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## October 2023

### **Reading is Fun!**

In St. Attracta's, pupils from 2nd to 6th class use the Accelerated Readers /AR readers program. We are making great progress in our reading so far this year. We have many great readers in our school.

### **We're Mad about Music**

We're great at music in this school. Our music teacher, Tommy Doherty, visits the school every Monday. He teaches 2nd to 6th class the tin whistle and other instruments. Also, every Friday 3rd to 6th have choir practice. They are preparing for a Christmas concert.





## **We are an Active School**

This year, the school is doing many fitness activities to renew the Active School Flag. We are making great progress in renewing the flag. Many thanks to the Active Flag Committee for helping us to renew our flag.



## **Choir Trip to the Bord Gáis**

On the 3rd of September, last year's choir went on a trip to the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre. We went to watch the show 'Annie'. We all had great fun at the Bord Gáis. Thanks to Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. McBrien and Ms. McGlone for accompanying us on the trip.



## New School Jerseys

Drury Oils has kindly offered to sponsor our new school jerseys. Ceola from 6th class won the competition with her unique design. We hope to have them for the Cumann na mBunscol.



## Table Tennis

At break time, Iwona has arranged breaktime table tennis in the G.P room. Thanks to Iwona for doing table tennis with us! Everyone has great fun and we are always looking forward to our scheduled time to play table tennis.

## Cross Country

The first round of Cross Country race started in Mellet Hill, Swinford. It was a very tough race although we had lots of qualifiers. The people who qualified were Odhran, Yasmin, Kaylan, Ciaran and Richie. The 5th and 6th boys also qualified as a team for the next round. The second round of races was in Belleek, Ballina. It was an even tougher race than the last one in Swinford. Unfortunately, nobody qualified for the



3rd round because the competition was a lot tougher. Well done to all our participants in this year's Cross Country competition!



## Tennis

Tim joins us on Tuesday each week to help us with our tennis skills. It's also great fun. Thank you to Tim for helping us improve our tennis skills and for helping us renew our Active Schools Flag.





## **National Fitness Day with Andy Moran**

The 29th of September was National Fitness Day throughout the country. Andy Moran, GAA superstar, led a workout with every class in the school. He did squats, the plank and jumping jacks. He also explained to pupils why fitness is so important for our mental health. Thank you Andy!



## **Football Success (Girls and Boys)**

Our school participated in the Mini 7s blitz. The girls won their first match against Kilmovee National School and lost against Brusna and Derinabrok. On the other hand, the boys won all their matches and moved onto the next level where they played against Foxford Primary School in Swinford Amenity Park. Sadly, the boys lost their final but played very well.

## **11 B4 11**

Every week on a Friday, 11 minutes before 11, we go outside to do eleven different exercises to improve our fitness and help us renew our active flag.





### **Active Flag Playground Leaders**

The Active Flag Committee this year consists of Kaylan McHugh, James Moynihan, Ceola McDonagh, Iman Asif, Gráinne Buckley and Julien Beliauskas. A few of them went around to 5th and 6th class and asked them who would be interested in being playground leaders. A large number of pupils were interested in becoming leaders but the committee could only pick a few people to do it for this term. They created a rota and every Wednesday a different group does fun activities with Senior Infants and First Class. This is going to help renew our Active Flag.





## Celebrating Kindness and Happiness at our School Assemblies

Over the last two months, our school assembly has focused on the theme of Kindness and Happiness. Our school rules promote us to show kindness to each other. The September assembly was on Thursday the 26th September. It started when our Deputy Principal and a 6th class teacher Ms. Callanan started the assembly and introduced some of the Horse Chestnut pupils who led the assembly. All senior class pupils performed together and the awards were given out to children. In October, the focus was on the theme of Happiness. All classes showcased the theme in different ways throughout the assembly. The junior classes also celebrated the themes of kindness and happiness during the junior assembly.





## **Preparing for Secondary School**

The St. Nathy's Deputy Principal, Ms. Garvey came to visit 6th class in St Attracta's National School to talk to us about the St. Nathy's enrolment night on the 12th October. She told us all about what Nathy's College has to offer and about what to expect on the opening night also. We were so thrilled and excited about the opening night and to see what St. Nathy's has to offer.



## **School Trips to Boyle and Castlebar**

3rd class went to Turlough House in Castlebar in Co. Mayo. They had a great time looking at all of the old things in the Museum of Country Life.

4th Class went to King's House in Boyle in Co. Roscommon. They enjoyed themselves a lot while learning about the generations before them.



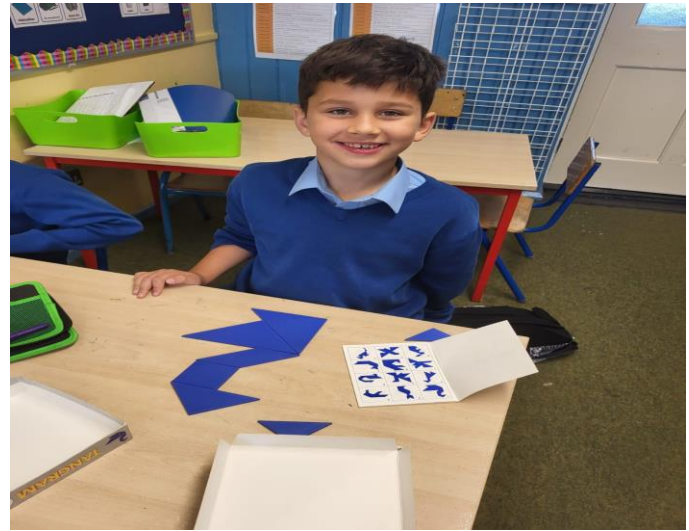
**We all have Green Fingers in St. Attracta's**

A number of classes have started planting daffodil bulbs in the polytunnel and during the year each class will be able to plant a variety of different plants.



## Maths Week 2023

From the 16th to the 20th of October, all the pupils in St. Attracta's NS took part in Maths Week. Every class participated in many fun and exciting maths activities such as Izak9, Maths trails, Math quizzes, tangrams, Maths games, target boards and so much more. One of the activities we took part in as a school was 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar'. Katie Lee in 5<sup>th</sup> class was the very lucky winner of the jar of sweets. Many thanks to Mr. Connolly for organising the week.



## Bursting with Creativity

The school participated in the Credit Union art competition again this year. All the entrants were magnificent breath-taking art pieces. Junior infants to 6th class have been creating magical Christmas cards from snowmen to gingerbread men for our annual Christmas Card fundraiser.



## Month of the Rosary

Our 6th class pupils designed the sacred space this month. Many thanks to Fr. Paul who got rosary beads for all the pupils in our senior classes. The senior classes will visit the sacred space for a decade of the rosary this week in appreciation of our Mother Mary.



## French Fun

Every Tuesday, Mr. Whittaker (Mr. Douglas) the French teacher visits the school to teach 4th to 6th class. He will be with us for 8 weeks. So far we have made incredible progress.





## Roscommon Mobile Library

On the 26th of September, the Roscommon Mobile Library visited St Attracta's National School. 3rd and 4th class pupils got to visit the mobile library and select some interesting books to read.

## Pumpkin Art in 6th Class

6th class participated in a pumpkin decorating competition in school and some very creative ideas were submitted. The pumpkins were all brought in on Thursday the 26th of October. The children in 6th class were allowed to paint, carve or decorate their pumpkins. Orla Purcell won best pumpkin and won a goody bag for her amazing efforts.



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## Garda Sinead talks Road Safety

Garda Sinead from Ballaghaderreen Garda Station came to the school to talk about road safety. She also reminded us all to not cycle our bikes along the footpath and to cycle on the roads instead. She told us to wear a helmet and a high vis vest.



## After-School Activities

5th and 6th class have started some after school activities. One of the activities we started this year is chess. We are taught by Mr. Brady from St. Nathy's. The other activity we are doing is tennis. Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Sloyan and Mrs. McCann are teaching us new skills. We have some very talented chess players and tennis players in the school. We are also starting some after-school activities with some of the younger students. The activities we are thinking of doing are Drama, Music and singing. Thanks to Iwona for organising the after-school activities.





## United Nations Flag Flying High in St. Attracta's

Robert and Paul arrived last week from the United Nations (U.N). They told us all about the Irish army. They do a lot! They go to countries and try to make peace. They gave us a U.N flag and also a plaque with all the countries that Ireland served written on it. Go raibh míle maith agaibh Robert agus Paul!



## Working Towards Attendance Success

Every month each class tries their best to get the best attendance possible. At our monthly assemblies we give out awards to the pupils that get full attendance for the month. The awards may vary between homework passes and other rewards. Congrats to all the pupils who achieved a 100% attendance in September and October.

## **Bake Sale at St. Attracta's**

6th class organised a bake sale this term to raise money for sports in the school. It was a huge success raising over 650 euros. Thank you to everybody who brought in treats and money to contribute to the bake sale. 5th class will have a bake sale on the 17th November. We can't wait!

## **Ag Súgradh le Chéile**

Many thanks to all the parents/ guardians for taking part in the 'Ag Súgradh le Chéile' initiative in the school this week. The junior and senior infant pupils enjoyed every minute!



**A Warm Welcome to St. Attracta's NS**



A warm welcome to our new school secretary Stephanie at St. Attracta's NS. She is a lovely addition to our school.



Tá Oíche Shamhna ag teannadh linn!

Happy Halloween from the Pupils and Staff at St. Attracta's NS.



Were you paying attention to the news?

Test yourself with this quiz.

1. What classes are using the accelerated readers?
2. True or false: Corrib Oil have supplied us with a new set of school jerseys.
3. Was Garda Sinead promoting road safety or how to stop robbers?
4. Who came into the school for National Fitness Day?
5. What was the name of the Deputy Principal of St. Nathy's that came to visit the school?
6. What was Mr. Whittaker's first name? Douglas or Daniel?
7. Who organised the after-school clubs? Stephanie or Iwona?
8. Name one team each that the Mini 7's boys and girls beat.
9. Name two members of the active flag committee.
10. Who came from the United Nations to the school?
11. What date did the choir go to the Bord Gáis Theatre?
12. Where did 4th class go on their trip?

