



WHAT'S UP @ ATTRACTA'S



What's Up at St. Attracta's NS May 2024

Fáilte go St. Attracta's NS - Our School Video

There is so much going on in our school that it is nearly impossible to share it all in this magazine. Please scan the QR code to see what we are getting up to in St. Attracta's!



Sacrament of Confirmation

On the 20th of April, students from 5th and 6th class made their Confirmation. They received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The students read out prayers, sang and played their tin whistles. It was a special moment for them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a very enjoyable day! The local folk group sang and played instruments which really added to the occasion. It was also extra special as it was Bishop Dempsey's final Confirmation in Ballaghaderreen.



Sacrament of Communion

On Saturday the 27th of April, 2nd class students made their First Holy Communion in St. Nathy's Cathedral. The school choir sang and were fantastic. It was a lovely day and a special moment for all these boys and girls.



Community Games Handwriting Success

Congratulations and well done to all students who were successful in the Community Games handwriting competition. Many advanced to the County Finals and we wish them the best of luck.



School Science Fair and Curious Minds Platinum Award

During the month of April, we had our school Science fair as part of the school's entry for the Curious Minds Platinum Award, which we successfully secured this month! The whole school took part in the science fair where a number of experiments were on display from every class in the school. Some projects included: shooting rockets, effects of tooth decay, lung capacity, creation of a radio, effects of electrolytes, drones and the force of friction. It was a very educational day for the school. Each class got a chance to see every project on display. Thanks to Mr. Hughes for his hard work on this event and on the school's Curious Minds award!



Music Generation

Sixth class students recorded a rap video with Rhyme Island all the way from Cork, in association with Music Generation. It was a very enjoyable day for 6th class and we can't wait for the video to come out.



4th Class Hike

This month, 4th class students went on a hike to Knocknarea, the burial point of Queen Maeve. The trail is a 6km loop reaching a height of 327m at Knocknarea's summit. The weather was fantastic on the day and it was a very enjoyable activity. Thanks to Ms. Toman, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Loftus and Ms. Callanan for accompanying the class.



Active Schools Week

We recently celebrated Active School's Week as part of our Active Flag initiative. The whole school participated in a number activities including: circuits with Andy Moran, parents walk with Ms. Higgins and Mrs. Coyle, poly spots, dance take over and skipping challenges. The whole school also had to wear PE gear all week. For homework, we got active homework like jumping jacks, high knees, squats, pushups, running and other exercises. The whole school also did the dance called the 'Cha Cha Slide' outside. The teachers also had a step count competition with some impressive results!



See our Cha Cha slide video here: <https://vimeo.com/942260045>

FAI Futsal Competition

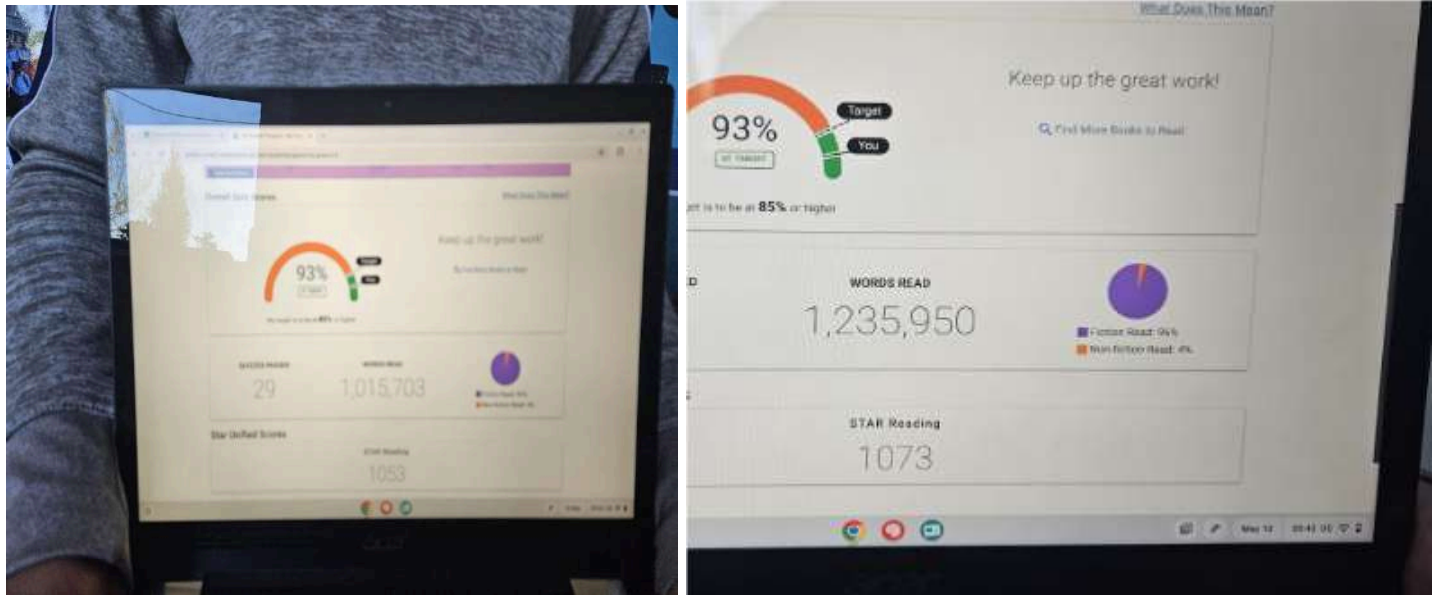
In our last magazine, we mentioned the FAI Futsal competition and how our players from 5th and 6th class were training for the County Final competition on the 23rd of April. Two out of three teams qualified for the County Finals. Both teams played four games. The girls successfully won 2 and lost 2. The boys team won 3 out of 4 games and were unlucky not to win the competition. Here's a picture of both teams that participated. They received beautiful medals and also got an ice-cream on the way home!



AR Millionaires

Congratulations to our very first AR millionaires Aayan and Shahan for reading over 1 million words in their AR reading.

Reading at home and in school for 15 minutes each day was worth it!



Cumann na mBunscol

Our boys and girls teams began their Cumann na mBunscol campaigns this month. The boys' team were very successful and qualified for the County Final in June. The path to the county semi-final included wins over Ballyhaunis, Swinford and Charlestown. They had a superb win in the semi-final over Quay N.S Westport with a score line of 5-10 to 1-7. We look forward to supporting them in the County Final on 4th June! Pictured below are successful boys and girls teams.



Senior Class Assembly

During our last senior class (3rd to 6th class) assembly, 6th class Yew taught the rest of the classes about growth mindsets and told us some positive affirmations.

Some positive affirmations from our assembly:

Instead of saying... I am no good at this

Try Saying... **What can I do to improve?**

Instead of saying... This will do

Try Saying... **Is this my best work?**

Instead of saying... I'll never do it, it's too hard

Try Saying... **This may take some time and effort**

Instead of saying... I made a mistake

Try Saying... **Mistakes help me to learn and improve**



Jokes

1. What does Jeff Bezos do before he goes to sleep?
2. What do you call an illegally parked frog?
3. What did one plate say to the other?
4. What do you call a magic dog?

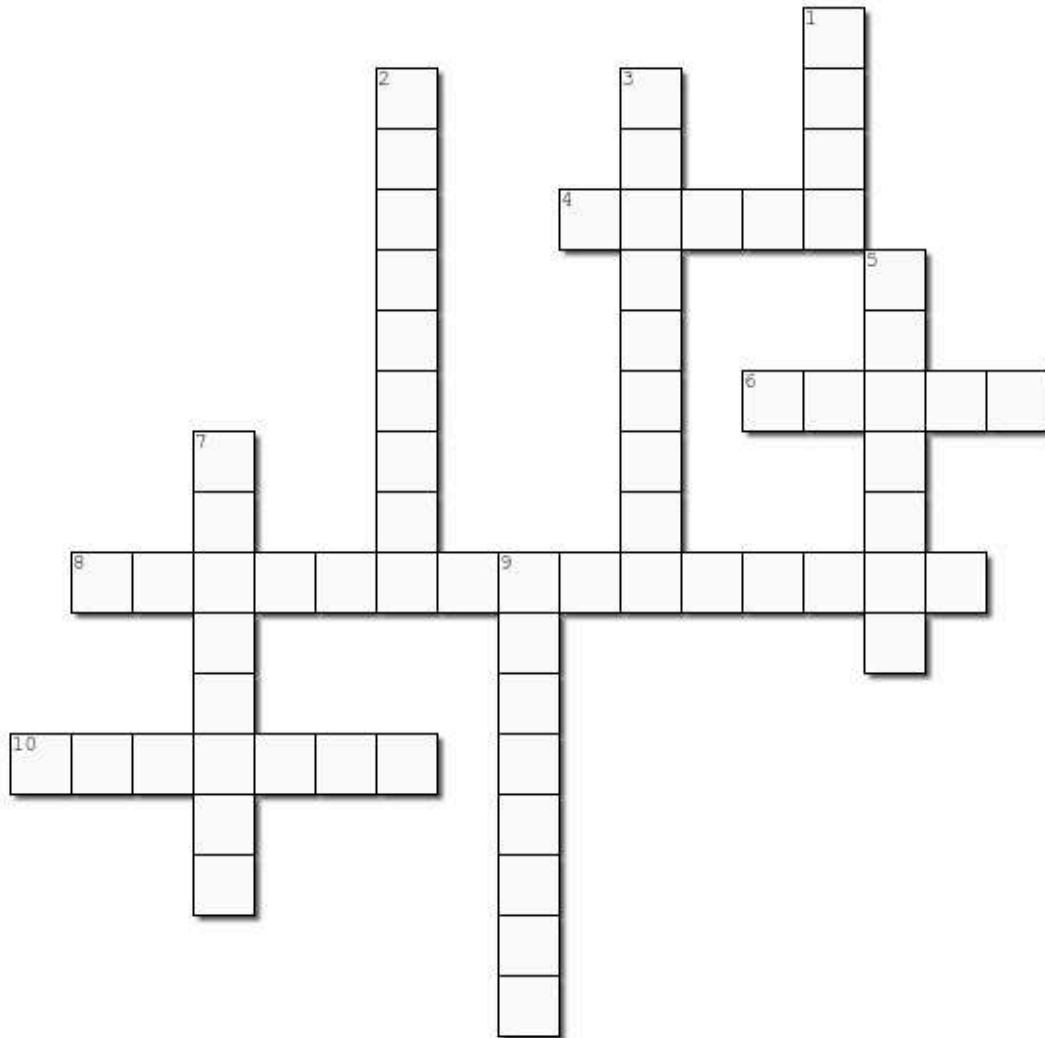
Riddles

1. A man dies of old age on his 25th birthday. How is this possible?
2. What goes all the way around the world but stays in a corner?
3. I am always running, but never get tired or hot. What am I?
4. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
5. If two's a company, and three's a crowd, what are four and five?
6. What is $\frac{3}{7}$ chicken, $\frac{2}{3}$ cat and $\frac{2}{4}$ goat?

Name: _____

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Complete the crossword puzzle below using the clues provided



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

4. Gaeilge for 'water'
6. Winners of the world cup in 2010
8. The town we live in
10. Four times four

Down

1. The third prime number
2. We do it for 15 minutes each day
3. A homophone for 'principal'
5. The people who teach us
7. Our principal
9. Held in school once a month



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Joke Answers:

1. Puts his PJ Amazon
2. Toad
3. Dinner's on me!
4. Labracadabrador

Riddle Answers:

1. He was born on February 29th!
2. A stamp
3. A fridge
4. A mushroom
5. 9!
6. Chicago