



A Message From Our Principal



Dia dhaoibh a cháirde,

As our first term comes to an end, can I say a big congratulations and well done to the whole school community here in St. Anthony's BNS. It has been an extremely busy but very enjoyable term and the boys have been absolutely amazing.

Our 87 new Junior Infants are full of enthusiasm, energy and have really settled into school life here in St. Anthony's, bringing great happiness and fun to our school community.

I hope that you all enjoy reading our Halloween edition of 'Scoil AntoNews', as it gives you a window view of some of the beautiful activities and amazing teaching & learning opportunities taking place each day in our school. Thank you to all of the pupils who contributed to this edition and to Ms. Crean & Kali for putting it all together.

A sincere 'Míle buiochas' to all of the staff, pupils and parents for all of your wonderful support, dedication and cooperation. It is greatly appreciated and valued. We have a lovely school community and spirit and long may this continue!

I wish the whole school community a very happy, enjoyable, safe and 'Spooktacular' Halloween break. I hope that all of the boys enjoyed the Halloween Festivities this week and especially the 'PA Zombie Walk' today.

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Why did the chicken cross the road?
To go to the Parents' Association Zombie Walk, of course!



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It was lovely seeing the younger boys from Juniors, Seniors and First class walking, chatting and laughing with their older reading buddies from 4th, 5th & 6th Class who were so caring of them. Maith thú a bhuachaillí!

We look forward to the Sciath na Scol Football Final on November 3rd.

Le gach dea-ghuí,
Seán.

The Man in the Mirror

Self Portraits of some of our many talented students.



New Kids on the Block

A warm St Anthony's welcome to our newest students, the boys in Junior Infants! In just a short time, these enthusiastic pupils have been making new friends, exploring our local area and creating wonderful works of art. We can't wait to see all the adventures in learning that lie ahead for them.



Ms MacCurtain's Class



Ms Griffin's Class



Ms Maguire's Class



Ms Holland's Class



Fine motor activities





Illustrious Illustrators

Well done to the winners of our Homework Journal Art Competition!
Congratulations to Archie, Oisín, Mikhail, Emrys, Jack, and Caolan, whose fantastic artwork has been chosen to feature in our Homework Journals this year.
A big well done to all of the boys who took part in the competition and shared their wonderful ideas and designs.



Optical Illusion Art from 6th Class



One, Look for a Safe Place..



In October, we celebrated Road Safety Week. As part of the week, Garda Aoife & Garda Eoin visited classes from Junior Infants to 3rd Class to talk to the boys about road safety awareness. Thanks to Ms MacCurtain for organising a very educational week.



Saying 'Ya!' to German

SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

The boys in 5th and 6th Classes are saying 'Hallo' to an exciting new adventure in language learning! Thanks to the Say Yes to Languages initiative, they're getting the chance to learn German with Ms. Hennessy. From greetings and counting to discovering new words and phrases, the boys are building their German skills, exploring a new culture, and having lots of fun along the way. Gut gemacht!



Unicef Ambassador



Donnacha O'Callaghan visited 5th Class to speak to the boys about UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Donncha is a long-serving UNICEF Ireland Ambassador.

UNICEF is currently delivering emergency aid, nutrition, and medical supplies in active crisis zones like the Gaza Strip, responding to escalating conflicts in the Middle East and Afghanistan, and running long-term health, education, and vaccination programs across more than 190 countries.

Sporting Prowess



SCIATH NA SCOL FOOTBALL

Our Sciath na Scol Gaelic Football team have had a fantastic campaign, recording impressive wins over Midleton BNS, Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin, Ballinora & Gaelscoil Carrigaline and a draw against Riverstown.

The boys now look forward to the Sciath na Scol Final against their old rivals Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin, Ballincollig, at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Tuesday 3rd November at 12pm.

Best of luck to the team, a panael of 42 players and their coaches — the whole school is behind you!



Congratulations to Sam from 6th Class, pictured here with his dad Joe & brother Bobby. Sam had the honour of playing at half-time in the historic All-Ireland Football Final which Mayo won. Sam was selected having won the Cumann na mBunscoil Skills Competition in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



Best of luck to Elio from 6th Class, who will represent the Bushido Martial Arts Club at the World Kickboxing Championships in Cadiz from 21st to 30th October.

Art that's Out of this World!



It's Rocket Science!

As part of Space Week, our 4th and 5th classes visited Blackrock Castle Observatory to take part in the Supernova Tour and Workshop. The Supernova experience included a planetarium show, history tour and workshop, giving the children an opportunity to learn more about space and science in an exciting and interactive setting.

Watch out NASA!



Get on Board....the Friend-ship!

Friendship Week was filled with creativity, kindness and fun across all classes! From acrostic poems to Keith Haring-inspired friendship art, the boys enjoyed a wonderful range of friendship-themed activities.

Junior Infants particularly enjoyed spending time with their reading buddies in 3rd and 4th Classes.

A big thank you to Ms Wickham for organising such a lovely week and celebrating the importance of friendship across our school.



A special highlight was our Friendship poster, featuring photos of the boys and steered by our very own Canine Captain, Kali!





Be Sound!



We were honoured to welcome the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Damian Boylan to our school in September.

Eugene from 6th Class welcomed the Ardmhéara, who then answered the boys' questions.

The Lord Mayor's main message: Be sound!

Be decent. Be kind. Be fair. Look out for one another. Give somebody a hand when they need it. Show patience when it would be easier to show anger. Treat people with respect even when you disagree with them.



Conor and Peter enjoyed checking out Lord Mayor Damien's wheels! Ford has supplied the official mayoral vehicle for Cork City Council for over 80 years.

Kindness Matters



On the Ball!

Thank you to Niall O'Regan & the FAI for donating soccer balls and equipment to St. Anthony's.



In September St Anthony's staff raised a fantastic €810 for Marymount Hospice with their annual coffee morning. Thanks, as always, to Clodagh for organising and to all the talented bakers.

Shoe Box Appeal



The boys in Mr Hogan O'Connell's 6th Class took it upon themselves to get involved in a very worthy cause. Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Since 2010 they have delivered over 3 million Christmas shoeboxes to children affected by poverty across the world.



The Dot



Thank you to Ms O'Callaghan for organising a fortnightly Credit Union savings scheme for the boys.

1st Class explored the picture book *The Dot*. They discovered that even the smallest mark can be the beginning of something amazing. The story teaches us to believe in ourselves, be brave enough to have a go, and never be afraid to make mistakes.

Splash & Dash



6th Class took part in the Cork Sports Partnership Splash & Dash event at the end of September.

Splash & Dash is a Primary Schools Aquathlon event, introducing pupils to a fun multi-sport challenge involving swimming and running in a supportive and encouraging environment.

A sincere thank you to Cork Sports Partnership, Swim Ireland & Triathlon Ireland.

Beyond the Maths Book

1st Class explored symmetry, number lines, and 2D shapes with fun hands-on activities.



You Got a Friend in Me!

At St Anthony's, we are proud of our buddy system, which brings our Junior Infants together with the boys of 3rd and 4th Classes. From helping at yard time to reading together, nature walks and art activities, the benefits are felt by everyone involved.



Autumnal Art

A selection of autumn inspired art from around the school.



SNA Appreciation Day

In October, we celebrated & acknowledged the amazing work our team of SNAs does in St. Anthony's. Each class thanked the SNAs who work with them, and treats were in the staffroom for everyone to enjoy.

Aidan, 6th Class, wrote a thoughtful piece about the importance of SNA's in our school.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SNA'S

Written by Aidan, 6th Class

SNAs are important because they help and support everyone. They don't just help kids with a disability; they help everyone. They encourage kids to be more social, help them understand the world, and never give up or say, 'Nah, I'm done, I'm finished.' They bring us for breaks or walks. They are kind and don't snap, so you feel comfortable around them. They are very helpful with anything you need; they will always try to answer your questions, no matter what.

They do lots of things around the school. They respect you and listen to you. They will always try to help you even if they don't know how. They help kids if they are hurt or get a knock. Sometimes they get materials if the teacher or the kids need them. They give advice on how to do things, like using brackets first. They give support to everyone, from the kids to the teacher or the principal.

I feel pupils don't understand how much they do for us and how they make our school and our lives better. They deserve respect.

Student Voice

Under Ms. O'Connell's guidance, we have selected the successful applicants for both the Student Council and the Green-Schools Committee. We look forward to seeing the boys enthusiasm, creativity and out-of-the-box thinking as they steer the school in highlighting

Student Council 2026-2027



Seán, Will, Ardal, Louis, Tom & Luke are our newest Student Council recruits. Students have a voice and a contribution to make to our school. We look forward to hearing them express their views on issues of concern to them in St Anthony's.

Green School Committee

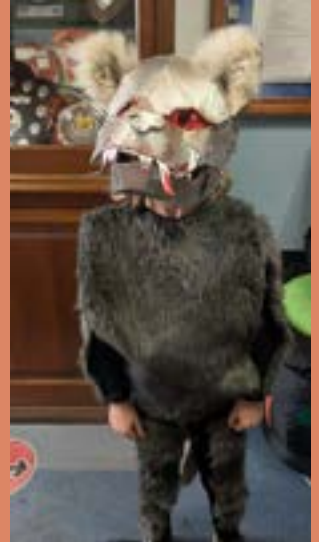
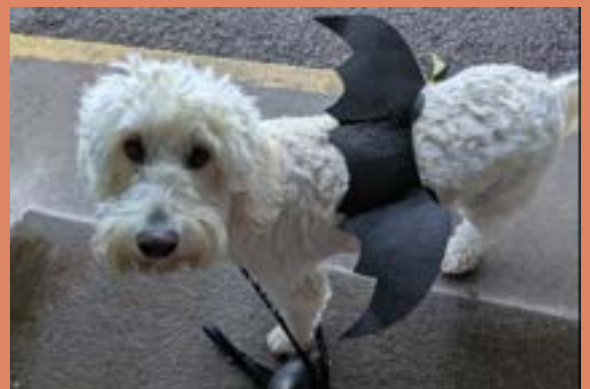


Luke, Henry, Christopher, Sam, Charlie, Gavin, Ciarán Prrick Cody, Louis, Emrys & Joseph will be leading the school to achieve our 7th Flag, Global Citizenship & Energy. We will also be holding a Climate Action Day in June.



Hocus Pocus!

What a fangtastic day it was for our annual Parents Association's Zombie Walk fundraiser. The boys were replaced with gruesome ghouls, magnificent minions, dangerous dinosaurs & some amazing homemade creations. Kali was missing, but in an unrelated turn of events, Bat Dog made an appearance!



Petrifying Pumpkins



PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Thanks to Ms Barrett for organising the annual Pumpkin Carving Competition. The main corridor was awash with spooktacular squash! Here are a few of the spooky creations.



Creepy Creations



Kali's Corner



PAWS FOR THOUGHT

Written by Your Pawsome Pal Kali

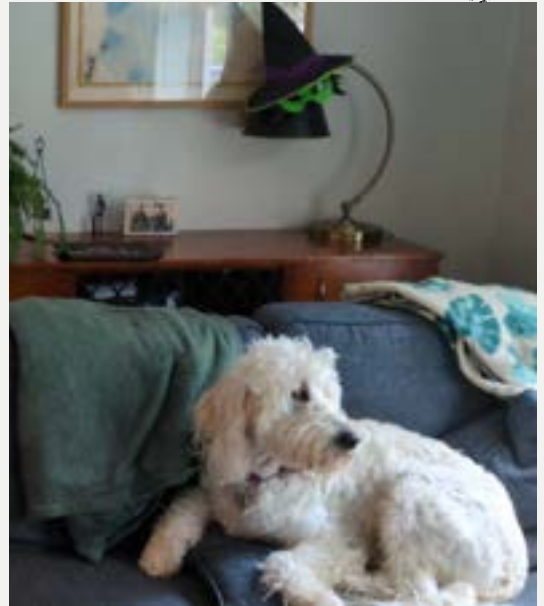
Now that the nights are closing in, it's important that all you young pups out there have some fun to keep your tails wagging.

As you can see from my photos, I have lots of hobbies that keep me pawsitively busy. I love catching up on some reading with my pal Rhys, and chewing the fat (and some sausage rolls, apologies Harrison in 3rd Class!) with my amigos Aaron and Fionn.

I also like to step out of my comfort zone and stay curious, even when I meet a prickly pal. This hedgehog looked a bit spiky at first, but a gentle sniff and some patience proved that new friends are worth the effort!

A big woof of congratulations to Ms O'Connell on receiving a Gold Award from the Irish Learning Support Association. Truly a pawsome achievement.

If you're feeling down this winter, come and find me, 'I'll be there for you!' Belly rubs are free! Woofs and wags x





UNIFORM SALE

Another successful preloved uniform sale was held in September in the sports hall. Many thanks to all the volunteers for helping to sort the donations and organise the items. The event raised €1,295 for PA events.

AGM

Thank you for all those that attended the AGM at the school on 7th October. Our Chairperson Dawn Creagh provided details of the events that took place in 2025/26 and Mary Long, our Treasurer gave the financial report for the previous year. During the meeting, Mr. Lyons shared an update from the school.



WELCOMING MORNING

St Anthony's welcomed new starters for 2027/28 to the school with their Parent/Guardian to explore the school. The PA were on hand to provide refreshments.



ZOMBIE WALK

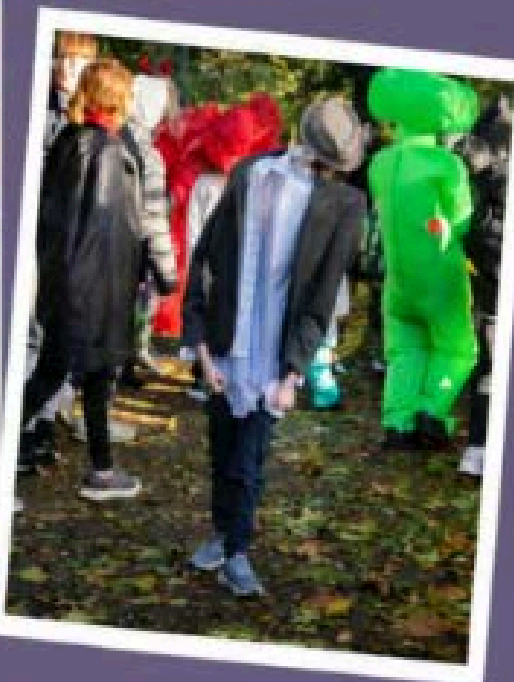
Thank you all for generously donations to the 2026 Zombie Walk. The weather was ideal for a walk around Ballinlough Park with the boys in some amazing costumes.

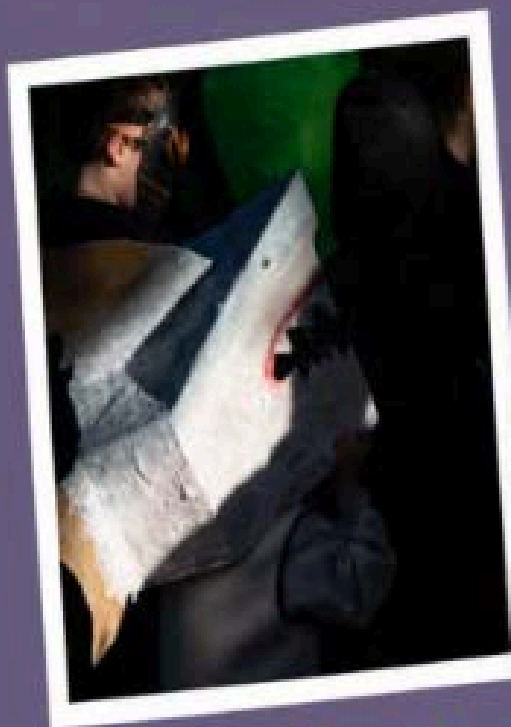
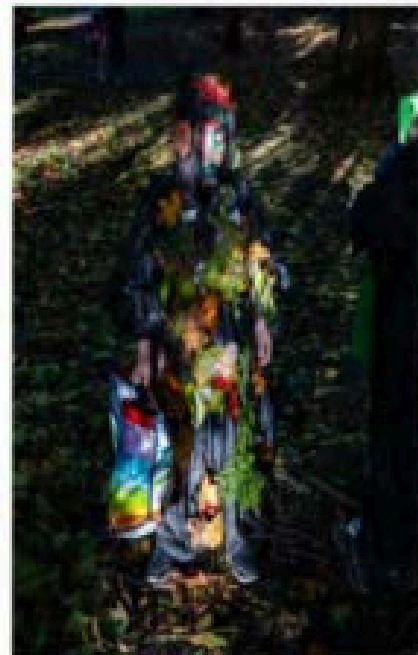
Thanks to PC Maestro for sponsoring some wonderful prizes for our raffle





ZOMBIE WALK





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TRICK
TREAT

Slán agus beannacht!



GO RAIBH MÍLE MAITH AGAT!

Sincere thanks 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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