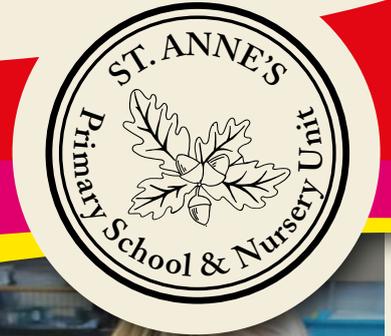


"Tall oaks from little acorns grow"
at St Anne's Primary School



The Acorn

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Important Dates

EASTER BREAK

School closes Wednesday
13th April 2022 at 12noon

School reopens Monday
25th April 2022 –
normal school day.

BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 2nd May
School closed to pupils.

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June
School closed to pupils.



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Feel Good Friday...

More Fab Feel Good Pics on Page 2!

Feel Good Friday and Dress to Express Yourself Day

On Feel Good Friday Mrs Collins' P2 had a wonderful day of relaxation, full of fun activities to practise feeling good within ourselves and with others.

One of our activities was 'Cosmic Yoga, Mindfulness for kids' which can be found on YouTube. It was a lockdown favourite in many homes because it helps us to exercise, stretch, and relax our minds all in the comfort of our own living rooms, and so we gave it a go in our own classroom. We rolled out all the soft mats and chose a space to follow the moves that 'Jaime' demonstrates through magical and exciting adventures. We were able to concentrate on our breathing, stretch into gravity defying poses and have lots of fun with our friends.

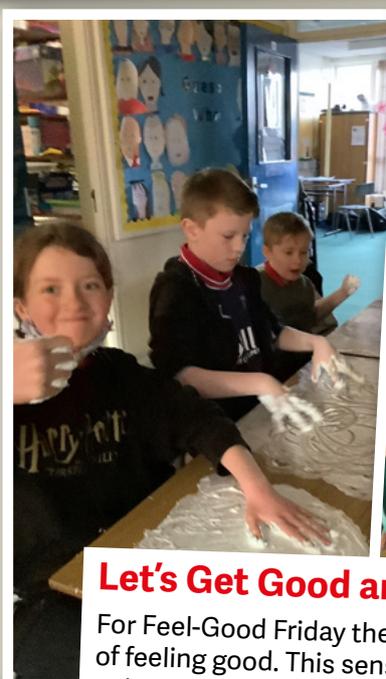
As it was also Valentine's Day weekend we made lovely heart butterflies for the people that love us and reflected on how our loved ones, family and friends are important in making us feel good inside.

I hope you enjoy our fantastic pictures and give it a go in your own homes.

P2 Mrs Collins



'When I wear this costume it makes me feel super.' Isobella



Let's Get Good and Messy

For Feel-Good Friday the P5s got their hands messy, all in the spirit of feeling good. This sensory- based activity allowed the children to write, create and play in a frothy, messy dream. The children were able to make a paste out of soap and water to explore mindless creativity. They loved it!



'I love making faces because it's funny and I felt good exercising with my friends.'





'I am blowing windmills with my fingers it helps us relax.' Alaia and Aoibhin

Feel Good Friday and the Daily Mile

We did the Daily Mile as part of our Feel Good Friday. With our partners we walked around the school for a mile. I feel good when I do the mile because moving helps your mental health. It is fun because it helps me calm down. It helps me to enjoy the day and it makes me happy. I love listening to the birds and being in nature.

Ruby P5



'We are not sleeping we are just resting and we feel happy because we can be with our friends.' Olivia and Caitlin



Miss Maxwell's P1 class

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

During the month of March, the Primary Three children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children worked hard to learn their prayers and songs. Each class were fabulous on their special day. The P3 teachers were extremely proud of them!

Mrs Walsh's Class



Mrs Walsh's class



Ms Rooney's class



Mrs Donnelly's class

Mrs Dillon and Mrs Lynch's class





The Day of Confirmation

On the day of Confirmation, Thursday the 3rd of March, our class were going to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Everyone had their uniforms washed and ironed to look their best for this special day. On this day, the pupils had chosen a name for Confirmation, all of our names were different and unique. I had chosen the name Faith. The priest then came round to seal us with Christ and the Holy Spirit. He did this by drawing a cross on our foreheads and saying words for us to respond to. The ceremony was then finished and everyone went out for lunch or dinner to celebrate.

By Cara



St Anne's Primary School, Ms Mullan's & Mr Kelly's Class of 2021-2022



St Anne's Primary School, Ms O'Boyle's Class of 2021-2022



St Anne's Primary School, Mrs O'Neill's Class of 2021-2022



St Anne's Primary School, Mrs Watson's & Mr McCann's Class of 2021-2022



My Confirmation

My confirmation name is Cecilia. I picked this because she was the patron saint of music and I love music.

My sponsor was my nanny. I go to my nanny's house a lot. She loves baking and teaches me how to bake. She brings me to the park and buys me ice-cream.

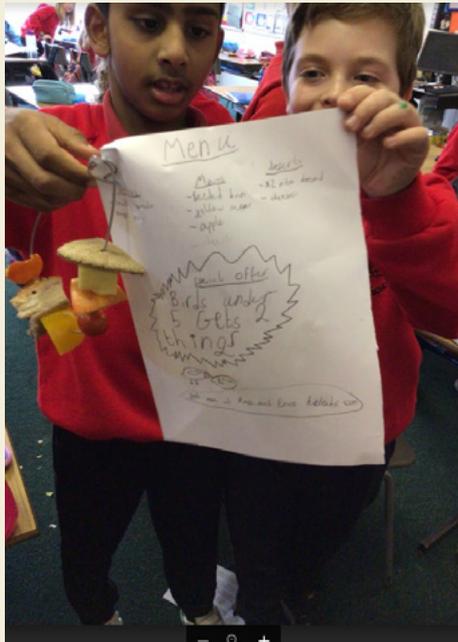
My favourite piece of work in my Confirmation Scrapbook is the dove. I used lots of different shades of colour on the page.

By Mia

Bird Feeders

I loved going out and filling the bird feeders, making the bird kebabs and going on the birdwatch. We filled the bird feeders with lard mixed with birdseed. We made a couple of bird kebabs as well (which are NOT kebabs made out of birds!). We used a wire and pushed some bread, cheese, apple, orange and tomato on them. We found out that the birds loved the cheese, bread and apples but didn't eat the oranges or tomatoes. We also went on a birdwatch and I saw a couple of robins, a few jackdaws and starlings, two house sparrows and one collared dove. We went around the school looking for birds and we had to stay very quiet so that we could hear their birdsong.

by Eason P5



Our P1 pupils learning how to 'add one more to a number' the fun way!

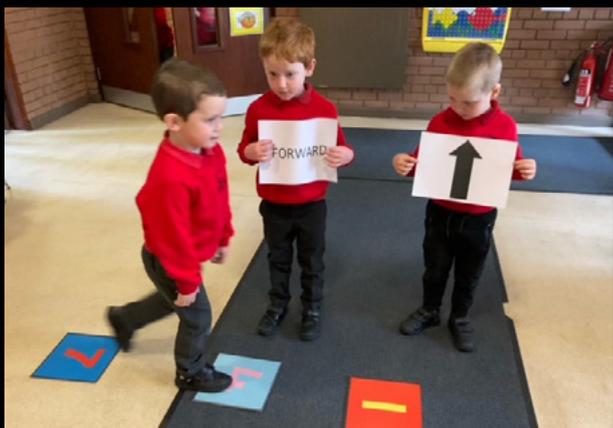


Coding In Primary One!

'I loved moving backwards and forwards,' said Enda.

'We learnt new words like semi-circle' move, left and right and full turn,' said Rowan and Daisy.

'It was great fun moving all around the number squares,' said Ella.



Take What You Need Board

In Saint Anne's we are all about showing the love. On the Primary 4 and Primary 5 corridors we have decided to create a 'take what you need' board. The children have left messages of love, support and encouragement for each other. If you feel that you need a little piece of positivity you can take a post-it note home with you. It means that, in school, someone is thinking of you and wishing you well. You can also leave a positive message on the board for someone else who might need one.



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week presents an opportunity to highlight the importance of children's and young people's mental health. The theme this year was 'Growing Together' and focused in on personal and emotional growth. In class, the children engaged in fun activities that focused in on emotional and mental wellbeing. The week finished with a 'Feel Good Friday' and a 'Dress to Express Yourself' celebration. Some children wore their favourite coloured sweat shirt or jumper to school that day, to celebrate their uniqueness. Others added colour to their uniform with hair accessories, scarves, hats and socks.



All the adults in our class are very good at teaching us strategies we can use to look after our mental health. If we are ever worried or sad about anything they are always there for us. We think it is good that everyone is realising that we need to show children how to take care of their mental health, just as they take care of their physical health. In Ms O Boyle's P7 class we have daily meditation sessions with relaxing music playing in the background. One day for a treat, we got some time to rest, relax and even snooze if we wanted to, as it was International Nap Day! We try to make our classroom environment relaxing. We think that it is great that there is a week dedicated to mindfulness and self-care but we need to take care of ourselves every day and talk to someone if we feel sad or worried.

Norah and Molly. (P7)

ECO UPDATE

Calling All Litter Pickers...



On Sunday 27th February, pupils and their families along with teachers came and picked up all the litter from around our school. There was a great buzz and lots of excitement. We found bags and bags of litter.....wooden crates, aluminium cans, crisp and sweet wrappers, beer bottles, plastic signs, pieces of clothing and even a sheet of metal! Thank you to all who came and to the PTA for providing some treats for the pupils who turned up. Remember to take your litter home with you and put it in the right bin.

By John and Thea Ellis

'I came with my family to help the environment.' Tom

'My family came along even though my little sister in P1 didn't want to, but she had lots of fun in the end. It was shocking how much rubbish there was but picking it up was great for the ecosystem.' Eli

'Litter can hurt the animals.' Dara

'I felt cross and disappointed by how much litter there was. The broken glass could really hurt someone.' Rosa



Going Native

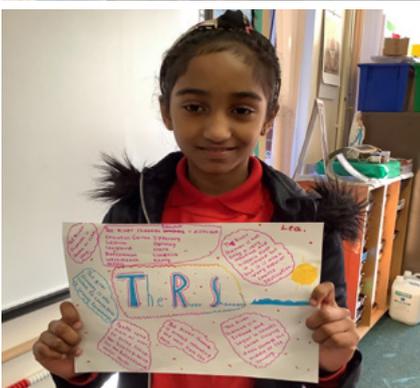


Mr Madden is an ecologist (a scientist who studies the relationships between animals, plants and the environment) and the daddy of 3 pupils in our school, Nina, Eli and Eabha. He and his team volunteered to come and cut back the laurel plant which is spreading like wild fire around our school site. The laurel plant is non-native to Northern Ireland. It has a dangerous poison in it that can kill bugs and it is very invasive (takes over). In St. Anne's, we are trying to encourage native planting to support our local wildlife and increase biodiversity. We would like to thank Mr Madden and his team for their help, expert knowledge and their time. This is only just the beginning, there is much more to do.

By Katie and Josh P6

Mighty Me

In P5 this term, the children were learning all about their 'mighty selves'. They explored their heritage and culture and learnt about how their body functions. To celebrate and share their knowledge, the children completed projects on a variety of topics. These included Irish language projects, board games, fact finders, art pieces, jewellery making and much more.



Nursery News



Marching to the Beat of our own Drum!

Have you heard the distant rumble of drums around St Anne's? Well that is because the nursery boys and girls have been enjoying a six-week music programme led by Joe from The Gathering Drums. As well as being lots of fun, the children have developed their awareness of rhythm, beat and syllables, all of which will be really useful as they begin their reading journey in Primary One!



MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Our P1 children busy making very special cards for very special people!

'I enjoyed getting my photograph taken.' Myla.

'I hope my card makes my mummy happy.' Orlaith.

'I made my card as I love my mummy.' said Tony Og.

P1 Mrs Heagneys' and Mrs Murphy's class



The P4s have been exploring circuits. We managed to make a circuit using leads, a battery and a bulb. After making our circuits we worked on discovering which objects are insulators and which are conductors. It was very exciting when the light bulb worked!

P4 Mrs Cavanagh's class



Our World Around Us topic is 'Light and Shadow'. The children worked in groups to make their own shadow creations. Children investigated how, and why, shadows form through this fun and practical activity.

P4 Mr Teague's Class



Shadows in P4

Our class have been learning about Light and Shadow in World Around Us. We went outside during the lovely weather to see if we could make some shadows.

The boys and girls had lots of fun drawing around each other's shadows with chalk.

Cian – 'I really enjoyed spending time with my friend and making funny shadows.'

Ellie- 'I liked drawing around the shadow.'

Lorcan – 'I liked using the chalk to draw around the shadow.'

Sophia- 'I liked being able to go outside to learn about shadows.'

P4 Mrs Brown's class

Man United Live and NI Science Week

By Bowie, Pearse, Niall and Liam P6

Today some of the P6 classes took part in a live 'Man United Work Out' for NI Science Week. This was run by former footballer Matt Cross.

Miss O'Neill's class watched a tour of the iconic stadium in Manchester, Old Trafford. This consisted of a tour of the pitch first. And we saw the special seats where players and managers sit. We were then able to have a virtual look around their museum, which showcased their trophies, jerseys and 'Golden Boots'. Many of their players had won 'Ballon Dor's'.

We were also able to see some pieces of the old kits, some from as far back as before 1880! The history of Man United managers such as the legendary Sir Alex Ferguson were also on display.

Here are some Man United facts:

- Ronaldo is always at training 1 hour before everyone else.
- Man united is worth about 4.1 BILLION!
- Man United's worth increased by 250 million since Ronaldo joined.
- Man United was Ronaldo's 2nd club after Sporting CP.
- In 1998 the club consisted of many football legends, including Van der Sar, Ronaldo, Rio Ferdinand, Vedic, Wayne Rooney and Andy Cole. What a team!



Science Week Virtual Rainforest Discovery.

During Science Week our class got involved in a virtual Rainforest Discovery programme. We got to watch various animals that inhabit the rainforest. We also learned lots of new information that will help us next term with Our World Us topic.

We got to know that the rainforest has lots of layers. In these layers live different animals such as spiders, tree frogs and snakes.

Trees are needed in rainforests because they keep animals living and produce air.

One really interesting animal was the Boa constrictor. It raps itself around its prey and squeezes it until it dies. There are lots of dangerous animals that live in the rainforest.

By Lucy and Emma P6

This is me

Some of our P7 pupils took part in Young Writers competition. The task was for pupils to look inside themselves, to think about what makes them unique and then to write a poem about it. The aim was to encourage creativity and to inspire a love of the written word in young children. Congratulations to Joseph McCambridge who was one of the winners and is now a published poet.

Have a read of his poem which is accompanied by the photograph that inspired his poetry entry, way back on Sports Day in 2018 when he was in P3.



Joseph

Joseph was a boy from Belfast,
In the sack race he never came last,
He huffed and he puffed,
But he was well chuffed,
When he looked at the people he passed.

Poetry In Motion

What an Achievement!

Winners of the Seamus Heaney Award for Achievement 2022

This year Mrs Mallon's P5 class took part in the Community Arts Partnership and the Poetry in Motion Programme. In a challenging Covid world, they worked with NI Poet Martelle McPartland on a programme of zoom sessions to produce group poems, shared poems and their own individual poems. They also produced artwork to illustrate and showcase their writing. The live awards ceremony took place, again via zoom, on Tuesday 29th March at 11am. It was very exciting and we were able to see some of the work from the 60 plus schools that took part in this year's programme. After an introduction by Mrs Mallon our class group poem was the first poem to be aired. We watched the full event and were totally delighted to hear at the award section that our class won the Seamus Heaney Award for New Writing. We wrote a group poem 'Our world of Possibilities' and everyone worked together to imagine and write about some places of mystery, magic and joy.

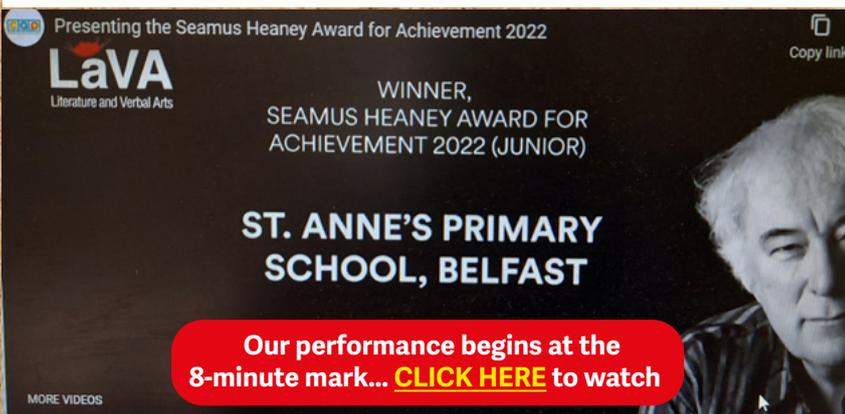
P5 Mrs Mallon's class took part in the Poetry in Motion this year. We worked with the poet Martelle McPartland, via zoom, to improve our skills. We took part in very engaging workshops, which I enjoyed. We were allowed to ask Martelle different questions and get her great answers. When we found out that we had won the Seamus Heaney Award for New Writing our class were ecstatic, buzzing, chaotic and very happy. We won with a group poem called 'Our World of Possibilities.' We wrote group poems, team poems and individual poems. We described ourselves in our individual poems. We worked with others in our team poems. We described our perfect place.

When I got home, the day that we won, which was 29th March, I was so happy and proud. I learned a lot from it and I know I can use the skills I learnt from this experience in the future.

By Kate

Our class won the Poetry in Motion 2022. It was the 29th March. We were holding our breath. When they announced that our class were the winners we burst into cheers. It was so loud it shook our desks! We had worked hard at our poem and had tons of zoom classes with the poet Martelle Mcpartland. We had to vote who would read the poem. Everybody had to choose. We also put our poem to music. We used maracas and other percussion instruments. When we won it was one of the best days of my life. I think we did a great job, don't you?

By Dallan



Our Worlds Of Possibilities

Beneath splashing seas
Lonely whales send faraway echoes
Singing their mating call.
Water splashes hard against
The spying submarine on the sea bed,
Soft bubbles release from a sunken ship wreck
While ferocious storm waves crash above.

On high seas the wooden galleon
Creaks in the stormy weather
Angry waves bang against the hull
Long ropes stretch noisily,
Soaked and slippery with storm spray,
Holding tight to the billowing silken sails.

On a quiet beach
An ocean calls from inside a pointed shell
Rolling into the curling shape.
A puff of wind
Hitting a background of soft waves
Across softer sand.

In a winter land
Spiteful snow hurls itself
At a small cottage.
Heavy winds push through tree tops.
Everywhere is under snow
Except the frozen huddle of people
Pushing through the drifts,
Trying to reach safety from the dropping snow
And the long dark night.

In a magical land
A fairy tale plays out.
The land of magic opens up.
A harp plays a cheery tune
Singing unicorns dance all around
Little fairies and fierce chimaeras
Ready to battle intruding knights
The forest is an orchestra of musical animals
Leaving songs on their path
As they sprinkle fairy dust behind them.
Lashing rain hits down on the brown river
Happy ducks enjoy the wet weather
A gushing waterfall overlooks tame deer and
fast hares.

In a science lab in outer space
An electrical robot is being built
Bleep by bleep, bolt by bolt.
Dissection drills whirr dangerously
Choking chemicals feed the robots veins
Electric wires zapping through him
The good aliens
Mending him with golden tools.

a group poem by P5 Mrs Mallon

St Brigid Brings the Spring!

On the 1st of February we celebrated the feast of St Brigid. We loved to hear how Brigid helps to bring the start of Spring. We all worked together to make St Brigid's cloak by tearing and sticking coloured paper together!

"It was so much fun tearing up the paper", said Eva.

"I liked using the oil pastels to colour birds I see in my garden", said Nina

"I liked folding my paper to print a butterfly", said Dylan

"I smudged the pastels to make my Spring flowers look real", said Deaglan.



About Viking shields!

Viking shields were made out of wood, metal or leather. They used them for protection, so they would not get stabbed. We had the opportunity to make some of our own shields. Our shields were made out of paper and they have turned out really well. We had to make them out of paper because we did not have card that size. We decorated them with lots of detail, just like Vikings did. Their shields usually had 2 or 4 colours and were only used by the men that needed them. Our shields were put up on display beside our classroom, they looked amazing.

By Ciarrai, Thomas and James. P6



TOP OF THE POPS

We love The Acorn. It is probably the most popular reading material during our Free Reading Sessions. We have a special folder full of old editions, and we love to look back on the photos of friends and other family members who have appeared in them, and read the interesting articles they wrote. Infact, we are such fans of The Acorn that we are making our own class copy! We call it The POPCORN because it pops with our ideas.

We have added our own puzzles and games, quizzes and pictures. We are planning to add to it every month.

P5 Mrs Woods

Safety Day

On the 8th February we celebrated Internet Safety Day. Our P1 class watched a slide show and talked about how we can keep ourselves safe online and what to do if something scares us or makes us feel sad or worried. We listened to a story called 'Digi Duck and the Magic Castle.' We also made lovely Digi Duck hats which we wore home at the end of the day.

These are some of the things we learnt.

- 'Never go on line without asking.' Mia
- 'Never use Mum and Dad's bank account.' Fionnbharr
- 'Never tell people your password.' Odhran
- 'Make your password hard so your friends can't guess it!' Marie

It is important that we all know how to stay safe online.



Wet Day times!

We were delighted to receive some new games for Wet Day times! Our class especially enjoyed the Jenga, UNO and Guess Who. It's lovely to be able to play board games with our friends.

We have had a lot of fun with these and we're really excited to get even more. We held a vote to decide which games we would like more of, or different ones to add to our collection. More games would give us more options to choose from.

We would like to thank our School Councillors and Ms OCarroll for organising these for us.

Pearse and Sara P5



WORLD BOOK DAY MURALS

We are Miss O'Boyle's Primary 7 class. This week we have been focusing on our World Book Day murals. We were split into six teams and each given a book genre to base our murals on. The genres included: Comedy, Non-Fiction, Fantasy, Irish Folklore, Comics and Classics. In our groups we were given time to plan and brainstorm different ideas to put in our murals.

Let's take a look at what each group thought about their mural work during an interview by our own Sophie and Finn...

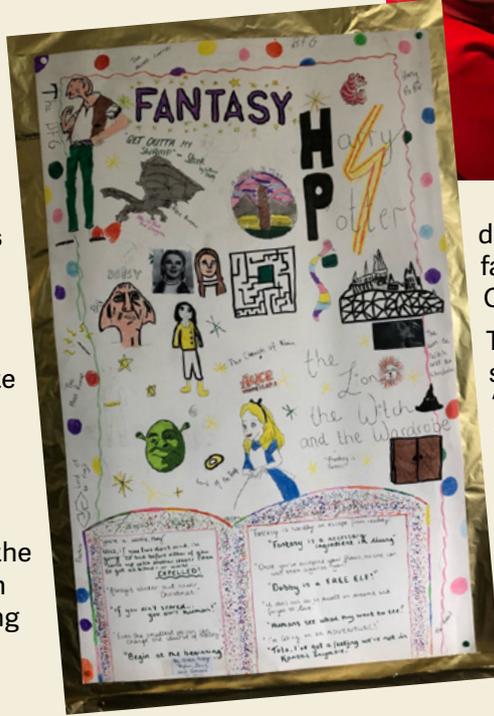
Which part of your mural was your team's favourite?

Team Comics: "We enjoyed drawing the different superheroes from our favourite comic books." (Molly, Norah, Ellie, Ellen, Jack, Aimee-Rose and Sophia)

Team Irish Folklore: "In our mural, our favourite part was the swans and the drawing of Finn McCool, we enjoyed illustrating the various pictures inspired from the Irish Legends book." (Daragh, John and Ross)

Where did you draw the inspiration for you World Book Day murals?

Team Non-Fiction: "Our inspirations came from our favourite factual books, which included topics such as



dinosaurs. We enjoyed including some of favourite facts space too." (Sarah, Dylan, Evie, Torin and Odrán)

Team Classics: "In our group, we were inspired by some of our favourite classic novels. For example, 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'Oliver Twist,' and 'The Wind in the Willows.' We were glad to have this genre as we loved some of these books when we were younger." (Pádraig, Ollie, Isabella, Charlie and Joseph)

What was it like working as part of a group?

Team Comedy: "We found working as a group a lot easier than working individually, we liked sharing ideas and we all got along very well." (Finn, Oisín, Conor, Sophie, Amelia)

Team Fantasy: "As a group we found this activity very fun and we feel our work shows each pupil's interests and creativity." (Simon, Grace, Jovis, Alphin and Poppy)

By Sophie and Finn

Little Red Riding Hood

Today is World Book Day. I have dressed up as Little Red Riding Hood. For my costume I have a very red cloak, a red dress and a basket full of treats!

My book is a European story. Little Red Riding was named after the townspeople. She was 8 years old.

I love this book because there is a big wolf in it!

Saoirse P4 Mrs Cavanagh



This year, 14 children from Mr Teague's class participated in Cumann Na Bunscol's 'Return to Play Day'. They played four competitive games against other local schools and represented St. Anne's in brilliant fashion.



P6 CLASS SUGGESTION BOX

By class councillors James and Katie

We have created a class suggestion box in our room. Our classmates can share their ideas about how we can all make St Anne's a better place for everyone. We made it from an old shoe box. It is covered in bright yellow paper and has sparkly gems around it. Miss O'Neill cut a hole on the top so we can place our ideas inside using coloured paper. Our suggestion box is a very important part of our class, as it helps us work together as a team. It also allows us to be creative thinkers.

This is how our suggestion box works;

- People from our class think logically about things we can safely do in school. They put their suggestions in the box.
- Our school Councillors dedicate

time after lunch time to go through the suggestions.

- We get to pick one out every week and we try to make it work in school.
- If we can't do one, we pick out another one and see if we could do that one instead.
- Some suggestions can be challenging to do in school but we always have a class discussion about them.

Here are some examples; read our books outside, take a walk around the school every Thursday, have an animal appreciation day, where we bring in a toy animal for discussion and research. The suggestions that we can't do we take them out of the box and we explain why we can't do it.



On Friday 3rd March, one of our suggestions was to eat our food outside in the fresh air. We got to sit with our friends, eat, chat and have lots of fun together as a class.



SCHOOL COUNCIL WET DAY RESOURCES SURVEY

One good thing about the rainy lunchtimes during term 2, was that some classes had a chance to use the wet day games and activities that School Councillors had purchased and distributed in term 1. After a few wet lunchtimes, class councillors completed a 'wet day games survey' to see which games were proving popular and if there were any other games classes would like councillors to consider purchasing.

We received a letter from Ms OCarroll asking us to hold a class council meeting and complete a wet day games survey. We asked our class to vote for their favourite game and used a tally chart to record the votes. Later, we shared the result in a letter to Ms OCarroll. We also suggested some other games that the class would like school councillors to buy including Dobble, Hungry Hippos, Chess/Draughts and Articulate.

By Grace and Grace P7 councillors

P4 Mrs Cavanagh's Class
Sean and Patrick

Jenga |||||
Ludo | Jenga and
connect 4 ||||| Guess Who? were
Guess Who? ||||| the
scrabble || most
Catan || popular

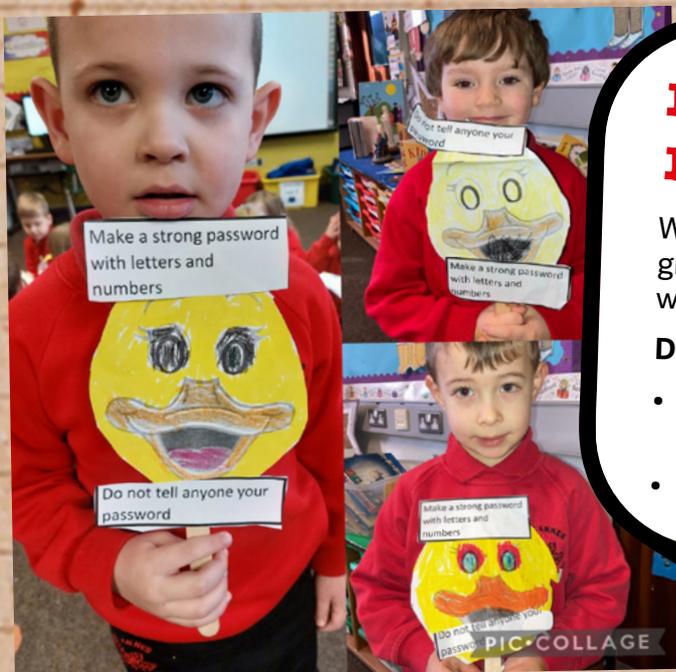
Uno |||||
Snakes and Ladders |||||

Other ideas:
Dobble |||||
Stoy cubes |||||
chess |||||
dominoes |||||
checkers |
backaroo |||||
Soggy doggy
monopoly |

buckaroo is the most popular

ST ANNE'S JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF SAFER INTERNET DAY 2022.

The theme this year was, 'All fun and games?' and encouraged children to explore respect and relationships online. From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrated young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers. quizzes. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we continuously promote within school. Safer Internet Day provided us with a great opportunity to re-emphasise the online safety messages with all children. They were encouraged to explore how they should act or behave towards others online; the importance of keeping personal information private as well as what to do if something worries them when online. Activities included: creating safe passwords, writing respectful relationships recipes, in the moment scenarios and role play, compiling kinder internet spells, creating gaming guides.



INTERNET SAFETY DAY IN P1!

We heard a story about Digiduck. The internet is great for playing games and learning new things but we need to be careful and stay safe while online.

Digiduck reminded us to

- To make a strong password with letters and numbers.
- Never tell anyone your password.



Turn the page for more great pics from **WORLD BOOK DAY!**

World Book Day 2022



For World Book Day I was the infamous Skullduggery Pleasant. We put some of our book characters to music. If the character is evil, the music we made was dark and deep. If the character is good the music would maybe be light and medium pitched. Music is an essential piece of a movie or cartoon. A character in a film or cartoon normally has music and the music has lots of details and descriptions about the character. If a character has their own music, then most likely the character is an essential part of the movie or cartoon. My class assigned music to key characters like Darth Vader and Voldemort. We used percussion instruments and worked on rhythm, pattern and pitch.

Dylan P5

Music Scores for World Book Day

Our class really enjoyed learning about music scores coming up to World Book Day. We learned about bad characters and good characters. We watched Rock, Paper, Scissors and other digital stories with music scores. We learned about music and different emotions too. We just loved whenever we got to listen to the score. Then we got to make our own music scores for our World Book Day characters. We loved dressing up as our favourite characters and then making a music score for them.

Myles and Oscar P5

We all came in to school dressed to impress for World Book Day (WBD) 2022. We had some frightening villains and heroic heroes arrive through the door! During the day we made bookmarks for ourselves and also for Mr Teague, Mrs Walsh and Mrs OCarroll. Using Green Screen, we were able to add a setting that matched the character we had come dressed up as. Can you guess which book the characters are from? We had such a great day exploring different books and characters and we can't wait until WBD 2023!

Mr Teague's Primary 4 class.



We had a great day today in Primary 4 celebrating World Book Day. The children looked fantastic in their costumes, thank you! They enjoyed lots of reading time in class and sharing their favourite books with each other. They were able to lie back and relax, whilst listening to an audio book in the Assembly Hall. Then we watched a video of a famous actor reading one of my favourite books... Burglar Bill.

'We had so much fun seeing all of the different costumes.' Oonagh

'We lay down in the P.E. hall and listened to an audio book. We had great fun doing all of the different activities.' Niamh

'We listened to lots of stories and had great fun doing all of the different activities.' Conor

'We dressed up as our favourite characters.' Scarlett.

'I had a great day on World Book Day, doing all of the different activities. Fiadh.'

'World Book Day was super fun and enjoyable!' Anna.

'We had good fun doing a word search and other fun activities.' Grace

P4 Mrs Fitzpatrick's and Mrs Niblock's class



Hello, my name is Maria. As part of our WBD celebrations in St Anne's we dress up and do book-related activities. I dressed up as Charlotte from Charlotte's Web. I made my costume out of a black jumper and tights, with plastic bags in them and I pinned them onto the jumper and just had black jeans. I had a hair band and a spider web and I put a piece of cardboard on it and wrote "some pig" on it. I wanted to dress up as her because she is from my favourite book and my favourite character. Next year, I think we should try to mash 2-3 book characters into one and they should put on a mini play (it would be funny if they were very different characters!!!) Hello my name is Thea-Ellis. On World Book Day I dressed up as Anna from 'When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit'. This book is based on the life of Judith Kerr (she wrote 'The Tiger who came to Tea'). This WBD we dressed up in costumes, decorated bookmarks and created book covers. We also made comic strips. Next year, I think that we should try and make environmentally friendly costumes by reusing clothes to make them. We could also have a costume carnival where we tour the school playing music and having a laugh.

For World Book day not only did the P5s rock some wonderful costumes, they also rocked the assembly hall. Miss McCarney's class created a musical backdrop to some of their favourite book scenes, using a range of instruments from drums to symbols. From happy to sad and angry to funny, the children were able to convey the emotions of the scene and tell the story using only instruments. We have some very talented musicians among us.

P2 Gaelic Coaching

This term, the P2s have been lucky enough to participate in PE sessions run by Sean from the GAA. They have engaged in many fun activities helping them to develop fundamental skills in co-ordination, ball handling, balance, agility and movement. Sean's games are always exciting and involve the whole class. Here, the children are playing a parachute game, where they must work together as a team to create waves which make it 'hailstone' soft tennis balls! The laughter and screams of delight could be heard many classrooms away! They went on to play 'shark attack', 'swap colours' and 'ship captains'. A fantastic, fun weekly session which the children always look forward to!

Aoibhin said " I love the parachute game as we got to go under it and grab balls and cones."

Lily said " Sean is so nice and teaches us lots of games."

Kai said "Toilet Flush is so much fun! I get to sit on my friends' knee before I 'flush' them!"



Mrs Woods' P5 Class reached the Semi Finals of their first 'International Basketball Academy Tournament' with Phoenix Basketball Club. Coach Carla taught them all they needed to know during their regular training sessions in Term 1. They then had the opportunity to put their skills to the test, and showcase their team spirit against lots of local schools, at Lisburn Racquets facility.

At the end of the day Mrs Woods had this message for her class.

'A huge congratulations to our wonderful class! We were terrific today at the Basketball Blitz. We had the best day and we played with true sportsman(/woman!)ship. I was so proud of the way we conducted ourselves, played fairly, with great enthusiasm and showed great support of one another. We were a bit disappointed not to make it all the way, but we're working on how well we cope at those times. We can be very proud of a very positive and enthusiastic performance. Well done everyone. Let's celebrate with a very well-deserved night off written homework!'

We are sure that the NBA and WNBA will be scouting for our boys and girls in a few years from now.

Our P6s are up next, let's see what they can do!

Girl's Gaelic Tournament



On March 30th, Mr Rea and Miss Wilson accompanied us to Woodlands to compete in a Gaelic tournament. There were four teams in our group, Holy Child, St John the Baptist, Bunscoil Phobal Feirste and St Anne's. Our first match was against St John the Baptist and they won by a close two goals. We played very well. The second match was played against Bunscoil Phobal Feirste, our biggest competitors. We lost. However, we put up a strong challenge and, as a team, we played more cohesively. Our third match, the best of them all, was played against Holy Child. We won that with a strong score of 5 goals and 2 points. We played really well and put up a good fight in all our matches. We were placed 3rd in the tournament. A good day out for the P6's and P7's. Well done to everyone that played. We look forward to our next match. Watch out for St. Anné's!

By Grace, Sophie, Amelia and Poppy.