



The Grapevine

June 2024



Sporting Events

Sports Day took place on Wednesday 12th June. Every child enjoyed a fun filled morning from 9.20-12.20 partaking in lots of sporting activities.

In the afternoon, 1st and 2nd Classes ran in sprint races. Parents and teachers also had great fun running in their races! Well done to all children who ran races in the and to all of their supportive classmates and parents. The winners on the day were:

First Class

Ms. Hanafin

Girls:

- 1st: Philomena Mc Aleer
- 2nd: Faithful Oghobaghese
- 3rd: Sophia Dunne

Boys:

- 1st: Nathan Lahiffe
- 2nd: Kian Kelly Mc Loughlin
- 3rd: Dawson Gallagher

Ms. Gavin

Girls:

- 1st: Ava Marshall
- 2nd: Elisha Miguel
- 3rd: Hope Byrne

Boys:

- 1st: Reece Donoghue
- 2nd: Freddie Collins
- 3rd: Cameron Ward Doyle

Ms. Quinn

Girls:

- 1st: Julianna McDonagh
- 2nd: Aissata Bamba
- 3rd: Destiny Casey

Boys:

- 1st: Kennedy Okpara
- 2nd: Jamie Salinger
- 3rd: Carson Plummer

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Second Class

Ms. Phillips

Girls:

- 1st: Chelsea Brennan
- 2nd: Fareedah Abdulla
- 3rd: Denisa Rostas

Boys:

- 1st: Leylant Mc Quillan
- 2nd: Cayson Quirke
- 3rd: Preston Harte/Jack Sheeran

Ms. Dowd

Girls:

- 1st: Gabriela Mazono
- 2nd: Ella Kilby
- 3rd: Priscilla Mazono

Boys:

- 1st: Jayden Timmons
- 2nd: Matvii Maliutin
- 3rd: Anthony Christopher Mongan

Ms. Gaskin

Girls:

- 1st: Michaela Connors
- 2nd: Tia Plummer
- 3rd: Teleahrose Curtis

Boys:

- 1st: Ovie Emmanuel Apos
- 2nd: Troy Plummer
- 3rd: Michael Munteanu/Blake Henry



School Tours

Junior Infants visited Glenroe Farm. Senior Infants went to Lullymore Heritage Park. 1st and 2nd classes went to Fort Lucan. Everyone had a fantastic time and we look forward to more school trips next year.



Communion

First Communion took place for Ms. Gaskin, Ms. Phillips and Ms. Dowd's classes in April and May. The children and their families had a wonderful day. Well done to Ms. Gaskin, Ms. Phillips and Ms. Dowd who organised a lovely ceremony for the children. Special thanks to Ms. Gaskin for the beautiful music. Thank you to Fr. Gerry and especially Sr. Bernadette for making each ceremony very special for everyone involved.

Punctuality Week

Punctuality week took place in May. All the children who were at the door at 8:50 each morning received a sticker on their jumper. Well done everyone for coming to school on time!

Kind Club

In April, May and June one child from each class who has been kind was selected to go to a Disco and Doughnuts party. We hope to continue the Kind club next year.



Parents' Association 2023/24

A huge thanks to our amazing Parents' Association. We are very fortunate to have so many parents that are willing to give up their free time to help out. They held lots of fun events for the children throughout the year.

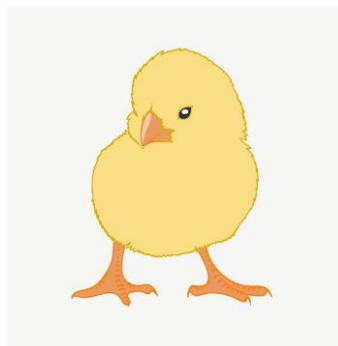


Doodle Den

Ms Pearson and Margaret ran Doodle Den this year with Senior Infant classes. The children developed their reading and writing skills through games, stories, PE and art activities. They had a graduation ceremony to celebrate their achievements. Well done to all of the Doodle Den graduates.

Word Week

StoryTeller and Pirate Anthony Galvin came to the school and did workshops with all the children in first and second class. He even had a real sword. Thankfully nobody had to walk the plank!



Chicks:

We took part in the Nore Valley Farm incubator project again this year. The incubator for the eggs was set up in the Parents' Room for three weeks. All of the children visited the incubator and watched and waited for the eggs to hatch. We welcomed 5 chicks - Cornelius, Atticus, Chicky Minaj, Egg Sheeran and our baby pheasant Elmer aka Sonic.

The children have learned so much about the life cycle of chickens and about how to care for newborn animals through this wonderful project.



School Garden

This year, we planted potatoes, red onions, peas, broad beans, scallions, lettuce, radish, garlic, parsley and chives, with varying degrees of success! A magical fairy door and butterfly trail appeared in the garden for the last week of school ☐☐☐! The children have enjoyed visiting and tending to the garden.



Author in Schools

Junior Infants and Senior Infants worked with the Author Juliette Saumande. It was lots of fun and everyone enjoyed her poems and stories.



Second Class Graduation Ceremony

Second class, along with their families, enjoyed their graduation last week. They displayed lots of end of year artwork in the hall and watched a photo memory show of their time in school since Junior Infants. Meaningful songs were sung and poetry recited. A fun 'most likely to...' speculated about the children's future! The ceremony ended with Ms. Cloke presenting each child with a special Certificate along with a scrapbook of their art since Junior Infants.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer break. Thanks to all our staff and parents as always and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday 28th August! M. Cloke