



A Message From Our Principal



A dhaoine uaisle,

What a wonderful year it has been in St. Anthony's BNS. As principal, it has been a privilege to witness firsthand all of the wonderful opportunities, achievements, activities, events and experiences provided in and by our school community. This is a tribute to the whole school community, staff, pupils and parents working together in cooperation, with dignity, respect and unity.

I thank you all sincerely for making St. Anthony's BNS a special inclusive place for all our pupils, staff and the wider community.

This year has seen the development of further resources for our ASD classes with the development of the playground and schoolyard.

The Student Council has played an integral part in developing this and also in developing quiet spaces around the school for board games, reading and mindfulness. Thank you to everyone who through their hard work, vision and dedication has made this happen.

As the Class of 2024, our 6th Class boys make their transition to Secondary school after 8 memorable years, I thank you all sincerely for the wonderful contributions that you have made to our school in the academic, creative, sporting, technological, artistic and social areas. You have been fantastic role models, setting a very high standard in all areas of school life.

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You are a remarkable group of young men who have achieved so much and we know, that as your journey continues you will continue to dream, work hard, show respect and make your dreams come true. We look forward to welcoming you back to St. Anthony's and celebrating your successes and stories. Congratulations and always remember that you are and will always be part of a strong, proud and long tradition of St. Anthony's BNS, the red & black of Ballinlough that goes back to 1965.

A wonderful year doesn't happen by chance and a sincere thank you to all of the amazing pupils, dedicated, caring and hard-working staff, magnificent and creative Parents' Association and supportive and helpful parents for all you do to foster and create wonderful opportunities for the boys to learn, achieve, develop and enjoy.

Could I take this opportunity to remember and pray for a former teacher of St. Anthony's BNS, Margaret O'Leary who sadly died recently. Margaret was a great friend, colleague and a talented, caring and dedicated teacher. May Margaret rest in peace.

I wish everyone a very happy, enjoyable, relaxing, healthy and safe Summer. I hope you enjoy the Summer edition of 'Scoil ANTONNEWS' and get a flavour of some of the super activities and opportunities that take place daily in St. Anthony's BNS.

Míle Buiochas daoibh go léir!
Seán & Foireann na Scoile Scoil Antoine Naofa!



GYM-TASTIC!

Arthur, Junior Infants

Where do you learn gymnastics?

At Douglas Gymnastics Club.

What are your favourite gymnastic movements?

The splits, rolls & cartwheels.

What did you win your award for?

For taking part and trying hard every week.

THE REAL TAYLOR

Missed out on Taylor Swift tickets this weekend? Fear not! Taylor from 6th Class is the only Taylor I want to see this summer. During 'St Anthony's Got Talent' he gave a rousing rendition of Eminem's 2000 Hit 'The Real Slim Shady'. Staff and pupils alike were on their feet belting out the rap. Taylor is one of the talented 6th Class boys leaving St Anthony's this year, we'll miss them around the school but we won't forget that epic performance.



Kindness Matters

Generous Donation to Breast Cancer Ireland

The sixth class boys presented Breast Cancer Ireland with an incredible donation of €2,131.

Juliette O'Connell is pictured above with Seán and Matthew presenting her with the cheque. Well done!



Jump for a Dog

Well done to Bernadette and Chris who abseiled from the roof of Croke Park raising an incredible combined €2,385 for the charity My Canine Companion.



Coin for Kali!

The boys of St Anthony's raised €671.90 for My Canine Companion Charity, the incredible charity that trained Kali and continues to train therapy dogs for schools and families. This organisation plays a vital role in helping children with autism reach their full potential through the support of their specially trained dogs.



Coin for Kali

Join us in raising funds for My Canine Companion

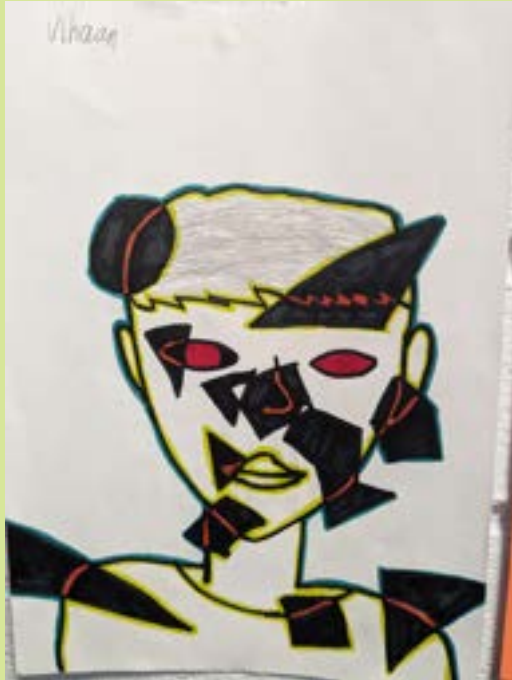


Wednesday 12th June

Summer Art Highlights



Summer Art Highlights



Sustaining Life: Green Schools Committee Focuses on Biodiversity



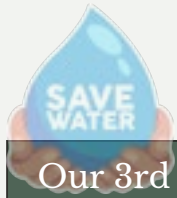
This award shows how hard we've all worked to make our school a greener and more eco-friendly place. We've done so many amazing things, like planting trees, creating a school garden, and making habitats for wildlife. Everyone has played a part in this achievement from students to teachers to parents. It's been a real team effort.

To get this flag we also had to visit our previous themes. Our first theme was litter and waste. Reducing litter and waste is really important and there are some easy ways we can all help. We can make sure to throw our trash in the right bins, recycle as much as possible, and bring reusable lunch containers instead of single-use plastics. We can also try to pack waste-free lunches and use both sides of paper before recycling it.



The second theme we revisited was energy conservation. It's really important to think about how we can reduce our energy consumption to help the environment. There are lots of simple things we can all do, like turning off lights when we leave a room, unplugging electronics when they're not in use, and using natural light instead of artificial light whenever possible. We can also make sure to use energy-efficient appliances and equipment in the school.





The Future is Green!

Our 3rd theme was water conservation. Water is very precious and we can all do our part to stop wasting it. First off we can make sure to turn off taps tightly so they don't drip. We can also report any leaks we find around the school. When we're washing our hands or brushing our teeth let's remember to turn off the tap while we're not using water. Also, why not collect rainwater for watering plants instead of using the hose?



Another cool idea is having a 'No idling' zone at school. That means turning off car engines when waiting to pick up or drop off students. It's a small change that can make a big difference in reducing emissions. Plus, we can organise fun activities like walking or biking to school days to encourage everyone to get moving and reduce our carbon footprint even more.

We can be global citizens by reducing our waste and litter in ways that consider the bigger picture. That might mean using reusable bags instead of single-use plastics, saying no to plastic straws and cutlery, and choosing products with minimal packaging. We can also get involved in clean-up efforts not just in our own neighbourhoods but also in places around the world that are struggling with litter and waste issues. By being mindful of our consumption and waste habits, we can be better global citizens and do our part to protect the planet for everyone, everywhere. It's all about thinking globally and acting locally to create a cleaner, healthier world for all of us.

Our 4th theme was travel and reducing our carbon footprint. We all know getting around can release much carbon into the air, but there are loads of ways we can cut down on that. First up let's try walking, biking, or scooting to school instead of taking the car every day, It's not only good for the planet but also great for our health! If we do need to use a car, why not carpool with friends or take public transportation? Sharing rides means fewer cars on the road and less pollution.



Our next big theme was Global Citizenship and tackling litter and waste. Being a global citizen means thinking beyond just our own community or country. It's about understanding that we're all connected and that the actions we take can have an impact on people and places all around the world. When it comes to litter and waste that means being mindful of how our choices affect not only our local environment but also the broader global community.

As we celebrate, let's remember that our work doesn't stop here. We need to keep taking care of our environment and thinking of new ways to protect our planet. Next year we are going to have a Climate Action Day. We have the whole summer to brainstorm ideas and make this day truly unforgettable. Thanks to everyone for your hard work and dedication. Let's raise our Green Flag with pride and continue to make a difference.



Shout out to parents who would like to participate in our Climate Action Day next year. Please email green.schools@stanthonys.ie

Hoops I Did It Again!



Congratulations to Tomás O'Meara who completed an incredible 1,400 spins in the hula hoop challenge during Health, Wellbeing & Active Week. That definitely blew any other competition out of the water. Well done Tomás!

Swing into Fun!

PLAYGROUND FUN: OUR NEW ADDITION TO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Rooms 18 & 19 have a newly revamped playground area adjacent to the sensory garden. Complete with swings, climbing wall, spinny seat & PIP (poured in place) rubber surface. A great addition to the school.



Will the Real Mr Lyons Please Stand Up!



THE PRINCIPALS NEW CLOTHES

The parents of Ms. Lynch's 1st Class enjoyed a theatrical end-of-year treat with the delightful performance of 'The Principal's New Clothes'. Danny, starring in the lead role and channeling Mr Lyons gave a stand-out performance. Watch out Daniel Day-Lewis!

Where We Sported & Played ...



Huge congratulations to our triumphant hurling team who won the 'Sciath an Scol' competition in May against Beaumont.



Brothers William, Aidan & Arthur were beary excited to be supporting the team.



4th Class took part in Football Fun Blitz in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, thanks to Cork GAA Games Development Co Ordinator Brendan Delaney for organising.



St Anthony's Green Team who defeated Tramore in the Munster Tennis Final.



Ignacio from Mrs Bond's Class took part in Cork City Sports.



Past pupil Reece Ademola, Irish National Long Jump Champion, cheered on the boys at the 'Run a Mile' and 'Splash & Dash' events organised by Cork Sports Partnership & Triathlon Ireland

...By the Banks of My Own Lovely Lee.



4th & 5th Classes took part in the Kavanagh Tournament in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



Former International & Cork FC footballer Joe Gamble spoke to the boys of 3rd, 4th & 5th Classes



Boys from St Anthony's took part in Darren Smith Memorial Cup in Blackrock. Here's the winning team!



3rd & 4th Classes had their sports day at the 4G training pitches at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



Eoghan, 4th Class, named 'Premier League Player of the Year' for Douglas Hall.

Canon Michael Crowley Cup



INAUGURAL HURLING COMPETITION

Canon Michael Crowley was fondly remembered at the inaugural hurling competition named in his honour, held at Ballinlough Park on the Seandún GAA field. Boys from 6th Class were organised into teams named after places Canon Crowley had lived and served. His niece, Lillian O'Sullivan, attended the event to watch and present the medals and cup.



Team St Anthony's won the cup. Their team was named after our school where Canon Crowley regularly visited, leading the boys in prayer and religious instruction.



In 2nd Place, Team Aghabullogue. Canon Crowley was born in Aghabullogue.



In 3rd Place, Team Peru. Peru was where Canon Crowley worked on the missions.



Health, Wellbeing & Active Week

Here's some highlights!



Turn up the volume, Stevie G in da Japanese Gardens.



Wax on, wax off! Barry O'Regan from Rising Sun School of Karate leads the boys in some Karate stances, punches, blocks & kicks.



Keith Cruise from Community First Responders teaching the boys of 4th Class about CPR & First Aid.



Dr Ann McKeena giving CPR: It's a real lifesaver.



Hazel brings some zen to St Anthony's.



Eating the Rainbow - Making Fruit kebabs



Dance Fever- Dancing Derek gets students to try out their best moves.

Health, Wellbeing & Active Week

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped make Health, Wellbeing and Active Week so much fun for our boys.

A particular thank you to the following:

Samantha Cushen who, along with her MSc students organised and ran a morning of fantastic digestive system experiments for the boys; Hazel Buckley for her wonderful Yoga sessions for Junior Infants up to 2nd Class; Ann McKenna who ran a brilliant CPR workshop for 5th Class; Muireann O'Callaghan for her lovely lámh workshop for Senior Infants; Stevie G for his fun outdoor DJ set for 5th Class; Catherine Nathan & Karen Lehane O'Hare for their informative dental hygiene talks for 2nd & 4th Class; John Heffernan and his colleagues from Cork City Fire Brigade who organised the fire truck visit for 1st Class which was so much fun and, of course, the 17 parents who helped run the fruit kebab workshop for Junior and Senior Infants.

Along with all the other activities a great fun and educational week was had by all thank you!
Parents Association

Fire Engine Inspires Future Firemen

Excitement was ignited when Ewan's dad drove a fire engine to school to show 1st Class how this fascinating vehicle operates. Jake enjoyed a turn using the water hose.



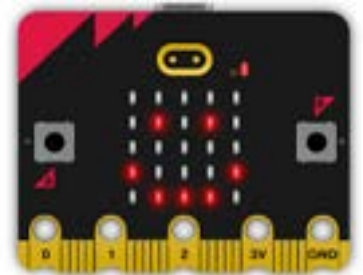
Coding Wizards

Cadence Cork employees volunteered their time teaching programming to 3rd to 6th Class students at St. Anthony's as part of their community involvement initiative. Below are some excerpts from a blog written by one of the volunteers.

There were 12 Cadence employees, including myself, who participated, with three of us visiting the school one day in the week over the course of seven weeks. This ensured the students received personalized attention. Thanks to this initiative, we had the privilege of interacting with over 450 eager students.



The idea was to teach students the basics of Scratch and Python using the innovative micro: bit, giving them a sneak peek into the world of electronics and programming.



This comprehensive and fun-filled coding journey proved to be both educational and inspiring for our young programmers. Through these sessions, the students were able to appreciate how coding can be used to do a wide range of tasks. The lessons equipped them with basic computer skills, deepening their interest in the fascinating world of technology and exploring the boundless possibilities of electronic design and programming.

For the Cadence employees including myself, it was a fantastic experience to connect with young minds and inspire the next generation of coders.



Exploring Beyond the Classroom



The boys of Mrs Bond's class enjoyed a trip to Mallow.



2nd Class had a blast in Cuskinny.



The slide was high for 5th Class at Smuggler's Cove.



Ms O'Callaghan's class had a great day out at Cork City Fire Station.



Thank you to Togher Garda Station for use of their community bus driven by Garda Aoife.

Home and Away



Scary creatures emerged from the woods during the 4th Class school tour at Fota Adventure Centre



Ollie, Ignacio & June enjoying an ice cream during Sports Day.



3rd Class practise their army skills at Cuskinny



1st Class went wild at Fota Wildlife Park



Alex & Malakai received medals after their school Sport's Day.



Gemma Tobin coached the boys of 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 6th Class in table tennis.



Boys from 2nd & 3rd Class took part in the Derry O'Mullane Hurling Tournament in Nemo.

Lámh

Lámh was developed in the early 1980s in order to ensure there was a standard manual or Key Word sign system in Ireland for those who require signs to support their communication.

It is now used by many people throughout Ireland in their daily home, education and work settings.

Ball



Touch all fingertips together in front of chest, outlining shape of a ball.

Help



LH palm facing upwards. Place RH palm sideways on palm of LH. Move LH up and out slightly.

Toilet



Hold RH, palm outwards and fingers upward in front of the right shoulder.

House



Both hands palms facing each other in front of chest, fingers upward. Tips of fingers touch.

Angry



RH palm facing downwards. Move index finger left to right on forehead while frowning.

Thank You



Palm to self. Touch chin with fingertips. Move hand out of chin.

Tablet



LH palm up in front of chest. RH 'd' shape, palm down. Point to left palm with right forefinger.

Friend



Both hands palms to self in front of chest. Clench RH on fingers of LH and shake slightly.

Play



Both hands palm to self at chest level. Flick little fingers off each other as the hands are moved in and out from body alternatively.

Thank you to the boys from 2nd Class for showing us some lámh signs.

Celebrating 25 Years of Dedication: Msgr Dullea's Silver Jubilee



On June 5th, the community united to celebrate Monsignor Gearóid Dullea's Silver Jubilee at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. A special Mass was held, accompanied by a beautiful choir formed by Communion classes from Our Lady of Lourdes, Eglantine, and St. Anthony's schools and Aoife Lucey on piano. Following the Mass, friends and family gathered in the Parish Hall for light refreshments. It was a joyful occasion where members of the congregation had the opportunity to congratulate Monsignor Dullea and enjoy friendly conversations over tea and cake.

Darkness Into Light



The Darkness into Light walk was held at the school on May 11th, raising an impressive €1,117 for Pieta House. It was heartwarming to see school staff, pupils, parents, and community neighbors come together to support such a great cause.

Kali's Corner



TOP DOG!

Written by My Canine Companion Kali

It was a sunny Wednesday morning when my 2 legged friends congregated in the school gym to celebrate my graduation from puppy training to become a fully-fledged school therapy dog. Harry serenaded the guests on the guitar as they awaited my arrival. Isaac, Sam & James read their amazing poems, followed by a musical treat from our in-school band 'The 5 Seas'. Karen, my trainer from My Canine Companion, said some lovely words as did Mr Lyons. I think I will continue my studies, Dr Kali or Professor Kali have a lovely ring to them!



Enjoyed a day out in Limerick with my 4th Class friends at the Science Blast. Mr O'Connor's boys' project 'Paws'itively Smart: Is Your School Dog Smarter Than Your Average Dog?' was a hit. According to their findings I'm not smarter, but I'm definitely better looking!



Kali Cake



My Canine Companion Kali with Mr Kiely's Class

Kali Graduation Art!





PA SUMMER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

As we wrap up the final events of the school year the parents association would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped create wonderful memories for our boys this past year.

This school year we held 15 events with over 300 volunteer slots in total helping our school community in numerous ways.

Together we helped welcome new parents to our school; we helped our 2nd and 6th class boys celebrate milestones; we helped support worthy charities in our communities such as cork penny dinners, svdp and pieta house; we helped celebrate our fantastic school staff on staff appreciation day; we helped parents save money on uniforms with our environmentally friendly preloved uniform sales and we ensured our boys had lots of fun with Halloween games & treats, Santa visits, fun activities in active & wellbeing week, prizes for world book day and medals/ice cream on sports day.

None of this would be possible without your support - thank you all!!



PA SUMMER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

We are always looking for new ideas for ways to create special memories for our boys while ensuring that as many parents as possible get involved.

If you are interested in helping create memories for your boys next school year please consider signing up at the below to be notified in advance of events

<https://signup.com/go/aQcLFRQ>

Also keep an eye on your class whatsApp group, school emails or email us at any time with any queries @ stanthonypa@gmail.com

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer holiday!! In particular we would like to wish our 6th class boys the very best with their move to secondary school. We hope they will look back fondly on their time in st Anthony's BNS.

Kind regards
Your Parents Association 2023/2024 Officers
Máire, Dawn, Karolina and Aoife



PA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024

JUNIOR INFANTS
WELCOME
RECEPTION

ROAD SAFETY
WEEK

PRELOVED
UNIFORM
SALES X 2

STAFF APPRECIATION
DAY

ZOMBIE WALK &
FAMILY FUN DAY
WITH NEW ASD
FRIENDLY QUIET
HOUR

SANTA VISIT (&
GIFTS) FOR INFANT
CLASSES

SVDP GIVING TREE

DARKNESS INTO
LIGHT WALK

1ST CHRISTMAS
JUMPER SALE
FOR CORK
PENNY DINNERS

CONFIRMATION
RECEPTIONS

HEALTH, WELLBEING &
ACTIVE WEEK - PACKED
WITH ACTIVITIES,
CLASSES, DEMOS, LOTS
OF PARENT HELP PRIZES
& FUN

CONTRIBUTION
TOWARDS 6TH
CLASS HOODIES &
YEARBOOKS

WORLD BOOK
DAY PRIZES

GRADUATION
RECEPTION

ROOM 18/19
COFFEE
MORNINGS X 2

COMMUNION
RECEPTION

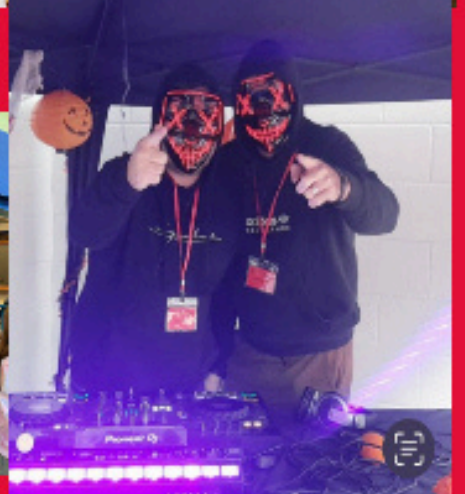
6TH CLASS
LEAVERS PARTY
- PIZZA & TREATS

JUNIOR INFANTS
SPORTS DAYS -
MEDALS & TREATS



Thank you all for helping !!

*St Anthony's BNS
Parents Association*





PA 2023/2024 events

St Anthony's BNS Parents Association

St Anthony's BNS Organized by the Parents Association
Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Friday February 9th 2024
School Gym 08.30-09.30 & 13.00 - 14.00

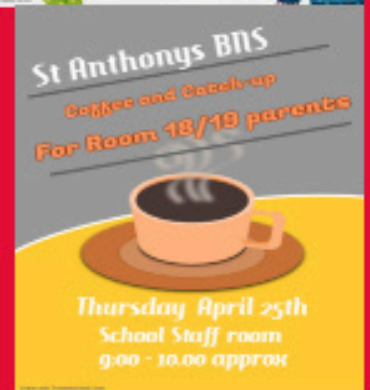
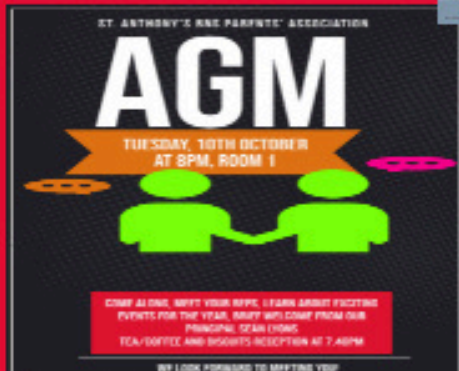


Donations

• Please drop uniform donations to the gym door entrance on mornings from Thursday Feb 8th to Thursday Feb 9th 2024
• All uniform items (including white shirts for boys) must be clean and in good condition

Sale

• Sale in school gym on Friday 9th, 8.30 to 9.30 & 13.00
• Cash sales only. Please bring change if possible
• Items priced from 42c to 1.5c



Slán agus beannacht!



GO RAIBH MÍLE MAITH AGAT!

Sincere thank you to all who contributed to this issue. 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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