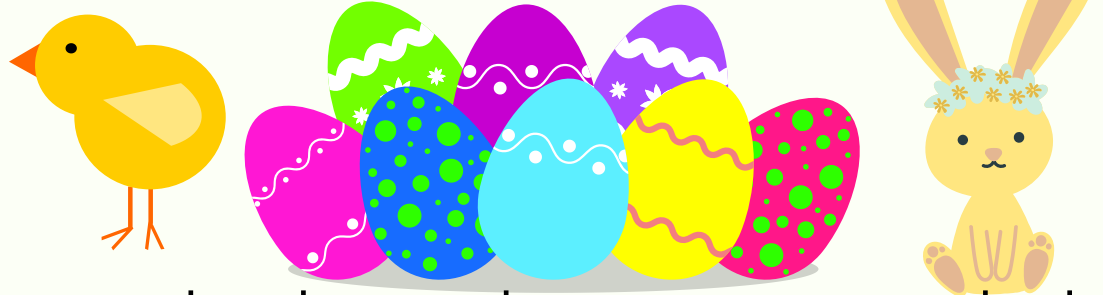


# ST PATRICKS SNS NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
STUDENTS AND PARENTS

## Happy Easter!!



This term has been a busy one to say the least! There has been a lot going on over the last few weeks for all of the boys and girls here at ST. Patricks SNS and this newsletter is but a snapshot of these happenings.

We hope everyone has a well deserved break over Easter and enjoys indulging in some yummy chocolate.

We will see everyone when we are back on the 17th of April.



## 6th Class Debates

Our 6th class students have been taking part in a debating league. The classes go head to head debating different topics in the halla. The students work very hard gathering information, statistics and facts to put together strong points in order to come out on top.



# Sport

This term has been filled with a variety of different sports. Both boys and girls teams have been off playing matches against other schools in the area.

Ms. Durkan took a group of boys and girls to Lusk SNS to play a basketball match. They had a great time!!



## Sport

Sixteen 6th class pupils headed to Gannon Park in Malahide to face other schools on a 5-a-side soccer tournament. St Patricks scored lots of goals and both boys and girls did really well.

Everyone had a great day!

by Lennon - Ms Durkan's Class



## Sport

Our school gaelic football team have gotten off to a brilliant start this year. The boys have Rush national school in the premier division. The last time St Pats were in this divisions was 12 years ago. We have never won it but we are trying do it for the first time in the school history. After the game we were convinced that we had won but the referee had scored that it was a draw. Our principal Mr McGinty worked hard to get us the two points which he did. The referee had missed a point during the match which was crucial to the victory. The training has been competitive but very fun. It's a great way for our coaches to see the student's skill levels. After our long Easter break we will be playing Oliver Plunkets and then Pope John Pauls. The whole team are very excited for the year ahead.



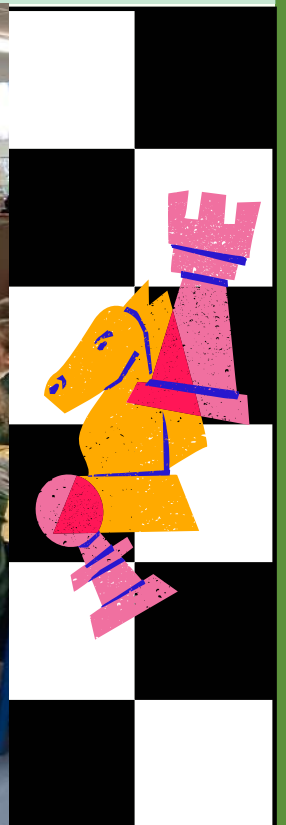
By Fionn,  
Eoin,  
Tom, and  
Conor  
Ms  
Hewitt's  
Class

## Sport



The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class girls and boys went to Donabate to race. The weather on the first day was terrible, with it raining the whole time. The second day was great mainly because the weather was nice. Everyone did amazing, and lots won their races. - by Lennon

# Chess



Skerries Chess Club came in to our school to promote chess among the students. Well done Ms. Tuite's Class!



## Sowing Seeds in 5th class



Ms Kelly's sowed seeds in pots last week. First we talked about what we wanted to plant, and how we would plant them. We had the choice of lupins, poppies, Lenten roses, turnips, carrots or chives. The lupin, poppy and Lenten rose are from seeds Ms Kelly took from dead flowers in her garden last autumn.

First we put on our gloves and were each given a pot. Then we filled our pot with compost. Then we sprinkled more soil on top to make sure the seed was covered. Lastly we left them on Steven's pot rack. We are very lucky to have Steven, who has offered to bring the rack out every day so the pots can be in the sun.

Nancy chose lupin seeds because she loves the colours of the flowers, and poppy seeds because she likes the shape of the petals.

We are hopeful that the sun, air, space and Steven's TLC will make these seeds germinate! If we get seedlings, we are allowed take them home.

By Annie, Katelyn and Nancy





## Green Schools



The Green-schools committee has been hard at work this term, trying to earn our 6th green flag - “Global Citizenship: Litter and Waste”. We have been monitoring waste separation and recycling in the school, as well as educating the school community about how our actions affect the planet and people living around the world. We were delighted with the results when we repeated our environmental review which we previously completed at the start of the programme in October, 2021. We found that we have reduced the amount of waste our school sends to landfill by half, from 800kg per fortnight to 400kg per fortnight! Awareness of Fairtrade and food origins also increased amongst the school community. Green-schools really makes a difference!

## Green Schools

Our 3rd classes have teamed up with S.E.A.L. (Skerries - Everybody Against Litter) and have been doing some litter picking, after a visit from members of the Tidy Towns Committee in January. Ms Sheehan's 4th class and Ms Kelly's 5th class have been planting fruit and vegetable seeds in their classrooms. We hope to plant these out into our biodiversity-friendly garden and our caretaker Stephen has been busy planting pollinator-friendly plants which will provide food for bees and other pollinators.



## Green Schools



In February we organised a Global Citizenship week in the school. All of our pupils learned about global citizenship in their classrooms, 3rd classes learned about littering, 4th classes learned all about Fair Trade, 5th classes learned about fast fashion and 6th classes learned about food miles. The Green-schools committee organised a textiles collection with Clothes Pod. We collected 32 black bags full of clothes and raised €130 which we'll be donating to the Red Cross earthquake appeal. Thank you to all the families who donated.

# Green Schools



At the end of the week we had a Global Citizenship fair in the school hall. The Green-schools committee and our Transition Year helpers set up stalls in the hall on various themes (fast fashion, waste sorting, Fair Trade, global citizenship, food miles etc.) with posters, information sheets and videos. Every pupil in the school attended the fair with a worksheet and had to find the answers to their questions at the stalls. It was a great success and a learning experience for everyone involved. Last week, Sinéad from Fingal County Council visited the school to talk with our Green-schools committee and was very impressed with their hard work. Well done to our enthusiastic Green-schools committee members for all of their work this term!

# Green Schools



# Creative Week

We had some amazing activities happening in our school for creative week. Thank you to the parents association and Mr. Quigley for all of the work they put into running the week. And of course a big thank you to Shane Hegarty, Denyze and Tom from Skerries Art School, Keys and Strings, and The Rock Bakery for sharing your exceptional talents with us all.



# Creative Week



# Skerries Mills Art Exhibition

Students in 5th and 6th class made the trip over to the mills to take a look at the brilliant Art Exhibition put on by Skerries art school. The students were amazed at the talent displayed and even took some inspiration for their own art. Well done to all of our students who had their work shown in the exhibitions!





# Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge this term with plenty of fun activities including rince gaeilge, ag canadh amhráin, ag léamh leabhair gaeilge, ag labhairt Gaeilge, lá glas agus an tionól.

Bhí an-spraoi againn!!



# Seachtain na Gaeilge



# World Book Day



We celebrated World Book Day in our school with a range of different activities, including dressing up as our favourite characters from a book.



# Confirmation

We have been very busy over the last couple of weeks preparing for our confirmation. We had our ceremony of light on the 8th of March on church webcam. We also visited the church for 10am mass, where we did a Q and A with Fr. Melvyn afterwards. We have been learning prayers, the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, and hymns in class.

We have been working on our confirmation scrapbooks and art each day. They are coming along very nicely. The scrapbooks include fun and personal information and details about us, our baptisms and communions. For our art, each class has their own board to decorate. There are doves, water, wind, and flames, all the symbols of the confirmation.

We are all looking forward to our confirmation the week we come back from Easter break!

by Harry and Clara  
Mr. Quigley's Class



# Incredible Edibles

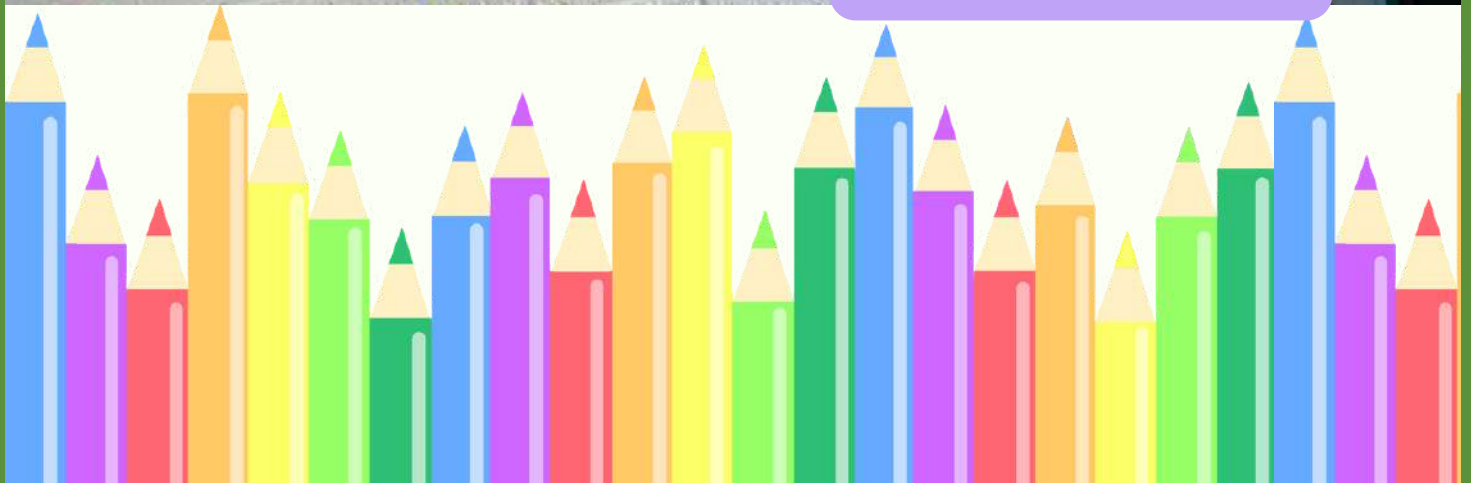
Ms Sheehan's class are taking part in the Incredible Edibles Programme. They are learning about healthy eating by planting vegetables and learning about the origins of food. A few weeks ago they planted chives, lettuce, carrots, turnip, and spinach with Stephen's help. Their plants are making great progress - look how much the turnips

have grown!



# Art

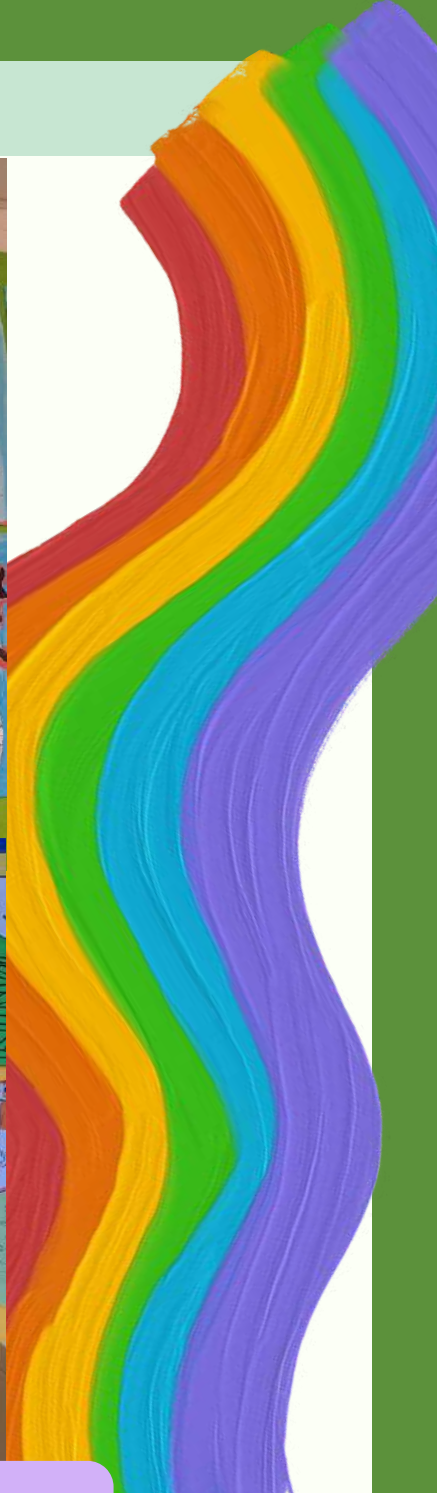
We have some very talented artist in our school! Our classrooms and hallways are so bright and colourful thanks to all the amazing artwork our students do in school. Here are some examples of artwork up on our walls this term.



# Art



Ms. Kelly/Ms. Guests's class



# Art



Ms. Osborne's class





# Art



Ms. Flanagan and Ms. O' Sullivan's class



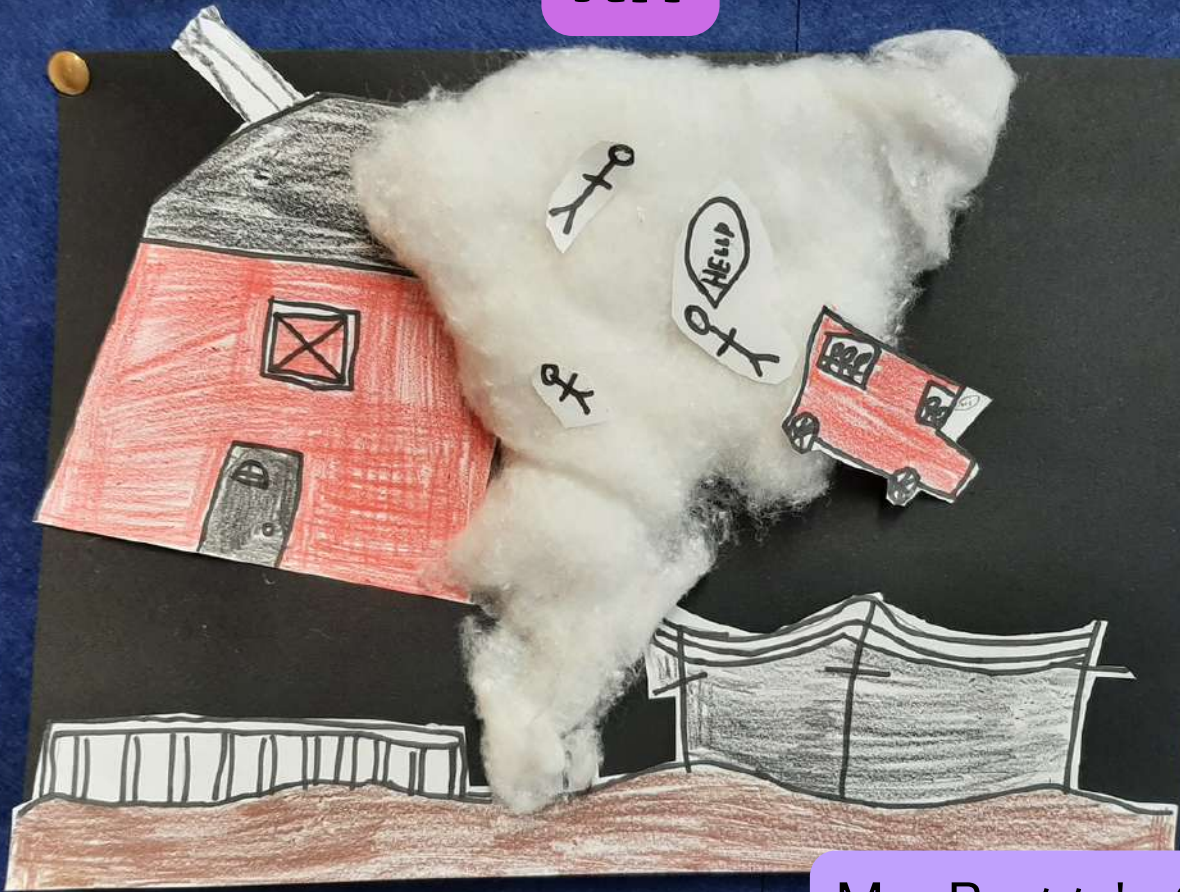
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Mr. Kealy's Class



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Ms. Beggs's Class

