



Scoil

“AntoNews”



Céad Míle Fáilte go dtí eagrán na Cásca de 'Scoil AntoNews'. St. Anthony's BNS continues to be a happy, active and vibrant place and I hope that this Easter edition will give you a flavour of some of the numerous fun activities and diverse learning opportunities that our school community has been involved in over the last number of months. It's wonderful seeing afterschool activities and new opportunities safely recommence again. Bain taitneamh as an léigh.

I would like to thank all the staff for their continued dedication, hardwork, flexibility and support and for the wonderful daily learning opportunities they provide for all the pupils. The pupils of St. Anthony's BNS continue to amaze me with their energy, enthusiasm and good humour. I congratulate you on all your vast achievements, initiatives and successes. Congratulations to the 6th Class boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 30th of March in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballinlough from Monsignor Gearóid Dullea. This was a beautiful, spiritual, respectful and meaningful ceremony and it was clearly evident the vast amount of work and commitment that went into preparing for this Ceremony from teachers, pupils and parents. As always, the Parents' Association continue to show huge support to St. Anthony's BNS and to all initiatives. We look forward to planting up the school garden with the donation received for flowers and plants and purchasing the new yard equipment for the enjoyment of all. Thank you. We remember and stand united this Easter with all Ukrainians and hope that the war and devastation in their country will stop. We wish our three new Ukrainian pupils every happiness and peace in Cork and in their new homes. These boys are amazing and a very welcome addition to our school community. I thank all of the pupils and families who are supporting them and helping them settle in to life in Cork. The spirit of support and charity is humbling and this was very evident again in the recent Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal.

Finally, have a very Happy Easter as we remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. I hope that you all get an Easter egg or two.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.
Seán Lyons

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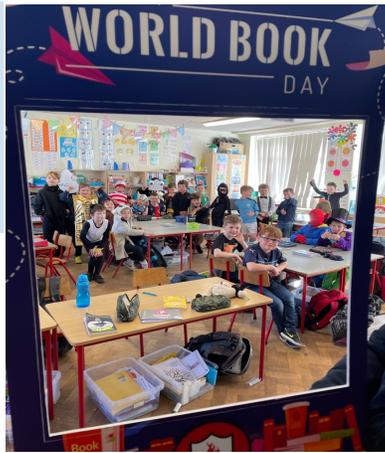
Happy Easter



World Book Day

The 25th anniversary was celebrated this term at St. Anthony's BNS with the usual enthusiasm that we come to expect from this very exciting day. No effort was spared in costume design for our annual fancy dress on the catwalk – dressed as favourite book characters. The boys also completed many literacy activities such as book review, comic strips, book cover designs, book illustrations and creative writing workshops during the week led by Mr. Dineen and Clara O'Callaghan. Well done to all those who took part and helped to make this a very enjoyable event for all in St. Anthony's BNS.

The school have recently purchased new CAPER book sets to ensure that there is plenty of material for each class to read.



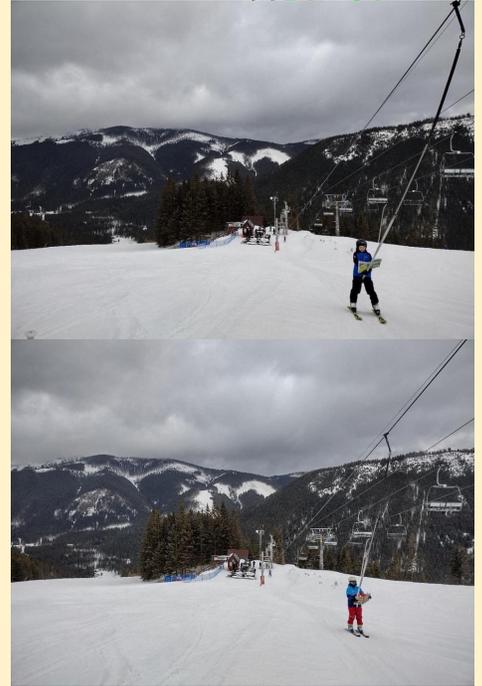
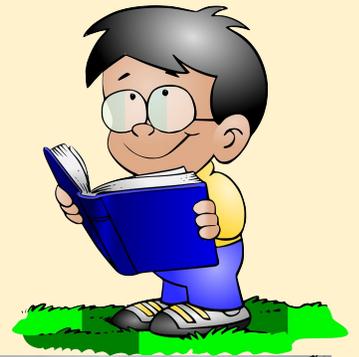
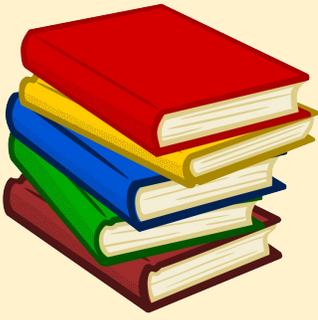
Visit your local library

<https://www.corkcitylibraries.ie/en/locations/douglas-library/>



Extreme Reading

Judged by David O'Flynn (5th Class)



Return of sports

Sciath Na Scol

After a long two years without Sciath na Scol Hurling or football competitions it was a joy to see the 5th and 6th class boys begin hurling training once again. The level of skill and commitment on show has been second to none and a joy to watch for all involved. To see friends from different clubs hurling together is a memory that will last with the boys forever.

The famous 'Black and Red', of St. Anthony's have to date played two group stage matches in the Sciath Na Scoil Roinn A Hurling competition. The first was against Holy Well Carrigaline where the boys were far the superior side and won by a comfortable margin.

Unfortunately, in the second outing the boys were unlucky to lose against Gaelscoil Charraig Uí Leighin by two points on a score line of 3-7 to 4-6.

At the moment the boys are preparing for a big clash against Cloghroe NS on Thursday the 7th of April in Ballyanley. The team will more likely need to win their remaining group matches in order to advance further in the competition.

A massive thank you to all the coaches involved for their ongoing commitment in coaching the boys (Mr. Barry, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Moylan, Ms. Cleary, Mr. Lucey and Mr. Kiely).

St. Anthony's ABÚ!!



tennis



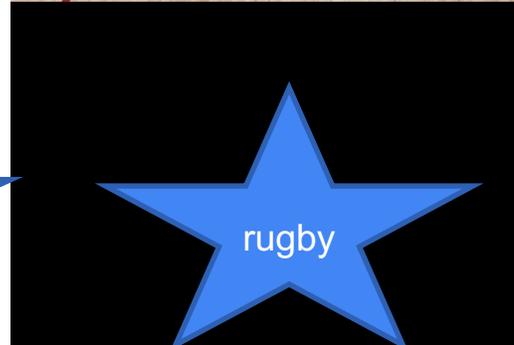
football



Swimming



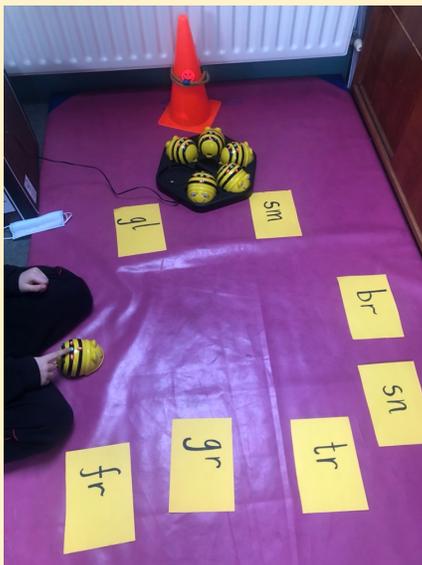
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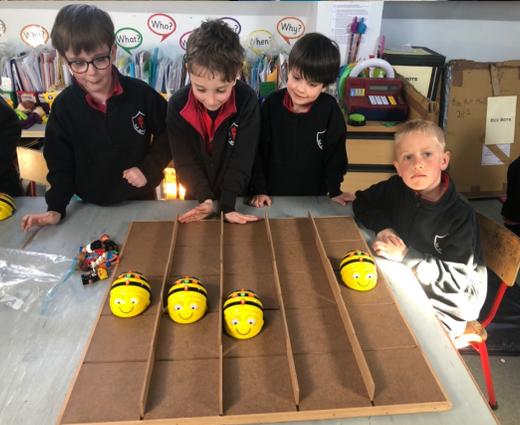


rugby

Bee-Bots

Bee-Bots are exciting robots designed specifically for use by young children. The teach control, sequencing, directional language, estimation, problem-solving and coding in a fun manner. Bee-Bots can accurately move in steps of 15cm, turn in 90° turns, and remember up to 40 steps!





Seachtain na Gaeilge



Lá Glas I Scoil Naomh Antaine!

For the first time in two years, we were able to bring the school together to enjoy some Irish dancing, music and song! It was a fantastic week with many Irish traditional songs played and performed in the classrooms of St. Anthony's BNS.



Congratulations



Congratulations to past pupil Patrick Campbell on winning the U20 Six nations Grand Slam with Ireland, adding to his All-Ireland Minor Football medal with Cork



Biodiversity



An Taisce

Green Schools

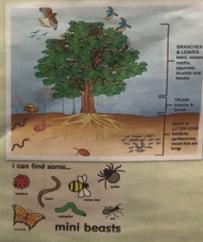
Biodiversity in Ireland

- ❑ 815 flowering plants
- ❑ 78 native ferns
- ❑ 21 broad-leaved native trees
- ❑ 23 native trees
- ❑ 759 mosses and liverworts
- ❑ 3,000 fungi
- ❑ 1,050 lichens
- ❑ 1,400 algae
- ❑ 50 mammals
 - ❑ 22 land mammals
- ❑ 425 birds recorded
- ❑ 27 freshwater fish
- ❑ 5 marine turtles
- ❑ 3 amphibians
- ❑ 1 reptile
- ❑ Unknown invertebrates... 15,000 documented to date




Example: Oak tree

- OAK IS A SPECIES
- AN OAK TREE IS A HABITAT (HOME) FOR LOTS OF OTHER DIFFERENT SPECIES
- AN OAK WOODLAND IS AN ECO-SYSTEM



Why is BIODIVERSITY so important?



Biodiversity keeps us alive! It's up to *all of us* to protect it!

Here are just some of the reasons!

- ❑ Gives us the air we breathe
- ❑ Provides us with food, medicine, fuel, fibre
- ❑ Pollination & biological control
- ❑ Protection from soil erosion & flooding
- ❑ Recycling of nutrients (composting)



Climate Change

- Change in 1 or 2°C will affect the habitats in which species live
- Some habitats may even become uninhabitable to some species
- Because Ireland is an island some species may not be able to migrate and may become extinct



Invasive (alien) species

- Non-native to a particular area
- Often introduced by humans
- Spread very quickly
- Can affect food webs
 - E.G. Grey Squirrel



Litter & Pollution

- Can cause the death for millions of wildlife each year
 - Estimated over 1 million sea birds, 100,000 turtles and sea mammals are killed by litter every year!



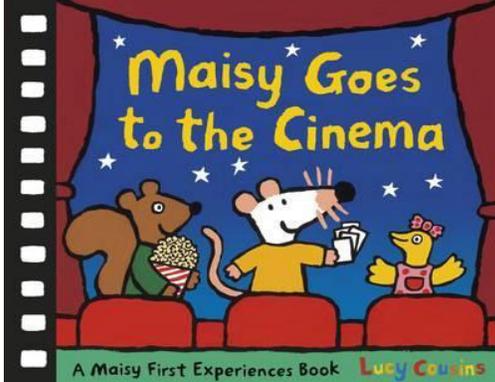
Habitat loss, fragmentation & destruction

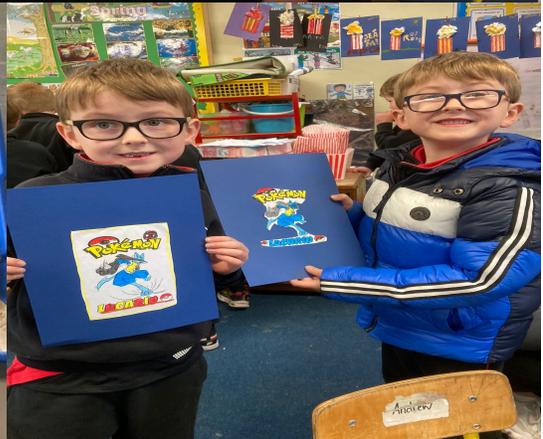
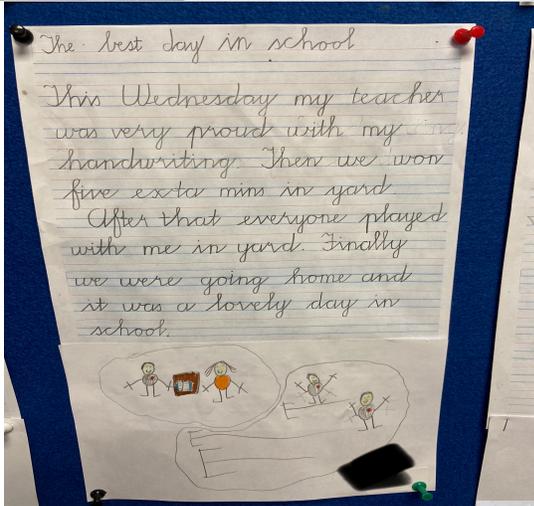
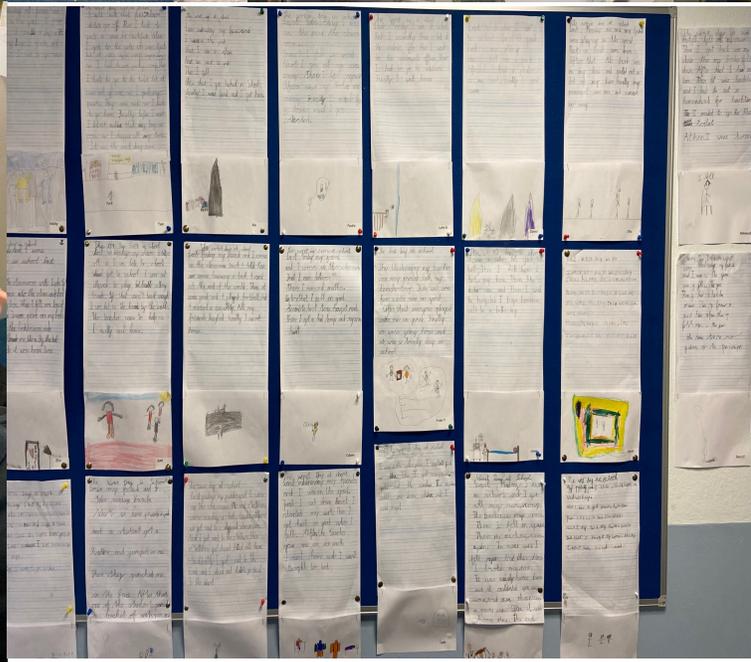
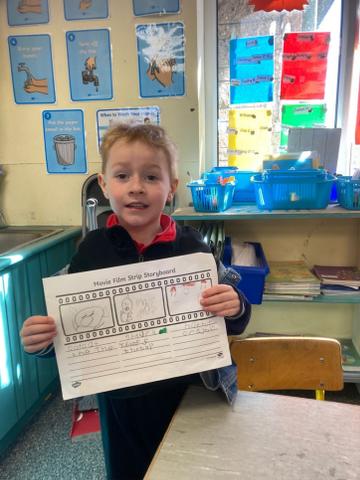
- Loss and fragmentation are the main threats to biodiversity around the world and here in Ireland
 - E.G. Rainforest & Peatlands
- Habitat destruction changes the conditions needed for particular plants and animals to survive
 - E.G. Wetland drainage

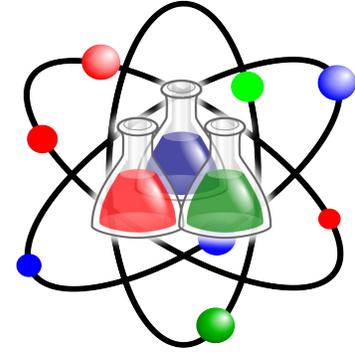


Aistear

Creatchuraclam na Luath-Óige
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework







These are a sample of some science and STEM activities.



Lifetime Lab



Some classes enjoyed science and STEM workshops in the Lifetime Lab recently.





Our Trip to the Lifetime Lab.

On Monday, the 4th of April our class travelled by bus to The Lifetime Lab. It took 15mins to get there. When we got there we met a scientist called Shaz. Shaz showed us 'the real' map of Ireland which encompassed the amount of ocean that we own as an island. We also saw some amazing fossils. My favourite thing to learn about was the starfish. We also saw a whale's tooth which was also fantastic. We all did some experiments too. For example we made a hurricane in a bottle of water. There was some fish tanks that we looked at aswell. We saw some mullet, a sea urchin, a grey shrimp, a sea pickle and 2 dogfish. We had loads of fun at The Lifetime Lab. I would highly recommend visiting it.

By Will Egar, Seán Lucey, Darragh Spillane, Luca Sikora Santos, Eric Waterman ; Mrs O' Sullivan 4th Class



Slí na Sláinte



Spring in
Our Step

All classes are making the most of the fine weather to get active. Daily walks in Ballinlough park and the Japanese Gardens have become commonplace to get the steps in and stay active. Indoor movement breaks have to suffice when the weather is not ideal.

The Irish Heart Foundation is particularly interested in helping you keep your heart healthy so when you walk at a moderate intensity you are helping train your heart and lungs to work more efficiently for you, helping reduce your blood pressure and cholesterol which can reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke.

As part of the Slí na Sláinte campaign, Mr. Dineen's Class completed several walks throughout the month of February. They walked the distance of Cork to Mallow (31.9km). Walking improves our physical, mental and social health. It helps reduce stress and boosts our mood and self-esteem, particularly when we walk in green or blue space.



ACTIVE SCHOOL
MORE SCHOOLS, MORE ACTIVE, MORE OFTEN



Creative Schools Week
9th - 13th May 2022

#creativeschools

Seachtain na
Scoileanna Ildánacha
An 9ú - 13ú Bealtaine 2022

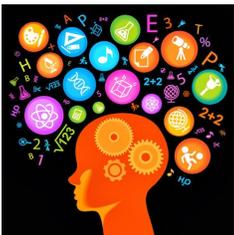
Scoileanna Ildánacha Creative Schools

Creativity
Lives Here!

Tá Beocht na
Cruthaitheachta
Anseo!

GLUCKSMAN

Reconnect/Restore/Reimagine is a creative project that invites students of all ages to explore their local area and to understand the links between biodiversity and the climate crisis through age-appropriate activities. Easy to follow artist tutorials and worksheets will be provided to schools. Developed in collaboration with UCC Green Campus, the project will invite students of St. Anthony's BNS to observe and creatively document their local environment so that they can better understand ways to conserve ecosystems, and encourage species and vegetation, as well looking at the heritage, folklore, and history of land, and discovering the importance of green spaces and how to create ecological corridors.



Creative Schools Week is in May so get **creative** over the holidays and send any creative endeavours e.g. **art**, **creative writing**, **construction**, **dance**, **gardening**, **baking**, **song compositions**, **music**, **Lego** etc to creativeschools@stanthonys.ie

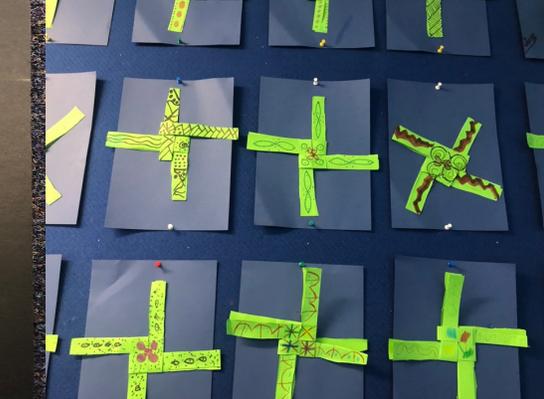
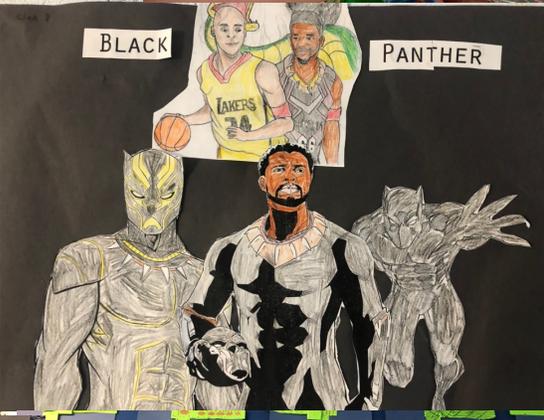
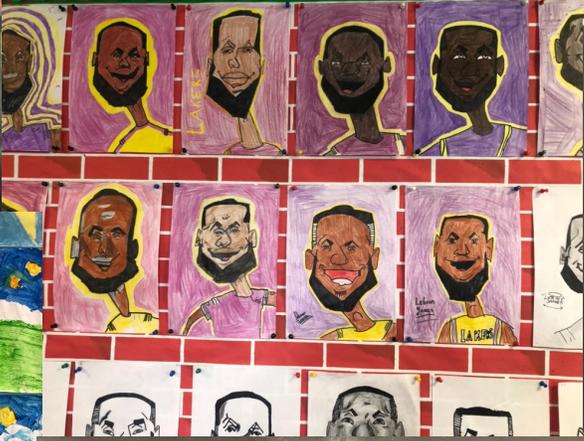
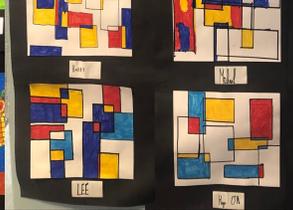
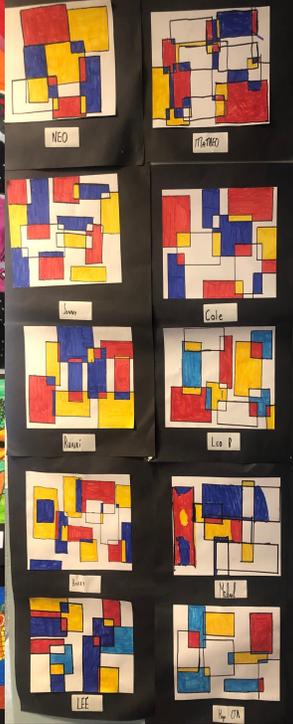
You might find some inspiration here:

Creativity at Home

Explore award-winning activities by the Glucksman that encourage creative learning using basic art and household materials.

<https://www.glucksman.org/education/creativity-at-home>







The Ukrainian national anthem



Our talented teachers playing during Seachtain na Gaeilge

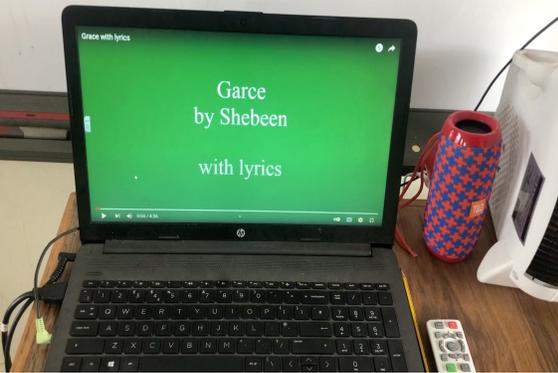


Musicians from 4th Class – Mr Cussen.



Ms. Barrett's 1st Class





Grace

'Grace' is a very well-known Irish ballad. It was written in 1985 by brothers Frank and Seán O'Meara. It is one of the greatest love songs ever written. It tells the true tragic story of Grace Gifford, who is the subject on the song 'Grace'.

Grace Gifford married her fiancé Joseph Mary Plunkett. Plunkett proposed to Grace in 1915. The couple planned to marry on the Easter Sunday that year. Their plans got interrupted by the Easter Rising. Plunkett was responsible for planning the rising and it was his plan that was followed. *From our school days, they have told us we must yearn for liberty.* For his part in it, he was arrested and held in Kilmainham Gaol in Dublin.

When Grace heard that Joseph was to be shot at dawn on the 3rd of May, she bought a wedding ring at the jeweller in the Dublin city centre. She begged the military authorities to allow her and her fiancé to marry. Grace Gifford and Joseph Plunkett were married on the night of 3rd of May in the chapel of Kilmainham Gaol.

Oh, Grace, just hold me in your arms and let this moment linger

They'll take me out at dawn and I will die

With all my love, I place this wedding ring upon your finger

There won't be time to share our love for we must say goodbye

The wedding ceremony was only 15 minutes, and it took just seven hours before Plunkett was executed at the age of 28 by the firing squad.

*Now, as the dawn is breaking, my heart is breaking, too
On this May morn', as I walk out, my thoughts will be of you*

And I'll write some words upon the wall so everyone will know

*I loved so much that I could see his blood upon the rose
He widowed his sweetheart Grace*

The best-known version of 'Grace' was recorded by Irish musician Jim McCann and it featured the Irish charts for 36 weeks. It was later performed by many artists over the years, including Rod Steward.

The Easter Rising

The Easter Rising was a rebellion against British rule in Ireland. It took place in the capital city, Dublin. It began on April 24, 1916, which was the day after Easter that year, and lasted five days. In the end, the rebels were beaten. Mr. Dineen's class have been learning all about this over the past few weeks. The children learned all about Joseph Mary Plunkett and Grace Gifford. They were so absorbed with this story that they then learned to sing the song 'Grace' which tells the story of the Easter 1916 Rising.

By Stefan Guzik – 3rd Class (Mr Dineen)

CREATIVE

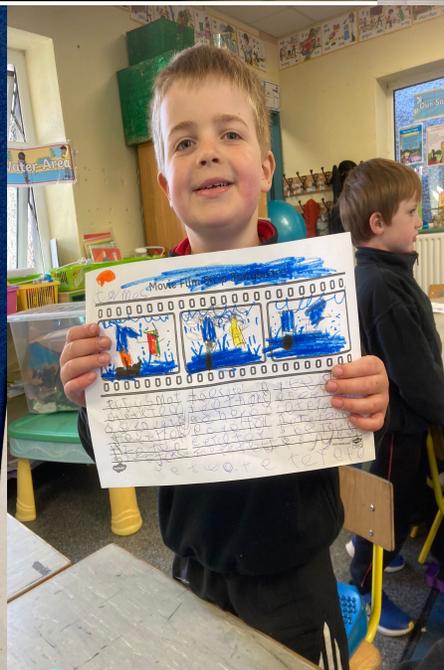
WRITING



The best day in school

This Wednesday my teacher was very proud with my handwriting. Then we won five extra mins in yard.

After that everyone played with me in yard. Finally we were going home and it was a lovely day in school.



Die duit, is mise Peter Parker ach tá aibne ag cuid acu orm mar Fear Damhán Alla an fear i masc.



mó masc

Seomra ranga 5

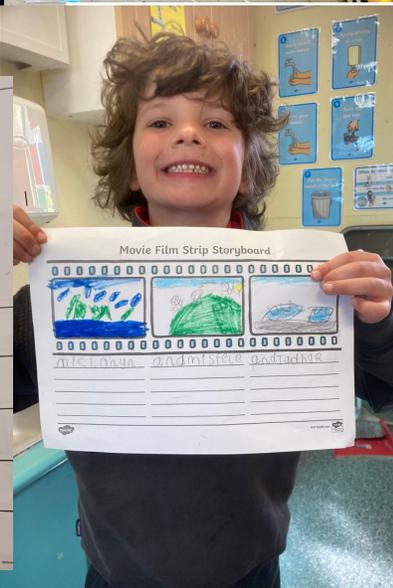


Tá múinteoir nua agam.

Mr Hec is ainm dó.

Is maith liam scoil ach is

fearr liam na laethanta saoire.



Pitta Pizza by Seán

Ingredients:

- 2 Teaspoons of Purée.
- Olive oil.
- Grated cheese.
- Garlic granules.
- Ham.
- Corn.
- Chopped Peppers.
- Pineapple

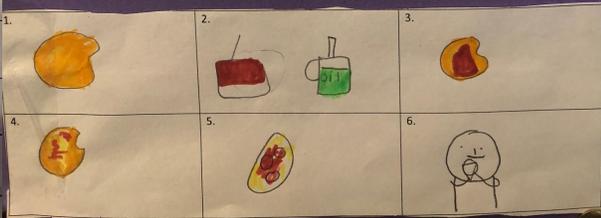
Method:

1. First toast one side of the pitta bread.
2. Next, mix together the purée and olive oil.
3. Then spread on top the untoasted side of the pitta bread.
4. Sprinkle over some garlic granules and cover with the grated cheese.
5. Top with the toppings of your choice.
6. Finally place under the grill until bubbling.
7. Serve and enjoy.



Tá na shuid gruaige éinne agus tá dath gorm ar na shuille. Tá rúgairt i na sráid. Táim ag freastal ar Scoil Antoine Naofa. Tá an

scoil nite i mBaile an Lochas.





Ms. O'Callaghan's Activities



After-School Activities

These are some of the after-school activities and clubs that have resumed in St. Anthony's BNS



LEGO CLUB CORK

Introducing
AFTER SCHOOL FRIDAY CLUB

St Anthony's BNS - Fridays 2:30pm - 3:40pm

Term two: 6th May - 10th June 2022

- Lego building is excellent for supporting a child's learning and development
- Lego challenges the child's imagination
- Improves fine motor skills
- Develops a love of engineering and design
- Fosters friendships and team work
- Promotes problem solving and critical thinking
- Improves social and intra-personal skills

€60



CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES! IT'S

ST ANTHONY'S COMIC CLUB

6 WEEKS: €50

TUE 2ND NOVEMBER 2021
2:30PM TO 3:45PM
FEATURING ONE OF CORK'S TOP COMIC EDITORS

WORKSHOP INCLUDES
CREATING COMICS
INVENTING NEW SUPERHEROES
WRITING STORY LINES
LEARNING HOW TO EDIT

TO BOOK: RETURN FORM OR CALL KIERAN LYNCH ON 086-3606555

MY FITNESS

After School
Mindfulness & Yoga

KID'S YOGA

6 week Block
€50

Places Limited

Mindfulness exercises to:

- Enhance mental health
- Encourage inner peace
- Relieve stress
- Improve sleep
- Heighten concentration
- Boost self confidence

Yoga movements to:

- Promote awareness
- Enhance consciousness
- Improve self-regulation

Starting Wed Nov 10th
St. Anthony's BNS
Wed 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Call: 086 3056260

SMART ART

After school Art Classes
Mondays & Fridays
Bookings for next Sept
Contact Grainne - 0879415765

HOMEWORK CLUB

- The Homework Club is a programme designed to provide a place for your child to complete their homework free from any distractions.
- Come along to get help with your homework from qualified teachers

Days: Monday - Thursday
Time: 2.30pm-3.30pm
Venue: St Anthony's BNS
Classes: 1st-6th
Rate: €5 per day
Resuming: 28th March 2022
Email: martha.buckley@stanthony.ie

- 'Drop-in' available, simply email and pay on day of attendance.

Please click on the link below to complete registration:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfa7TAJbTbXdP:WUj71LqUHFZHSaVSyoDro3RCDFjYDy55gXA/viewform?usp=sf_link





Welcome

ласкаво просимо to our Ukaranian Students – We hope that you are settling into St. Anthony’s and Making lots of new friends.

Drivers Denis and John and their colleagues departed with a convoy of trucks of essential items collected for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal for Ukrainian families on the Polish border. Well done and thank you to the Ballinlough Community who donated items for this cause. Your generosity , goodwill and spirit of charity was very much appreciated.



€1172.63 was raised for cancer during our annual coffee morning. Thank you to all those who contributed and baked for the occasion.





Congratulations to all the 6th Class who received their confirmation on Wednesday 30th March in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Ballinlough. It was a beautiful ceremony.



The 5th Class attended the Stations of the Cross in Our Lady of Lourdes church Ballinlough in preparation for Easter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-A967WZKNMg>



Our Communion ceremonies will take place on **Saturday, 21st of May in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballinlough.** We will have two Communion ceremonies this year.

Saturday 21st of May @ 10am: Ms. Aoife Lucey's Class & Mr. Colm Kiely's Class. (Joint Ceremony)

Saturday 21st of May @ 12 noon: Mr. Ian Lucey's Class.

Parent's Association – Springing Back into Action!

PA HQ was a hive of background activity this winter season, ensuring parents are aware of National Parents' Council events and surveys, including wellbeing events, and transitioning to secondary school workshops and hope that you have found these beneficial in supporting your boys through their primary school years.

Virtually, our class reps and volunteer parents recorded over thirty short stories, which were played in Junior – 1st classes for World Book Day in March. Thank you to all our volunteers for adding to the fun of World Book Day in this virtual way. To add to the boy's enjoyment, the PA was delighted to fund thirty-five €10 national book token vouchers for various in class competitions and we hope the winners found an enjoyable book to read.

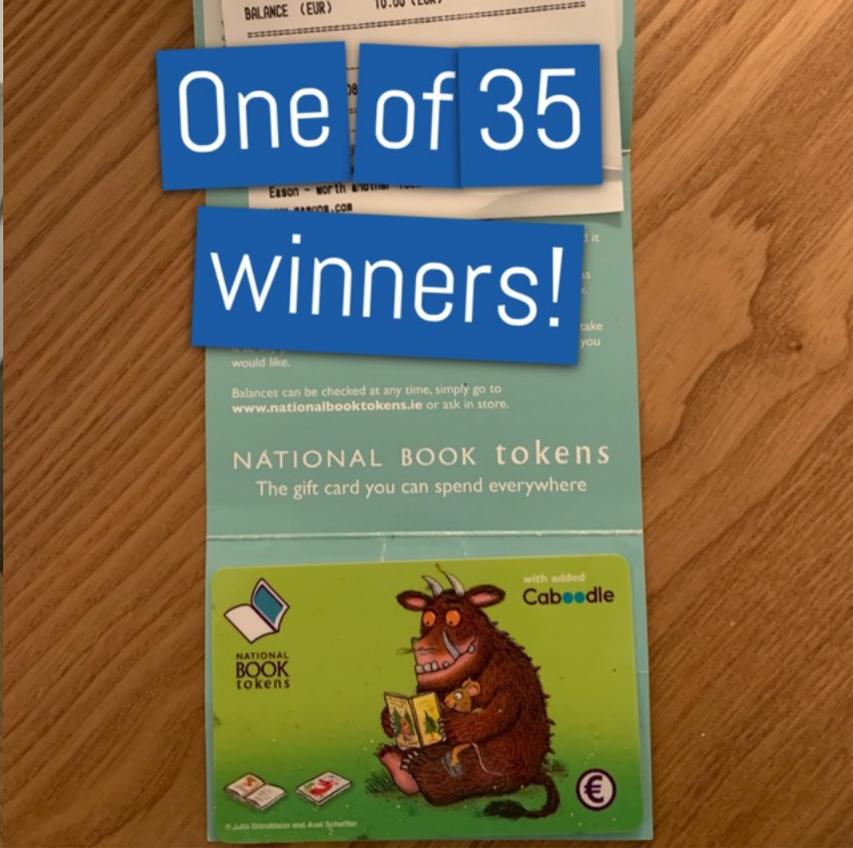
We are delighted to hear that the school garden is springing back into action and thank you our rep Alan who continues to work with Mr. HOC, and team School Garden in making it a bright, inviting space for the boys, adding new benches for them to use. We are delighted to be able to provide €500 towards the purchase new plants for the boys to plant. To add to the use of the school yard, we have spent €1,000 towards the purchase of school yard games.

Congratulations to the 6th class boys on their recent confirmation and we hope that you enjoyed the individualised cupcake and mini sweet buffet as a small celebration to mark the occasion. But don't worry, this doesn't replace the 6th class Golden Fry party which will come in the final term along with the Communion Pizza Party of course.

As life begins to feel back to normal, we are excited that the opportunity for more parents to get involved, not just virtually but in person, will be available in our last term. We will see the return of a mini version of Healthy Eating week on 2nd-3rd June and Road Safety Week 3-6th May to name a few. Our PA RSA Team are collaborating with the school and the Ballinlough Residents Association to bring more awareness of road safety to all, and we will be communicating more on that and all our fun events next term and how you can get involved.

In the meantime, we wish you and your families a safe, and happy Easter.

Your PA Officers - *Margaret, Máire and Aoife*



Parents' Association





That's all Folks!





 **Happy Easter** 