



## A Message From Our Principal



Céad Míle Fáilte go dtí eagrán na Cásca de 'Scoil AntoNews'.

Spring is definitely in the air and it's great seeing the brighter mornings and a stretch in the evenings, it fills us all with hope and happiness. It has been another very busy, energetic and exciting term here in St. Anthony's BNS. The term has flown!

As you read this Easter edition of our school magazine you will get a taste of some of the wonderful academic and extra-curricular activities that take place daily in our school. I thank all of the boys, staff and parents for all of your dedication and hard work. It is a pleasure and fills me with joy and pride to feel the buzz and energy and see how respectful, good-humoured and happy the boys are, and to witness the opportunities that are provided daily for them to achieve.

We celebrate all of the efforts, successes and achievements of our pupils and past pupils. This month saw past pupil Cillian Murphy win the coveted OSCAR. Cillian throughout his career has brought great pride and happiness to our school community, to Cork and Ireland.

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We congratulate Cillian and his family on this phenomenal achievement.

We are also delighted to congratulate parent, Peter O' Mahony on captaining his country to a fantastic Six Nations title.

We congratulate and celebrate our Sixth Class boys who received their sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday last in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. This was a beautiful occasion, so respectful, spiritual and joyous. A huge well done to all of the boys and their teachers for preparing so well. The boys and their families were treated to a reception fit for a king back in the school gym. We are so lucky to have such an amazing, hard-working and vibrant Parents' Association.

Thank you to all of the St. Anthony's BNS staff and parents for your support and assistance in all aspects of school life. Míle Buiochas daoibh go léir!

Have a lovely, restful and happy Easter Break.

Beannachtaí na Féile Cásca oraibh go léir!

Seán & Foireann na Scoile.



## HURLING IN PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH

Great hurling and skill were on display in Páirc Uí Chaoimh as our 6th Class boys got the opportunity to showcase their hurling skills in an exhibition game v Carrigtwohill NS at halftime of the Cork v Waterford Allianz National Hurling League.

# Adventures in Learning



## OUR TRIP TO BLACKROCK CASTLE

Written by Ryan, 3rd Class

In February we visited Blackrock Castle. We went on a bus from school.

When we got there our class went inside the Castle and learned about light. The instructor showed us how to make light circuits. I was working with Jamie & Harry, and our circuit worked!

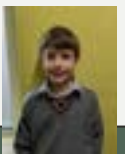
After that, we had our lunch. Following our break we went into a tent and learned about the Milky Way, the planets, and our solar system. The next part was cool, we went to the dungeons underneath the castle.

Finally, we went up to the top of castle and we could see Pairc Uí Caoimh and the whole city.

We got the bus back to school. It was a fantastic day!



The pupils in Mrs Geraghty's 3rd Class were working hard writing little storybooks about themselves in Irish for Seachtain na Gaeilge.



## MO SCÉAL

Le Aidan, Rang a Trí

Dia duit. Is mise Aidan. Tá mé naoi mbliana d'aois. Tá gruaig dhonn orm. Tá súile glasa agam. Tá trúir i mo theaghlach. Níl deirfúir agam. Níl aon deartháir agam. Tá mé i mo chónaí i gCorcaigh. Tá mé i rang a trí.

# Kindness Matters



## Lollipop Day

In February, the 6th Class boys sold lollipops to support the Oesophageal cancer fund, raising awareness and much-needed funds.

## Lá Glas

On Friday, March 15th, both the staff and students enthusiastically wore green, raising funds to support two causes: Pieta House and to fund new yard games for Room 18 & 19. There was many a leprechaun to be seen, to be sure, to be sure!



## Cinéaltas Flag

The Student Council raised the Cinéaltas Flag which serves as a visible symbol of the school community's shared commitment to be kind and to work together to prevent and address bullying.

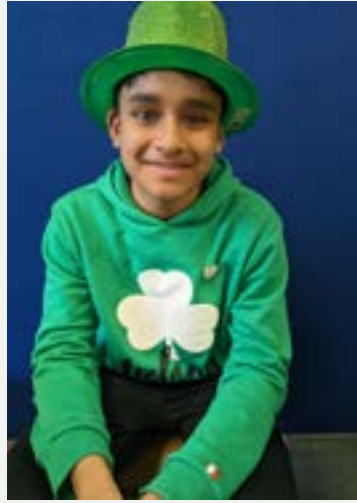


## Daffodil Day

6th Class boys sold Daffodil Day merchandise. The Irish Cancer Society fundraiser began in 1988 and it funds vital research and services each year.

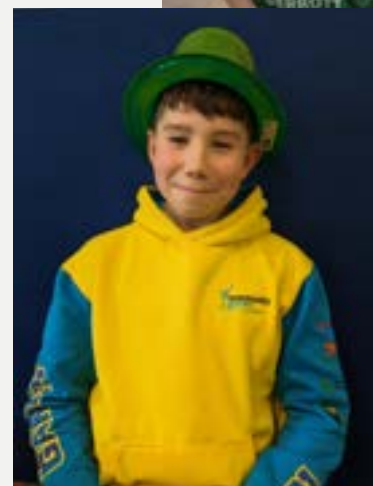
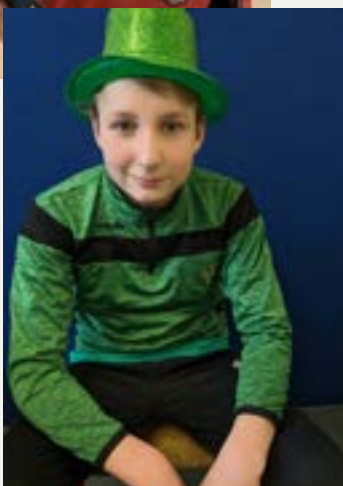
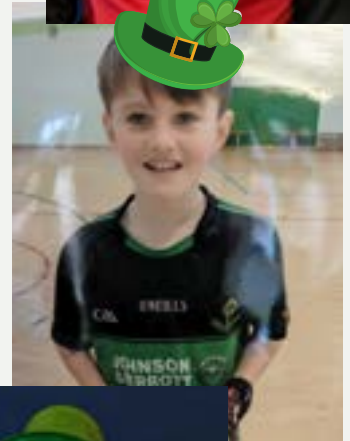


# Let's Get Movin'!



**THE ACTIVE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE**

Meet the crew behind the scenes, our Active School Committee. Maurice, Ruairí, Sonny, Ben, Vihaan, Seb, Roan, Seán, Harry & Mike have been proposing ways of making St Anthony's the most active school in Ireland! Under their guidance and enthusiasm, our school has taken part in the 'Walk Around Europe Challenge', among other initiatives. We have walked a collective 12,531 km in the past 4 weeks, that's like walking from St Anthony's to the Philippines!!! Special congratulations to Mrs Geraghty's 3rd Class who walked a whopping 980km!



# Slam Dunk!



## ST. ANTHONY'S WIN THE CORK GARDA SÍOCHÁNA SCHOOLS BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Written by Tom & Fionnán, 6th Class



On Friday the 12th of January ten boys from sixth class took part in the annual Garda Síochána Basketball Blitz which was held in Neptune Stadium.

Our first game was against Blarney Street and we won that game by four points. It was very close. In our second game, we played and won by sixteen points It was a good win. In the third and final game, we played St. Patrick's and won by two points . The team was thrilled.

The boys that played in the blitz were Tom Lyons, Fionnán O' Leary (C), Niall O'Sullivan, Senan Conway, Harry Jestin Clark, Ryan Murphy, Eamonn Curran, Cameron Creedon, William Flanagan & Ciarán McCarthy.

We were very proud to play for St. Anthony's basketball team. All the team members were delighted to partake in the Garda Síochána Basketball Blitz. It was a great opportunity to represent the school and it was great to come away with a win. We all got medals and a big cup to bring back to the school. Fionnán, our captain received the trophy on behalf of the team.

We would like to thank our coaches Ms. Leen and Ms. O Callaghan for all of their encouragement and training.

It was a great day.

# Europe-mazing!



## MEP VISIT

Written by Sam O'Neill, 5th Class

On Friday, 1st March, Deirdre Clune visited 5th Class in the hall to see our European Union themed projects.

First, about one week before everybody was randomly chosen for a project. The choices were: 27 member states, Irish politicians in the EU, EU history and a quiz. Each student were assigned a project. Then we had to build, write, cook or bake our projects. I built mine, Bikersneili Circuit from Riga. We brought the projects in the following Thursday.

On Friday we displayed our projects in the hall and got ready. We practised the school anthem, Proud St Anthony's, and had an early lunch. Later Member of European Parliament, Deirdre Clune arrived. We sang the anthem, asked questions and went back to our projects.

After that, we gave her cake, gifts and a card. Then we had a chance to look at the other projects. I saw multiple honey cakes, trophies, The Atomium, churros and a cool Viking drawing. 1st & 4th Class came in to see the various projects.

Finally, we brought our projects back to class. It was a great day! Thank you Ms Clune for visiting St Anthony's.

# Making a splash and treading the boards

## CORK COMMUNITY GAMES

Written by Finn, 2nd Class

On Saturday, 9th March, I went to the Munster Technological University for the Cork Community Games

I swam 25 m freestyle and came 1st in all of Cork. It was a great experience. I was really thrilled because the last two times I swam I came 2nd.



## FÉIS MAITIÚ

Congratulations to all the boys who took part in Féis Maitiú this year. The photo above shows only some of the boys who participated this year. A big thank you to Ms Barrett for tutoring the boys!



# From Ballintemple to Hollywood!



## CILLIAN MURPHY



Written by Harry, 6th Class

Cillian was born on 25th May 1976, in Douglas, Cork. His mother was a French teacher while his father worked in the Department of Education. He was raised in Ballintemple. He began writing songs at the age of 10. He attended St Anthony's for primary school and Presentation Brothers College for Secondary School, where he did well academically.

Cillian got his first taste of performing in the Pres when he participated in a drama module presented by director Pat Kiernan. He later described this experience as a 'huge high' and a 'fully alive' feeling that he then set out to chase.

In his late teens, he was in a band with his brother Paidí. He studied law at UCC but failed his first-year exams because he wasn't truly passionate about the subject and was busy with his band. His first major acting role was in the UCC Drama Society's amateur production of 'Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme'.

In September 1996, Cillian made his professional acting debut on the stage, playing the part of a volatile Cork teenager in 'Disco Pigs'. He starred in many other theatre productions after that and subsequently began appearing in short films. He relocated to Dublin and then to London in 2001.

Cillian appeared in mainstream movies such as Christopher Nolan's 'Batman Begins' and Wes Craven's 'Red Eye' both in 2005. *The New York Times* film critic Manohla Dargis asserted that Cillian made a 'picture-perfect villain'. He received several award nominations for his 2005 villainous roles, amongst them a nomination as Best Villain at the 2006 MTV Awards for 'Batman Begins'.

In 2023 Cillian portrayed Robert Oppenheimer in the hit movie 'Oppenheimer'. For his performance he won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role, Screen Actor's Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role, and Academy Award for Best Actor.

After winning his Oscar, was Murphy celebrated across Ireland, but especially in Cork. RTÉ visited us here in St Anthony's and The Presentation Brothers interviewing several students and staff. Cillian is a huge inspiration for millions of children and actors across the world and we wish him huge success in the future.

# School Spirit and Pride

## A Visit from RTÉ



Written by Raghaven, 1st Class

There was lots of excitement. The interviewer asked us to put up our hands to answer the questions. They asked a total of five people. I knew Cillian Murphy had come to St Anthony's. They recorded us in our classroom and took some shots of us outside the school too.



# Together Standing Tall



The boys of Ms Howard's Junior Infant Class proudly waved their Irish flags to celebrate Ireland's win in the 2024 Six Nations Rugby Championship. Come on Ireland!



Theo proudly wearing his dad's Six Nations Championship Medal.



My Canine Companion Kali takes a look at Peter O'Mahony's 2024 Six Nations Rugby Championship medal.

# Sheku Kanneh Mason

## MEETING SHEKU KANNEH MASON

Written by Brehon, 5th Class

On January 19th my Mum, Granny and I went to the National Concert Hall in Dublin to watch Sheku Kanneh Mason perform with the National Symphony Orchestra.

### Sheku Kanneh Mason

Sheku Kanneh Mason is already a world-renowned cellist at just 24! At just 9 years old he passed Grade 8 with the highest marks in Britain. In 2016 he won the BBC young musician of the year and was the first black musician to win this coveted award. He has also featured at the renowned BBC Proms every summer since. In 2018 he played at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The cello he plays is a Matteo Gofriller from 1700 which is worth almost 6 million euro!



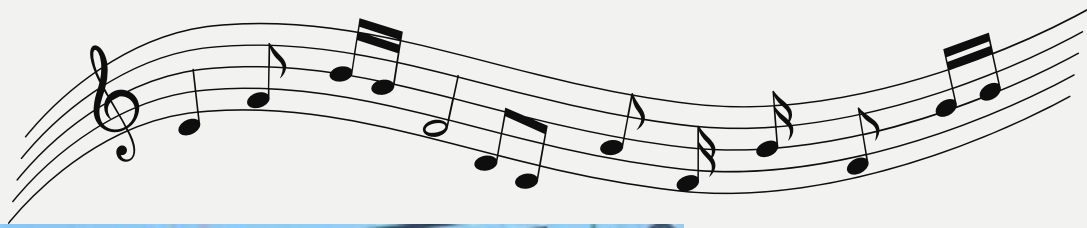
### The Concert

Sheku played Edward Elgar's Cello Concerto in E Minor which Elgar wrote to express his feelings on the Great War. It is a complex and thoughtful concerto and Sheku played it with great feeling and skill.

He then played a piece which he had composed himself. I think I held my breath for most of his performance; awed by his storytelling through his cello. He received a long-standing ovation.

I have been playing cello for 7 years and have followed Sheku's success with awe. As the 19th drew near, I was so excited to get to hear him play. Unbeknownst to me, my mum got in touch with his agent to ask if I could go backstage to meet with Sheku. Together with the staff at the National Concert Hall, they arranged for a special one-to-one meeting for me!

At the interval, I was escorted backstage. My heart was thumping in my chest. Sheku appeared and greeted me warmly. He was extremely nice and exuded a gentle confidence. I asked him when he started playing if he liked composing and complimented him on his performance. He said he started playing at the age of 6 and enjoyed composing. He asked about my cello experience and said he remembered going to his local concert hall as a child to sit in the front row and watch the performances. To think of him now touring the world is amazing. It was a fantastic experience to meet such a brilliant and inspiring man.



## THE FIVE SEAS

Discover 'The Five Seas' your next must-listen boy band taking St Anthony's by storm. Fronted by Ciarán, lead vocalist and songwriter, the band includes Joel, Brendan, Patrick & Christian.

Their debut single is already a hit among students and staff. Rumour has it there's a new release at the end of March. Watch this space!

### 'The Power of the Seven Seas' by Ciarán Cummins

We have the power to unite!  
With the power of the seven seas  
We'll unite all people with their families  
Together we can succeed  
With the power of the seven seas  
To unite all nations of the world  
To live in peace and happiness  
With the power of the seven seas  
We'll unite all people with their families  
Together we can succeed  
With the power of the seven seas.

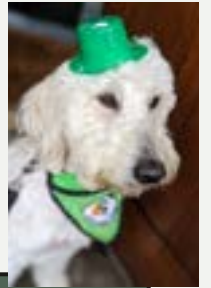


## JACK & THE BEANSTALK

Review written by Matthew, 4th Class

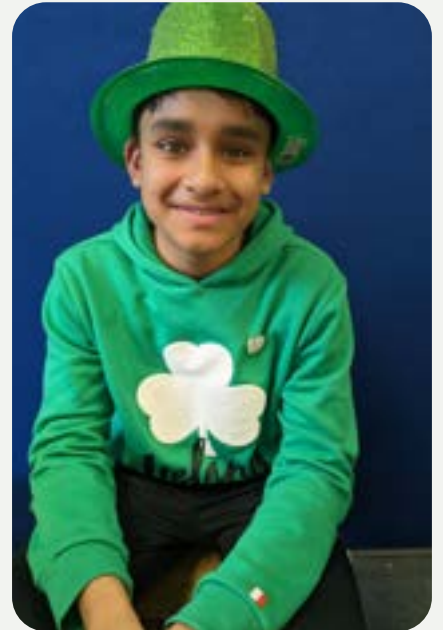
On January 11th, 2024 Room 19 went to the pantomime. The kids in Room 19 were allowed to bring a grownup and the teachers went too. It was in the Cork Opera House. It was 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. It was really good! There were lots of other schools there too. My favourite bit was dancing in our seats. The kids beat the teachers (oh yeah the adults too). I rate it 10 stars (if I could do 11 stars, I would).

# Lá Fhéile Phádraig



Written by My Canine Companion Kali, our reporter on the ground!

There was great excitement and wearing of green to celebrate St Patrick's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge. From traditional musical sessions serenading us in the morning to Irish Dancing in the gym & even a Cuardach Gaeilge (Irish treasure hunt). Thanks to Mrs McCarthy & Ms Ruiséal for organising this and other activities for Seachtain an Gaeilge. It was a howling success!



# Note worthy talent



## STRIKING THE RIGHT NOTE

Written by Cillian, 6th class



Music holds immense importance in my life. Playing the piano helps me feel relaxed and happy. There is so much I can explore in music. I really enjoy composing and I like mixing different genres like jazz, rap, hip hop and classical.

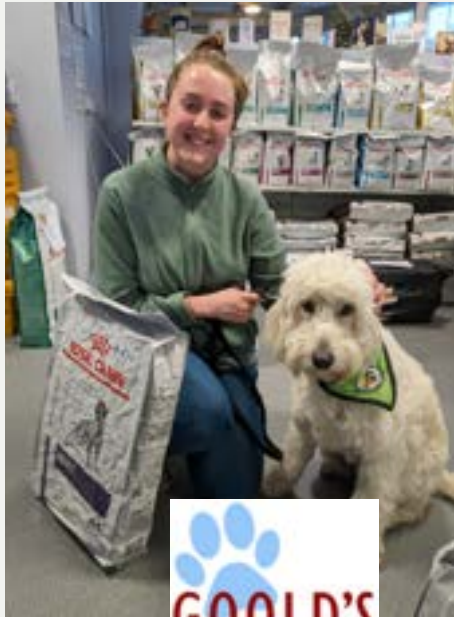
Consistent practice and dedication can be quite challenging at times but it has also cultivated a sense of confidence in my abilities. When I learn a piece, I am really proud of myself and enjoy playing it.

Performing in front of an audience has been quite challenging in my growth. At first, I can be nervous, lack confidence, and can make mistakes when playing. I have had to learn how to overcome stage fright and fear of judgment of others.

Recently in school, I was asked to play in front of others. I really enjoyed the experience as I could feel the boys and my classmates listening and I think even liked the piece 'Rumba Tocatta' by Paul Harvey. I was also asked to perform in front of the Principal Mr. Sean Lyons.

This school experience made me feel valued by my friends, teachers, and other boys in school.  
Thank you!

# Kali's Corner



## I'D LIKE TO ACCEPT THIS DOGSCAR.....

Written by My Canine Companion Kali



It's not easy looking so paw-some all the time but like most celebrities, I have a team of stylists and medical professionals working tirelessly behind the scenes. I'd like to thank Conor Goold and the team at Goold Vet Clinic for sponsoring my vet visits and dog food. A big thank you and shout out to Colm Hastings, dog groomer, for keeping this hairy mutt looking so swish. And for days when a dog gets herself a bit muddy, Derek and the crew at 'The Spaw' have me smelling like roses.

## LOCAL DOG MAKES IT BIG!

Yes, that was me on RTÉ News with my own 3-second close-up, I think they got my good side! I've since been inundated by modeling requests from Louis Pawton, Victoria Barkham & John Paw Gualtier.

'Don't be fooled by the bow that I got, I'm still, I'm still Kali from the 'lough!'



Reading up about past pupil and Oscar winner Cillian Murhpy.





# Sláir agus beannacht!



## GO RAIBH MÍLE MAITH AGAT!

Sincere thank you to all who contributed to this issue, including Archie, 4th Class who took some of the photos. We wouldn't have a newsletter without you!

## CALLING ALL BUDDING JOURNALISTS!

Do you have a story idea you think parents and students would like to read? Why not write a draft, hand it up to your teacher and you too could be in the next issue!



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