



St. Mary's N.S. Newsletter

Christmas 2021

Jingles All the Way!

St. Mary's N.S. has been a hive of festive fun this term, as Jingles the Elf graced us with her presence. Arriving at the beginning of December, she certainly shocked Mrs Lane when she appeared in her office!

Since then, Jingles has been up to mischief, bringing joy and festive fun to everyone who sees her. She even deflated our school's inflatable Santa and Sleigh decoration in the school halla when nobody was looking!

Jingles was being a particularly nosy elf when she listened in on the St. Mary's N.S. Parents' Association A.G.M. this month.

Perhaps the most exciting piece of mischief that Jingles has gotten up to is her visits to our school's various corridors. Last week, Jingles visit to a particular corridor each day brought with it a Homework Pass for all of the pupils on that corridor. Thank you Jingles!

While we will miss Jingles when she returns to the North Pole, we really hope that she lets the man in red know that everyone in St. Mary's N.S. belongs on the nice list!

Don't forget!

School is closing on Wednesday, December 22nd.

School reopens on Wednesday, January 6th 2022.

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Junior Infants 2021/2022

At the beginning of the term, we welcomed our new Junior Infants pupils to Room 2. The girls settled in to school life very quickly and became accustomed to the routines and fun that is involved with being a Junior Infant pupil.

Their love of learning has been evident since the beginning and we have loved hearing about the wonderful lessons they have engaged with.

All of us in St. Mary's N.S. are delighted to see their big smiles every morning!

Well done girls!





Using Our Local Environment

Throughout the term, our beautiful town has been the stimulus for so much learning and inspiration for our pupils. Indeed, many of our classes have ventured down into the town in preparation for local art competitions as well as S.E.S.E. lessons. The girls truly enjoyed exploring their local surroundings and learning the rich history that Cobh has to offer.

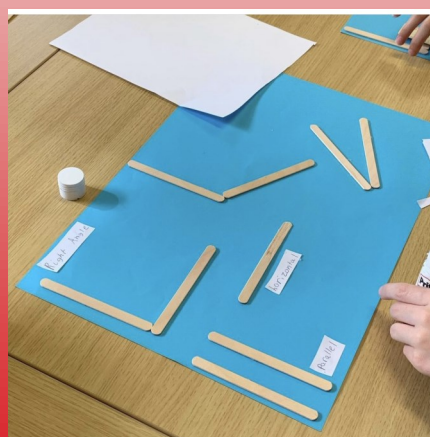
In addition to this, our school staff completed the Titanic Trail this term. For this, the staff were escorted on a guided tour of the town, learning all about our town's history, from the Annie Moore statue to the original offices of the White Star Line. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative afternoon.





Maths Week

Earlier this term, our school celebrated Maths Week. This year, Maths Week ran from October 18th to October 22nd. The week brought with it an array of exciting activities for our pupils to enjoy. These ranged from Maths Trails and 'Maths on Mats' to Target Boards and Maths Week Webinars. All classes engaged at their level and we are so proud of all of the great learning that took place!





Science Week

In addition to Maths Week, we also celebrated Science Week this term. Science Week ran from November 7th to November 14th. Throughout the week, our pupils participated in many scientific explorations, questioning and exploring the world around them. Take a look at some of the many photos from these wonderful explorations.





A Spooky Spectacle

As we approach the Christmas holidays, the memories of our Hallowe'en celebrations live fondly in our hearts. It was certainly a spooky build-up to the Hallowe'en midterm with wonderful preparations in all classrooms. On Friday, October 22nd, our pupils and staff even enjoyed a fancy dress day as we raised money for the Temple Street Foundation.





An Amazing Artist

Huge congratulations to our very own Honor Cronin who was selected as the winner of Irish Water's Art Competition, 'A Cleaner Harbour—What It Means to Me'.

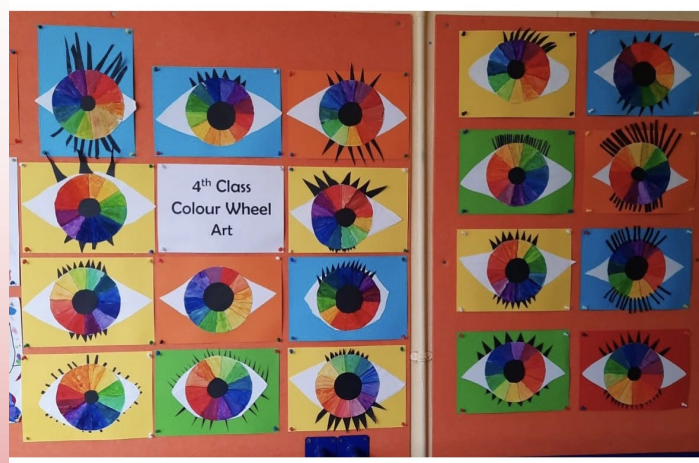
Her artwork shows the positive impact of the Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project as everyone worked together to clean up the harbour.

Honor's winning artwork will take pride of place beside Irish Water's Old Town Hall Pumping Station.

We are hugely proud of Honor and of all our pupils who took part in the competition.



More Amazing Artwork



All of our pupils have been busy this term, creating some wonderful artistic masterpieces. This work is displayed all around our school and we are amazed at the talent and creativity of our students. Well done everyone!





Going Green: School Garden



We are delighted to announce that plans are in place for the establishment of an outdoor classroom and school garden in our school. We have already received five fruit trees from Cobh Tidy Towns and these have been planted. Our fantastic Parents' Association has agreed that this project will be the focus of their fundraising efforts this year. We are all very excited to seeing our plans develop and come to fruition. Stay tuned for more updates as they unfold.



A Word from the P.A.

On behalf of the Parents' Association, we would like to thank each and every family for donating to and taking part in all our fundraising events so far this year. We are looking forward to a great year of fundraising and fun in 2022. We have some very exciting plans!

As always we are hoping more parents will see and appreciate the work being done for the children and the school as a whole and come on board in the new year. It is not a big commitment, just putting yourself forward as a volunteer can help to spread the workload and make these events run smoother.

"Connecting home and school makes us a great community." The PA is this link outside of the classroom between both.

Huge thanks to Mrs Lane, all the teachers and staff in the school for being so supportive and encouraging with our many endeavours.



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PARENTS ASSOCIATION



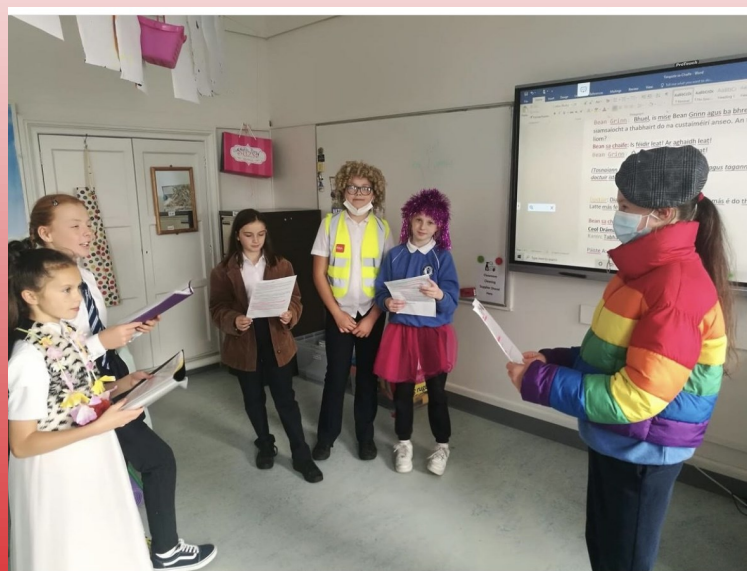
Tír Gan Teanga, Tír Gan Anam

Gaeilge remains an important part of what we do in St. Mary's N.S.

This term has seen our pupils engage wonderfully in Irish language lessons, from plays as Gaeilge to conversation exercises.

We are very proud of our students.

Maith sibh, a chailíní!





Student of the Week

This term has seen the return of Student of the Week. Many of our pupils have been acknowledged for their wonderful efforts in relation to each weekly theme. Some of this term's themes have included being kind, being patient, being reliable and showing Christmas spirit. Congratulations to all of the recipients so far!



Monthly Virtual Assemblies

Our monthly virtual assemblies have given us the opportunity to come together and reflect on the amazing work that has been done each month. It also affords us the chance to applaud our wonderful students of the week.

It is lovely to see one another and to hear about the fantastic achievements throughout the school.





Celebrating the Sacraments

This term marked the celebration of the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation for our pupils.

On October 16th, our current 3rd Class pupils received the sacrament of Communion in St. Coleman's Cathedral.

Similarly, on October 28th, our 6th Class pupils from 2020/2021 celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation.

We are so proud of all of these children and congratulate them and their families on these special occasions.





'Tis the Season

Our festive celebrations have been cause for great joy this term, as we have prepared for the Christmas season.

Our classes were busy at the beginning of December, creating crafts to sell at the Cobh Ramblers' Christmas Market.

As well as this there has been some fabulous artwork on display throughout the school.

Our Infant classes did a wonderful job when they performed their Nativity play, 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel'.

December 17th saw our school celebrate the annual Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Cobh Lions Club. This day also saw the pupils enjoy some outdoor carol singing in our school yard.

To conclude the Advent Season, our pupils participated in a virtual Advent assembly, where we reflected upon the true meaning of Christmas and prayed for a safe and happy time for all of our school community.





Looking Ahead to Term 2

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another exciting and busy term. We have achieved a huge amount and this is due to our wonderful school community. Staff, children, parents and our local community have all worked together, with our Board of Management, to make our school a great place to work and to learn. A Big thank you to all our dedicated and committed teaching and SNA staff. The children's wellbeing is always at the centre of everything that we do and we ensure that their needs are met to the very best of our ability. A special mention must go to our secretary Norma and caretaker Brendan. We would be lost without you both. Thank you! Thank you to everyone who has helped out and supported us during the year. Most importantly we thank our amazing pupils. Your resilience and positivity is remarkable and it is a pleasure to work with you all each day. We look forward to an exciting 2022!

Merry Christmas to everyone from the staff and pupils of St. Mary's. Have a Happy and Holy Christmas. Wishing you all health and happiness for 2022. We will see you all back at school on January 6th 2022.

Warmest regards
Noelle Lane

**Happy Christmas to everyone from the staff
and children at St. Mary's N.S.!**

**Have a safe and happy break and we will see
you in 2022!**

**Nollaig Shona agus Athbliain Faoi Mhaise
daoibh go léir!**

School Enrolment

A gentle reminder that our school is still enrolling for 2022/2023.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our school website
www.stmarysncobh.com



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