

St Aidan's National School Tallaght Dublin 24

September Newsletter



In 3rd Class

Here in Third class we are trying lots of new things. Our teachers have set us up on Chromebooks and we are really enjoying doing research for projects and practising our typing skills on them. Our teachers have shown us lots of great websites to help out with maths too. We have started our Accelerated Reader. This will help us become even better readers and has lots of quizzes for us to take when we finish our books. We got to visit the school library and have our very own accounts.

We have also been trying our new hot lunches, everything from chicken tenders, lasagne and chicken curry to meatballs and pasta and they are going down a treat. Our teachers have been really impressed with our maths skills and we loved learning all about Spain in geography. We loved getting artistic as well. We tried out Pablo Picasso's techniques and created our very own portraits.

It is not all hard work either here in 3rd Class. Mr Moloney has been teaching us lots of new skills in PE and we are really excited about our upcoming trip to the cinema!



In 5th Class

Fifth classes have made a fabulous start to the year! We are concentrating on our hand writing at the moment and we know that if we slow down just a little bit our writing improves no end. Of course we are enjoying using the Chrome Books as ever but the biggest change to the classroom has been the new interactive boards. They really do make learning more fun and interactive. Football has started for both the girls and the boys. Our teams are training really hard and playing very well. They represent the school very well when they go to play in other schools. Another welcome change is the hot lunches. They are a huge hit with the children! We're really looking forward to the rest of the year and we're excited by the fun we will have and what we will learn and be able to do!

In 4th Class

It was great to welcome all the happy faces in 4th class back at the beginning of September and see how they were all ready to get stuck into their work straight away after the long summer break. There has been a lot of hard work going on in both 4th class rooms with the children writing recounts on their Chromebooks and learning all about the counties of Ireland as well as some of the different buildings around Tallaght. In Irish, they've been learning all about 'myself' - mé féin and in maths there has been a lot of great work done on addition and subtraction; two very important topics to know about. In art, the boys and girls drew wonderful self portraits and decorated them with a mix of pencils, paint, chalk and pastels. They'll make lovely pieces to hang on the fridge when they go home in a few weeks time. There has been a lot of fun out on the yard as children are delighted to be back playing games with their friends and enjoying the last of the warm weather. We're very lucky in our school that so many of the teachers volunteer their time after school and during lunch to coach various sports teams. Many of these are up and running already and we hope that the boys and and girls in 4th class join these teams to practise their skills and have lots of fun with their friends.



In 6th Class

Our 6th Class have made an excellent start to the school year! We've been learning all about China. The pupils worked really hard on their slide shows and projects and they lots of fun making chinese dragons in Art and playing the chop stick challenge!

We had fun with magnetism in Science this month and are looking forward to starting confirmation preparations in our new pupil workbooks! Ms Gallaghers have started their weekly trips to Citywise for STEM workshops and are really enjoying it. Lots of our 6th class boys and girls have been training hard at lunchtimes for all their GAA matches... and our 6th class teachers are busy coaching too! Last Friday, we said a fond fair well to one of our 6th class teachers Ms O Reilly but wish her well in her retirement!