

Notes from Class activities April and May 2024

Second class are full of excitement for our big day on May 18th and have spent the past few weeks working hard learning prayers, songs and responses for our First Holy Communion. In Art we studied Michelangelo and had an interesting time trying to draw upside down like the great painter himself did when he painted the roof of the Sistine Chapel! We also ran a very successful Brownie Business in the school where we baked and sold brownies to the students and staff with the aim to raise enough money to pay for an outing for ourselves! We were very successful and next week we are off for a pool party and Supermacs! Thanks to everyone who supported us!

4th Class prepared for swimming lessons by understanding the importance of safety around water. We also got a visit from Birr Tidy towns about biodiversity and are working on a class project that will be shared with Birr Tidy Towns as part of this year's stride to obtain 1st place!

Senior Infants have been doing lots of lovely Art activities. They designed umbrellas and painted rainbows and cherry blossom trees. They have also made "Grass seed head".

Junior Infants had a very busy month. We learned all about pizza and made our own pizzas in class. They were yummy! We also learned about different weather and how to dress for different types of weather. Bee-bots arrived in our room this month and we had great fun programming them to move using all the directions. We love technology in Junior Infants!

Ms Grimes class had a very busy few weeks. Some boys made pottery pieces and learned Spanish. Boys have also been enjoying music, learning the tin whistle, keyboard and boomwhackers with Ms Killeen.

Mr Cooke's class have been working hard practicing for their music show with Ms. Killeen. We enjoyed our tour to Tearaways with the other Cairdeas Class.

Third Class in Science learned all about grass seeds and they had fun designing their own gardens. In Geography they navigated their way around the Atlas, looking at some countries and capitals of Europe. Then in History, we took a look at what Ireland was like in the 1800s and compared it to our lives today. The boys are really enjoying hurling with Shane on Tuesdays and to get some more exercise in, we do daily runs in the morning around the school. As part of English, we are looking at Transformers and are going to make our own comic strip based on what we know or have learned.

Mr. Cunningham's Class have been busy celebrating a few birthdays in our class. We made rice-crispy buns to celebrate. The boys learned about measurements and weights and then practiced the writing of procedures.

On 13th April the boys in **6th Class** received the sacrament of Confirmation. It was a wonderful day of music and prayer with the boys, their families and extended community.

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

June 2024



Grandparents day in school hall

Grandparents day 2024 was a lovely occasion at our school hall. It has always been a success in giving the opportunity to parents and grandparents to come into our school to see the boys of 2nd and 4th classes sing a few tunes and enjoy some tea / cake - well done to the classes and their teachers and SNAs who prepared them with Ms Killeen - Massive thanks to our HSCL Ann Hennelly and Betty Hogan for setting up the hall with tea coffee and buns so beautifully. Finally thanks to our audience who came in such great numbers (over 100 in the hall !) and we are glad you all enjoyed it.

End of year school mass.

The mass will take place this Thursday 20th June at 1.15pm and all are welcome to join us with Fr Arnold celebrating. The theme of the mass is " Give thanks" The later time of 1.15pm is to allow our music teacher Ms Killeen to join us as she has school retirement mass in Ballinamere. Mass should finish at 2.00pm—2.15pm so ALL boys go home at this time. Please note infants later home time.

School end-of-year reports and holidays

School closes THURSDAY 27th June for summer holidays—Staggered close times same as Easter Infants 12.20pm
All other classes 12.30pm

Student end of year reports

Every pupil will receive his class report in sealed envelope this week as per DES guidance.
Some classes will be Tuesday / Wednesday and others will be Thursday if they are on tour. School retains a copy on file on aladdin system under GDPR regulations.

Also included in envelope will be
School Calendar 2024 / 2025 including restart date of Thursday 29th August 2024.
Staffing list outlining class teachers 2024 / 2025.
Support for parents Understanding Standardized scores sheet (STEN) for classes 2nd / 4th and 6th.
Pupil Stationary list to buy for September.

The BOM wish to again inform parents that the Free school book scheme is in operation at our school. This means that the school has purchased all the textbooks , workbooks and copy books for all pupils for 24/25.
Please see attached note with reports - school costs (back to school September 2024)

Friday 21st June—Sports day (weather permit)
Monday 24th June— End year awards ceremony 11.30am
Monday 24th June—Staff v 6th class soccer match
Tuesday 25th June— 6th Class graduation ceremony 4pm
Thursday 27th June—School holidays (half day— no hot dinners)

Visit of YOU TUBE Award winner— Luke Lynch

Delighted to welcome back past pupil Mr Luke Lynch to the school on foot of his recent YOU TUBE award for 100,000 subscribers -
(he now has over 250,000 to his channel !) fnafoi1278

Luke spoke to the 5th and 6th class boys about his channel , his award , the equipment he uses , the long hours of content creation and editing , the issues with copyright , how to get paid by YOUTUBE and finally how he deals with success and how he deals with negative and hate comments in such a positive way -

The classes were spellbound by this as lots already know of channels or have their own accounts. Thanks Luke for being such a positive role model and inspiration and we hope to have you back when you reach 1 million!!



Class Notes

5th class have had a very busy month. We designed and completed our “Class Book”, in which we each wrote a piece about our favourite memories. We have also been partaking in hurling coaching with Shane each Tuesday, which we all really enjoy.

Ms Collins 1st Class planted sunflower seeds, we learned about the lifecycle and the parts of a sunflower. Some of our flower stems have grown to about 25cm! We created sunflowers using paper in Art. We were inspired by the artist Vincent Van Gogh. We were learning all about Birr town and how it has changed over time. We have been enjoying hurling with Shane and we were delighted when we got the bonus session! We look forward to the summer months.

Ms. Kenny's 1st class learnt about the lifecycle of sunflowers, we planted our own sunflower seeds and in art the boys used forks to create prints to make sunflowers. In Maths, the boys were learning all about money and worked as shopkeepers to give change from 50c. We also learnt about Green Travel and created bar charts to see how we travel to school. The boys also interviewed their grandparents/parents to see what life was like when they were young and then compared it to how their own life is now. It was interesting to see the similarities and differences! We also continue to enjoy joining with Ms. Collins class for lots of fun Maths and English stations!