

School News

End of Year 2026



Cumann Na mBunscoil Athletics

We had amazing running performances from the athletes from 4th, 5th & 6th Class at the annual interschool athletics competition. The pupils did our school proud in the 80m, 600m and relay events with many getting through their heats into final races.

- Tim O'Sullivan & Darcey Wallace (U14) ran a fine 600 metre race finishing strong.
- Shahjyadi Joshi represented the school in the 'Race of Champions' picking up a medal for her achievement.
- The sprinters Lily Bennett & Robert Duggan (U14) and Leah McCann & Henry Moody (U12) ran strong races in the 80m.

Relay Teams:

- U14 Boys: Rory Dunlop, Kuzma Sydorenko, Arthur Sheridan, Robert Duggan & Fionn Brogan
- U14 Girls: Lily Bennett, Sofina Van Meurs, Isabelle Lamont, Isabella Moldovan & Hannah McQuade
- Under 12 Boys: Max Molan, Finn Harley, Jesse Lane, Ruadhán O'Connor & Donnacha Brogan
- Under 12 Girls: Aibhlínn Shearwood, Naomi Saville, Paige Murphy, Panna Kuttor & Emily Poyser were proudly on the podium in 3rd place receiving bronze medals.

Congratulations to all runners on brilliant performances and team spirit!



SAPA

Thank you so much for all of your support throughout the last academic year. From buying raffle tickets to baking for our cake sales, sending your children along to our Christmas Disco and Movie Night, supporting us at the wine fair and quiz night, turning up and helping out in masses for a fabulous Family Fun Day and of course for handing over your hard-earned cash in a variety of ways helped to support the school.

We are thrilled to announce that we managed to raise €12,700 since last September, around €1,000 more than was raised during the previous year. Of course, every cent will go towards worthy causes at our school.

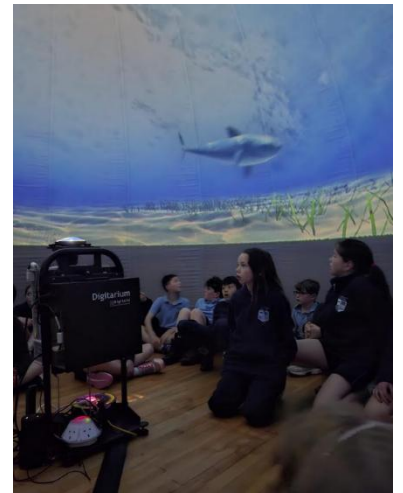
We have a handful of the SAPA team leaving us this year so when we return from the summer holidays we'll be on the lookout for some new faces. If you are interested in joining us, please do get in touch with any of the SAPA team.

All that remains is to wish you all a wonderful summer.

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Planetarium Visit

One of the most talked-about events for the month of May was the visit from the Planetarium - and what an experience it was! The children were absolutely buzzing with excitement from the moment it began. They were treated to a fascinating journey through our solar system and beyond, exploring the wonders of space in a truly immersive way. What really stood out was the quality of the questions the children asked - thoughtful, curious, and impressive. A truly memorable morning!



Competition Winners

Well done to everyone who entered the short story competition. This year's competition was judged again by Adrian Scott who was very impressed with the creativity and high standard of writing across all classes.

The Winner is: Firesails: School of Mythics by Emma Dewhurst, 5th Class

Runner Up: A Piglet Called Truffle by Eve Given, 2nd Class

Equal Third: In the Spotlight by Hannah McQuade, 6th Class

The Elf at the Bottom of the Garden by Jacob Saville, 3rd Class.



Also, well done to everyone who entered the Malahide Chamber of Commerce art competition. The judges were very impressed by the standard of artwork they received from St. Andrews! Congratulations to all our prize winners who received prizes at the awards evening and had their artwork on display at Malahide Library.

Prize Winners:

- Junior Infants - Daniel Lalor
- Senior Infants - Cole Keegan
- Senior Infants - Alex Bennett
- 1st Class - Emilia Bagnall
- 1st Class - Ailbhe Cashman
- 2nd Class - Cian Mulvany
- 4th Class - Iseult O'Connor
- 4th Class - Jeanie Wilson
- 5th Class - Chloe Ruttledge
- 5th Class - Marcella Jepson-Jones

House Points

Well done to all the children who displayed excellent behaviours to earn house points for their teams. Congratulations to the **yellow** team who collected the most house points throughout the year!

Hockey Blitz & Soccer Display

Well done to all the boys and girls from 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th class who represented St. Andrew's at the recent school blitz organised by Malahide Hockey Club. A great morning was had by all with some excellent hockey skills on display.

4th and 5th Class also represented the school displaying their soccer skills at the recent opening of the Astro Park in Gannon Park which was attended by Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Transport and Patrick O'Donovan, Minister for Sport.



Helicopter Visit

Senior Infants received a wonderful invite from the community Gardaí in Malahide to visit the arrival of the Garda helicopter to Malahide Castle.



Summer Themed Non-Uniform Day and Ice-cream Surprise





School Tours

May and June saw great excitement with school tours taking place. Junior & Senior Infants enjoyed their trip to Newgrange Farm, 1st & 2nd Class had a blast at Let's Go camp in Gormanston College, 3rd, 4th and 5th Class travelled to Clara Lara in Wicklow & 6th Class headed to Connemara for their 3 nights away in Delphi.





Around the Classes

Junior Infants have had a very busy and exciting final two months of the school year. May kicked off with a very fun Crazy Hair Day, and the classroom was full of colourful and creative hairstyles. The play and learn theme in May was 'animals', and the children loved caring for animals in the vet clinic role play area, building zoos in small world and construction, and creating their own animals using junk art and play dough. The children were also learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. They were very excited when their own caterpillars arrived in the classroom, and they loved watching them grow, form their chrysalises and eventually emerge as beautiful butterflies, which they released in the outdoor classroom. A highlight of May was their school tour to Newgrange Farm. The children had an amazing day exploring the farm and meeting lots of different animals. They got to hold a fluffy baby chick, a



gorgeous puppy and a kid goat, and they loved feeding the lambs, hens and ducks. The children also enjoyed a tractor ride around the farm and had great fun exploring all the play areas. June kicked off with a visit from the ice cream van, and the children were delighted to be treated to delicious 99s. The play and learn theme in June was 'under-the-sea'. The children loved the pirate role play area and small world activities and worked incredibly hard on their under-the-sea dioramas. They showed wonderful creativity, creating a wide variety of sea creatures and ocean scenes, and were extremely proud of their finished work.



Junior Infants have had an excellent first year of school, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. We hope they all enjoy a wonderful, fun and relaxing summer holiday.



It has been very busy in the months of May and June in **Senior Infants**! The class started off May learning all about oceans, where the children created a small world with sea creatures, waters and bubbles, completing a world map jigsaw in groups to identify some of the oceans of the world, as well as looking at the story of The Snail and the Whale in English. The children loved using their descriptive words and writing postcards from the snail. They then turned their attention to lifeboats, thinking about how they keep us safe out at sea, and some of the important safety rules we have when we are around water. The children

created some beautiful art of a boat at sunset. After this, the play and learn topic was lighthouses. Using The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch as their inspiration the children came up with their own ideas for how Mr. and Mrs. Grinling could get the lunch across to the lighthouse, as well as acting the story out both in role play and small world zones. May also saw Senior Infants' last visit with Mouse, who helped the children make some lucky charms with a native Irish animal on them and he took the class outside for some fun parachute games! Senior Infants also went on their school tour to Newgrange Farm. They had the best day in the sun, going on a tractor ride,

feeding the lambs milk and feeding the hens, cuddling some of the baby animals they have on the farm, as well as having great fun in their sand and water play areas. The children were all brilliantly behaved and really enjoyed themselves! The class finished the year looking at the topics of summer, holidays and camping! All the children have had the best year in Senior Infants and should be so proud of themselves. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I wish the children all the best as the move up to 1st Class!



1st Class had an enjoyable two months in May and June and were busy with lots of fun activities. They celebrated World Bee Day and learned about how important bees are and why they need to protect them for the future of our planet. They also went on our school tour to Let's Go and had a brilliant day. The children loved trying all the different activities, including zorb balls, go-karting, and tug of war. The rock-climbing wall and wrecking ball were definitely among their favourites! To make the most of the lovely weather, the class brought their art lesson outdoors, where the children collected foliage and used it to create butterflies. They turned out beautifully! 1st Class also had a trip to the library, where they took part in a scavenger hunt and enjoyed reading some books. Another highlight was their Teddy Bears' Picnic at Malahide Castle, where they played games together and had great fun. In June, the children started their "Teach the Teacher" projects and had so much fun. The children worked incredibly hard, and it was fantastic to see their creativity, effort, and enthusiasm on display. It has been a pleasure teaching all the children in 1st Class, and I will miss them. I hope they all have a fantastic summer and enjoy a well-deserved break.



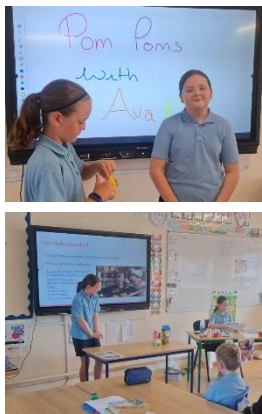
2nd Class have had a very busy and exciting few weeks to finish the year! The children worked extremely hard in English, Gaeilge and maths completing some very good revision work. Everyone showed great effort, enthusiasm and determination in all of the subjects, and they should be very proud of the progress they have made. In art, the class learned all about the famous artist Vincent van Gogh. The children studied some of his most well-known paintings and created beautiful recreations of his artwork. They designed their own football kits to celebrate the FIFA World Cup and also designed and completed wonderful original pieces for the local art competition. The creativity and imagination shown in their work were truly impressive. In P.E., the children continued practising their skills in GAA, hockey and cricket in the castle. They also completed a short term of gymnastics in June. Participation and great teamwork skills was on show throughout, and it was great to see everyone encouraging and supporting one another while having fun and staying active.

The highlight of the final weeks of 2nd class was definitely the school tour to Let's Go! in Gormanstown. The children had an amazing day taking part in exciting activities such as rock climbing, zorbing, KMX karting, wrecking ball challenges and archery, along with many more fun games and adventures. The weather was absolutely beautiful, which made the day even more enjoyable.





May and June have been packed with activities for **3rd Class**! In art, the children explored their creativity using a variety of materials. They made fantastic animal faces using clay, designed colourful washing line collages with fabric, and had great fun creating imaginative comic strips, they made tin foil relief art and beautiful bicycle drawings. In history, the class learned about life in Ireland during the time of the Famine. They wrote inspiring poems based on what they learned and enjoyed exploring the novel *Under the Hawthorn Tree*. In English, everyone worked really hard on entries for the short story competition and there was a great range of imaginative stories for the judges to read! In STEM they had a visit from George from the 'Go Fly Your Kite' workshop where they learned about the history of flight and how things fly. They made their own kites to bring home and are hopefully having lots of fun flying them! They've been using Canva and Book Creator on the ipads to make 'Passion Projects' to present to the class. We've had some amazing presentations on baking, sports, roller skating, dance, football and many more! A highlight was the fantastic school tour to Clara Lara where they did so many brilliant activities like rowing, go karts, water slides, rope swings and more! Everyone embraced the water fun and frolics! Other high points from May and June included the visit from the ice cream van, gymnastics lessons, the hockey blitz in Malahide hockey club and receiving goody bags from Cycling Ireland to celebrate bike week! What a wonderful way to finish an amazing year in 3rd Class. Ms Hoffman is so proud of all the wonderful work, good humour and progress everyone has made this year! Happy summer everyone!



What a brilliant two months it has been for **4th Class**! May brought our Global Classroom Project, with fantastic country presentations full of colour and confidence. The children dived into litres and millilitres in maths, and travelled back in time with the Celtic gods and goddesses in history. The art competition entries were gorgeous and sport was in full swing across cricket, hockey and GAA, and our Planetarium visit had everyone asking brilliant questions. Sa Ghaeilge our Irish went from strength to strength, food dudes taught us all about healthy eating, and Clara Lara gave us a tour day to remember - sunshine, laughter, and pure fun. June kept the excitement going! The ice cream van made a very welcome stop outside school, a great assembly helped us think about making new friends in new places, and gymnastics classes had everyone rolling, balancing and beaming. We celebrated the opening of the new astro pitch in Gannon Park, and our Teach the Teacher was an absolute treat - Spanish, perfect pancakes, the history of Pompeii and natural disasters, all taught by you! And just like that, another school year comes to an end. Have a great Summer!

5th Class have had a fantastic May and June. The children packed a lot into the last few weeks of the school year and had plenty of fun along the way. In SESE, the children started construction projects based on famous monuments from around the world. There were some absolutely gorgeous creations, and it was great to see so much creativity and effort put into them. The children also planned holidays for some of the class teachers while working within a budget and designed brochures for their dream travel destinations. In maths, the class worked hard on probability and the circle and produced some excellent work. In English, the children really enjoyed writing creative short stories, and we submitted some fantastic entries to the short story competition. We also enjoyed ice cream on our summer fun day, which was a big hit with everyone! Another highlight was our school tour to Clara Lara. The children had an amazing day trying out the waterslides, kayaking, pedal boats and lots more. It was a brilliant day! It has been a fantastic year in 5th Class. I hope everyone has a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break!



The highlight of May for **6th Class** was the four-day trip to Delphi Adventure Centre - an unforgettable experience filled with challenges, laughter, and fantastic team spirit. In science, 6th class made oobleck, a fascinating non-Newtonian fluid that behaves as both solid and liquid - messy but brilliant fun! In English, the children explored the key elements of mystery writing and are now busy publishing their own mystery stories, with very impressive results. Rehearsals for Buggy Malone got underway with all the children working incredibly hard and showing great enthusiasm during practices.

June has been a truly special month to round off a brilliant year! The highlight was undoubtedly the children's performance of Buggy Malone - the class delivered an incredible show and should be incredibly proud of everything they achieved. The class also had a fantastic time at Malahide Yacht Club, where they took to the water for a brilliant sailing experience - a wonderful adventure to add to an already memorable year! The children also enjoyed a very welcome visit from the ice cream van and a fantastic pizza party to celebrate the end of the year. Behind the scenes, the class have been working hard on the yearbook and the graduation ceremony, putting the finishing touches to what promises to be a wonderful send-off. We couldn't be prouder of this group!



Anti-Bullying Topic

The anti-bullying topic for May and June was about making new friends. Classes discussed how you can make new friends over the summer in new places like summer camps, on holidays etc. and how to look out for others who might need a friend too.

Assemblies

Ms Poyser & Senior Infants led our first May assembly with the theme of summer safety. They reminded us all about how to keep safe in the sun by wearing sun protection & keeping well hydrated and how to stay safe on the beach by being aware of safe swimming flags.

Ms. Griffin and 4th Class led our second assembly in May around how to make friends in new situations such as summer camps and being friendly and welcoming to new people.

Ms. O'Brien and 5th Class led the June assembly focusing on summer holidays and reminders to the children about staying safe in the sun and making new friends.

6th Class led the end of year assembly in the church and we wish them all the best as they move to secondary school.

