



We extend a sincere welcome to all new children and their parents who joined our school community in 2021 and wish them well. We hope they will be very happy with us!

GENERAL NEWS

- All classrooms have now been fitted with Touch Screen Interactive Whiteboards which were part funded by the Parents Association.
- Our recent clothes Collection raised over €400. Thanks to all of you who donated unwanted clothing.
- Fire Safety Equipment throughout the school has been upgraded and all staff have received training on its use.
- A new English scheme has been purchased and rolled out across all classes. This scheme is aligned with the new Primary Language Curriculum and is being provided through our book rental scheme.
- The Parents Association is seeking new members so that they can continue to provide essential support to the school. The work of the PA is essential in helping provide additional resources to the school which benefit all the children. If you are in a position to get involved, please forward your details to:



stpatricknscalry@gmail.com and we will pass them on to the Tara Tancred, Chairperson.

- Thank you to Ultan McNassor for donating a trophy for the best team performance at the Cross Country competition in Rathcormack. Well done girls!



Hallowe'en Cake Baking and Pumpkin Carving

Great creativity was shown by all the children in our Pumpkin carving and Hallowe'en baking event. Well done to all!



Junior Infants

Aistear

Junior infants have been learning all about the Doctor's Surgery in Aistear over the last few weeks. They completed lots of fun activities during Aistear including creating 'x-ray' pictures of their hands.



Senior Infants / First Class



Senior Infants and First class love Science! They had great fun while doing this construction activity.

Second Class

GAA Weekly Challenges



All classes are doing the GAA challenges each week with local coach Darragh Cox. Each week he sends an instructional video & YouTube clip for the children to follow. Here are the children from Second Class, practising their skills.



Third / Fourth Class

Sligo Library

Mrs Moylan's 3rd and 4th classes have been doing an Art Zoom Class with Tinamation for the last four weeks. It has been great fun and they have produced amazing pictures!

Music Generation

Third, Fourth and Fifth Classes are involved with Music Generation learning to play the Violin. Their Tutor, Giulia Tesoriero visits the school every Friday and the children are building up an extensive repertoire. It is a wonderful music learning opportunity for them. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to hear some of their performances.



Athletics Fest and Cross Country Event

Well done to all the children from 3rd to 6th Classes who took part in the team and individual events at the Cross Country and Supervalu Athletics Fest. Particularly well done to Shannon Moran and Emily Jane Norton who represented our school in Connacht. Our Senior Mixed Team, Shannon Moran, Charlie McGauran, Orla Tancred and John Joe Norton came second overall and Caolan Love came second overall in the shotput event.



Fourth / Fifth Class

St. Colmcille Animation Project

Miss Gallagher's Fourth & Fifth Class has been involved in an Animation Project about St. Colmcille to commemorate the 1500th Anniversary of his birth.

The children used Apps called Stop Motion Animation and iMovie to create their animations. The final edit was done by the professional animators at the Nerve Centre in Belfast. The official launch of the finished product was on December 14th.

The finished product is available for public viewing on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhco2Yb0eKE>



Ocean Acidification

The children in Miss Gallagher and Miss McNassor's classes (4th-6th) had a Zoom call with Scientist Benny Joyce recently. The theme of the call was Oceanic Acidification. Benny conducted a number of experiments with the children and he instructed them remotely.

The children were very engaged in the projects and really enjoyed Benny's presentation.



School Council

The Children in Third-Sixth Classes have elected a new school council, with Mrs. Dwyer as its advisor. The aim of the council is to give the children an opportunity to become more involved in decision making in the school. There are two council members from each senior class.

The teachers look forward to working closely with the council going forward.

Art Displays

There have been some wonderful displays of creativity on our corridors during the term. These ranged from Stone Age Dwellings and Norman Castles to World War II Match Box Art.





IZAK9 Cubes

We borrowed the IZAK9 cubes from Sligo Education Centre during November and had great fun engaging in lots of Group Maths challenges.



Annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again the children participated in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Christmas Panto

We are looking forward to watching the Christmas Panto, Red Riding Hood on December 21st from The Helix Theatre. We will wear our Christmas jumpers.



Unfortunately, Covid-19 has prevented us from staging Christmas plays again this year. Instead 4th, 5th & 6th Classes have put together a Christmas Animation video, and the other classes are performing Christmas poems and songs. Keep an eye out for these productions on Facebook!



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Ms. De Buitiléir who celebrated her marriage to Paul Gallagher on December 3rd. We wish you both every health and happiness for your future together!



On behalf of the school's Board of Management and staff, we wish you a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

School re-opens on **Thursday 6th January 2022**