

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



A Message From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all back to the start of our new term.

I trust you and all your families enjoyed a happy and peaceful festive period. Again January's edition is packed with news and events from around our school. In January we have focused on wellbeing throughout our school, my thanks to Ms. O'Donovan and all involved with this. Our class in focus this month is Ms. Doonan's first class, as we continue to showcase all that happens in our classrooms.

Again we thank you all for your ongoing support and hope you enjoy this month's edition

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Eoin Kennedy
(Principal)

Amber Flag



The Amber Flag Committee organised a Wellbeing Week as part of our ongoing work towards achieving the Amber Flag. Throughout the week, the entire school community took part in a range of positive wellbeing activities, including active breaks, mindful moments and buddy reading. These activities helped to promote positive mental health, connection and enjoyment across all classes.





To help mark Blue Monday, our Parents' Association kindly treated the staff and boys to some delicious sweet treats. This thoughtful gesture was very much appreciated and helped to bring a smile to everyone's faces.

We were delighted to welcome Mark from the National Space Centre in Midleton, who shared fascinating insights into their work



5th class played a very successful game of Traitors



Two outstanding athletes who visited Italy for a very special race



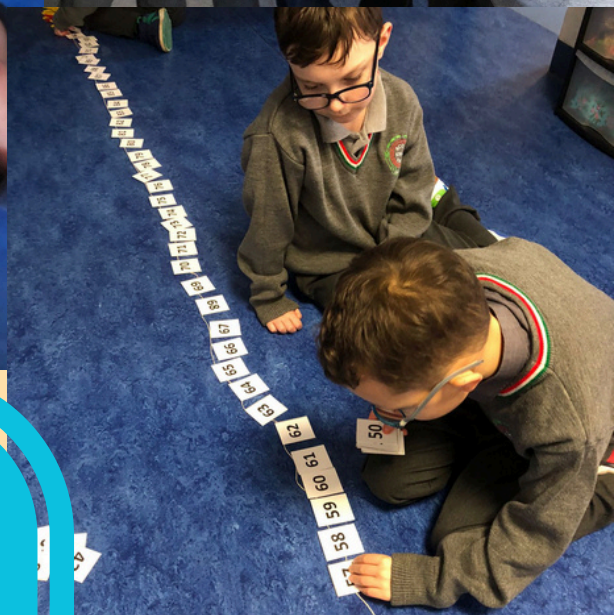
Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP)

Our two 6th classes have been working very hard setting up their businesses as part of the Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP). Ms O'Donovan's class recently organised a very successful bake sale to raise funds for their mystery sweet bags, while Ms Ahern's class has been busy designing and making bracelets, lanyards and key rings. The boys will continue to sell their products over the coming month, and we wish them every success with their enterprises.



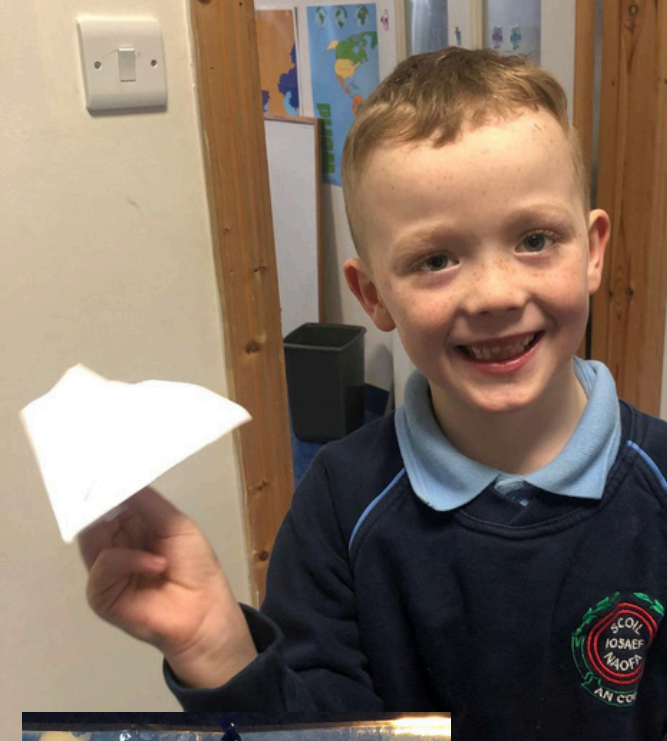
6th Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Glucksman Gallery in UCC this month, where they visited the exciting dinosaur exhibition. The boys were fascinated by the impressive displays and learned many interesting facts about prehistoric life, fossils, and the work of palaeontologists. The exhibition sparked great curiosity and discussion, making the visit both fun and highly educational. The trip also gave the boys a valuable opportunity to explore the gallery space and experience learning outside the classroom. Everyone had a wonderful day and returned to school full of enthusiasm and new knowledge. Many thanks to Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Scriven for accompanying the trip.

1st Class - Ms. Doonan



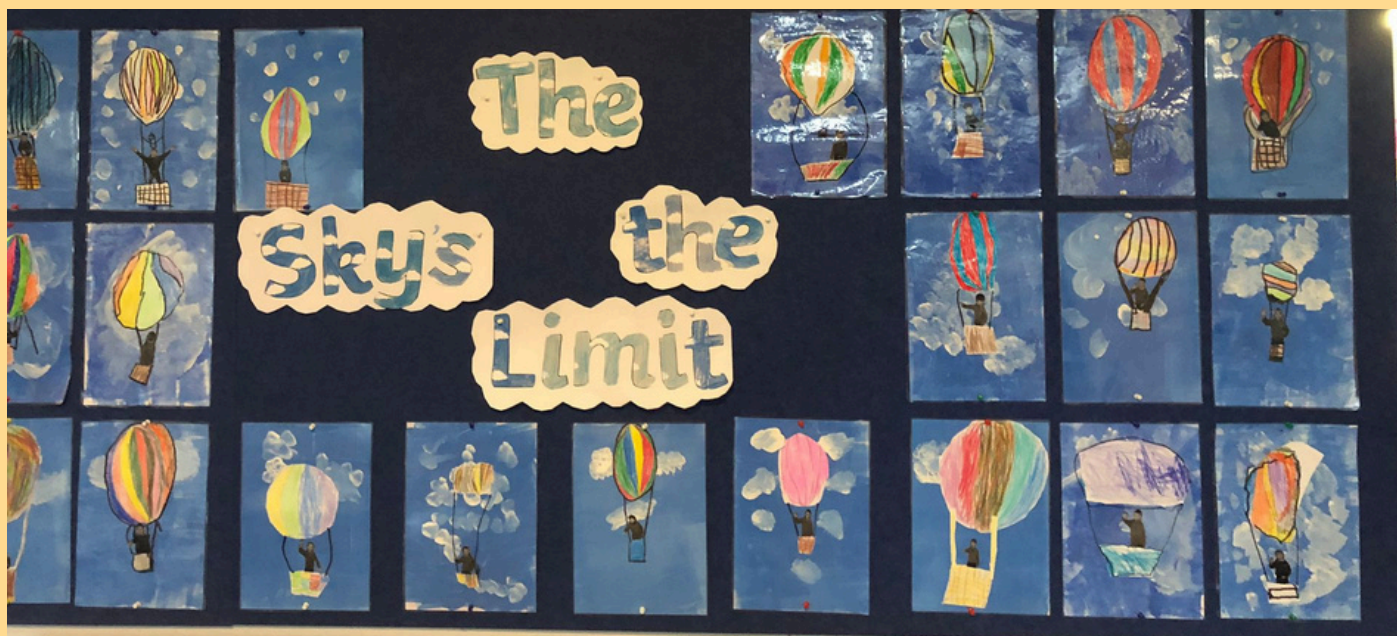
Ms. Doonan's First Class have been very busy this month, engaging in a wide range of exciting activities. In Science, the children made their own butter by mixing ingredients and churning it themselves, learning firsthand how food products are made. They also explored different elements of Maths through active learning during Mata sa Rang, making lessons fun, hands-on, and engaging for everyone.





During STEM, the boys designed, created, and tested their own paper airplanes, experimenting with flight and problem-solving skills. In Art, the children created beautiful pieces, drawing colourful ice creams and designing imaginative “The Sky’s the Limit” paintings.





In Religion, they also made St. Brigid's Crosses with the help of some Sixth Class boys, showing wonderful cooperation and teamwork across classes.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sacrament:

6th class Confirmation 26th of February 1pm

2nd class First confession 2nd March 7 pm

Book Fair!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place on the 11th, 12th and 13th of February. The theme for this year is 'Comics'.

The students will get the chance to explore and buy new books and stationery during time allocated to their classes. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase books at the Book Fair on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th of February from 1:30pm -3:00pm. All payments are cash only. We can't wait to see you there!

School Closure

The school will be closed on Thursday 5th of February for Day one of the New Curriculum training

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Lego Club
- Hurling Training
- Chess

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