

November News from the classes (Continued)

In November the boys in **2nd Class** were exploring all things scientific. They were making magic potions by mixing materials to form chemical reactions. They also got to make butter and taste it on some yummy bread! They learned about physicist and scientists such as Stephen Hawking, Albert Einstein and Isaac Newton.

The boys in **Cairdeas 2** have been busy learning about Winter and doing some winter art. We enjoyed decorating our classroom for Christmas especially putting up a beautiful Christmas tree.

First Class have been busy learning new material. They particularly liked the active Maths lessons for fractions and 2D shapes. They enjoyed creating their own fairy tale story and re-enacting two of the well known tales. Some fantastic actors in the class for the future. First Class enjoyed Science lessons observing magic milk and creating lovely art pieces through marbling. We are now preparing for our Christmas show, learning lovely Christmas songs. Again, I have fantastic singers in my class.

Ms Kenny's **Senior Infants** were learning all about space, we learnt about Neil Armstrong and his trip to the moon. The boys designed and made their own rockets and had great fun testing them out. In art we looked at the artist Kandinsky and created our own circle paintings using lots of different colours and we made sculptures inspired by artist Alexander Calder.

3rd Class have been learning all about the Bronze Age and how mixing two metals makes a stronger alloy. We also learned about Fairtrade and realized how important it is that trading is fair and everyone involved is respected.

Junior Infants have been busy the last few weeks. We started Jolly Phonics and learned the first 4 sounds. We love learning our sounds. We have also been busy practicing for our Christmas play The Sleepy Shepherd. We can't wait to perform it for you all on the 16th December.

This month **Cairdeas 1** have been working on our winter art display! We have made robins and snowmen! The boys are super excited for the Christmas show.

St. Brendan's Boys P.S. December 2024



St Brendan's Day 2024

Our school was delighted to be able to celebrate St Brendan's Day at St Brendans Church on 29th November - Thanks to Fr Arnold and Fr Tom for a lovely service where our boys added to the ceremony with prayer and music. The boys all read well and the singing and tin whistle playing was fantastic. Lots of lovely compliments from the large congregation on the day to the boys presentation and behaviour so well done all.

Wellbeing committee 2024 2025

Our new Wellbeing Committee members were elected in November with 15 representatives from classes 1st - 6th. We held our first meeting on Wednesday 21st where we met and talked about the importance of wellbeing and promoting ways to support wellbeing in our school. We made member profiles to add to our Wellbeing notice board as a way to introduce ourselves to our school community. We look forward to a busy time ahead with planning Wellbeing Week 2025 in our school and applying for our Amber Flag renewal. Watch this space.. Thanks to Ms Pilkington for the report.

Parents Association—BOOKATHON 2024

We had our prize giving for the Parents Association St. Brendan's Boys School, Birr BOOKATHON 2024 ! Fantastic effort from the boys in reading lots of books over the last 3 weeks and their families for supporting with sponsorship - prizes were given out for the top reader in each class - the draw was won by Yegor - Sean McIntyre won the overall best reader award and the sponsor prize was won by Lisa Kelly - well done to all

Mr Crofton spoke to the group about the value and importance of reading and read them a lovely story “ dogs don't do ballet “ about the importance of being yourself.

Local Councillor (Now newly elected TD) John Clendennen also called at that time and boys were delighted to nap a picture with him!

Principal outlined to John that parents were fundraising for school materials that should be provided by the government #schoolfunding
Parents Association Bookathan Prizes 2024

Junior Infants:	Nathan Szczepkowski	
Senior Infants:	Iarla Walsh	(3)
1st Class:	Cody Cleare	(3)
2nd Class:	Sam McIntyre	(4)
3rd Class:	Sam Hanniffy	(2)
4th Class:	Charlie McAuley	(3)
5th Class:	Sean McIntyre	(3)
6th Class:	Yegor Anspoks	(3)
Cairdeas:	Jason O'Callaghan	(2)

Overall best reader:

Sam Mc Intyre 40 books over 4 weeks !!

Class Teacher winner:

Ms Guilfoyle 4th Class (12 boys)



Green school Committee 2024 2025

The green school committee have been busy work on the global citizenship litter and waste flag since September. The boys have been minitorijg the bins making sure the school is recycling. 5th class boys got certificates from the birr tidy towns for their participation in the biodiversity project last year. Ryan from JFW renewables visited 3rd and 4th class and gave a presentation all about renewable energy, the boys have been busy making posters for the competition.

Thanks to Ms Collins for the report and Mrs Kelly for attending Tidy Towns award evening on our behalf.



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4th Class have been super busy learning about Irish explorer Tom Crean- one of the most well known Irish figures. We have also learned about the magnificent life of Vincent van Gogh. We created beautiful starry night portraits.

Ms Hynes **Senior Infants** have been very busy practicing for our Christmas concert. We are so excited for our performance. We had a zoom call with the library and listened to two stories. There were other schools on the call also and we were able to wave at the boys and girls!

5th Class have been focusing on the theme of extreme weather in line with their novel Percy Jackson. They did science experiments and typed stories based on extreme weather for science week. We are also preparing for our Christmas show!

6th Class enjoyed leading science week in November. They also enjoyed joining Mercy Primary and Oxmantown School to go on a treasure hunt around Birr as part of SCP transition programme– 2nd level.

Mr Cunningham's class enjoyed learning all about the Antartica and Irish Explorer Tom Crean. The boys made their own clocks for learning time in Maths. The excitement is growing for Advent and Christmas.