

St Aidan's National School Tallaght Dublin 24 March Newsletter 2022



5th Class News

March was a very busy time for the fifth classes. We visited the outdoor garden a few times and planted some potatoes and runner beans. The garden is a wonderful asset for the school and it's fantastic to sit in the middle of nature and listen to the birdsong and marvel at the greenery. We plan on spending more time there after Easter.

Projects this month included one on the Environment and on the Easter Rising. We also started a football tournament in fifth classes. All matches so far have been very competitive and played in a very sporting manner. Gavin from St Marks has also been improving out Gaelic football skills every Tuesday and the children have enjoyed their training sessions on the astroturf and are getting very good.

6th Class News

March has been a busy and active month for our four sixth classes. Ms Lawlor's class have begun their weekly sessions in Citywise where they are learnhing about STEAM technologies such as robotics, film making and coding. All the classes enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge and the dance and art that was organised in the build up to St Patrrick's day. The boys and girls GAA and soccer teams are back in full swing and have had lots of success. Most notably, the boys soccer team beat St Thomas' SNS in Jobstown. The other big news for 6th has been the increased focus on moving to secondary school in Septemeber. On Wednesday 30th we visited the Open Day in St Aidan's Community School and were blown away by how welcoming and exciting the school was. We tried woodwork, art, music, sports, and visited the library. Delicious pizza was supplied and everyone went home with a SACS waterbottle and bag. This week we are completing our entrace exams for SACS. The future is looking bright.

We would also like to send our condolences to Ms Daly on the very sad loss of her mother Mary Ellen this month. May she rest in peace.

4th Class News

Spring is truly in the air in St. Aidan's. Our chicks have hatched and we hope you have been keeping an eye on them via live stream. Mr. Martin's class have completed their construction projects, and are now learning the skill of weaving. Practice makes perfect and all you need to hone your skills at home is two lollipop sticks and some wool.

All of the 4th classes made a huge effort for Seachtain na Gaeilge, comhgairdeachas daoibh go léir. The students can be heard singing Amhrán na bhFiann up and down the corridors, which have been beautifully decorated with pots of gold and many other things for St. Patrick's Day.

Our pupils were extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to step into the shoes of and engineer this month. Our clever 4th classers made paper airplanes and 'big rigs' with Lego and the staff were so impressed with the finished projects.

Thanks to the lessening of Covid restrictions, we have made some changes to our yard structure. Now, every day there are different matches being played on the Astroturf and pitch, and lots of skills being practiced on the Hurling/Camógie wall. Thanks to all the teachers giving up their time, and well done on all participating students.Congratulations to all the 4th class artists who put in lots of hard work (at home!) to create a poster for the Texaco Art Competition. The results were incredible and to such a high standard, we have lots of talent in this school.

3rd Class News

Third Class have been very busy this month and welcomed two new students. Ms Geraghtys and Ms Somerville's class have been so kind in helping James and Kate settle in. Third class have been exploring Ancient Egypt and learning about hieroglyphics, early inventions fashion. We made our own decorative Egyptian necklaces. This week the class is learning about Easter and how it is celebrated around the world. The highlight of March was hard to pick. We visited our newly hatched Chicks, became classroom engineers in construction and had so much fun dancing in our Ceilí for Seachtain na Gaeilge. But the biggest smiles were seen for our third class soccer tournament. Well done to all involved ! Have a fun and safe Easter!