

School News

February 2026



SAPA Update

Thanks to all of the parents and children for making our recent Valentines themed cake sale a success, especially the bakers. We had some terrific looking goodies and raised €350 on the day which will be spent on worthy causes at the school.

Hopefully you'll have seen recent communications regarding our Quiz Night, to be held at the cricket club on Friday 27th February. We have a few spaces left for any last-minute competitors, just come along before 8pm and we'll get you into a team.

We also have our Movie Night coming up soon too, on Friday 6th March. We'll be selling tickets on Aladdin next week and are sending polls out to classes to decide on which films to show.

Thanks for all of your support.

Outdoor Space

Thanks to funding from the Dublin Airport Authority Community Fund and support from SAPA we are continuing to develop our outdoor space for the children. A new insect hotel is set up in our outdoor classroom and new outdoor gardening furniture will be set up shortly.



St. Valentine's Day Cake Sale



Around the Classes

Junior Infants had a fantastic February and were very busy learning and having lots of fun. The theme this month was dinosaurs, which was a big hit with everyone. The children explored dinosaurs through small world play and took part in role play in their very own dinosaur museum. They became little palaeontologists while investigating fossils in the dino dig site and loved discovering hidden treasures in the sand. The children also showed great creativity making paper plate dinosaurs and creating dinosaurs using junk art materials. For Valentine's Day, the class read the lovely story *The Love Monster* and talked about friendship and kindness. The children created their own adorable, colourful *Love Monster* drawings. In maths, they worked on positional language through games, challenges and activities around the classroom. They also learned all about the number zero. In English, the children continued practising their letter sounds and worked hard on forming their letters correctly. They have been blending sounds to read simple words and enjoyed taking part in rhymes, games and class discussions. The children also began learning about the Winter Olympics, which created lots of excitement in the classroom. They explored different winter sports, voted for their favourites and designed their own Olympic medals. As part of their PE lessons, the children took part in mini Winter



Olympics activities including ski jumps, curling, snowball hurling, bobsled pushing and ice hockey skills. The class enjoyed a special visit from Lucy's mum, Luciana, who is a dentist. She taught the children about the structure of a tooth, the importance of taking care of their teeth and how to brush them properly. Afterwards, the children took part in a dentist surgery role play, where they enjoyed taking on the roles of secretary, dentist, dental hygienist and patient.

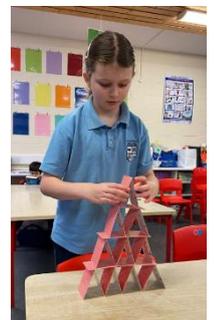
The hard work has continued in **Senior Infants** during February. The class started the month doing an assembly for the whole school. They talked about 'Sprinkling Kindness', giving examples of ways we can be kind to others, showing their lovely Be Kind rainbow art and singing a brilliant song about showing kindness every day. They were absolutely brilliant, using loud voices and singing the song so well! I was very proud of them. In maths they looked at more than and less than, comparing two amounts, and then went on to look at length. The children had great fun drawing around their hands, and then using the cut outs to measure things around the classroom. Their hard work on their reading and writing has continued through their work on alternate sounds, as well as doing some writing based around the story 'Baby Bear's Chair' which included designing a chair and writing thank you letters to Goldilocks. In play and learn they have been learning all about dinosaurs which included making dinosaur fossils, as well as learning all about the Winter Olympics. The visit from Mouse this month was very exciting, as he brought in some tadpoles and a frog for the children to look at and hold! Well done Senior Infants!



1st Class have been very busy for the month of February. The children have been learning all about the Three Little Pigs in English and Gaelige. They also had the chance to create their very own houses using either lego, marshmallows, straws or paper. We agreed that the lego is the strongest material and would most likely to withstand the wolf's "huff and puff". Their art lessons focused on Valentine's Day this month. The class looked at artist Piet Mondrian and spoke about some of his abstract work. They created their very own abstract Valentine hearts using black tape and primary colours. The children have been working hard in their stations every Friday. They have been practising their creative writing with Ms. Anderson and have been doing some fabulous reading in their small groups. 1st Class are looking forward to lots more fun activities in March including Seachtain na Gaelige and World Book Day! Well done 1st Class on another great month together.



2nd Class enjoyed the short month of February with lots going on both inside and outside the classroom. In Gaelige, they focused on 'bia' playing games like word tennis and bingo, listing their favourite meals and designing menus. In maths they focused on patterns as well as getting a better understanding of subtraction problems and 2D shapes. In English, they have been working hard on their grammar skills, working on writing in the past tense as well as practising letter writing. In SESE, the Titanic and the story of St. Valentine have been at the forefront of their history studies. They also looked at food and healthy eating and living habits. The children really enjoyed diving deep into the history of the Titanic and learning all about the famous ship. In P.E, 2nd class finished their first term of swimming lessons where the participation and effort was amazing from the whole class. They have also enjoyed taking part in playing different ball games in the hall. In art, the children drew fantastic Titanic grid ships along with making lovely St. Valentine's Day cards. In SPHE, Internet Safety Day was a key theme at the start of the month where the children referenced how they can stay safe online whilst learning the steps to take if they see pop-ups or scam links etc. They took part really well providing very insightful and responsible discussions in groups about the important topic.



This month has been bursting with activity and great learning in **3rd Class**. Pupils explored homonyms and homophones in English, tackled co-ordinates and weight in maths, and dived into the fascinating history of Pompeii and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In geography, they learned all about volcanoes, and in science they even created their own model volcanoes. Art was a colourful adventure, with fantastic 3D apartment designs and vibrant Pop Art Valentine's love hearts brightening up the classroom. In Irish, the class has been sharpening their reading skills with a strong focus on phonics, while also practising the songs "Beidh Aonach Amárach" and



"Wellerman" as Gaeilge. In SPHE, the class began the Stay Safe programme by learning about feelings and emotions. A special highlight this month has been presenting "Mystery Student" certificates and celebrating the wonderful positive behaviour happening every day. The class have been enjoying 'First Chapter Fridays' during DEAR when Ms. Hoffman reads a chapter of a book that might inspire the pupils to read it. Well done to everyone in 3rd Class for such an enthusiastic and hardworking month!



We've had such a great month in **4th Class** - packed with learning, creativity, and plenty of fun! Even though it's been a short one, it's definitely been a sweet one. The class had lots of fun celebrating St. Valentine's Day with some lovely art activities that the children really enjoyed. They also spotted the first signs of spring, admiring the cherry blossoms and chatting about how nature changes with the seasons. Maths has kept us busy this month! They've been working hard on fractions and decimals, building their confidence with loads of practice and some fun games along the way. They also explored grids and coordinates - learning how to find, plot, and describe positions on a 2D grid (like real-life treasure hunters!). With World Book Day just around the corner, the class has been busy writing their own stories. Every child has entered our Story Cup competition, and they can't wait to see if one of our brilliant young authors scoops the prize for Best Short Story! They've also been brushing up on suffixes and root words, with a big focus on improving their spelling skills. Swimming lessons kicked off this month too, and the children have already made fantastic progress. It's been wonderful to see their confidence in the water grow so quickly. In SESE, the class learned all about pigeon post and the important role pigeons played in communication, especially during wartime. In Irish, the children have been singing Óró Mo Bháidín and working on An Teilifís. They've also been learning about An Aimsir Fháistineach (the future tense) and are getting much more confident using their future-tense verbs. All in all, it's been a busy, happy month in 4th Class, and the class are really looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come!



This February in **5th Class** the children were super busy and learned lots of new things! In maths they worked on multiplying by decimals and revised fractions and decimals, did plenty of problem solving, and started learning about length. In English they continued their stories during writing workshop, finished their final drafts, and even designed their own book covers on Canva which was great fun. In art the class created lovely Valentine's art and made colourful pieces inspired by Keith Haring. In SESE they worked in groups to create projects on influential Irish people and learned all about Daniel O'Connell and why he was such an important figure in Irish history. They also explored magnetism and carried out fun experiments. They started preparing advertisements for the National Science Museum's "Nicholas Callan" exhibition using the green screen and iMovie. In Gaeilge they learned new vocabulary and phrases for "Sa Bhaile" and practised naming different types of houses in Irish. It has been a short but fun month.



February has been a wonderfully creative and imaginative month in the **6th Class** classroom! The children filled the room with colour and kindness as they created lots of beautiful Valentine's Day art. From heart-themed designs to beautiful love birds, the classroom was bursting with creativity and positivity. In English, the class began their exciting new class novel, *Guns of Easter*. The story has already sparked great discussion. The class is thoroughly engaged in creating their own spring Haikus. The pupils did a fantastic job capturing nature, new beginnings, and the changing season in just seventeen syllables! They also travelled (virtually!) to the Winter Olympics, where they learned about the events, countries, and history of the games. To put the children's journalistic skills to the test, they wrote imaginative news reports based on "disasters" at the Olympics — from dramatic ski crashes to unexpected weather chaos! The creativity, humour, and structured reporting were very impressive. Finally, 6th Class would like to wish Arthur and Lily the very best of luck as they enter their artwork into the Texaco Art Competition. The group are so proud of their talent and can't wait to see how they get on! Well done to everyone for a fantastic February filled with art, imagination, and great learning.



Assemblies

Ms. Poyser and Senior Infants led February's assembly on 'Sprinkling Kindness' and through their art display, poem and song they showed lots of ways we can be kind to others.

February Anti-Bullying Topic - Safer Internet Day

The Anti-Bullying Topic theme for February focused on Internet Safety as Tuesday 10th February was Safer Internet Day. All classes had a lesson on the topic focusing on how to stay safe online. This included keeping yourself safe online and also how to treat others online. There is lots of useful information for parents and guardians on www.webwise.ie

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