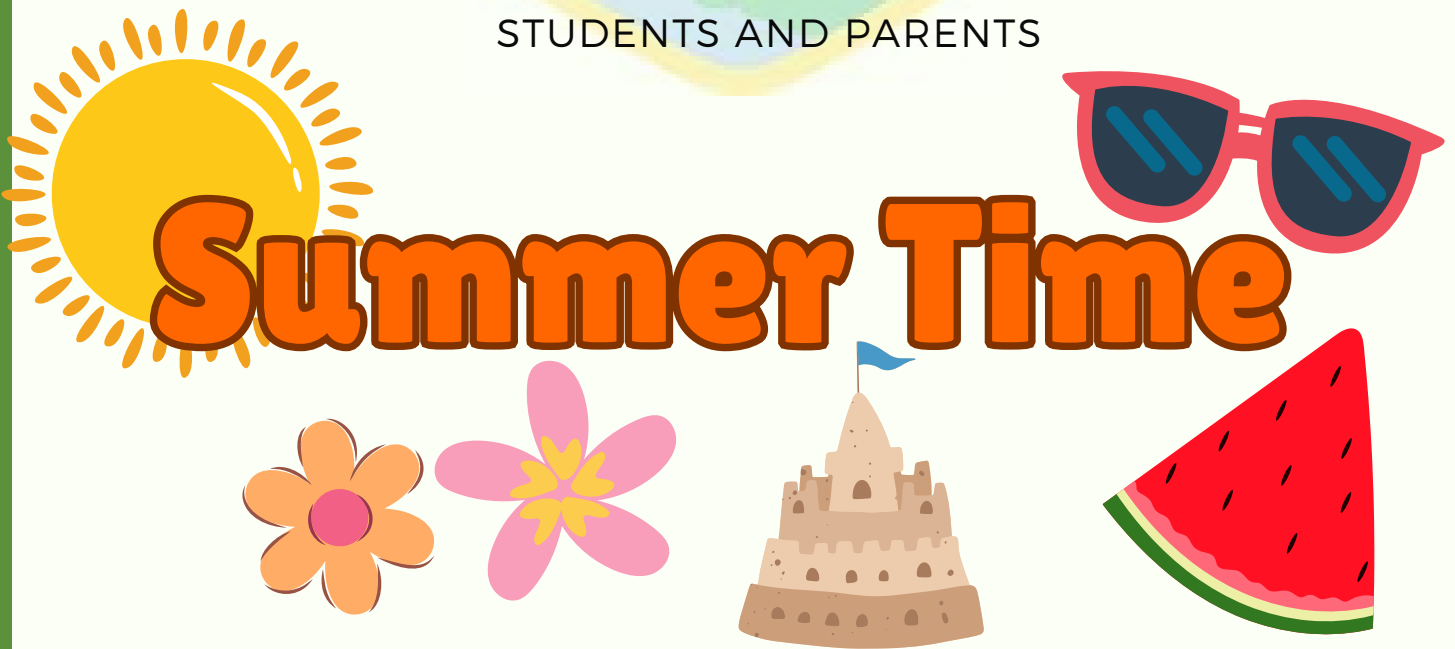


ST PATRICKS SNS NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
STUDENTS AND PARENTS



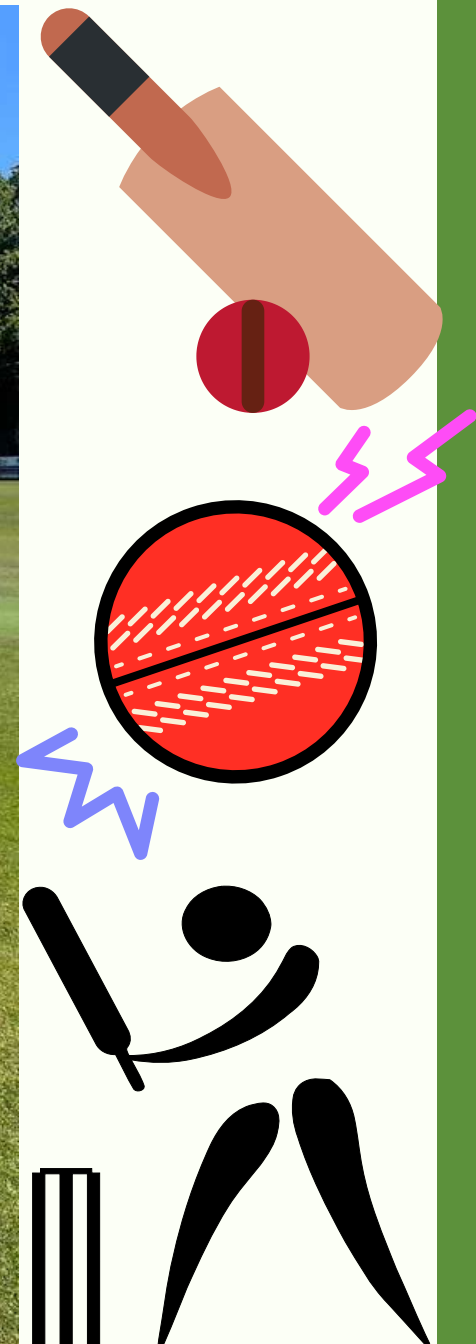
What an amazing couple weeks we have had to finish out our school year. The last term is always jam packed with plenty of fun activities such as school tours, active week, garden parties, graduation and so on. Luckily we had some amazing weather which helped lift our spirits bringing us up to our summer holidays.

We hope everyone has an amazing summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone return the end of August.

Sport

Cricket

Congratulations to our school cricket team who has won their final against Milverton, taking home the trophy for the second year in a row. Well done to everyone involved and thanks to Ms. Quinn who helped out with the team at all of their matches.



Sport

Active Week

We had some amazing activities over the week of active week. Our students enjoyed dance, hockey, fun games, tennis, soccer, GAA, bowls and many more .



Sport



Athletics

The athletics team really enjoyed all of the events this year. It all kicked off with the Fingal Cross Country in Donabate. We weren't always lucky with the weather, but that didn't mean everyone didn't go out and give it their best shot. The final was held in Alsaá and we were thrilled when St Patricks took home the trophy. Comann Na mBunscoil took place in UCD this year. Many students in 5th and 6th class enjoyed taking part in lots of track and field events. The 6th class girls were delighted when they won a medal. A big thank you to Ms Durkan for for organising all of the athletics teams throughout the year and also to Ms Beggs and Steven for enduring all of the noisy bus rides!
by Bethan and Romi



Skerries Hockey Club Primary School Outreach

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You child has recently taken part in hockey training at their primary school as part of a Skerries Hockey Club outreach program. Our aim is to allow kids to try hockey, maybe for the first time, in the hope that the fun and excitement they experience may encourage them to take up the sport.

Taking up hockey outside of school will give the kids a chance to mix with children from different schools, make new friends through sport and to discover the excitement of representing our area in Leinster underage competitions.



Skerries Hockey Club

The club is based at the Skerries Community Center and has been active in the town for the past 55 years. Our mission is to keep kids playing hockey throughout their school years. There are currently 250+ kids playing hockey with the club from junior infants through to 6th year students. We also run a Hockey4All program, a fun-filled, adapted format for children and adults of all abilities.

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Skerries Hockey Club Primary School Outreach

Hockey Camps

We will be hosting hockey camps during the summer holidays for each primary school age groups.



Club Membership

The club is open to new members of all age groups.

Junior infants to 4th class train one hour per week (Sunday mornings). 5th class, 6th class and 1st year students train 2 hours per week.

4th class and 5th class also get to play in various hockey blitzes during the season against other local clubs.

6th class and 1st year students all get the chance to represent our area in Leinster leagues.

Contact Details

For notifications about our **hockey camps** or to **join the club**, please send your name, phone number, child's name and current class to:

juniorskerrieshockeyclub@gmail.com

or

SMS or WhatsApp Patrick on
085 2537510

Green Schools

After two years of hard work, our school was awarded with our sixth Green Flag at a ceremony in the City North Hotel on 25th May. Well done to our wonderful Green-schools committee and thank you to everybody who supported our Green-schools initiatives. You can read more in the piece below by Jennifer Parker, one of our 5th class Green-schools committee members.

We all worked so hard to get our flag and in the process I learned about so many things like Fair Trade, how far our food travels and my personal favourite - fast fashion and how it affects the planet and its inhabitants. From all that learning we gained our Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste Flag (our sixth out of the ten flags we need to collect).

Some of the Green-schools committee, including myself, went in a taxi to a hotel to collect our flag. It was a bit bigger than I expected - OK it was huge! We also got our certificate, we each got a badge and Ms Shorten got a bag with the Green-schools flag on it. We also got some food.

Green Schools

When we got back to our school everyone looked so proud as we showed our flag around. Thanks to the Green-schools committee, all the teachers and their students. Even if you only do something small and you think “This does not matter at all,” it does, I promise you. Thank you to Ms. Shorten who helped us so much too.



Green Schools



Green Schools

This term some of our classes have been lucky enough to be brought on guided bee walks by Charlie and Marian from Sustainable Skerries.

Charlie and Marian have imparted so much fascinating knowledge about bumble bees and about plants which are beneficial to pollinators.

Thanks again to Charlie and Marian for being so generous with their time. We even managed to spot the rare Large Carder Bee on some of our walks.

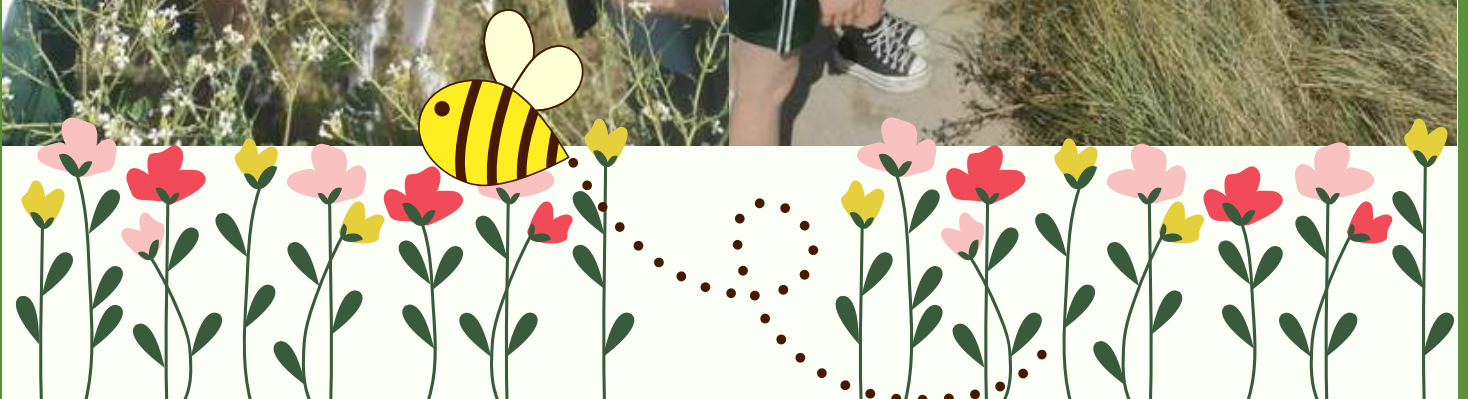


Bee Walk and Beach Day

Mrs O'Sullivan and Ms Flanagan's class

We had a really special time with Loki's grandparents, Charlie and Marion, who taught us all about bee life in Skerries.

Then we enjoyed playing football and creating sandcastle masterpieces on the beach.



Bee Walk and Beach Day



We finished off our day with an uachtar reoite from Storm in a Teacup (plus a visit to the playground on the way!) We had a blast!

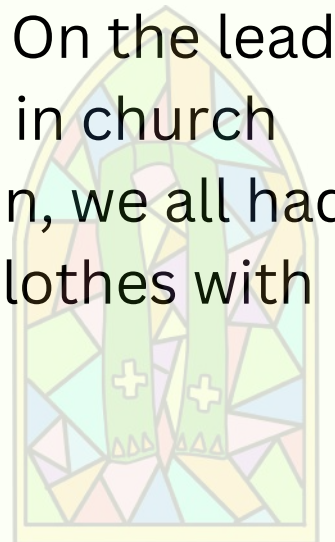


Confirmation

Our 6th class students made their Confirmation on our return to school after Easter. They all looked amazing and enjoyed their days. On the Friday after their Confirmation, all of the 6th class students came in to show off their outfits and get their photos professionally taken. They also made a visit to the junior school to meet with their buddies and tell them all about making their Confirmation.

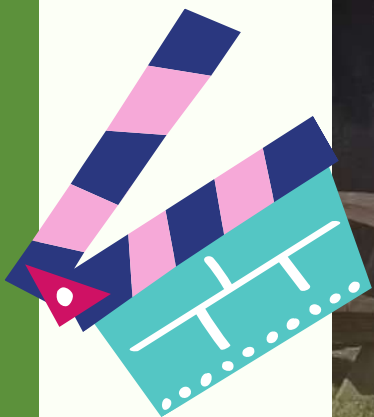
Emma from Ms. Hewitt's class wrote a little piece on her experience of the Confirmation:

'On Wednesday the 19th of April 2023, Ms. Hewitt's and Mr. Quigley's class made their Confirmation. Mr Kealy and Ms. Durkan's class had theirs on the 20th of April. We all had great fun with our teachers, friends and Fr. Melvyn. All of our teachers were really helpful. They put together reading and helped us with any questions we had. On the lead up to the Confirmation, we had two in church masses and one on zoom. In conclusion, we all had an amazing day in our fancy dresses/clothes with everyone who attended.'



Drama

5th class students have been meeting up to do collective drama classes throughout the year. They have been taking advantage of the nice weather and our lovely front garden over the last couple weeks to put their learned techniques into practice.



Six Nations and Triple Crown

Our students had the amazing opportunity to get to see (and hold) both the Six Nations and Triple Crown trophies right here in our school. The trophies made their rounds around all of the classes and the students got to ask any rugby related questions they had to both Andy and Aileen. What an amazing visit.



50th Anniversary

Sponsored Walk

On Thursday the 1st of June, the whole school took part in the sponsored walk. Every student walked 2.5km and altogether we walked 500 miles.

Our class raised €1,900 and the total for the school was €11,500! We had a great time and we got ice pops after.

Seven classes won pizza parties which we are going to have on the last week of school.

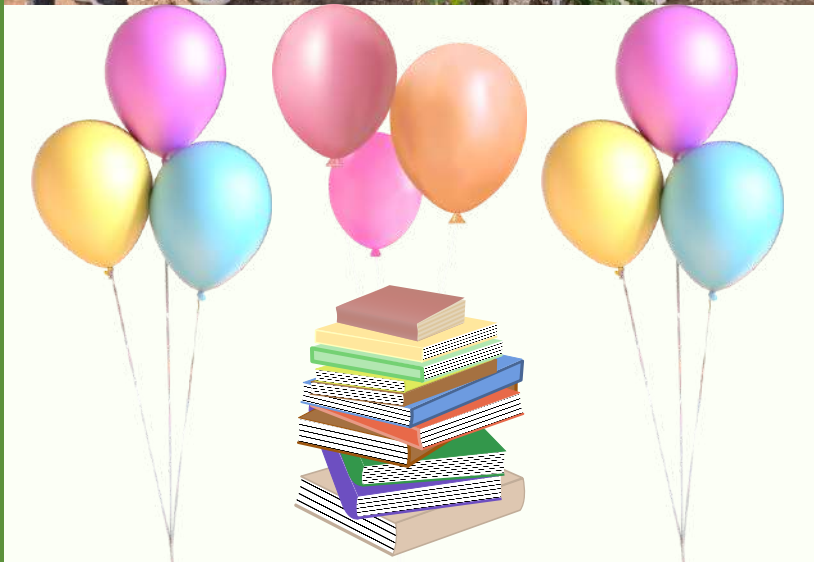
We can't wait!

By Esme and Amelia from Ms. Sheehan's class.



50th Anniversary

We had two big celebrations to mark our school turning 50 years old. Fr. Melvyn and Monsignor Dan delivered a lovely mass accompanied by many students, teachers and our school choir. We then had a lovely assembly in the Community Centre hall, where we had performances from our students, stories from both past and present students and some more lovely singing from our choir.



Memorable Moments

Ms Montcalm's class were reminiscing on their year in 5th class. Here are some of the things they had to say:

'A memorable moment that I remember was the bee walk. We got to go around Skerries and look and talk about bumblebees! It was fun and interesting and I enjoyed it! We got to learn that there are 21 different types of bumblebees in Skerries! We also got to see the rarest one in Skerries!'

Giulia King, 5th Class

'This year we did egg parachutes and it was one of my favourite things we did this year! I was in a group of 3 (including myself). We used a bin bag, an egg carton and string. We tied them together and KABOOM! we had a parachute! It survived (even after the parachute broke) but the egg broke at the final stage, the dreaded window. Anyway, that's all!'



Richie Devereux, 5th Class

Memorable Moments

'A memorable moment from this term was Active Week when we did golf, dance, tennis, rugby, games, hockey, GAA, the sponsored walk and soccer. It was such a good week because you would walk into school and know you have some sort of sport on. All the coaches were so nice and made the activities so so so fun. This week was so memorable and fun!'

Ruby Carron, 5th Class



Chess Tournament

4th class students in both St. Patrick's S.N.S. and Réalt na Mara were lucky enough to have a have a series of chess lessons with Mr. John Loughran from Skerries Chess Club this year.

In June, 4th classes from both schools finally got to meet up for a chess tournament to test our new skills.

It was a day filled with sunshine, chess challenges, football and cakes. We were delighted to spend the day with new friends in Réalt na Mara, and a fantastic day out was had by all.



Chess Tournament



Class of 2023

Congratulations to all of our 6th class students who have graduated this week as the class of 2023. They have had a busy last term making their confirmation, doing some fun activities with their buddies, going to the beach, going on their school tour and of course graduating from school.

We wish them all the best of luck on their journey into secondary school. You'll all be missed!



Class of 2023

