

SCHOOL • NEWSLETTER



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A message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It is with great pleasure I welcome you to the October edition of our schools newsletter. Again this edition is packed with many events happening throughout our school. As half-term approaches I want to thank you all for your continued support of our school. This months classes in focus are Ms. Beales 5th Class and Ms. Connicks Senior Infants. Throughout the year every class will be highlighted. Thank you all our staff and current students who made our recent open night for incoming Junior Infants such a wonderful success. Finally a reminder that we will be closed Friday for the Presidential Election and the following week for midterm. On behalf of all here I hope all enjoy the break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd November.

Le Meas, Eoin Kennedy Principal







A huge thank you to everyone who showed their support for today's school walk! A Special thanks to Ms. Connick for organizing the day, and to Mr. Kennedy, Ms Connolly and Ms. O'Donovan for all their additional help. We're so grateful to all the staff and the parents association who came along to help out today with stewarding and teas and coffees. This fundraiser will go towards ICT in the school.

Congratulations to all the boys who took part in the East Cork Schools Cross Country in Ballymacoda! The boys showed fantastic effort and determination throughout the event. A special mention goes to the six boys who won medals. What an outstanding achievement! We couldn't be prouder of your performance. Thank you to Ms. O'Halloran and Mr. Carraig who brought them on the day. Well done, everyone!









Cross Country Challenge 2025

The boys thoroughly enjoyed participating in the recent Fota House Cross Country Challenge. We extend our sincere thanks to Trevor Cummins for organising such a well-run and enjoyable event. The boys relished the opportunity to compete against pupils from other schools and were especially delighted to meet Sonia O'Sullivan, an inspiring figure in Irish athletics. It was a memorable day that celebrated teamwork, sportsmanship, and a shared love of running.





Some of the boys from An Ghrian and An Droichead enjoyed a fantastic day trip to Crosshaven, travelling in style on the Community Garda Bus. The outing provided a wonderful opportunity for the boys to explore, socialise, and enjoy the beautiful seaside surroundings. Sincere thanks to the Community Gardaí for their support in making this memorable day possible.





Clubs Corner!



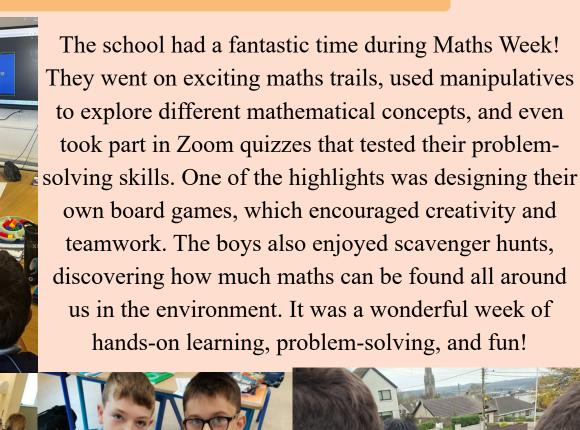


We are delighted to introduce our 2025 Committees, who will work hard throughout the year to make a positive difference in our school community. These include the Green Schools Committee, the Active Flag Committee, the Amber Flag Committee, and the Student Council. We wish all members the very best as they take on their important roles and responsibilities for the year ahead.





Maths Week 2025







Ms. Beale- 5th Class

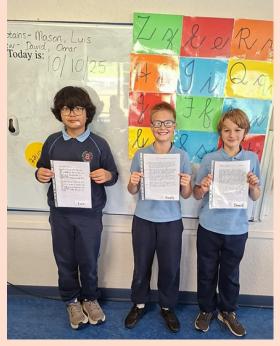
The 5th Class boys in Ms. Beale's class have been working incredibly hard this term! October has been a busy and exciting month, filled with a wide range of learning experiences. In the classroom, the boys have been polishing up their cursive writing and it's clear how much pride they're taking in their beautiful handwriting. Their Gaeilge lessons have been full of fun too, as they learned all about An Aimsir (the weather) and used their new Irish phrases in conversations with one another. It's lovely to hear so much Irish being spoken around the room! During PE, the boys have been full of energy playing bench ball in the Halla, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm.









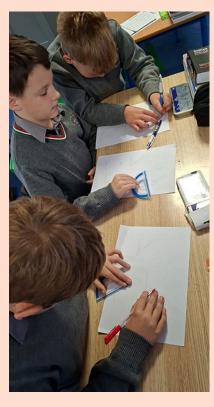




Maths lessons have been all about angles this month, with the boys mastering their protractor skills and becoming real experts at measuring. As part of their SESE work, the class went on a spooky adventure around the world — researching how Halloween is celebrated in different countries. Using the iPads for their projects, they discovered lots of fascinating traditions and shared their findings with the class. To finish off the theme, the boys explored the art technique of pointillism and created their very own pumpkin masterpieces. The results were colourful, creative, and full of Halloween spirit!















It's been such a busy and brilliant month in 5th Class. The boys should be very proud of all their hard work, enthusiasm, and creativity. Well done, everyone — what a fantastic start to the school year!

Ms. Connick - Senior Infants



Senior Infants have been busy learning all about Autumn and spotting the many seasonal changes around us. They enjoyed talking about the colourful leaves, conkers, and animals getting ready for the colder weather. The children had great fun making their own hedgehogs using leaves and other natural materials.













They are also getting into the Halloween spirit! The class loved creating bright, spooky pumpkins for art, and our classroom is looking wonderfully festive. It's been a fun and creative start to the season!

The Senior Infants were very excited to have a visit from Garda James this month. He talked to the children about the important work the Gardaí do in our community and how they help to keep everyone safe. The class especially enjoyed learning about what the Gardaí do around Halloween time to make sure everyone has fun and stays safe. The children asked lots of great questions and really enjoyed the visit!



They have been having great fun in Maths, ordering themselves from shortest to tallest and comparing different heights in the classroom. They have also been working hard on their reading during station activities, showing fantastic progress and enthusiasm. Each day, the children enjoy a variety of play-based learning activities, developing their creativity, cooperation, and communication skills in a fun and engaging way. The children have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork this term and look forward to more wonderful learning adventures next term!

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The School wll close Thursday 23rd of October and reopen Monday 3rd of November



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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- Hurling Training
- Chess

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