



## Anti-Bullying week

During Anti-Bullying week, we talked to our class and our P3 buddy class (Mrs Stott) about what bullying is and what we can do to stop it. Throughout the week we celebrated Odd Socks Day (Monday), World Kindness Day (Thursday) and Crazy Hair Day (Friday) which were all really fun. On World Kindness Day, we were responsible for handing out kindness tokens to pupils who were being extra kind. We chose Seamus and Daniele who were both very deserving. We also had a class kindness jar throughout the whole week and we went round the room writing one kind thing about every pupil in our class.

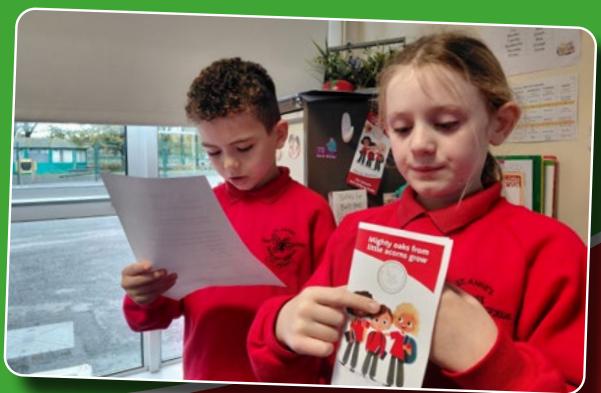
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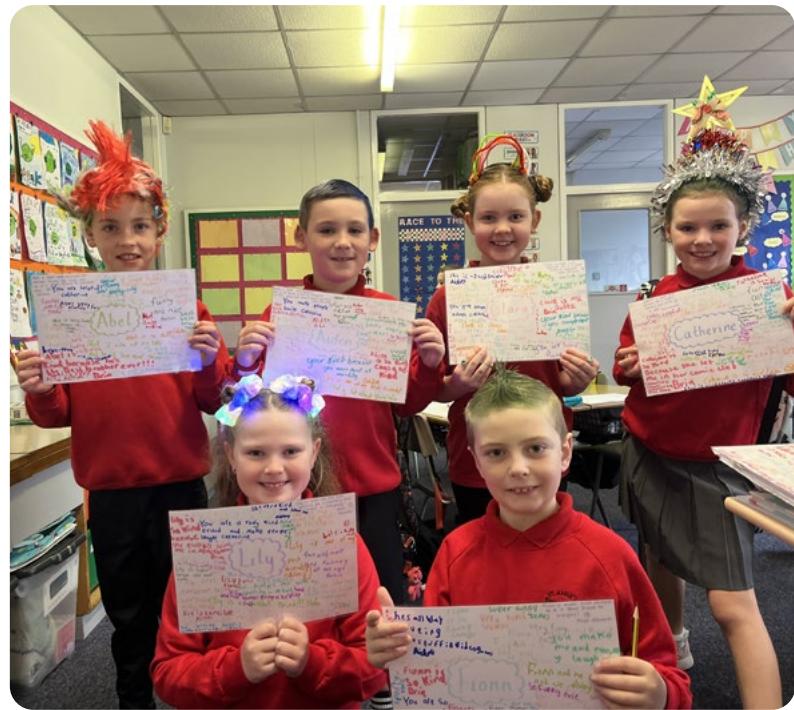
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### THINK Smart, Use Your WITS!

We shared the Anti-Bullying leaflet with our class. We explained why it's important to be kind and respect each other. We reminded everyone about the **THINK** rule - Is it True? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind? . We also told them about **WITS** - Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help - so we all know what to do if bullying happens. We want our classroom to be a safe and happy place for everyone! *Rose & Lucas P4LB*





### P4LB SH Crazy hair day

St Anne's was full of colour and creativity as pupils showed off their wild and wonderful hairstyles! From bright spikes to wacky braids, everyone joined in the fun, making it a day of laughter and self-expression.

**"I made a garden with my hair. I used green hair gel and clipped on some bugs"- Finn**

**"I did noodles in my hair and it was fun"- Polly**

**"I tied my hair up in ponytails and sprayed grey hairspray on it. It was really fun seeing my friends with crazy hair"- Sebastien**

**"Crazy hair day was fun. It showed us that everybody is different. I had cupcakes in my hair" Molly**

## St Gerard's Anti-Bullying Parade

On Thursday 13th November, all of the P6 pupils walked up to St. Gerard's School to take part in a very special Anti-Bullying parade. The theme this year was "The Power of Good", and we wanted to make lots of noise to share this important message! It was a wet and windy day, but that didn't stop us from having fun. We carried posters and banners we had made with messages about equality, respect, treating everyone the same, and always including others. We know how important it is to be kind to everyone and want to share this message with everyone!!

After the parade, St Gerard's invited us back for pizza and juice - it was so tasty! There were lots of other schools there too, all helping to spread the message about Anti-Bullying Week. We had a brilliant time and are so grateful to St Gerard's for inviting us and especially for the pizza and juice!

By Caleb & Cora, P6AL



# Haunting Harmonies and Fancy Dress Delights

On Friday, 24th October, the usual sea of red jumpers transformed into a vibrant array of fancy dress costumes as the school celebrated Halloween Fancy Dress Day. The Nursery to P3 year groups were buzzing with excitement, taking part in a series of lovely music mornings.

Children showcased their talents by reciting poems, singing songs, and engaging with classical masterpieces by Strauss and Bizet.

The atmosphere was electric, and the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment of this experience.

## Stationery Stars Shine Bright!

Three superstar entrepreneurs – Sarah Silcock (P5), Miss Maeve Dick (P5), and Miss Abbie Dick (P5) – turned summer fun into a brilliant business! They launched their very own tuck shop, selling cool stationery to classmates. Not only did they show amazing creativity and teamwork, but they also donated every penny of their profits to school funds!

The girls unanimously decided the money should go towards supplies for their teachers in the coming year – and they even suggested ‘whiteboard markers’ because they know how often they’re used!

Overall, these generous girls raised an incredible £43 for school supplies. What an inspiring way to mix enterprise with kindness – well done, team!



## Adventures at St Anne's: My Top Moments

Anne's Primary School. One of the best days was when my class went to the Panto—it was so much fun! We also visited the planetarium, where we learned about space. The Titanic Museum is another favourite. We got to see where the Titanic was built! Did you know the Titanic had a sister ship called the Olympic? Well, now you do! I really enjoyed my swimming lessons and we did lots of art. I really enjoy art because it makes me feel happy and I'm good at it. These experiences made school amazing, and I'll never forget them. **Thomas P7KD**



## Minecraft to Micro:bits

Dream Space Ambassadors are amazing. We get to play and have fun, and no-one gets left out. We do online meetings with other primary schools. So far, we have been learning about coding. We have played games such as Minecraft Education with AI and used micro:bits. We help each other out when someone gets stuck. Soon we will be teaching others about coding. We will go to W5 to graduate! Yay!

**Coding Facts:** Coding tells the computer what to do and how to do it. The computer's language is made up of ones and zeros, called binary.

By Rex P6DT



# NURSERY NEWS



## Master Builders at Work

The nursery pupils have been working hard at construction this term. We have been using wooden blocks indoors and outdoors as well as commercial construction materials to make lots of different models such as a castle, a witch, a bus and even The Titanic! We used different types of loose parts such as hoops, go kart tyres, gems, mirrored blocks and cardboard tubes to decorate our models. Well done little builders!



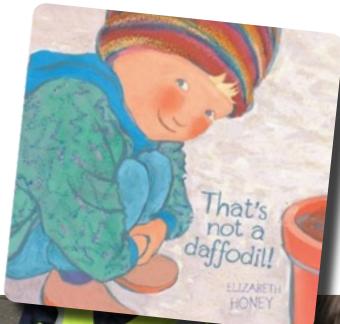
## Rhythm Rockstars in Action!

In November we have had four drumming sessions with Joe from The Gathering Drums. We have had lots of fun exploring the different drumming rhythms and beats in songs as well as exploring tempo and dynamics in different types of music. We explored songs such as The Bear Hunt and even found out about a naughty rabbit called Foo Foo! Great job drummers!

# Nature's Magic in Our Hands

The nursery boys and girls have been planting some daffodil bulbs as part of our outdoor learning. We used the story 'That's Not My daffodil!' by Elizabeth Honey as a stimulus for our learning!

We planted our bulbs in some lovely compost and even gave them a little drink of water before putting them safely under the shelter to wait for Spring!



## Nature's Patterns and Our Creations!

The nursery boys and girls have been exploring patterns all around us. We have been looking at patterns of different fabrics, different wrapping paper and even animal patterns!

We created our own patterns outdoors using natural materials including leaves, cones and acorns. We also used lots of different materials inside to make some colour patterns! Well done pattern detectives!



## Bedtime Read

## Getting Ready to Learn - Big Bedtime Read

On Monday 13th and Monday 20th October, the nursery boys and girls joined Librarian, Miss Barbara at Finaghy Library for a night of bedtime stories and rhymes. We enjoyed 'Going on a Bear Hunt!' and loved being 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrows' and 'Sleeping Bunnies'.

We finished the night with cookies and milk for supper before taking the first of our book lending packs to enjoy at bedtime. A great night was had by everyone!



# Fairytales Fun Meets Science in Primary 1!

Mrs McCluskey's class has been exploring the magical world of fairytales—and turning it into a science investigation!

One of our favourites was The Three Little Pigs, and we decided to test how strong the pigs' houses really were.

Conor and Esme built a sturdy brick house, Connie and Shea created a house from sticks, and Cadhla and Oliver made a straw house. As part of our science experiment, we investigated ways to keep the houses standing strong. We tried Sellotape, Blu Tack, and glue sticks to hold the materials together. It was tricky, but we didn't give up!

When the houses were ready, we became the Big Bad Wolf. We huffed and puffed... but none of the houses fell down! We think we did an amazing job making strong, sturdy structures.

Next time, we'll take our investigation further by using a fan or a hairdryer to see if a stronger gust of wind can blow them down. Watch this space for the results!



P1



## Sherwood Forest Comes to St. Anne's

Our Primary 1-3 pupils were treated to a fantastic live performance of Robin Hood by M & M Productions. Here's what the P1 pupils had to say about the show:

Edison: *"The play we watched was called 'Robin Hood'. I thought it was very funny and good!"*

Róise: *"I liked when Robin Hood dressed up to try and trick the others."*

Zara: *"There was a bad guy and they put cream all over his face and there was even a princess in the story!"*

Caolan: *"I really liked the songs they were singing. I didn't know that story before I watched the play!"*

Fiadh: *"We got to sing and dance along with the music! It was lots of fun!"*

## Fresh Air Friday

Our boys and girls loved taking a refreshing walk around the school grounds this autumn. Crisp air, colourful leaves, and smiling faces made it a perfect way to boost wellbeing and enjoy nature together.



## Shape Detectives in Action

Today, our Primary 1 boys and girls set off on a big adventure! With curious eyes and eager steps, they wandered through the school grounds, searching for hidden 2D shapes. Every circle, square, and triangle they discovered brought excitement and laughter, turning learning into a magical journey of exploration.

## "Number Ninjas: Mastering Up to 20"

In P2, we have been practising our counting skills, learning how to count all the way up to 20 and back down again. We've been saying the numbers in order, spotting which one comes next, and learning how to write each number carefully. We have also been comparing groups of objects to see which has more or fewer, and matching numbers to the right amounts. Everyone has been working so hard and having great fun becoming confident counters!



**P2**

## Soup-er Success! P2's Homegrown Autumn Feast

P2 KM/AM have been learning that vegetables are harvested in autumn. We planted some carrots and onions with our P2 class in June last year, and they were ready to pick in October. We needed our strong P7 Eco-agents to dig them up as there were so many!

We turned them into a tasty vegetable soup, perfect for a cold autumn day in St. Anne's. Our class helped to wash, chop, slice bread and taste the soup. Mr. Conway followed the delicious smell coming from our classroom, and was invited in to savour our efforts. We all had a taste, even the people who didn't like carrots. It's always good to have a go!



## Where Play Sparks Big Ideas!

Miss O'Boyle's class has been diving into playful learning both indoors and outdoors – and what a fantastic experience it's been! Through games, hands-on activities, and creative challenges, the children are building skills, boosting confidence, and having so much fun along the way. Playful learning helps them think, explore, and work together, making every day exciting and full of discovery!



## P3 Scientists at Play

Primary 3 have been enjoying a wonderful series of Playful Science lessons delivered by visiting science students. Over the past five weeks, the children have taken part in exciting, hands-on activities linked to our World Around Us topic of Celebrations.

The lessons began with the story *Mog's Birthday* by Judith Kerr, which became the inspiration for all of our investigations. Since then, the children have explored a wide range of scientific ideas through fun, interactive learning:

- **Sound:** We discovered how sound is made by creating and experimenting with our own balance drums.
- **Electricity:** We built simple electrical circuits to help make sure Mog wouldn't be afraid of the dark!
- **Light and Materials:** We investigated opaque, transparent and translucent materials to decide which would make the best curtains for Mog's living room so that the candles on her cake could be easily seen.
- **Protective Materials:** We explored which materials would best protect a fragile gift. We wrapped eggs using different materials and then carried out a drop test to see if our eggs stayed safe!

The children thoroughly enjoyed these playful and engaging science sessions, and they learned so much through investigation, creativity and teamwork.



## Spooky Songs and Purrrfect Poems

We had a special Music Morning with Mrs Heagney and her cats Wilbur and Junior. Everyone was in their costumes, so it was very funny and spooky at the same time! Our class read a poem about things that come in twos. Mrs Donnelly's class and Mrs McGuinness's class read their poems too. Mrs Stott's class sang a brilliant Halloween song that we all loved. At the end, we all sang a Halloween song together- "Halloween will soon be here". We had such a fun Music Morning, and we hope we can do it again!

## Digital Art and Design

The children used J2E to create firework displays focussing on shape, space, colour and line thickness.

Ruben - **"Using the computer to make a firework picture was really cool!"**

## Digital Film and Animation

The Primary 3 children designed and created a background and props before taking images on the iPad to make a still image movie. After taking the pictures, they uploaded them onto an app and edited the images to make their movie.

The Primary three children also used J2E Animate to create their own animations of different topics.

Olivia - **"Using AI to create a toy was a lot of fun."**

Siennah - **"Making movies was really fun."**

Clodagh - **"I like doing the animation in JIT, because you can make pictures move like a real movie."**

Noah - **"The movie making was really cool!"**

**Making the characters and background and then putting them into a movie was fun!"**

Harry - **"When we created toys using AI, it was fun and very creative!"**

## Data Management

Isla - **"We learnt about bar charts in class and then went to the ICT suite to put the information into a bar chart on the computer. We made the bar chart on the computer then changed it into a line graph and a pie chart."**



## Growing together

Fr Martin kindly donated daffodil bulbs to our school. He invited us to the church to bless the bulbs and then he showed us where we were going to plant them.

We planted daffodil bulbs into soil. We had to dig a hole. We put the bulbs in and watered them. We need sunshine to help them grow. Father O'Hagan helped us. We are excited for them to grow in Spring. It was a great morning, and we really enjoyed it!



## Sand Sparkle and Thai Style

On Friday the 21st of November, Martin and Nikki from Thai Arts came to our school. They taught us how to make sand mandala art. We used lots of bright colours and made really cool patterns. It was so much fun and we were so proud of our designs! Then we got to dress up in traditional Thai clothes and jewellery. The outfits were so colourful and shiny. We all felt very fancy! We had such a great day and we didn't want it to end. It was one of our favourite days in school this year!



# OUR ECO UPDATE

## Eco Election Buzz!

The eco election was full of excitement in P4-P7! So many pupils wanted to be chosen that our classrooms turned into mini campaign headquarters. There were lively speeches, colourful posters, and brilliant ideas flying everywhere. It was amazing to see everyone so eager to step up and become eco leaders, ready to make our school and planet shine!

'I am a newly elected eco agent. I was chosen by my class to join Niamh and Grace. I wanted to be an eco-agent because my sister was one and told me that you learn lots of new and important skills and qualities. I made a 3D model of our environment, and my presentation explained how I would help to look after the environment.' Grace M

'I am one of the eco agents and I took on the role in P6. I wanted to be an eco-agent because I started to love nature at a young age and I felt this job would be a great fit for me. I have enjoyed all the activities that I have undertaken so far and look forward to all the exciting jobs this year.' Grace Mc L

I wanted to become an eco-agent because I have a real interest in nature and trying to protect it. I want to share my love of the world with the whole school and help to improve our school grounds. I can't wait to see what all the great activities and projects we will undertake this year will be! Sarah S



## Leaves out, life in!

We scooped leaves out of the pond using nets. This was to stop the fallen leaves from decaying and using up the oxygen in the water. It also stops a thick layer of mud forming and the pond becoming smelly. We put the leaves into a wheelbarrow and tipped them onto our compost heap. A big thank you to Mr Mc Court for his help and hard work with this. *Conor and Sadie P4 eco agents*

## Pick it Up and Bin it

Our class went to pick up the litter around our school. We used the litter pickers and wore gloves. The rubbish blows into our grounds from outside. Most of the rubbish was sweetie wrappers and plastic bags. Everyone needs to put their rubbish in the bins and if there is no bin, you should take it home. If there is lots of rubbish around our school, it looks like we do not care for the environment or our school. It can also hurt animal life. Please do not litter.

*Farrah and Jonah P4 Ecoagents*



# P1 Forest Schools

We helped the P1 pupils put their gloves on to plant some daffodils in their play area. We helped explain about the different parts of the bulb and what nutrients are needed for the plants to grow. P1s are looking forward to springtime when their daffodils will sprout.

*Eabha and Molly (P7 Eco agents)*



# Harvest Helpers

The P7 agents dug out the vegetables that were planted by the P2s last year. There were lots of carrots and onions....they were so fresh. The onions smelt really strong. We then brought them to the P2 classes and they made their own soup! I was disappointed we didn't get to taste any after all that hard work.

*Jessie (P7 eco agent)*



## Blooming together

We helped P3 pupils plant daffodil bulbs. Father Martin blessed them first. Mrs Hunter, Ms Mallon and some parents also came along to help. The daffodils will bloom in Spring when the P3 are making their sacrament of Confession... they will see them as they walk out of the church...a beautiful sight. We really enjoyed helping...they were happy, so we were happy.

*Scout and Mattie (P6 eco agents)*



# Learning by Doing

We are participating in Activity Based Learning in Primary 4. It makes learning interactive, practical, and engaging. We are collaborating with our peers, problem-solving, and being creative. We are developing our critical thinking skills, independence, and confidence while making learning enjoyable and meaningful.



"I was playing a robot adding game- it was fun!"  
EJ



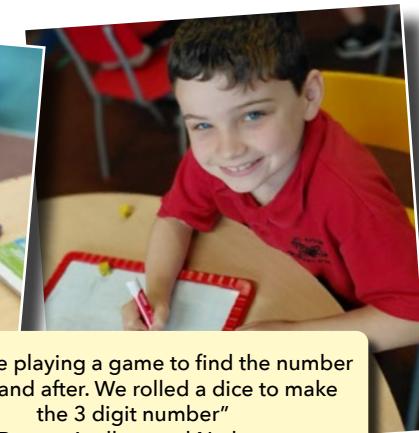
"We were playing a game to find the number before and after. We rolled a dice to make the 3 digit number"  
Ronan, Aodhan and Nathan



"I was painting an Autumn tree.  
I used orange, gold and brown"  
Ronan



A race against the clock in P4LB. The boys were trying to read the different times and beat the clock.



"We are looking at the weather forecast. I was telling Polly about the temperature on different days"  
Molly



"We were sharing the roles of being the weather forecaster. We said there might be a hurricane coming"  
Milo



## Autumn is all Around

We had a lovely nature walk in the grounds of our school. We looked at lots of different types of autumn leaves. We even created our own autumn bracelets. We managed to mix our world around us lesson and art all into one.

**Robyn: "It was fun because we got to explore nature."**

**Dillion: "The nature walk was fun because we got to be free from school."**

**Gabriella: "I really enjoyed it, we got to be in nature."**

## Learning begins with a question

We have been very busy in Primary 4 learning all about the water cycle as part of our instructional writing. In Saint Anne's we just love cross curricular links, and we had a great opportunity in the World Around Us to investigate waterproof materials. Our teachers gave us a big dilemma. We had to investigate and decide how to keep teddy dry. Following storm Amy, the teddy bear damaged his umbrella. We had one job to do and that was to find the best piece of waterproof material to fix it. No challenge is too big or small in Primary 4! Off we went making our predictions, changing our predictions and asking lots of questions. In the end there was a clear winner, it was plastic. We had great fun working together and making sure that in the event of another storm we will be well prepared with waterproof materials to save the day. Miss Fitzpatrick's Class



## Level Up with Freckle!

Freckle is an online platform that helps us practice Numeracy skills at a level that's just right for us. It adapts to our ability, making lessons engaging and personalized. Teachers can track our progress and support our learning ensuring we level up - one step at a time!

Minna - **"Freckle helps me become more intelligent."**

Amy - **"Freckle makes maths fun."**

Logan - **"I like playing on Freckle."**

## Nature meets Art and Design

As part of our World Around Us Topic we went on a nature walk. We made bracelets using natural materials. We even managed to find the school symbols of the oak tree leaf and acorns.

Ms Fitzpatrick's Class



## St Anne's New Sensory Corridors - Where Every Step Sparks Discovery

Our brand new sensory corridor is a place full of colour, textures, and interactive features that make learning fun! Boys and girls can explore, touch, and play as they move through the space, helping to develop focus, calmness, and coordination. The corridor is designed to help with our emotional well-being and offers a great brain break!



Hayana - "I like how we got to play different games."

Ella - "I liked playing with other classes."



Patrick - "I liked trying to move through the cones when hurling."



Mollie - "I loved playing hurling."

Miss Gillespie's and Mrs Brown's class recently enjoyed a trip to Black's Road Dome for a day full of sports and fun!



## Back to the Stone Age

In WAU, we were learning about the Stone Age in Ireland, so our class and Mrs Cavanagh's class pretended to live an afternoon in the Stone Age. Miss Edwards and Mrs Cavanagh dressed up in fur coats and then we all gathered around a fire made of coloured paper in Mrs Cavanagh's room. We then went out to the forest with a blank piece of paper and used things we found in the forest, like sticks, leaves and berries, to make Stone Age artwork. It was so much fun and we hope we can do something like this again soon!

Lily and David, P5CE

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### Digging Team Spirit (without digging!)

Our class took part in 'No Dig November' with the help of Sharon and Biruk from New Leaf Compost. We started by covering the flower beds with cardboard and then adding compost on top of it. Some people had to fill the wheelbarrow and work together to move the compost into the beds. Everyone got to plant some vegetables: garlic, onions, lettuce, parsnips and coriander. It was fun. We now must wait until they grow! Mia and Paul P5 OC



### Green Grooves and Hedgerow Moves!

Our class entered a competition to win hedgerows for the school and we created a rap called 'Make Some Noise for the Hedgerows!' We had so much fun creating the rap and recording a music video for it. We even used props like sunglasses, gold chains and caps! Hedgerows can bring new life to our school and give animals have a place to live. We were one of the winners of the competition and we can't wait to plant the hedgerows in January. If you haven't seen our rap, scan the QR code or you can check it out on the school website!

Shéa and Roisin, P5CE

### Being Sip Smart: The Tooth Test Experiment

We wanted to discover which drinks are best or worst for our teeth. We poured different drinks into cups - 7-Up, water, milk, vinegar, orange juice and cola. We then added an egg to each cup and left them for a few days. We then looked at them under the microscope. The egg in vinegar was foamy and bouncy. From our experiment, we now know which drinks are good for our teeth and which drinks we should not have.

Fionn, Ben and Lucy, P5OC



## Dancing back to Kilwee

We were really excited about going back to visit the residents in Kilwee Nursing Home. We spent time talking to them again. We danced and sang songs for them. It made them happy. They loved it and we loved it.

By Tom and Gerry P5LM



## Hoops and Highlights

On Fridays, we went down to the assembly hall to play basketball with Coach Carla. We did warm ups and drills to practise our dribbling and shooting skills. Each lesson ended with mini matches and the famous 'hot seat' game!

Then all the P5 classes participated in the Basketball Blitz with other primary schools. Our girls' class team played two matches, drawing one and losing in the other, even though we all tried our best. The boys' class team also played two games; lost one and won the other 6-0.

We absolutely love basketball, more than any other sport. We are really excited to continue playing basketball.

Orlaith and Luca P5DM

## Whistling while we work!

We have been learning all about our bodies. DNA stores all the information for your body. We made DNA from sweetie pencils, jelly tots and cocktail sticks. We worked in pairs to join the parts together. After making the connections in pairs we then joined them with others from our table. We then joined two tables work together. At the end we added the whole classes sweetie DNAs together. Do you know that 50% of our DNA is the same as a cabbage and all the DNA in your body could stretch from the sun and back several times!

Hannah and Lucy P5OC



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## Joined by DNA: A 'Sweet' Experiment

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# Peace Players Project

Every Friday, we go to the Parish Centre for Peace Players with coaches Ben and Liam. It's one of our favourite parts of the week! We learn basketball skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting, but it's not just about scoring points - it's about learning how to work as a team and show respect and fairness. Ben and Liam teach us about equality and how important it is to include everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from.

One of the best parts is our twinning sessions with Cranmore Primary School. These are amazing because we make new friends and play fun drills and games together. Everyone gets involved, and nobody is left out. We always leave feeling happy and proud because Peace Players shows us that sport can bring people together and help make our community a better place.

By Maitiu, Freya and Cara, P6AL



## The Kingdom of Imagination



Step into the magical world of Fairy Land, a place where imagination comes to life! Our enchanting land was lovingly created by Isla and Amelia.

Fairy Land has winding paths that lead to secret spots, a cozy chair for resting, and even a grass garden that took two whole days to make! One of the most exciting features is the Egg House, where acorns are eggs and the chicken, named Rex, rules the roost.



And speaking of royalty, Teddy's toy 'Pangle' is the king of Fairy Land! We created a Fairy Land Marathon, where anyone could join in the fun. It was a magical day filled with laughter and adventure.

Fairy Land isn't just a place—it's a celebration of our creativity and teamwork. We hope you enjoyed this glimpse into our fairy-tale world!  
Emma & Amelie P6DT

## Science Sparks: SOS from the Titanic!

Our budding scientists had a blast in Mr Teague's class with Mrs Millar's as they stepped back in time to the Titanic! The challenge? Create emergency flares just like those used to signal for help. With plenty of fizz, colour, and excitement, the children discovered how science can light up the sky—and save lives! It was a hands-on lesson full of curiosity, creativity, and a little bit of history magic.



On Saturday, 29th November, I represented St. Anne's at the Swim Ulster Primary Schools Cup & Championships. I took part in the Front Crawl and Back Crawl. I was able to swim 50 metres in one minute and 2 seconds, 10 seconds faster than my time trials two weeks before. I was so proud to reach a new personal best!

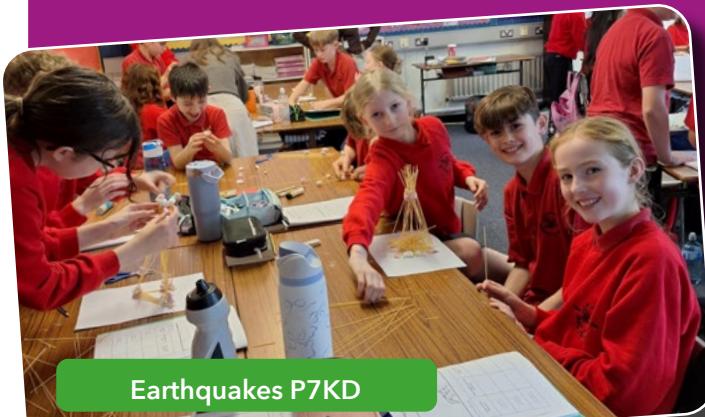
Arya P6PG

## We built, we shook, we conquered the quake!

One Thursday afternoon, Miss Davey came to our classroom and taught us about tectonic plates and how they can spontaneously start moving, causing earthquakes. We talked about how this can make buildings collapse and how there are buildings that are made not to fall during earthquakes.

We used the spaghetti to make towers and buildings, and marshmallows to stick our tower together so it wouldn't fall. Then we moved the tectonic plates (the cardboard) to see if it survived or collapsed. Ours survived! We had so much fun and we would love to learn even more about tectonic plates and volcanoes.

By Elena, Isla and Sarah (P7KD)



What's Inside P7CWN

## Flood Proof Fun

On Tuesday 14th October, our class had a visit from 4th year science student, Holly, from Stranmillis University. Holly came to our class to take a lesson based on our WAU topic, Dynamic Earth. The lesson was based on floods.

Holly began by talking to us about floods and then we watched a video of a flood that happened in Newry quite recently. We then discussed why floods happen and what can be done to prevent them. In groups, we had to design a flood barrier using only natural materials. We had to draw the barrier and list all of the materials that we thought would be useful.

After we talked through our design, we went outside and had to collect all the natural materials. We collected leaves, moss, grass, sticks, branches and stones. In our tray we had to build our flood barrier. It was so much fun to try and design the flood barrier and make sure it didn't collapse!

When we were happy with our flood barrier, Holly put a large ball of ice in the middle and poured water over the ice to melt it. Then we waited! We were delighted that our flood barrier worked. The water did not escape, and our design was successful!

Back in the classroom we talked about how we could improve our design if we did it again.

By Aoife, Eibhin and Meadbh



Reach P7CWN

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## Thinking Ahead - What's Inside Us?

On Thursday 16th October, the Primary 7 children took part in the 'What's Inside?' workshop. The workshop began by introducing us to our two characters, Oscar and Martha. We learned a lot about them and what it was like for them growing up and getting ready to move to their next school, just like us!

The leaders talked to us about friendships, growing up, having to make difficult choices and our emotions. We chatted about the difficult decisions that Martha and Oscar had to make. One of the decisions was, Oscar was asked to go to a party and had been told that he wasn't allowed. His friends tried to persuade him. We had to think about what he should do, what would be the best decision and what could be the consequences if he did go.

We thought that the workshop was good and helped us to think about the decisions that we might have to make as we grow up and how they can affect others.

By Ava and Grace, P7 Mrs Watson

## SCHOOL COUNCIL



# Standing Up, Speaking Out, Getting Voted In

Last month, I put myself forward for school councillor. I felt very nervous about giving a speech. But as I read my speech, I got more confident and, in the end, my class voted for me! I look forward to all the exciting events and jobs that I will be doing.

Noah, P7CWN

I put myself forward for school councillor. First, I had to make a presentation to convince my classmates that I was worthy of being chosen. After I showed my presentation (which was scary), my class voted, and I was chosen. I absolutely love being a school councillor and can't wait to help bring lots of new things to our school! Vibhi, P7CWN

# Fun, Flavour and Fundraising

About a week before the Halloween break, all of the School Councillors were called to the staffroom. We were going to make chocolate apples for the Halloween Coffee Morning! We picked apples from the tree outside the Oak Building. They were washed, sitting in a big clear box, ready to be decorated. We each took an apple, stuck a lollipop stick in it, and waited for Mrs Hunter to melt the chocolate. She melted loads of it and put it into a mixing bowl. Then, we lined up around the table with our apples in hand, and each took our turn dipping and covering them with the creamy chocolate. After that, we had a choice of mini marshmallows, hundreds and thousands or multi-coloured sprinkles to put on our apples. When they had dried, we wrapped them individually in a clear, plastic sheet and tied them. At the event, we sold all of them! We raised a total of £70.00! It was a great way to raise money for the school's PTA. By Annabel, P7KD



# Keychains for a Cause

Last month, I raised £10 for the school council. I decided I wanted to raise some money because I wanted to be able to buy more things for our school. I decided to sell K-Pop Demon Hunter Keychains for £1 each because K-Pop Demon Hunters are so popular. My friend Daniel and I made a sign to advertise our product and told our friends. I'm hoping the money raised will be used to purchase new items for the treasure chests.

By Noah, P7CWN

**SPORT NEWS**

# From Trials to Triumphs

We all tried out for our school's camogie team and attended the trials.

'I felt nervous at first, but then became more confident as I went on. I think I am a good defender but need to work on my hand passing.' Daisy

'I tried really hard to be my best and do all I could. I really liked it and Miss O'Boyle and Mr Murphy, our coaches were amazing.' Georgia

'I had fun and tried my best during the drills and practice matches. I was confident in myself.' Charlotte

We are really happy that we have made the team and excited for the matches we are going to play. We are so proud to wear our St. Anne's jersey and play for Team St. Anne's. By Daisy, Charlotte and Georgia P5LM



## Cross country

On Tuesday, October 21st, a team of 16 pupils from St. Anne's eagerly made their way to Victoria Park to compete in a school relay event.

After several trials in school, we eventually had our team of 16, comprising of 4 P7 boys, 4 P7 girls, 4 P6 boys and 4 P6 girls. Each person would run 800 metres before handing over the baton.

When we got on the minibus, I felt excited, but also very nervous. I calmed myself down with reminders of how well I had done to get this far and to just go out and try my best and enjoy the day.

I was very proud of myself and the team. It was a very fun day.

The boys P7 and P6 team came first and the P7 girls and P6 girls came 2nd and 3rd. We all got medals. This is the best the school as ever done. By Holly and Ben (P6)

## Our Season so Far

Our new team was put together back in June for the St Oliver Plunkett tournament, which we won easily with good teamwork and a solid all-round performance.

As this new school year started, we got ready for more competitive action in the Belfast League Division 1. In October, we came through a tough group stage playing against: Bunscoil Phobal Feirste; St Bride's and St John the Baptist to qualify for a semi-final. We tried our hardest and worked together but it just wasn't enough to beat St Michael's on this occasion. We missed a few good chances that we could have put away but we will come back stronger as a team as the year goes on. By Harry and Niall

## First Touches to Future Triumphs

This year, for the first time alongside our competitive lineup, we have a full developmental panel for boys' Gaelic. Every Tuesday, we have 28 boys at training with the goal of providing opportunities to as many pupils as possible to train together, improve their skills and enjoy playing the game.

In November, while our P7s took a break to focus on their transfer test, we had a friendly match against Our Lady Queen of Peace for our P5s and P6s. For many, this was their first opportunity to play for the school and we hope that everyone enjoyed the experience. We look forward to more of these opportunities and seeing our panel continue to improve over the next few years.

## BOYS GAELIC TEAM



### Bending, Stretching, and Striking a Pose!

Mr Higgins' class have been taking part in Gymnastics themed lessons in PE this term and the boys and girls have been learning about the different body shapes they have been performing through various games and activities.



Ava & Caoillean - Showcasing the STRADDLE.



Niall - Showing off the TUCK pose.

Niamh - Demonstrating the PIKE pose.



## Grit, Gael and Greatness

This term, the girls' Gaelic team participated in the Cumann na mBunscol Division 1 GAA tournament.

In the first round, we played St. Bride's and St John the Baptist, beating St. Bride's comfortably, but lost to St. John the Baptist by only 2 points, making it through to the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals, we faced St. Joseph's Carryduff. It was a tough match, but we managed to push through and win it, taking us to the finals.

Eventually, the finals arrived. We were nervous but prepared. We played a tough St. Michael's side but gave it our all. With the help of all parents and staff cheering us on, we managed to bring home the cup.

We were all ecstatic. It was a great achievement.

We want to give a big thank you to Mr Teague and Miss Lavery for taking time every Tuesday to train with us. We couldn't have done it without them. By Aoibhinn, Annabel, Ella-Rose and Sarah.

## Friendship, Footwork and Future Wins

We are very proud to be part of the new St. Anne's girls' soccer team! We are all really good friends and are learning to work as a team and lift each other up. Miss Dale is a fantastic coach, we couldn't have asked for a better one! Our soccer team is improving every week and we can't wait to play lots of matches in the future. There are going to be some twists and turns but we will get through them together as Team St. Anne's!

Catherine and Sarah  
P5CE and P5OC



## Positive thinkers

### How has positive thinkers helped you?

"It makes my day better" Cassie P7

"To be more happy" Nina P5

"I feel like I can say anything" Florence P5

### What have you learned?

"That kindness will come back" Cassie P7

"I have learned to think good thoughts" Florence P5

"I have learned to love myself like others" Nina P5

### Why should others come?

"They should come to feel better" Cassie P7

"I think they would feel happier and safe" Florence P5

"They will enjoy it and feel happy." Nina P5

"I think Positive Thinkers is a positive place to share your feelings. I have been coming to Positive Thinkers for 2 years and it has been really fun. We read books. We talk about our feelings." Florence P5



What do you call a duck firing a cracker?  
A firecracker!  
Aanya P4NF/CH

What do you call a magic dog?  
A Labracadabra-dore!  
Aoife - P7CW

What do you call a bumpy level crossing?  
An unlevel crossing!  
Lorcan - P5 DD

I went to the smallest windmill - honestly, not a big fan!  
Eoin - P5 DD

How does a tree get on a computer?  
It logs in!  
Sophia - P4NF/CH

What did one shoe say to the other shoe?  
You're my soul mate!  
Charlotte - P5 DD