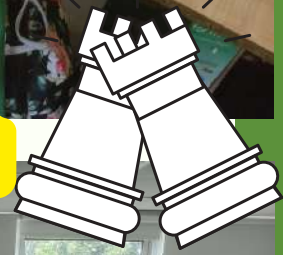
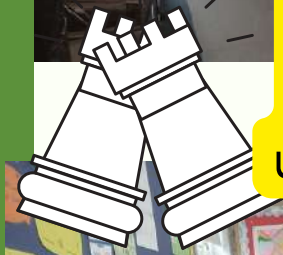


We marked biodiversity week this term in our school. We focused on being more pollinator friendly. Some classes were lucky enough to be brought out by Charlie and Marion, who are involved with Sustainable Skerries, on a Bee Walk. Students went to South Strand to learn about pollinator friendly plants and even went bee spotting.





The students in Mrs. MacKenna's class have been practicing their chess skills using our wonderful chess sets we have here at our school. Look at all of those concentrated faces!



# 5th class school tour to Jumpzone and Ardgillan castle



TOUR



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## Our School Tour

***By Mia Walsh and Orla Scullion***

On the 15th of June 5th class went on a school tour to Jumpzone and Ardgillan. We got coaches to take us to Jumpzone for the morning. There were lots of fun slides and obstacle courses there! Once we had finished playing we had cups of juice and water before leaving. After that, we set off for Ardgillan to have our lunch. After we ate, we went into the playground or onto the grass to play. Then we went back to school on the coaches. We had a great time!

Thank you to everyone who made the school tour possible!



Ms Beggs class made some lovely bird boxes out of old cartons they had at home. They are now hanging in the front garden of our school. It is lovely to see all of the birds coming for a feed. Well done Ms Beggs class!!





Ms. Osborne's class debated the motion 'homework is unnecessary'. The boys and girls did a great job brainstorming points they could make in their teams. They then wrote their arguments in pairs and stated them in the debate. They were all very persuasive!





There was plenty of sport on over the last term. The girls football team played some really exciting matches, the athletics group went to Santry Stadium and we had one of our relay teams place second overall, our boys football team made it to the finals in their division and got to play at Parnell Park and our cricket team won their final match and took home the cup!

Well done to everyone involved we are all soo proud.

Our students had an amazing opportunity to get involved in lots of different types of sport during our sports week such as dance, tennis, rugby, football and more!





Since Biodiversity Week Ms. Tuite's class have been learning about the different ways we can help protect our environment. This week they have been experimenting with creating our own sample of bioplastic. This plastic can be used the same way as some common plastics but it's healthy for the environment!

# Green-Schools Committee

The Green-schools committee has been busy this term.

Our Green-schools committee members have been helping our caretaker Stephen to monitor our recycling bins and ensure they are sorted every week. We did lots of work for National Bike Week, including a very successful COW day (Cycle on Wednesdays). We had never seen so

many bikes here in St. Patrick's SNS so thank you to everyone who made an effort to cycle to school. We also celebrated National Biodiversity week by learning about the importance of pollinators. Charlie and Marion from

Sustainable Skerries brought some of our pupils on guided bee walks to the South Strand. We found lots of species of bumble bee, including the very rare Large Carder Bee. We ran a competition for pupils to design a pollinator-friendly garden. We got lots of beautiful entries

and the winners were Natalia from Ms Colgan's class, Daniel from Ms Osborne's class and Emily from Ms Hewitt's class. We have also secured a grant from Microsoft through the Change X organisation to start a Junior Pollinator project in our school garden. We will begin work in September to make our garden even more pollinator-friendly. Watch this space! Thank you to the

Green-schools committee members for their enthusiasm and hard work this year. We would like to wish our 6th class committee members the very best for secondary school and look forward to working with the rest of the

committee again next year.

# Green-Schools Committee



## When We Grow Up – Book Launch!

We had the launch of our book 'When We Grow Up' on Thursday the 16th of June. We all wrote a page about what we would like to be and do when we grow up and our book was published!

We were joined by Ms. Colgan and Ms. Tuite's classes and lots of our parents and grandparents! A few of us read our pages from the book, Rachel and Geoff read poems that they wrote and we sang a couple of songs. We had some treats at the end and we even got a delicious chocolate biscuit cake with our book cover on it!

The whole process from the first draft to the finished product took nearly three months. We are delighted with how it turned out.

Ms. Sheehan's Class

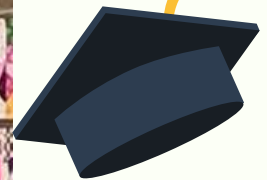


The PA kindly organized a Garden Party for all of the classes, including our incoming thirds. They had games, music and ice cream!! Thank you for putting together such a fun activity!!



# Sixth Class Graduation

Our sixth class students graduated on Friday 24th of June. We had an amazing celebration in the community centre hall with lots of singing, dancing, performances, poems, readings and speeches. It was an extremely special day for all of our boys and girls who are leaving us this year. Like Mr. McGinty said, you are always welcome back here anytime and we look forward to hearing about all of the amazing adventures you will go on to have.





# Class of



Ms. Durkan's Class



Ms. Hewitt's Class



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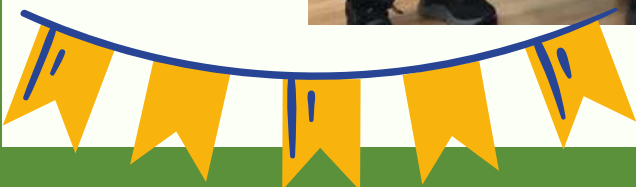
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Mr. Quigley's Class



Mr. Kealy's Class

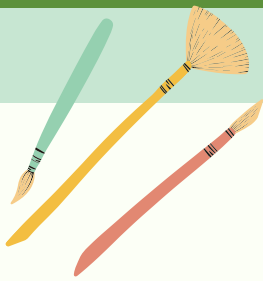


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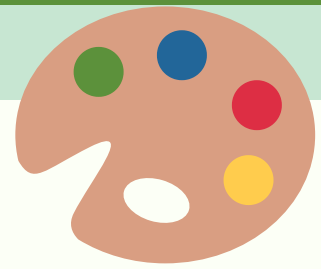
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Also, a huge congratulations to Sarah Mai Holmes who was our winner of the Larry Carr Cup 2022. This cup is presented every year to a pupil who is always positive, happy and kind to both staff and pupils and Sarah Mai is a worthy recipient. Well done Sarah Mai!!

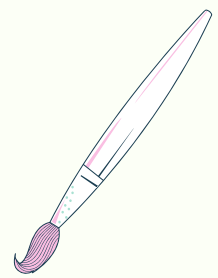




# Artwork



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 Kelly's Class





*We created lots of art!*

Ms Flanagan's 3rd Class



# The Parents Association

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