

DRAMA GAMES FOR CREATIVE FEBRUARY

During Creative February, Ms. Ryan's class did some new drama games like Park Bench. In Park Bench, a group of people sit down on a row of chairs and have to improvise a scene while only 1 person has a script to follow. The groups all got 1 minute to continue the scene. Some settings were people waiting at a train station, at a park bench, a bus stop and a restaurant. Some people were looking for a cat, a fairy, a map. Some were being chased by bees and there was a talking racoon. We all had to be different ages. We had SO much fun doing this.

By Savannah and Robert from Ms. Ryan's 6th class.

FELT MAKING

And also we did felt making with Gaby in creative February we all enjoyed it so much. We used sheep wool we also used soap and water on top of it. We had to roll it 40 or 50 times on each side. Also, we had to roll it into a ball and throw it on the table 20 times. We had to scrunch all the soap and water out of it and let them dry it was super fun to make! I made a pink smiley face and John made a beach.

By John & Molly, 4th class, Mr. Troy

ORIGAMI HEARTS.

During February in 6th class we made origami hearts. We had a zoom call to show us how to do it. There were other schools there as well. We all got paper and they showed us steps on how to make a heart for Valentine's Day. After we did all the steps we had the shape of a heart but we used scissors to make it more even. After we did this we got a bit of time to do art and we coloured our hearts. We could do different patterns but the most used was red. Then we wrote letters on them.

By Ryan & Alicia, 6th class, Mr. Molan.

BLIND DRAWING

In creative February with Gaby we did the blind art where we had to cover our pencils with paper plates. Then we had to draw our friend opposite to us. We couldn't see our page and we weren't allowed to look until it was finished and it was super fun.

By Molly & John, 4th class, Mr. Troy

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The school will close on Friday, 11th April 2025 for Easter Holidays and will re-open on Monday 28th April 2025. Have a Happy Easter.



THE SCHOOL YARD BAND.

As a part of creative February a band came into our school to play some songs for us. They played some songs from movies and cartoons like the Harry Potter song, the Bluey song and the SpongeBob song and had us guess which one was which. Then they all got



up individually to show us their instruments and tell us a little bit about them. They had

a French horn, a trombone, a trumpet and some other instruments. After they told us about them they showed us and told us what part they play and how to play them. When they were finished they let everyone ask some questions about things they would like to know more about and they told us the answers like when they started playing instruments and things like that. At the end we all put our hands together for them as they left and then we went back to our class.

By Tadgh Brady & Hallie Sheils, 6th class, Mr. Molan.

**Happy
Easter**

CREATIVE FEBRUARY - 3D POP OUT ART IN MR. TROY'S CLASS

In February Gaby came in on Mondays and we made pop out houses. It was really fun. We got to create our own ones! We made buildings, houses and lots more. We also got to decorate them. We folded the paper first and cut out little squares on the folded side. Then when we opened the folded paper we saw cubes we coloured them in the colour we wanted. We didn't only make houses we also made trees and benches and other stuff! When we were done we could decorate our houses with roofs and other things. It was so much FUN!

BY Joshua & Mya, 4th class, Mr. Troy.

SPORTS DAY 18TH JUNE

On Wednesday, 18th June 2025 our school will have our annual sports day. We will have lots of games like water relays, dodgeball, long jump and lots more. There will even be an ice cream van and a barbeque! We hope everyone has fun and enjoys the day and remember it's just a game!

***Asya Altunisik
Mr. Kavanagh 5th Class***



MAKE YOUR MARK DRAWING.

As part of Creative February we took part in a 'Make your Mark' drawing workshop. We joined a zoom meeting with an Artist, there were other schools at it too. We moved the tables to make room for our work and we gathered leaves, sticks, branches, flowers and some huge thistle heads in the school garden. That also meant that we gathered bugs too! We needed ink, tape, cotton wool, sticks and paper. We made double ended paintbrushes with sticks, cotton wool and leaves. We dipped them in the ink and drew something in the classroom. We also made prints with them. Laura did 'blind drawing' with us as well, our teacher picked something in the room and we had to draw it without looking at our pages. They turned out funny! We had another difficult but fun activity to do. We needed a ruler, a marker and tape. We taped the marker to the end of the ruler and held the opposite end of the ruler and started to draw leaves. It looked easy but it was so hard! It was super messy but we had good fun.

By Lara, Johnny, Anna, Helen and Sophie, 4th class, Ms. Burke.

DANCING AND DJING WORKSHOP

On 19th February people out of 5th and 6th class did a dancing and DJing workshop. Gerry, Ryan and Nick showed us how to manage DJing equipment, how to rhyme and how to tap on beat. We rhymed words like Savannah, banana, Tropicana, Rihanna and cabana. We learned a lot from this experience and had so much fun. If you would like to join you can attend the QYCC on a Thursday from 6pm-8pm. On the same day in school after the DJing workshop we did a dancing workshop. The person who did it with us was Joshua. He showed us how to do the worm with our arms which I never knew was possible. He could do the moonwalk and a backflip. He did VERY funky dance moves with us. It was a great opportunity for us. If you would like to join you can attend the QYCC on a Wednesday from 5pm-6pm.

By Maisie & Savannah

6th class Ms. Ryan

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

We have two active school flags. We do boxing and tag rugby on Wednesday to keep fit and healthy. It is really fun. The school has boy and girls football teams. We like to keep active outside school as well.



By Deborah and Jack

SPARE UNIFORM AND TRACKSUITS

Welcome to our newsletter, here in St. Bernadette's Senior National School, we provide spare uniforms where if children get wet coming to school on a rainy day or if they spill something on themselves etc. we have a cupboard with spare uniforms and tracksuits for them to change into so they're nice and dry while in school. We would kindly ask if your child brings home a spare uniform or tracksuit, could you please wash, dry and return to the school in the case another child my need to use it. Thank you.



Pupils in Mr. Kavanagh's 5th class.

CLONDALKIN LIBRARY TRIPS

We went down to the library for world book day. We got to make some badges. We got loads of new books.



We got to pick out a free World Book Day book each! We got to go back to school and add our new books to our 2025 reading challenge list.

By Eva-Rea Kavanagh, 3rd Class

If you have a book already you go up to the desk and return it to the man or woman at the desk. We take off our coats. We read books and if we like them we tell the teacher and then we check them out and take them back to school. Sometimes we go up to the library for science. My favourite section is the football books. I've read about 35 books.

By Rio Craig, 3rd Class

BOWLATHON – APRIL 10TH

This year the annual Bowl-a-thon will be on Thursday, April 10th. This is a

great opportunity for us to raise money for the school while also having a great time

bowling. Every child will get a sponsorship card to collect money before they go. All of the money collected will be used to buy new P.E. equipment and to pay for all of the Sports Day activities. You will have to bring the sponsorship cards back on or before 9th April. Thank you all for participating and for all the support. We are really looking forward to the day and hopefully getting a few strikes.

Sophia and T.J

Mr. Kavanagh 5th Class



SCHOOL TOUR: NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

On Wednesday 22nd January, the whole class went to the National Gallery of Ireland. It was too fun! We played for some time at the playground beside the gallery. Then we went in to the gallery. We saw some art and paintings. My favourite part was a little picture of a girl. We ate our lunch on the bus home.

By Lakshith Reddy, 3rd Class

We had to put our coats and bags into a locker. Then we went to see all the paintings. We were shown around by a gallery lady. My favourite painting was the gigantic one. Me and my friends were sitting down learning about the artists. We saw loads of nice paintings and sculptures. There was a painting contest for older people and younger people on display.

By Lillie-Mae McShane, 3rd Class

SCIENCE FAIR IN ST. KEVIN'S ON

JANUARY 13TH

On the 13th January, St. Kevin's kindly let 5th class go to their school and do fun science. We got into groups of three and did some science experiments. We got to fix a body by putting the body parts back together. We also got a coloured sheet and dipped them into liquid and the sheets changed colour. We got to do electrical

circuits and they let us do it ourselves. They let us know what the body parts do and how they work. Some of the coloured sheets turned purple and some turned pink. We all had fun and enjoyed doing the science experiments.

Emma Leddy

Mr. Kavanagh 5th Class

OUR NEW GOALPOSTS

We got new goalposts for 5th and 6th yard. They were purchased with the money we raised from last year's Bowl-a-thon. They are made of steel not plastic so they don't break easily. They are nailed into the ground so they don't fall over. We can play two matches at lunch time. This means there are less arguments.



By Dawson Langan & Tyler Curran

Mr. Kavanagh 5th Class



INTER SCHOOLS QUIZ

On Tuesday, 4th March there was a quiz. To qualify to represent the school, 5th class held a quiz. The top 8 people in 5th class got to go. On the day of the quiz we walked to the library. We were split into two teams of 4. When other schools arrived they were also split into teams of 4. There were 8 rounds with 9 questions. The first round was general knowledge. One of the questions was what is Matilda's favourite book in the library? There were 2 picture rounds. We were looking good but in the end we had 39 and the second team from the school had 38. We missed out on qualifying by 8 points. It was great fun and hopefully I get picked again next year.

Dexter Jago

Mr. Kavanagh 5th Class

OHK ENERGY AND SOLAR PANELS

On the 14th January, Ross Good who works for OHK Energy came to our class to teach us about energy. Some of Mr. Kavanagh's class came to our class to learn about energy as well. We learned all about Fossil Fuels and renewable energy. Ross taught us all about Natural gases. We also entered a competition to draw a mascot for OHK. The winner of the competition will get a fifty euros voucher and will be entered to a national competition to

win a free solar panel and P.E kit. The winner will be picked in May 2025. Thank you to Ross for teaching us about Fossil Fuels and renewable energy!

By Daniella Tshongweni and

Gracious Gabari

Ms. Dillane 5th Class

SKY STUDIOS

On February 14th 8 of us from Ms. Foster's class joined Mr. Troy's class and visited the Sky Studios. On arrival we put our bags away and were divided into groups and we met some of the people who work at the studio. We were given a choice of jobs and these included Producers, scriptwriters and presenters and we saw how the cameras all work. We played a game with sky studio cards and then we played a game where we guessed what job each person did. When we were pretending to be reporters we had to do a report on a storm which we named Storm Foster because that's our teacher's name. We had great fun and played Ping Pong. We would like to say a big thank you to Sky Studios for a magical day.

Sadie, Adelina, Cameron, Kiyah,

Alex, Ellie, Brendan, Jayce

4th Class (Ms. Foster)

WORLD MATHS DAY

On Wednesday 26th March it will be World Maths Day. World maths day is a day that most schools celebrate by doing fun maths activities. The theme for world maths day for this year is mathematics, art and creativity. It focuses on using maths in art to open doors to new ideas and beautiful, captivating creations. I'm excited to do all the maths games like top marks and maths playground. Last year we did a maths competition to see who could get the most questions right. I wonder what we will do this year.

By Cara McConville and Amelia Bingham Ms. Dillane 5th Class

GALLERY TRIP

On Tuesday, 21st January Mr. Troy's 4th class went to the National Art Gallery. We got the bus to town. Our favourite part was the giant wooden sculpture and the stained glass. After the tour we ate our lunch and played in the playground in Merrion Square. Finally we got the bus back to school. It was a great day! Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Helen, Sophie, Johnny & Anna Mr. Troy 4th class.



ST. PAT'S TEACHER PRACTICE.

On March 10th, Ms. Mc Namee came to our class as she is training to be a teacher, she is spending 3 weeks with us. She helps us with our work and we have learned new ideas from her. She uses the game "4 in a row" to encourage us to do great work. We are doing projects on Italy. She is helping us with our novel and story wheels. We also made T.V.s in our history lesson Ms. Mc Namee is very kind and caring. She comes from Co. Westmeath, the same place as Ms. Geoghegan. There are student teachers in other classes in the school.

Kyra, Sophie, Maddie, Jade, Cayla, Lily 4th Class, Ms. Foster

BOXING

We are doing boxing in school with Mags. We are doing boxing for six weeks every Wednesday. We do exercises and games like 'Snatch the Bacon' and best of all we learn boxing skills. Mags teaches 4th and 5th class. We learn to jab, uppercut and hook. Mags is an amazing coach and boxing is a great form of exercise. Thank you Mags.

Praise & John 4th class



STEM WEEK

In February the whole school participated in STEM week. STEM stands for Science, Technology, English and Maths. Some activities we played were SCRATCH coding and tangrams and we also built marbles paths, pizza fractions, pattern puzzles, lego and finally played with pegboards. We played in the hall for 1 hour. Each station was 15 minutes long. Lacie liked lego and Nico liked marbles the most. Thank you Ms. Canavan for a great week.

Nico & Lacie 4th class

OUR TRIP TO THE NATIONAL ART GALLERY.

Our 3rd class visited the National Art Gallery in February. We travelled on the number 26 bus to the city. First, we played in the playground in Merrion Square. Then we crossed the street to the gallery. Two gallery workers gave us a guided tour. We were in two groups of nine pupils. Nobody was allowed to touch the pictures. Our guides described the pictures for us. The pictures were of a very high quality. The artists were from Ireland and from overseas. We saw Jack B. Yeat's famous picture, 'Liffey Swim', which won the silver medal at the 1924 Olympics. We all enjoyed our day at the National Gallery.

Mr. O' Mahony's 3rd Class

GARDA PAUL'S VISIT

On February 11th Garda Paul paid a visit to our school. He spoke to us about internet safety and the importance of staying safe online. Garda Paul informed us that all data can be retrieved from your phone including deleted messages from a long time ago. We were shown how to block people we don't know online and that our phones can be confiscated by the guards in cases of online bullying.

Theodore & Maddie

4th Class, Lauren, Ms. Foster

SAFE INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday 11th February 2025, safer internet day took place. Our community Garda visited the school and went to each class explaining the importance of using the internet safely.



The children engaged with the Garda and had plenty of questions to ask. We watched videos explaining just how dangerous the internet can be and what signs are need to watch out for. All the children learned a lot of safety tips and not to follow someone on social media whom they are unfamiliar with.

Kiara Gaffney



TRIP TO THE ART GALLERY

On January 30th 2025 we went to the Art Gallery. We took the No.26 bus from Liffey Valley. When we arrived we were divided into groups and given a leader each who spent 1 hour with us. This was a good place to learn about new art including some famous oil paintings. Some of the art was about the world wars and Ireland in the old times. Some of our favourites was the smallest picture in the gallery along with a picture of a girl in her communion dress. After the gallery visit we went across to the Park to have our lunch and play. We took the Number 26 bus back to Liffey valley and walked the rest of the way back to school. This day was so much fun. The bonus was we got no homework.

**Lucy, Colin, Preston, Rosie, Lion,
Brody, Parker.**
4th Class (Ms. Foster)

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

I am really enjoying the walk on Wednesdays as it is a great way to meet other parents/care givers from the school while getting our daily steps in. Not only is the group promoting physical fitness and mental health alongside community connections it also gives a sense of belonging. The walks, which are based locally, are mapped and will take in a route of 5km

and then we go for a cuppa afterwards. We have a great laugh and each week we challenge ourselves to beat the previous week's step count. The weather has been kind to us too which helps. It would great to see the group grow and more people join in on the laughs and challenges. Special thanks to Gillian Lynch for organising.

Andrea Malone

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is a special day where children recognise not only their mothers, but all special women in their lives. This day of mothering happened on March 30th. The children completed beautiful art as a recognition to the mothering figures in their lives.

4th class Ms Geoghegan.

THE NOISE WORKSHOP

The dancing is on every Wednesday and the DJ is on Thursday. You can do anything to do with producing and dancing in Quarryvale Community Centre. Gerry does producing Ryan and Duffy does the DJ. There is so much stuff to do such as different types of music, fun games and so much more. The dancing teacher is so kind and fun. You could be there for hours and it won't get boring. We had so much fun.

By Emmie Brunton and Leighton Kirk. Mr. Salmon's 5th Class

MOBILE PHONES

Children are allowed to bring their phones into school but must have them switched off and kept in their school bags at all times. If a child is found with their phone turned on during the school day, the phone will be confiscated by a staff member. A parent or guardian must collect the phone from the office.



Max Goodwin 5th Class Ms. Dillane

SCHOOL SHOP

My name is Savannah and I work in the school shop with Mia and Keela. The school shop is open from 8.50 a.m. until 09.10 a.m. every morning. We sell stationery and sensory items. On occasions such as Halloween, Christmas and St. Patrick's Day and Easter we stock up the shop with fun items that are relevant to these events. Our favourite thing about working in the school shop is that we get to interact with many students. This year the school shop profits went back to the children. We were able to get the ice cream van into the school yard. Every child got an ice cream. Thanks to everybody who supported the school shop this year.

**Savannah, Mia and Keela
Ms. Ryan's Class**



TOUR TO NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

Mrs. O'Riordan's and Mr. McGrath's classes went on a trip to the National Gallery of Ireland on 22nd January. We were lucky to get a guided tour of the amazing pieces of art on display there. It was fantastic to see the incredible detail that the artists went into on their works. Some of them were much bigger in real life than we thought!

TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND

On February 28th Mrs. O'Riordan's and Mr. McGrath's classes went on a trip to see the Bog Bodies exhibition in the National Museum of Ireland. It was astonishing to see how people could be preserved in a peat bog that way, and to see the history behind their life and customs from thousands of years ago. We also toured around the rest of the exhibitions on show, including Ancient Egypt with their sarcophagi and hieroglyphs, and the displays of Norman and Celtic weapons, armour and clothing.



SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Seachtain na gaeilge took place from the 10th - 14th March. We had to try our best to speak Irish during that week. Some classes did celtic art and other classes did drama like “the children of Lir”. On Friday we had “Lá Glas” where everyone had to wear green. All of the classes performed a song as gaeilge for our ceolchoirm. Some classes even choreographed their own movements. We did a dance called “The Siege of Ennis”. It was a very fun day and we all enjoyed it!

By: Ava and Keela

BOYS' FOOTBALL

Boys' football training is on every Thursday after school with Mr. Kavanagh. On 4th March, we took part in a 5-a-side tournament in Balgaddy. We enjoyed competing against different schools from around the area. We have also played 2 full 11-a-side matches since then. On 13th March, we got to wear the new school jerseys for



the first time when we played against

Mary Queen of Angels. This game ended in a 2:2 draw. We played our second full



game on 20th March in Cherry Orchard against St. Michael's.

Sadly we lost this one. We still had fun, though! We are looking forward to our upcoming games. **By Fletcher Norton & Kenzie O' Brien (6th Class)**

GREEN SCHOOLS

Our school is working towards our 8th green flag for global citizenship marine environment. We have already had two greenschools meetings. We had to vote for the best green code. We made posters to remind people to protect our environment. **By: Emily Kaur**

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

We have two active school flags. We do boxing and tag rugby on Wednesday to keep fit and healthy. It is really fun. The school has boy and girls football teams. We like to keep active outside school as well. **By Deborah and Jack**

CHOIR VISIT TO MCDONALDS

The school choir sang wonderfully in Liffey Valley before Christmas, raising an amazing €1,700! They really did the school proud over the 2 days and as a reward they were treated to a trip to McDonalds in January which they all really enjoyed. Thanks Mr. Ryan!

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Girls' football training is on every Tuesday with Mr. Salmon and Mr. Higgins. On 5th March, also known as Ash Wednesday, there was a girls'



football tournament in Balgaddy. Mr. Salmon and Sharon brought 7 girls to compete in the tournament. We played 3 games in total, winning 1 game and losing the other 2. Well done



to all the girls who played in the

tournament – it was amazing! We have some 11-a-side matches coming up soon so more of the girls will get a chance to play on the team. Best of luck to everyone in training.

By Freya Cleary and Emily Clarke (6th Class)

PANCAKE TUESDAY

Mrs. O' Riordan's Mam, Noreen, came into our classroom on Pancake Tuesday to make pancakes for us. She also made pancakes for everyone in the choir. They were delicious. We had Nutella, marshmallows, cream and more!!

Oisín Furey & Evan Greene Mooney

6TH CLASS CONFIRMATION

This year 6th class are getting ready for their Confirmation which will be on the 28th May. They are learning about the symbols of the Holy Spirit (cloud, wind,



dove, fire, water and anointing oil) and the gifts of the Holy Spirit which are wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence. They are also learning about Pentecost. They are all very excited about making their Confirmation and receiving the Holy Spirit. We are looking forward to a wonderful day!

By Jayden Waldron 6th class

ST. BRIGID'S DAY

St. Brigid's Day is celebrated on 1st February. It marks the beginning of Spring. It is a new public holiday and we were off school on the 3rd February.



Our class made St. Brigid's crosses with rushes that Ms. Grant brought down from Donegal. We really enjoyed making them but they were a bit tricky and we needed a lot of help. We have the crosses in our houses to keep us safe and to guard off evil spirits.

Jake Clancy and Luke Flynn Green Mr. O' Mahony's 3rd Class

OUR GLENDALOUGH RETREAT

On 8th May, 6th class are going to Glendalough. The reason why we are



going is for our Confirmation retreat. Father Hugh will be there getting us ready for our Confirmation. Both the 6th classes are going along with all of the teachers from 6th class. There will be activities and walks as well as seeing the round tower. Some of us have already been to Glendalough and some of us haven't so it will be a fun experience for all of us. We are really looking forward to the day!

By Cian Shanahan & Rita Kelly 6th class

PHOENIX PARK TRIP

On Thursday 20th March, Mr. O' Mahony's class went on a trip to the Phoenix Park. Ms. Grant and Ms. Canavan came with us. We got the 26 bus from Liffey Valley and then the 99 bus to the Phoenix Park. We walked through the walled garden. We played in the playground. It was so much fun. We got a tour of Ashtown Castle and learned lots of interesting facts. The castle was originally built in 1606 and was restored in the 1980's. To find out how old the castle was, a wooden beam from above the door was sent to Belfast for the rings to be counted. This

is called dendrochronology. We were able to go into the castle. It was very cold and the door was very heavy. Outside, we saw a tree that smelled like chocolate when we walked under it! We then went to the visitor centre and learned about the history of the Phoenix Park. The teachers were very impressed with our good behavior. We hope we get another trip soon ☺

Kendra Waldron Daly and Eryn

Downey Mr. O' Mahony's 3rd Class

LENT - A TIME FOR REFLECTION

Lent is a 40 day period which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent began this year on Ash Wednesday 5th March, the day after Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday). Our local priest Fr. Hugh Kavanagh kindly visited the school to give ashes to the children. Lent is a time for preparation before Easter. Lent is also a time of reflection and a time where we give up something we usually enjoy, like chips, sweets or chocolate because Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. Some children prefer to take up a new sport or promise to be kinder to their brother or sister. Lent is a time to show kindness and love to others. **By Josh Reid, Jack Howell, Max Goodwin, Carter Holmes 5th class Ms. Mc Hugh**



ESB SCIENCE BLAST WITH MS.

RYAN'S CLASS

On 4th March, 6th class went to Science Blast in the R.D.S. and it was so fun. We left the school on a bus at 8 a.m. and



arrived at the R.D.S. around 9am. We had to bring our project with us which was all about 'how does salt affect ice?' After listening to our teachers explain the rules and tell us our schedule for the day we went to a science show. This first show was the one that I liked the most. It consisted of dry ice, electricity and wind energy which were explained by the mad scientists. After that we got to go around to all of the stands and displays that other schools made to show their projects and I loved this. There was a DJ experience and VR stand which was my favourite one. We got to try out the games and look at the miniatures of animals. There were over 100 different schools there and the event was on from Monday to Thursday but we only had to go to present our project on Tuesday. We were put into groups of four to stay at our stand in-case the judges came around so we didn't know which group

would be chosen to speak to the judges. Eventually the judges arrived while Robert, Leon, Leah-Rose and Julia were at our stand and they did a great job explaining our project to the judges. He was a really nice judge and asked us questions for 20 minutes about our project. At the end of the day, the judge came back to our stand and awarded both classes with a trophy. This was the thing that I liked the most because we worked hard and were proud to win a very beautiful trophy. We are so proud of ourselves



and our class were so proud of each other. The judges even said that our project was one of the best projects he has ever seen in his 20 years of judging at Science Blast. The manager of Science Blast also said we were one of the best behaved schools that attended. We returned to school happy and proud!

By Gabriela Buhaniuc and Leon Scott, 6th class

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

The theme for this year's CSW was being 'Alive in Christ'. On Monday, we had a lot of fun creating our own recipes about friendship, it was so fun and enjoyable. I felt like a really good friend giving it to my friend, I wish I could do more for all my friends. I had a lot of fun. I felt like a witch creating a potion! On Tuesday we learned about refugees, we had to draw a person who had to leave their country because of war and had to explain how you would feel, if you were that person. Wednesday was Grandparents' Day- so we talked about how important and special they are to us. We had to go home and do an interview with a grandparent. I had to ring my nanny on the phone. We talked about protecting and caring for our world on Thursday. We had lots of fun on Friday sharing our talents and talking about what makes us special. We had a great time taking part in the activities during the week.

By Sadie Walsh, Maddie Gissane & Preston Langan Ms. Foster 4th Class

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

On Ash Wednesday 5th March, Ms. Mc Hugh handed out a Trócaire box to any child that wanted to bring one home. A Trócaire box is a box that you put money in and this money goes to the

most vulnerable people and communities across the world that have no money for food or an education. Your Trócaire box contributions can make a big difference to people who are starving and hungry. Trócaire boxes can be returned to the school after the Easter holidays or you can drop them to the church closest to your home.

By Katie Dorrian and Sophia Carpenter Fonseca 5th Class



THE BIG SING

On Thursday 3rd April the school choir will be performing in The National Stadium as part of The Big Sing. They are rehearsing weekly and working very hard to learn all 11 songs and we've no doubt they will sound amazing on the night. Tickets for the show are on sale at www.thebigsing.ie. Good luck from everyone in the school!



PITCH AND PUTT

Our class have been going to pitch and putt for the last 6 weeks. James, Michael and Dean coach us each week. We are going to pitch and putt to help the CPM promote their academy. We really enjoy it and have great fun. The CPM are organising a competition between local schools in June 2025.

Carter Holmes and Logan Mander 5th Class

CHESS CLUB

After big break we stay in in the classroom, we bring the chessboard and play with our friends or against other people @We stay in in classroom 10-15 minutes. We practiced chess to go to chess tournament. **By Vera**

RUGBY TRAINING

On March 12th Glenn from Leinster rugby came to do rugby training with us. We will continue this training till Easter. Sixth and fifth will be doing this. We played rabbits and rats and it was very fun. We played that for a while and at the end we played two matches. We had lots of fun! **By Ryan Ducie**

EASTER RAFFLE

Every Easter the school does a raffle with goodies and sweet treats. Students buy raffle tickets €1 for 1 strip and €3 for 5 strips. Half of the money goes towards the school and the rest

goes to charity. The prize has chocolate eggs and chocolate bars and more. Each ticket goes in a hat and is picked fairly. **By Alannah Gilligan**

COOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Friday 7th February 2025, 8 lucky people from Mr. Molan's 6th class went to St. Benedict's National School which was as big as a mountain. We went to participate in the chess tournament hosted by St. Benedict's National School. They went to Mr. Higgins room to get changed into the school jersey. They got on the bus at about 9:05 a.m. and we got there about half an hour later at 9:45. When they got there they were taken by surprise with how big the school was, it was as big as a planet. We all had a great time as we all played great. We got a certificate for participating. They got back to our school at 2:30 p.m. We want to give a special thanks to St. Benedict's National School for hosting and to Mr. Higgins for letting us use his room. **By Tadhg Ronan**



SCIENCE BLAST

The science blast was on Tuesday 4th March 2025 with Mr. Molan and Ms. Ryan's classes. The bus left the school at 8:00 am so we all had to be there before so we were not late. It was around a 40 minute drive when we got there it turned out to be where Funderland was. When we went in we seen over 130 different stations so that meant there was A LOT of different schools there so a big competition. There was also a lot of games that you could win prizes from and compete in. Mr. Molan's class project was how fast do you have to spin a cup with water so it doesn't spill out? Ms. Ryan's class did how does salt effect ice? There was also other shows on, one show was Mark which he showed how carbon dioxide affected water when you blow in to it with a straw. The other show was hosted by a man and a woman they showed who invented and discovered things and they showed us what happened when you pour hot water in nitrogen and they made it explode. We had a great day out and everyone really enjoyed themselves!

By Kate Hardiman Bradley.

TRIP TO THE CHURCH

On Wednesday 5th March, Mr. Molan's 6th class went to the church at 9:45 to get to the church at 10:00am. When we got there most people blessed themselves with holy water then walked to the church seats and we all sat down then the little bell rang and we stood up and started to say are prayers, we sat back down as we talked about our Confirmation. We then got the holy bread and went back to school.

Dawid Lechowiski.

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

On February 11th, 2025 the Garda came in to talk about internet safety day. They came into all of the classes to talk about being careful and safe on the internet. Also they were talking about not friending a stranger you don't know and to make sure your mam and dad know what apps that you have. Other safety tips are

- Put parental controls on your apps.
- Don't accept people you don't know just because they are the same age.
- Use safe websites ONLY.



HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LIAISON TEACHER

COOKING COURSE

There will be a free 8 week cooking course starting after Easter in partnership with DDLETB. The course will be on Wednesdays 9am -11am in the parent's room. Please contact me if you would like a place. It would be great to see parents take part.

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND MESSY PLAY

Every term a course for parents and children takes place in the parent's room. It is a huge success. Parents come together and discuss parenting. They share their successes and support each other through any issues they might be experiencing in relation to parenting over a cup of tea. The course is informal and relaxed.

After the parenting piece, the children are collected and brought to the prefab to join their parents for messy play. This is where the real fun begins. If you would like to take part in the next programme. Please contact me.

TEACHER ARTIST PARTERSHIP+

Musician and singer, songwriter Luke Clerkin has been working with Ms. Lynch and a group of children over a number of weeks. We have had great fun learning, playing games and we

even wrote a song. We are currently working on a music video. We look forward to performing our song to our school during assemblies after Easter. Our video will be uploaded onto Facebook and X.

Gillian Lynch, HSCL Tel. – 0857630466

Music with Luke, which is the musician Ms. Lynch, Cara, Carter, Adelina, Zoe, Emmah, Molly, Teagan, Joshua, Charlie, Gigi and Alex is very fun. I wish we could do music for more than 7 weeks. It is so much fun. If I had to rate it out of 10 I would rate it 10 out of 10! I feel happy when I listen to music and love singing the song we wrote.

Emily Ji.

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND MESSY PLAY

I am doing this course at the moment with my daughter Emily and my son Jack. The Healthy Family course helps me to tackle the issues around picky eaters, as both my children are very picky eaters. The kids enjoy the messy play and I enjoy being with them and having fun.

Brigid Balfe.

CRAFT CLASS

The aim of the 2 hour weekly craft classes is to teach the parents new creative skills including mosaics, quilling, wet felting among many other

projects. Parents chat, have a coffee, listen to relaxing music while creating beautiful pieces.

Another project that Gillian has organised is some classes with parents and children where they paint large wooden boards with various themes and these boards will then be used for a poetry trail.

Martina Kirwan, @artintheshed.



Tyler Gilligan
3rd class



Guide to Internet safety

Theodore Paige

4th class
Ms. O' Riordan
&
Ms. Foster

