

St. Kevin's G.N.S.

Summer Newsletter 2021



Sponsored Walk

Our sponsored walk took place on the 15th June and the theme was 'Nature'. All students walked from the school to Tymon Park where we all had a picnic in blazing sunshine. Tymon Park is a fantastic centre for biodiversity in the area, which was very much in keeping with the theme of the walk.

Funds raised will go towards improving our yards and meeting the costs of Active June. Many thanks for all the fundraising and continued support.

Active Month

Sports' Day

This year, due to Covid restrictions, each corridor will organise their own Sports' Day. There will be a variety of activities for each class level and no doubt the girls will really enjoy taking part and having fun. Keep an eye on Twitter and the school website for photos.

Partnerships

St. Kevin's have been very lucky to have so many coaches and teachers come to the school in recent weeks to teach GAA, soccer, hip hop and Tug of War. The weather has been very favourable and so all the classes have gotten opportunities to get outdoors and get active. All the girls have enjoyed the training so much and have eagerly gotten involved in all the challenges. We want to say a huge thanks to all the coaches and organisations that have made this possible. Thank you to Paddy Baker from St Kevin's Kilian's, to Conor Kenna, Damien Power, Adi Curtis and Ciaran Kavanagh from Kilnamanagh, A.F.C., to Ann Malone for hip-hop, to Con Hayes from Tug of War Ireland and Anne O'Meara from Cricket Ireland.

Active Flag

On Thursday 3rd of June, St. Kevin's proudly raised their Active Flag that was recently awarded to the school after much hard work and commitment. As part of a whole school assembly, that took place in the yard, we watched the flag being raised and felt great pride and excitement for all we had achieved to get this flag. Well done to all involved!

'Maths for Fun' Week

The 14th - 18th of June was 'Maths for Fun' Week in St. Kevins, to continue to promote positive attitudes towards Maths and Maths-related areas in the school. 'Maths for Fun' week also aimed to show how Maths is integrated into our daily lives in school, at home, and reinforce practical problem-solving skills in fun and interactive ways. During the week, lots of activities were hands on and/or ones that could be easily read from a phone or tablet and implemented with household items and as **an added bonus, there was NO written Maths homework set for any class during the week!**

Here is a breakdown of some of the activities and tasks that took place during 'Maths for Fun' Week:

- **Daily fun Maths tasks and games in school**
- **Coding tasks using BeeBots, Minecraft and Lego**
- **Daily homework tasks and games grid**
- **St. Kevin's Bake Off:** Students were encouraged to pick a simple recipe. The focus was on the fun process of baking and not the presentation of the finished piece, reinforcing that maths is not supposed to be about the finished product, but the process itself.

Thank you to all the classes and families who took part in the week. Keep an eye on the school website and Twitter pages for photos of the classes taking part!

Debates

Congratulations to the sixth class girls who won the Concern Dublin Debate Final Our team of debaters and researchers included Captain Emma Hudecova , Ava Dale, Lily Hayes, Kirsten Cox, Grace O'Neill, Erin O'Hara, Sarah O'Reilly and Sophie Sheridan. They proposed the motion "Ireland Doesn't Care About The Third World" and a great debate ensued. St Mary's N.S. were fantastic opponents. We had reached the final stages only once before and had lost so it was great to finally win the Dublin title.

School Improvement/School Self Evaluation - Numeracy

Year Three of our School Self Evaluation process in Numeracy has been delayed until September 2021 as outlined in Circular 32/2021 due to COVID-19. Our area of School Improvement in Numeracy is *Creative Problem Solving and Digital Education in 21st Century Teaching, Learning and Assessment*. We look forward to continuing to promote creative problem-solving skills using digital technologies in the coming school year.

Fifth and Sixth Class School Tour

On Wednesday 23rd June Team Works are bringing the school tour to the school! The girls will engage in a series of activities and hopefully it will be a most entertaining experience for everyone.

Workshops with South Dublin Libraries

Third Class Biodiversity Workshop

Ms. Forde's Third Class were delighted to take part in a Biodiversity workshop with Castletymon Library and the Rediscovery Centre in June. The workshop introduced the class to biodiversity, exploring Ireland's biodiversity, ecosystems, food chains and food webs, and animal adaptations. They also explored the importance of biodiversity and human impact, to ensure the safety and the conservation of the environment and its biodiversity. The girls took part in lots of activities, including designing and constructing their own bug hotels which are booked out for the summer in the school garden!

Third Class Global Citizenship Workshop

Ms. Garvey's Third Class recently took part in a Global Citizenship Workshop with Castletymon Library. This workshop introduced the class to global citizenship, sustainability, and the Sustainable Development Goals. The class took part in a variety of hands-on activities around global citizenship and environmental issues.

Fourth Class – Grandpa's Great Escape Science Workshop

Ms. O'Sullivan's c Fourth Class recently took part in a Science Workshop based on the David Walliam's book 'Grandpa's Great Escape'. This fun science workshop was delivered by Anyone 4 Science and the class took part in lots of cool Science activities based on the book, including designing and constructing kites.

Third Class – Big Whiteboard Quiz

On Friday the 18th of June, Third Class were delighted to take part in the Big Whiteboard Quiz with over 90 other schools across Ireland, organised by children's author Sarah Webb.

Fifth Class – The Ark

'What Did I Miss?' live show

Fifth Class took a virtual trip to The Ark Theatre to watch the brand new show "What Did I Miss?" The girls really enjoyed the show which was all about a child's experience during 2020.

Third Class Podcast

Third Class wrote and produced a podcast based on their persuasive writing. They argued for and against the wearing of uniforms in schools. The episode was presented by Sarah and Megan and produced by Ella, Ruby and Lucy. Please follow this link if you would like to listen to it.

<https://www.spreaker.com/user/11747190/episode-3-should-uniforms-be-banned>

Fifth Class and Sixth Class Podcast

Both fifth classes and sixth class recently took part in a Podcast workshop with Create Schools where they learned how to script and record their own podcast! They learnt lots of new skills in technology and really enjoyed the experience.

Fifth Class Webinar

Fifth Class took got the chance to watch a webinar with jockey Rachel Blackmore. Rachel is the first female jockey to win the Grand National. What an inspiration to all young girls!

Sacramental Classes

Second Class

Second class are busy making art for the Communion. They have been learning their prayers and responses and are very excited to hear the date for the ceremony which is to follow.

Sixth Class

Sixth Class are putting the finishing touches to their Confirmation Projects and will put them on display for the rest of the school to view. The girls were recently told that they will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on August 18th.

Sixth Class Graduation

The 6th Class Graduation will take place on Friday 25th June. On the morning of the 25th they will hold an outdoor prayer service complete with candle holders which they decorated with stained glass art effect. This will be followed by breakfast in the Aistear room. Later that morning, they will proceed to a graduation ceremony. Each girl will walk through a decorated arch as she graduates. We look forward to celebrating with the girls and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

School Reports

Reports will be sent electronically this week.

School Calendar

The school calendar for 2021/2022 is available to view on the school website.

School Website and Twitter

Keep up to date with school news, events and more through our school website www.stkevinsgns.com and our school Twitter page www.twitter.com/stkevinsgns