

School News

May 2025



Achievements

A big well done to Emily Poyser in 3rd class who cut her hair to donate it to The Little Princess Trust. She donated an amazing 15 inches of hair and raised around €300 for this great cause.



Congratulations to Will McCann in 6th Class on winning the All Ireland Final of the Schoolboys FAI Trophy with St. Kevin's FC.



Malahide Chamber of Commerce Primary School Art Competition

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 especially Elena Hoffman in 6th class who was the Overall Winner across all Malahide schools for 2025.

Prize Winners:

- Orla Tuffy - Junior Infants
- William Linehan - Senior Infants
- Cian Mulvany - 1st Class
- Layla O'Reilly - 2nd Class
- Skylar Robertson - 3rd Class
- Isla O'Halloran - 4th Class
- Isabelle Lamont - 5th Class
- Arthur Sheridan - 5th Class
- Rachael Clarke - 6th Class
- Elena Hoffman - 6th Class



SAPA

May Fair

What a day! We were so pleased with how The May Fair went last Saturday and want to thank everyone for making it such a success. Whether it was providing raffle prizes, buying raffle tickets, baking cakes, volunteering with us, spending your hard earned money, cheering on our entertainment, dancing in the rain, supporting our external craft stalls or simply by just being there and creating a lovely atmosphere, we all did a great job!

We'd also like to take time to praise a couple of groups.

- Firstly, Ms Griffin's Glee Club did such a fantastic job of opening our entertainment programme. So many people came to watch and thought that the 32 children who performed did a wonderful job with their show.
- Secondly we'd also like to thank all of our junior crafters who hosted a stall on Saturday. The wares on sales looked terrific and showcased young entrepreneurs at our school in a fantastic way. So many of you told us how brilliant all of our crafters were who learnt so much from the event.

After raising €2,900 from our May Fair efforts last year, Sapa set an ambitious target of raising €5,000 from our event this year. We are therefore thrilled to announce that we managed to smash through this target and raise €6,700, every cent of which will go towards worthy causes at our school.

If you have any feedback for us on how to make our May Fair even better next year please do let any of the Sapa team know.



Movie Night

May also brought our final Movie Night of the academic year to the school where 140+ children were entertained watching a variety of films. It was great to see so many happy and smiling faces watching the latest movies available as well as tucking into some treats.

Fingal Athletics League

Well done to all of our athletes participating in the Cumann na mBunscoil athletics event in Morton stadium.

Sofia's Van Meurs & Tim O'Sullivan ran a strong race in the under 14's 600m race.

Our speedy sprinters Lily Bennett, Robert Duggan (under 12) and Will McCann & Sophie O'Toole (under 14) competed in 80m sprint race.

Our under 12 girls relay team; Lily Bennett, Darcey Wallace, Naomi Saville, Paige Murphy & Rosie Redmond all ran super legs each with smooth baton passing.

Under 12 boys; Kuzma Sydorenko, Arthur Sheridan, Rory Dunlop & Henry Moody won their heat and progressed to the semi final where they ran another strong race.

Casey Deeter, Daniel Acton, George Given, Max Styles & Oscar O'Neill made up our under 14 boys relay team. The boys ran an impressive heat and made it through to the semi finals, just missing out on a medal.

Shahjyadi Joshi represented the school in the race of champions, picking up a medal for participation.

Everyone ran & represented the school brilliantly! Well done!



Active Week







We Skipped Around Europe!

Over the past four weeks, our school has been buzzing with energy as we took part in the Active School Flag 'Skip Around Europe' Challenge 2025. From Junior Infants all the way to 6th Class, every pupil joined in the fun—and our skipping skills have improved hugely!

Each day, classes headed out to the yard to complete a few minutes of skipping. Every skip was counted as one kilometre, and each class picked a European destination to "travel" to using the helpful chart provided with the initiative. Totals were added up daily, and some classes even managed to skip all the way to their chosen countries and back again!



Thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils, we collectively skipped over 100,000 kilometres—enough to travel all over Europe! And with the beautiful sunny weather throughout the challenge, it couldn't have been better timing.

But this challenge was about more than just fun. We saw lots of amazing benefits:

- Daily exercise helped everyone work towards the goal of 60 active minutes a day.
- Children came back to class more focused and ready to learn.
- We explored geography through our European destinations, linking P.E. with other curriculum areas.
- Many pupils stepped into leadership roles—organising resources, tracking class totals, and updating charts.
- Our 5th and 6th Class students even completed projects on the health benefits of skipping and the value of this initiative.

We're also incredibly thankful to the Active School Flag programme for gifting us 30 brand-new skipping ropes, which really helped us reach our goals.

It's been fantastic to see everyone out on the yard, active, happy, and working together. A big well done to all our pupils and a huge thank you to our dedicated teachers for supporting and tracking all those skips!



Around the Classes

It has been a marvellous May in **Junior Infants**. The children began the month with active week. They took part in lots of different sports and activities which they loved! They explored some fun and exciting themes in play and learn. The first theme was the café. They did role-play in the class café where they took orders, prepared food and served it to customers. They enjoyed water play in the new outdoor classroom and painted their beautiful clay cupcakes and donuts.

They then moved on to the theme of the vets where they had role play in a veterinary clinic, made pet collages, built a zoo with big blocks and made enclosures for pets out of junk art.

They explored the life cycle of a butterfly and watched five baby caterpillars grow, turn into chrysalises and hatch into beautiful painted lady butterflies. They are waiting for the last couple of chrysalises to hatch and are looking forward to then releasing the butterflies in the garden.

They are looking forward to a fun and busy last month of Junior Infants.



Senior Infants have had a great month! The children enjoyed active school week and took part in lots of different sports and activities. A highlight was their trip to Malahide Castle with Junior Infants where they had a mini-sports day. The children have had two themes in play and learn in May, the vets and the restaurant. They enjoyed looking after the animals in the vet's surgery in role play, as well as serving dinners to customers in the restaurant too. The children in Senior Infants prepared for this month's assembly, which they led. The theme of our assembly was 'making new friends' and the children did a super job of teaching the children in our school about the best ways to make new friends. It was a super month filled with lots of learning, junk art and fun and all the children are looking forward to our last month in Senior Infants!





1st Class started off the month with a very busy active week! The children loved the opportunity to try lots of different sports, including hockey, cricket and tennis, and they all showed off their amazing moves with some brilliant Zumba dancing in the yard! I was really proud of how well they walked to the different venues and how well all of them participated. The following week the children did an assembly to the whole school, talking to them about how to keep safe in the summer months. They did a fantastic job of acting out different scenarios, and their performance of 'We're all going on a Summer Holiday' was amazing!

As well as starting the topic of transport, where the children began thinking of different modes of transport as well as some of the famous bridges around Ireland, they also looked at 'Sa Bhaile' agus 'An Teilifís' as Gaeilge, and looked at telling the time to the half hour in maths. A particular highlight of this month was doing 'art buddies' with their buddies in 6th class. The older children taught their buddy how to create something, they had such fun and created some lovely pieces of art. A fun and busy month in 1st class!



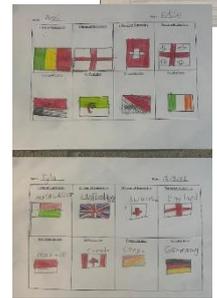
This month **2nd Class** have been working extremely hard. In maths they have been practising patterns, fractions, money and place value and making huge strides. In English the children were learning about imperative verbs (bossy words) and had a lot of fun pretending to be Little Miss/Mr Bossy. 2nd class are working so hard on their cursive handwriting this month. In Irish class they have been reading and listening to the stories; Cois na Trá, Rí na n-éan agus An Fathach Santach. They did some work on their RSE topic this month which was so much fun! They collected lots of baby photos of the class and had loads of laughs playing Guess the Baby. 2nd class were delighted to celebrate active week. They enjoyed yoga, hockey, football, zumba and much, much more! The children took part in The Malahide Art Competition and all of the 2nd class entries were incredible. Well done to Layla who was selected as a finalist! We welcomed the cherry blossoms by creating our own beautiful cherry blossom art. Well done 2nd class on another jam-packed month!





3rd Class have had a brilliant May, jam-packed with brilliant learning and fun events! In maths, the class have focused on all things shapes learning all about the varieties and properties of 2D and 3D shapes, exploring concepts such as symmetry and tessellation and even learning how to calculate the area of squares and rectangles! To help with this, 3rd class have done some really interesting tasks such as designing new sports stadiums using 2D shapes, creating tessellating sports people and even identifying different lines of symmetry, lines and angles in the flags of the world! They have also spent the month of May studying the continent of Oceania with a particular focus on New Zealand!

In SESE, we have identified similarities and differences between life in New Zealand and Ireland, explored and created comic strips focusing on a variety of famous Maori myths and have even created group projects on the different island nations of Oceania! In literacy, the children are in the process of learning how to write persuasively to help create travel brochures to attract tourists to a country in Oceania, and in art they have also designed some beautiful Maori totem poles! They have all really enjoyed learning about this unique continent! In Gaeilge, they have learnt about the different types of houses and the different rooms you might find in each! They have learnt lots of new phrases and words through the use of role plays and are really trying hard to learn the rules of the Aimsir Cháite (past tense)! In SPHE, the topics of strangers and making friends in new places have been focused on and the class have had some really enjoyable and interesting conversations. They have discussed the traits we look for in friends and have also identified how to act safely when around people we do not know. Finally, 3rd class have had a very active May too with active school week, cricket, hockey, swimming and athletics taking place! They have all shown a great level of enthusiasm, skill and teamwork throughout!



4th Class enjoyed a really active and sunny month of May. They kicked off the month with the 4-day active week with sports and activities taking place across the week such as cricket, hockey, yoga, boot camp and tennis. The participation from the class was amazing and they loved getting to try some new sports. 4th class completed both their English and maths Drumcondra tests where they all made a great effort. In Gaeilge, 4th class have done

lots of léitheoireacht this month focusing on their reading capabilities across the different topics. In SESE they looked at the history of 'pigeon post' and how the urban birds were used to help transport mail all across the country. They also studied garden birds and some interesting birds of prey. In P.E. 4th class returned to their GAA sessions in the castle, as well as doing some hockey and cricket activities. The students really enjoyed the variety of sports they got to take part in. In SPHE, 4th class covered some really important and interesting topics about growing up and

discussing how we change as people. They also discussed the key component to friendships and how they can approach making new friends over the summer. 4th class finished the month entering their submissions for the Malahide art competition. Every student tried really hard and created some lovely pieces about the theme 'A Day in Malahide'.





This month, **5th Class** has been buzzing with activity, creativity, and discoveries! In English, the class has been diving into the powerful novel "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. The story has inspired us to think deeply about kindness, acceptance, and what it truly means to choose kindness. The children have had some brilliant class discussions and reflections on the characters, especially Auggie and his journey. In art, 5th class have been exploring the life and work of Vincent van Gogh. Inspired by his famous works *Starry Night* and *Sunflowers*, the children created their own vibrant paintings using swirling skies, bold brushstrokes, and lots of colour. The classroom has become a mini art gallery! History brought 5th class across the Atlantic as they studied the American War of Independence. They learned about the thirteen colonies, key figures like *George Washington*, and the famous Boston Tea Party. In maths, 5th class have been hands-on with 3D shapes — learning about their properties, faces, edges, and vertices. The class are looking forward to building models, solving puzzles, and even creating some shape-inspired art in the coming weeks. One of the highlights of the term was working with the Junior Infants for P.E. The children planned fun games, taught simple skills, and acted as mini-coaches. It was a joy to see their happy faces, and they took pride in being role models for the younger students. And of course, no summer term would be complete without a bit of adventure! 5th went on their school tour to The Crystal Maze outdoor adventure centre, where they tackled obstacles and team challenges. It was a brilliant day full of excitement, laughter, and muddy shoes! It's been a month to remember in 5th Class—full of learning, creativity, and growing together as a team.



In May, **6th Class** worked hard but played harder! The month began with a fun-filled active week with hockey, zumba, cricket, yoga, bootcamp, fun sports day activities and more. Then came the much anticipated 4-day trip to Delphi. The class had a blast, trying out a host of adventure activities such as orienteering, canoeing, zip lining, climbing & abseiling, archery, bush craft and more! They embraced every challenge with great humour and great behaviour, and showed great resilience and maturity staying away from home and their familiar comforts. On their return they knuckled down to focus on the Drumcondra tests and focus on rehearsals for their play. They planned and led individual art projects for their 1st class buddies which everyone enjoyed. They were busy composing short stories in English, some of which will be entered into our annual

short story competition next month. The 6th class athletes ran impressively in the Cumann na mBunscoil Athletics events in Santry and are also enjoying cricket sessions with our Malahide Cricket club coaches on Fridays. They had an inspiring visit from guest speaker Sinead Bourke who shared stories of how she experiences life as a little person. Her honesty and humour captivated the class and gave them lots to reflect on. The countdown is on for the last few weeks of their time in St. Andrew's with many more exciting things to do before they finish!



May Anti-Bullying Topic

May's anti-bullying topic 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

We had two assemblies in May. Our first assembly was led by Ms. Poyser and 1st class and focused on staying safe during the summer holidays. The key summer safety messages they shared were:

- Always wear sun cream and a sun hat
- Drink lots of water
- Tell an adult if you are going swimming and ensure there is a lifeguard on duty
- Always wear a life vest when going out on water.

Our second assembly with a theme of 'Making New Friends' was led by Ms. O'Brien and Senior Infants who discussed the best ways to make new friends and they finished with a wonderful rendition of 'You've got a Friend in Me'!

