

St. Fintan's NS

OCTOBER

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe Hallowe'en break. I hope the children enjoy trick or treating and dressing up. Garda Frank our Community Guard visited the school last week to speak to the children from 3rd to 6th about fire safety over the the Hallowe'en period.

Thanks to our beautiful witches who arrived in school today armed with lots of treats for the children.

Thanks also to you, parents and guardians, for all your generous donations for the sponsored walk. We will continue to take any donations after the mid-term break. These donations will go to funding STEM resources for our children.

Next term will be a busy one with parent/teacher meetings and Christmas preparations. This is always a lovely term, with lots of fun activities for the children in the lead up to Christmas. We will also be reintroducing our bug busting programme straight after Hallowe'en. I will send a message about this after the break.

We would ask parents collecting children from after schools activities to refrain from parking in the staff car park. This is for the health and safety of the children.

Thank you for all your continued support and have a safe and happy Hallowe'en.



THE WITCHES VISITED ST. FINTAN'S

Thank you to our lovely witches who surprise our children every year with Hallowe'en treats for our children.



JUNIOR INFANTS

Junior Infants have been learning about Autumn. We made leaf rubbings and bark rubbings to learn more about trees. Our Aistear theme this month is 'houses and homes'. We read stories about houses, built furniture and have been playing in the home corner.



SENIOR INFANTS

For the month of October, we have been very busy in senior infants learning all about 'The Construction Site' and about 'Autumn. For the construction site, we built our very own houses from recycled materials. Our aistear activities all focused on the subject of 'building' and 'materials'. We explored the properties of materials such as paper, wool, wood, glass and metal. When learning about autumn, we painted some beautiful autumn trees and made our

very own autumn decorations using clay. We are now beginning to get excited for Halloween soon!



FIRST CLASS

1st class got to take part and enjoy learning all about Robotics in a Robotics/ Stem workshop . They even got to meet a very well behaved Robotic dog!

First class have been very busy writing 'wanted' posters for a witch's cat, and composing their own Halloween Soundscapes! They have also done some beautiful autumn artwork using different materials such as leaves and straw, and decorated their classrooms.





SECOND CLASS

The boys and girls in 2nd Class had a busy and fun filled October. We had STEM talk on all things Robotics which the children really enjoyed.

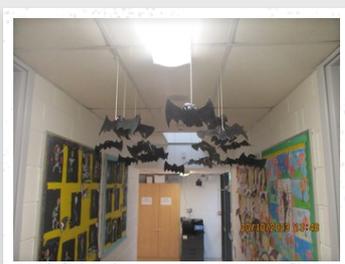
The two 2nd class teachers decided it was time to take some time out of the classroom and discover the signs of autumn first hand. Both 2nd classes enjoyed a trip to the Phoenix Park to enjoy a tour of Farmleigh House and spend some time in the surrounding woods and gardens. Whilst at Farmleigh, the children saw alpacas, sheep and donkeys and they even spotted some deer roaming around the park. These deer looked like they were enjoying some free time before their busy Christmas season!

During Maths Week we engaged in lots of fun hands on activities in our groups and took part in a zoom quiz with different schools around Ireland, we loved the challenge!



THIRD CLASS

3rd class really enjoyed Maths and Science week by taking part in an online maths quiz, doing fun maths activities and watched lots of cool videos from Space. They went on an autumnal walk to take in signs of autumn and while they were on the walk they looked for 2D and 3D shapes in the environment. They put toilet roll holders to good use by making spooky Hallowe'en bats



FOURTH CLASS

For the month of October we mainly focused on learning about Autumn. The children in room 12 painted beautiful Autumn inspired trees with leaves and some Halloween decorations.

During maths week we took part in lots of fun activities, including a maths trail and maths games using dice and shapes. We recorded how many windows are in the school, as well as measuring the distance from our classroom to the secretary's office.

We went on an Autumnal walk, where we foraged for leaves and used these to make our leaf animals. We carried out a science experiment making witches potions, using food colouring and baking powder and watched them explode. Have a look below to see our potions! In history, we learned all about the Celts. We began making our projects which we will present to other classes.

In music, we are participating in Peace Proms and have begun practicing. We are really looking forward to it.

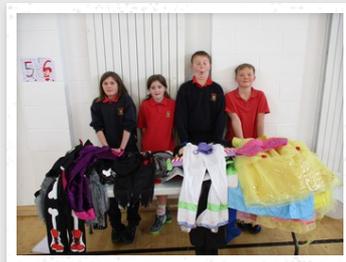
On Friday we are all dressing up for Halloween and are having a party in class, to relax after all our hard work over the past month.

Happy Halloween from everybody in Room 12!

Ms. Tarbett's 4th Class marked World Teachers' Day with a fabulous display in the yard at morning assembly time. It was a wet & miserable day but that didn't dampen their spirits! Maith sibh, a pháistí!

Ms. Tarbett's 4th Class and The Green School Committee organised and managed a Hallowe'en Costume Swap Shop. It was a great success thanks to the kind donations and the wonderful skills of all the children involved. Every bit helps in promoting and contributing to sustainability in our school community. We hope you all make great use of your new costumes!





FIFTH CLASS

Fifth class loved their trip to Kilmainham Gaol and their tag rugby blitz in Suttonians this month. They are also completing projects for Black History Month and presenting them to their peers next month.



SIXTH CLASS

6th class kicked off October with a rugby blitz in Suttonians RFC. They had a great day and there definitely are future members of the Irish rugby squad among us!

6th class have been busy during maths week with lots of mind boggling and interesting mathematical challenges!

Both girls and boys teams have put in super effort in their GAA matches. Unfortunately the boys team lost out on their quarter final but put in super effort in each and every match. Our girls team had an amazing victory over the Swords team in their final match of this season winning 7-7 to 1-3. Comhghairdeas libh go léir!



