



## A Message From Our Principal



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A dhaoine uaisle,

As the 2025/26 school year draws to a close, we reflect with great pride on another wonderful year at St. Anthony's BNS. It has been a year filled with learning, achievement, friendship and memorable experiences, and it has been a privilege to witness the enthusiasm, resilience and kindness of our pupils each day.

Our school continues to be a welcoming, caring and inclusive community where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential and celebrate their unique strengths. Boys you have been absolutely amazing, Well done!

Our Summer edition of 'Scoil AntoNews' captures just a snapshot of the many opportunities, activities and successes enjoyed throughout the final term. From academic achievements and sporting success to music, STEM, the arts, school events and community initiatives, our boys have embraced every opportunity with energy and enthusiasm. I hope you enjoy reading this edition and sharing in the many special moments that have made this another memorable year.

A sincere thank you to our amazing staff, whose dedication, creativity and commitment make St. Anthony's BNS such a special place to learn and grow.

I also extend my sincere thanks to our fantastic Parents Association and to all our parents and guardians for your continued encouragement, generosity and partnership throughout the year and for the wonderful memories you have created for our boys. Together, we create the positive and supportive environment that allows our boys to flourish and be happy.

To our Sixth Class boys, congratulations as you prepare to begin an exciting new chapter. You have been wonderful ambassadors for our school, contributing so much through your example, respectfulness, sportsmanship, creativity, kindness and friendship.

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We are incredibly proud of the young people you have become and have every confidence that you will continue to achieve great things.

Remember that you will always be part of the proud St. Anthony's BNS family and the rich red and black tradition of Ballinlough. We look forward to welcoming you back in the years ahead to share your stories and successes.

Finally, I wish all our pupils, families and staff a very happy, healthy, safe and restful summer. Thank you for your continued support and for making St. Anthony's BNS such a vibrant and joyful school community.

Enjoy the summer break, stay safe on the roads and in the water and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to St. Anthony's BNS on August 27th, refreshed for another exciting school year.

Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.  
Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Seán & Foireann na Scoile



# Eiffely Big!

Lego Master Kyaan built the famous Paris landmark, The Eiffel Tower out of Lego. The intricate project took Kyaan 12 days!!



# Home & Away



Thanks to Conor's Mum Michelle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes were invited to Cork City Hall to meet Fergal Dennehy, Lord Mayor of Cork, who shortly afterwards completed his term, handing the prestigious chain over to Damien Boylan.

# A Toy Story



The boys in Junior Infants spent time with their 3<sup>rd</sup> Class buddies at a teddy bear's picnic.



# Staying Alive!



## CPR TRAINING

In June, Jack's dad Keith, visited from Critical - Emergency Medical Response First Responders.

He delivered a fantastic CPR training session. CRITICAL is one of Ireland's leading emergency medical response charities, working alongside the National Ambulance Service and a network of volunteer responders who provide lifesaving support in communities across the country.

<https://criticalcharity.ie/>



## EU & ME

MEP Billy Kelleher returned again this year to celebrate Europe Day. The boys of 5<sup>th</sup> class took part in the Blue Star Programme, an education initiative in Ireland designed to teach primary school pupils about the European Union, European cultures, and diversity. There was a fantastic array of projects on many of our European neighbours.

# Kindness Matters



## The Good Guys

Well done to the Sixth Class boys who donated an incredible €2, 279.60 to The Dillon Quirke Foundation, who work to raise awareness of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (SADS).



## Paws & Pages

The boys of St Anthony's raised a fantastic €850 for the dual dog charities, My Canine Companion & Irish Guide Dogs, through a preloved book sale.



## Friends with Big Hearts

At Easter a group of students raised an incredible €521.92 for Trocaire. The future looks generous!



# Super Garden

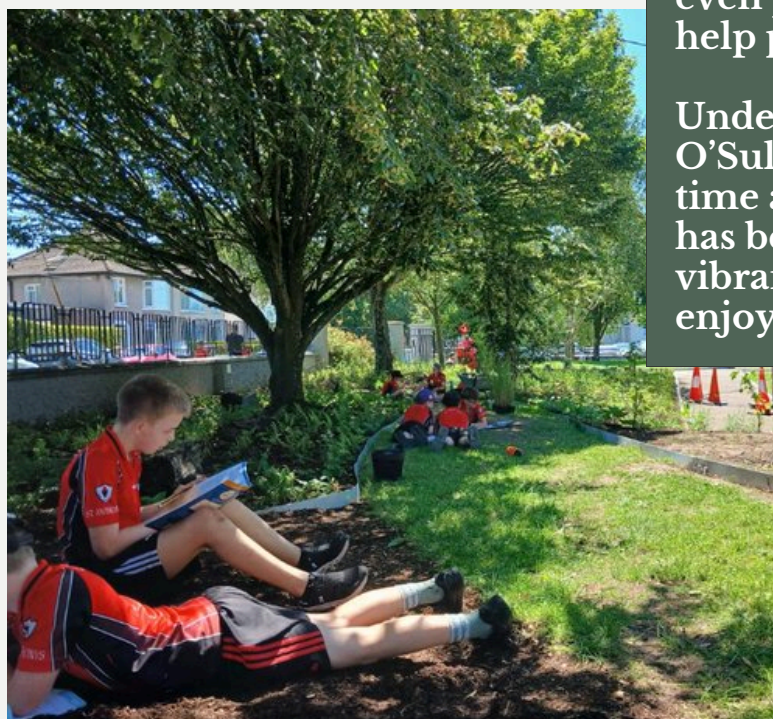


Don't forget your shovel...

Over the June Bank Holiday weekend, it was all hands on deck as our school community came together to plant the school garden.

Staff, students, parents, neighbours, and even passers-by rolled up their sleeves to help plant almost 2,000 plants.

Under the expert guidance of Carol O'Sullivan, who generously donated her time and expertise, the front of the school has been completely transformed into a vibrant and welcoming space for all to enjoy for decades to come.



Boys from Ms Wickham's class enjoyed the June sunshine in our latest green space.



Carol O'Sullivan, check out her work at [https://www.instagram.com/the\\_planting\\_consultancy/](https://www.instagram.com/the_planting_consultancy/) or on her website [www.theplantingconsultancy.ie](http://www.theplantingconsultancy.ie)



# Pedal to the Medal



Junior Infant pupil Billy O’Keeffe claimed the National U6 All-Ireland title with Cork BMX Club at the Irish BMX National Competition in Dublin in May.

# Half Time Scorer



6th Class pupil Bryan O’Shaughnessy proudly represented Cork Primary Schools at half-time of the Munster Senior Hurling Championship match between Cork and Waterford in Walsh Park. Bryan scored a lovely 1 goal and 1 point.

# Boys in Blue



Youngest recruit.



"Can you step out of the vehicle please sir?"

Junior Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> Class had an engaging visit from two special gardaí, Garda Ricky & Garda Cormac.

# Boys in Green



St Anthony's received its 6th Green Flag, awarded for the theme Global Citizenship – Litter & Waste at a ceremony in Fota Wildlife Park in May. The 6<sup>th</sup> flag focuses on raising awareness about how environmental and waste issues impact people worldwide. Well done to the Green School's Committee & Ms O'Connell for educating us on the importance of active global citizenship.

# Embracing the Drama



Some of the actors from Ms Lynch's 1<sup>st</sup> Class who took part in their class play 'The Principal's New Clothes'.



Boys from St Anthony's who took to the stage in the Everyman Theatre in May to perform in the Studio Wolfe annual show. Our next Cillian Murphy may be among them!

# Where We Sported & Played ...



Mr. Moylan's 3rd Class were delighted to welcome Jack's dad, Niall, from the FAI for a fantastic football coaching session. Niall shared expert tips, skills and fun training drills, helping the boys develop their confidence and love of the game. Who knows? With plenty of practice and hard work, we might just have a few future Roy Keane in our midst!



Our talented SNA Julieann led her team of volunteers from Leevale Athletic Club in organising a brilliant athletics event for the boys from 4th to 6th Class.



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



Hats off to Cody's Grandad David, who ran his fifth consecutive Cork City Marathon this June at the age of 86! Incredible!



Cork Sports Partnership organised 2 fantastic events this May: the Splash & Dash and Run a Mile. The boys had the opportunity to meet two very talented Irish athletes, Reece Ademola, an Irish long jump specialist, and sprint athlete Max O'Reilly.

# Live at St Anthony's



Watch out Virgin Media Park & the Marquee, St Anthony's is where it's at for live music. The Banna Ceoil performed their inaugural concert for a very select audience in early June. Later in the month Mr O'Connor's 4<sup>th</sup> Class treated the school to an open-air show. Next stop, The Three Arena!



## 'I HEAR THE DRUMS ECHOING TONIGHT'

Boys from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class enjoyed a drumming workshop with Patrick from [African Drumming Ireland](#).

# Boyz on Tour!

From Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class the boys went on their Summer School tours. From mud pools to survival skills, and farms to exotic animals, adventures were had by all. Even Ms Barrett got in on the action in West Cork Secret Adventure Centre, taking her chances on the mudslides!



Junior Infants and Senior Infants at Leahy's Open Farm



3<sup>rd</sup> Class got a tad muddy in West Cork Secret Adventure Centre.

# Tour de Cork



High flyer Isaac enjoying the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class school tour at Cushkinny Court Adventure Centre, Cobh.



1<sup>st</sup> Class enjoyed the many animals in Fota Wildlife Park.



5<sup>th</sup> Class Smugglers Cove & The Lagoon Activity Centre



4<sup>th</sup> Class at Fota Adventure Centre

# Canon Michael Crowley Cup



## HURLING COMPETITION

It was a sun drenched day in June that Canon Michael Crowley was fondly remembered at the annual hurling competition 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.



Team Peru are pictured above. Peru was where Canon Crowley worked on the missions.



Ruairí, captain of Team Aghabullogue proudly accepts the cup for his team.



Team Aghabullogue were victorious again this year. Canon Crowley was born in Aghabullogue, 30 km west of Cork City.



# Authors & Artists



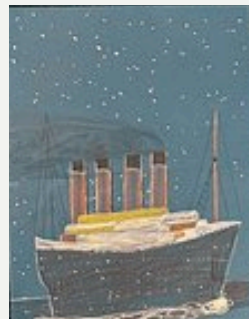
There was great excitement in Ms Lynch's 1<sup>st</sup> Class at the launch of their recipe book, Eggcellent Recipes. Ruairí, from Ruairí's kitchen was there to encourage our budding chefs & sampling some of their tasty treats!



## Creative Duo



Brothers Eoin (Mr. Kiely's class) and Cian (Ms. Wickham's class) proudly represented their area in the Cairn Community Games Art Competition.



## Titanic Talent



Led by Gráinne, Mr. O'Connor's 4th Class immersed themselves in a Titanic-themed art workshop.

# Making a Racket



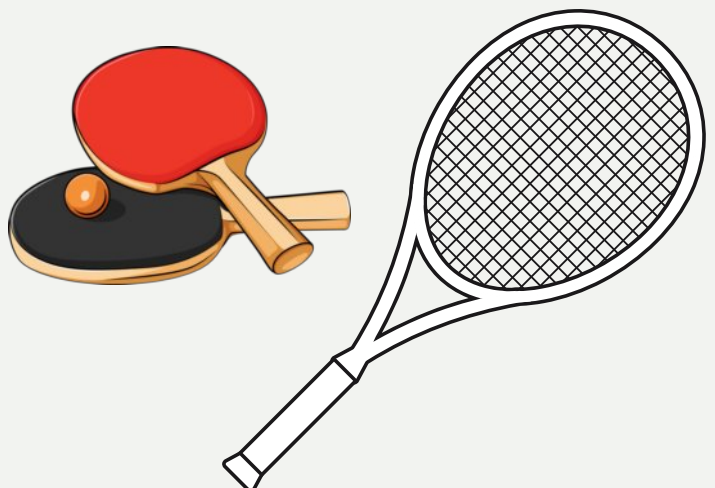
A massive congratulations to Tom, Charlie, Aidan and Andrew, who have been crowned Primary Schools Munster Tennis Champions 2025/26 following a fantastic final in Whitechurch



Paidí, Charlie and Joey, who were crowned All-Ireland Community Games Table Tennis Champions following a thrilling tournament at the national finals



School table tennis team of Tom, Charlie, Aidan and Andrew, were crowned All-Ireland Primary Schools Champions!

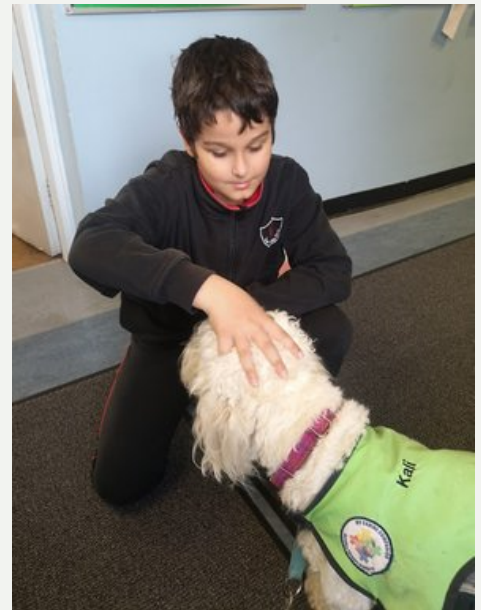


# Health, Wellbeing & Active Week



St Anthony's celebrated Health, Wellbeing & Active Week at the start of June. There were many fun, informative & relaxing activities, see the next 2 pages for some of the highlights!

Junior and Senior Infant boys were treated to delicious and healthy fruit kebabs organised by the Parents Association.



Even Kali received a well deserved head massage, pooches need to relax occasionally too!



Barry from Rising Sun School of Karate shared his expertise and delivered exciting karate sessions for our 1st Class pupils.



Boys from Junior Infants to 2nd enjoyed a run and a bounce through the inflatable dragon.

# Health, Wellbeing & Active Week



Hazel from theyogatree.ie led some fun and engaging yoga sessions



Yum,  
yum!

Boys posted their worries & notes of gratitude in the Worry Monster & Gratitude Dude.



Dentist Catherine spoke to 1<sup>st</sup> Class boys about the importance of dental hygiene.



One of the many creative winners of the Healthy Eating Colouring Competition.



Nutrition coach Paula treated 4<sup>th</sup> Class to an interactive workshop on the "Superpowers of Healthy Food"

# Derry O'Mullane Hurling Tournament



## HURLING TOURNAMENT & SPORTS DAY

2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes took part in a special day held each June in memory of our beloved caretaker Derry O'Mullane. Some of the boys took part in hurling matches while others enjoyed a range of fun activities on the green.

The winning team proudly sporting their medals.

# Kavanagh Cup

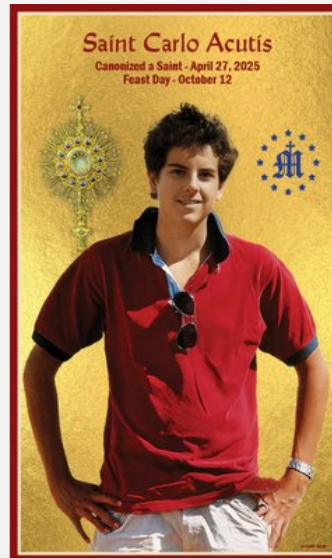
The annual Kavanagh Cup was held in Pairc Ui Caoimh. Boys from our 4th and 5th classes took to the field, forming eight competitive teams. The final saw The Déise, Waterford team claim victory over The Lily Whites, Kildare side in a thrilling clash!



# Saints & Scholars



On June 13<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the feast day of our school namesake, St. Anthony of Padua. Known globally as the patron saint of lost items, he was a famous Franciscan preacher born in Lisbon, Portugal, and laid to rest in Padua, Italy.



6th Class pupils visited the North Cathedral to view the relics of St. Carlo Acutis. Carlos was an English-born Italian Catholic teenager recognised by the Church as the first millennial saint. Known as "God's influencer," he used his self-taught computer programming and web design skills to catalogue Eucharistic miracles online before dying of leukemia at age 15.



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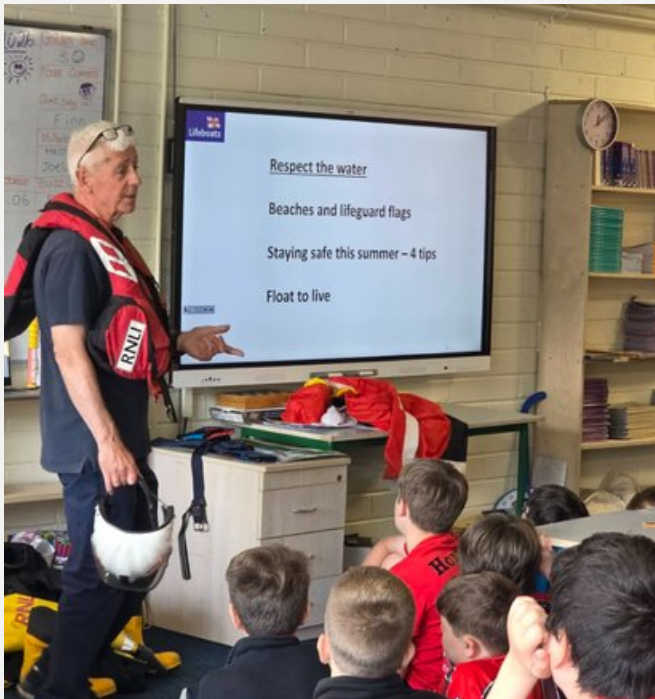
Comhghairdeas mór! Well done to Tom, Ardál, Harry and Christopher, our Scríobh Leabhar winners from 4th Class who, along with their classmates and friends, Ruairí and Darragh, were invited to the Cork Education Support Centre to receive special certificates and medals.

# Sports Days

There wasn't a potato or spoon to be found in kitchens around Ballinlough in June as our annual sports days were held. Classes braved the hot June sun to take part in a wide range of activities, including sack races, egg-and-spoon relays, obstacle courses, tug-of-war, and more! Check out a small selection of photos from the Junior Infants' Sports Day.



# Safety on the Roads & Waterways



## ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS

Frank, the Sustainable Travel & Road Safety Awareness Officer for the Cork City Council, gave a fascinating Road Safety talk to all the boys.

## WATER SAFETY

A huge thank you to Paul from the RNLI for visiting St. Anthony's BNS and speaking to all of our classes. Paul shared fascinating insights into the RNLI's lifesaving work, teaching the boys about water safety, rescue operations, and the dedication of the volunteer crews who help keep our coasts and waterways safe.



Mr. Moylan looked the part as he modelled the RNLI rescue crew's dry suit and life jacket!



# A Fond Farewell

Farewell to all the boys in 6th Class as they move on to the next chapter of their educational adventures. We will miss their presence around the school and wish them every success in their bright and exciting futures.



Mr Brick's 6<sup>th</sup> Class



Mr O'Leary's 6<sup>th</sup> Class



Mr French's 6<sup>th</sup> Class



Paalam Po to Remu from Mr Lucey's Class who is moving to Midleton.

Me looking cool!

# Kali's Corner



## PAGES FOR POOCHES

Written by My Canine Companion Kali

On the last Thursday the boys scampered to the gym to buy preloved books they can read over the summer. All proceeds went to two pawesome charities.

My Canine Companion, the incredible charity that trains therapy dogs, like my awesome self, for schools and families. This organisation plays a vital role in helping children with autism reach their full potential.

Irish Guide Dogs help people with vision impairment and families of children with autism to participate safely and confidently in their communities.

## Who Let the Dogs Out!



I wasn't too sure about these new colourful canines when I first bumped into them in the staffroom, but that was before I spoke to Gráinne, our almost artist-in-residence.

She led the boys in decorating the dogs as part of "City of Tails" public art trail, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. This exciting initiative features 50 life-size, colourful dog sculptures designed by local schools, artists, and organisations. Just as long as they remember I'm top dog around here!

The header features a colorful striped border at the top. On the left is a palm tree, and on the right is a pair of sunglasses. The word 'SUMMER' is written in large, colorful, block letters.

# SUMMER

# PA NEWSLETTER

June brings to an end a great term of events and celebrations in St Anthony's BNS. In May, the 2nd class boys celebrated their 1st Holy Communion. Followed by Wellbeing week in June. Recently, the PA hosted the 6th class parents and guardians for the Graduation reception while the 6th class boys enjoyed pizza to mark the occasion. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make these events happen. Have a wonderful summer.  
Dawn, Kate, Mary, Sinead and Davinia

## Upcoming Events in term 1

- August 27th: Junior infants coffee morning
- September 11th: Pre-loved uniform sale
- September/October: AGM
- October: Zombie walk
- TBC: Room 18/19 Coffee morning

Get involved email: [stanthonypa@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonypa@gmail.com)

# JI & SI FRUIT KEBAB



Junior and Senior infants enjoyed making fruit kebabs as part of wellbeing week. Thank you to the parents who volunteered and to JJ O' Driscoll Superstore, Ballinlough for sponsoring the fruit for the event.



# Communion 26

May 23rd was a beautiful day for the PA to host the boys of 2nd class and their families in the school for the communion reception.

Thank you to the volunteers for the organising, set up, serving and clean up,



Thank  
You



for all



your  
Amazing



Support  
❤️

# Sláir 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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