

Happy Halloween!

October

St. Aidan's News



What's Happening!

- 5th Oct' St. Caimin's Visit 6th Class re enrolment
- 6th Oct' -**Beginning of Year School Mass** – 2nd-6th Class @ 11.30am in Sts. John and Paul Church – All welcome!
- 7th Oct' & Every Tuesday unless told otherwise **BOYS Football training** after school (2.45pm -3.45pm)
- 8th Oct' & Every Wednesday unless told otherwise **GIRLS Football Training** after school (2.45pm-3.45pm)
- 7th October Boys Football Blitz TBC
- 13th October St. Patrick's Comprehensive to visit 6th Class re enrolment
- 21st Oct' **St. Caimin's Open Night** for 6th Class pupils (TBC)
- 23rd Oct' **St. Patrick's Comprehensive Open Night** for 6th Class Pupils (TBC)
- 23rd October – **Halloween Dress-Up**
- 24th Oct' **School Closed** – Presidential Election
- 27th Oct' – 31st October **MID-TERM BREAK**. School re-opens Monday 3rd November

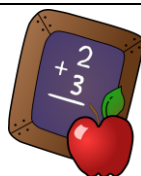
Space Week

5th -10th October



Maths Week

11th – 19th October



Homework/ After School Club –

Continues each week Mon-Thurs for pupils from 1st -6th 2.45pm -3.45pm

Swimming – Swimming continues for 3rd to 6th class with the last session for all classes week of 20th October

Thursdays – 3rd and 4th Class

Fridays – 5th and 6th Class

Active School – As an Active School and with a focus on Physical & Mental Wellbeing our focus for October will be SKIPPING (school supplies skipping ropes). All classes will participate in Skipping throughout October.

Parents Association Committee (PAC)

Our wonderful Parents Committee are always eager for new members to join them in supporting the school to provide the best resources and opportunities for all our pupils. If you are interested in joining the PAC please contact pac.staidans@gmail.com. Follow them on



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St. Aidan's N.S - Enrolments

Enrolments are now being taken for the school year 2026-2027.

Please contact staidansns@hotmail.com or Maireád in the office

Policies and Procedures - Reminders

- Birthday invitations/ cakes/ sweets should not be provided or distributed.
- Healthy Lunch Policy – **ONE treat ONLY on a FRIDAY**
- **Labubu Dolls** (inc. keyring versions) and all toys should be left at home as they are a distraction and are risk of being lost or broken.
- **Mobile Phone & Electronic Devices Policy**
– Mobile Phones are **not permitted** in school. If they are required on a rare occasion they must be handed up at the very start of the day, turned off and accompanied by a parental note of explanation as to why is required. There is a zero-tolerance policy with regard to mobiles found in school. **They will be confiscated for a period of time as deemed appropriate by school management.** No negotiations will be entered into. Any child / parent who needs to make contact should do so through the school office. The same applies to **SMART WATCHES**. Smart watches if worn should always be set to school mode (until 2.45pm). There is never a valid reason as to why they should be used during the school day. Anyone found using it as a communication / recording tool during the course of the day will have it confiscated. These policies exist as a protection to all children in our care.

Appointment

Teachers are **always open** to speaking to you about any concerns you may have about your child. It is imperative that you **make an appointment** to speak to the relevant staff member. School is a very busy place and staff have many duties including planning, extra-curricular sports/music, meeting with psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists to name but a few before and after school. Please feel free to contact Maireád in the office to make an appointment. If a parent turns up unannounced on a day to have a quick word with a staff member the result is a loss of teaching time and supervision issues. If even three parents did that in a class of approx.30 children you can imagine the disruption! Again, staff are always happy and open to speak to you with any questions or concerns you may have but please schedule an appointment. Thank you

Sacramental Dates

Ceremony of Light **12th February 7pm** in Sts. John & Paul Church

Confirmation Friday 22nd May @ 11am

First Confession **TBC**

First **Communion Saturday 23rd May @ 11am**

Congratulations to all 36 athletes who represented our school on Wednesday 24th September in East Clare Schools Cross – Country Competition. We are so proud of them all. They put in some incredible performances. We hope to see you join Shannon Athletic Club to keep up the great work! Congratulations especially to **Lee Moroney** who came home with an Individual medal. Lee will now go on to represent our school in the Finals on 18th November in Lee's Road

THANK YOU to MS. COLLINS for putting us through our paces and entering us in the competition year on year.

Thank you to Elite Home Products and Lucie Meere Dornak for thinking of us when given an option to donate road safety vests. We are very grateful.

Junior Infants Ms. O' Meara & Ms. Rogers

Junior Infants have been very busy sorting and matching sets and colours. We are busy learning all about syllables, rhyming words and blending words. We can't wait to start learning our Jolly Phonic sounds very soon! We are practicing using our scissors and really enjoyed doing a cut and stick activity of the Gingerbread Man. We love the PE on the astro turf every morning and have enjoyed learning lots of new outdoor games. We went on a sound walk and heard some very interesting noises. We also loved the tour of our school and met the Principal, secretary and caretaker. We are settling into St. Aidan's and are very happy in our new school.

Senior Infants Mr. Culligan

Senior Infants are settling back into their school routine over the past few weeks. We have started our PM readers with Mr. Talty and have started to continue our reading at home. We were so happy last Friday when Caimin Deegan from Wolfe Tones GAA visited us and put us through our paces on the football field. We can't wait for him to return so he can see the huge strides we have made in kicking and catching the ball. We also enjoyed 'cutting and sticking' with some art pieces over the last few weeks - we learned about all of the colours of the rainbow while also decorating our kites with so many different colours. We cannot wait for the month ahead to learn something new!

Senior Infants Ms. Collins

We had a very busy September in Senior Infants. We settled back into school life very well and we welcomed a new girl named Katerina to our class. We enjoyed learning about all the colours of the rainbow and we went on a colour trail around the school. We created beautiful rainbows in art and we also made very colourful kites. We really loved listening to the story 'The Day the Crayon Quit'. We started our PM readers with Mr. Talty and we revised all our Jolly Phonic sounds. We are making a really big effort to use some Gaelge phrases like 'Dia Duit, Dia's Muire Duit & Conas atá tú?' We are keeping very active every morning with our PE lessons on the astro turf and we were delighted to have coach Caimin Deegan from Wolf Tones in our school last Friday to teach us some Gaelic Football skills. We are looking forward to the month of October!

First Class Ms. Scanlon

It has been a very busy and exciting few weeks so far in 1st Class. We were delighted to welcome a new boy named Tymafii to our class. We have been busy learning lots of new things. We have started Literacy Lift Off and we are using Irish books for the very first time! We made colourful Hot Air Balloons and some Hedgehogs and Autumn Trees in art. We have enjoyed doing PE on the astro turf on the dry days and we were delighted to welcome back the GAA coach, Caimin, who did some Gaelic football with us. We loved going out to the school playground and playing games in class too. As part of our Geography lesson, we visited the School Garden where Maria told us all about the beautiful trees and plants that are growing there. Thanks Maria!

Second Class Ms. Finlay

We've had a wonderful start to September in 2nd Class and everyone is now well settled into their new routines. It has been a month of exciting new beginnings, we've started using our individualised *Spellings for Me* programme, launched into our *Accelerated Reading Programme*, and for the very first time, the children are using their own school journals! It has been a busy and exciting time, and the children have amazed us with their enthusiasm and positivity. We can't wait to see all the wonderful learning and adventures ahead!

Third Class Ms. Ní Thuathaigh

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year in Rang a 3. We have started reading new books as part of the Accelerated Reader programme and are really enjoying them.

We're learning to play the tin whistle and having great fun going swimming each week.

In Art, we created some fabulous Minecraft self-portraits, and we also learned all about the beautiful county of Clare. We're really looking forward to October and all the spooky fun that comes with it!

Third Class Ms. McMahon

We have had a great time settling into 3rd class in Ms. McMahon's room this year! We have started 2 new programmes, Spellings For Me and Accelerated Reader. We have set up our own mini library in the classroom with lots of lovely books including Dogman and The World's Worst Teachers! We created beautiful self-portraits where the children drew half of their face to match their photo. We have been inspired by the amazing athlete Kate O'Connor and have been practicing various heptathlon events, including hurdles, the high jump and the shot put. We have started swimming this term and we are really enjoying our trips to the pool. We also learnt about the history of our names, with some names meaning princess warrior, a lion, emerald and brightness! We have had a great first month back to school and we are looking forward to October and learning about lots of new things!

Fourth Class Ms. Corbett

It has been a busy month in Ms. Corbett's 4th Class. We learned about our wonderful Co. Clare and we each did a project on a different county in Ireland. We also investigated if there is a link between our height and shoe size and carried out a whole class experiment. We looked at different types of homes both in Ireland and in other parts of the world and conducted an experiment to see what materials are the best insulators. For art, we drew self-portraits inspired by Picasso and Frida Kahlo and started a 3D giraffe art project. We are looking forward to October!

Fifth Class Ms. White

What a busy start to the year it has been in 5th Class! This month we learned all about the human respiratory system and even tested our own breathing rates in a science experiment. In English, we kicked off our brand-new Book Club and have started reading the novel Holes – we can't wait to see what happens next! Maths has been full of problem-solving, as we explored multiplication and division and used our creativity to design our very own maths board games to help us practice. In History, we've been exploring how people communicated in the past and tried out sending our very own secret messages using Morse code. There was also huge excitement around the Dream Space Ambassadors Programme! Lots of pupils showed great interest, and a big congratulations goes to the 10 children who have been chosen to represent our school. We're really looking forward to seeing them begin their training and sharing their ideas with us all. It's been a fantastic September, and we're excited to see what October will bring!

Sixth Class Ms. Hogan September kicked off with a bang for 6th Class – a busy and exciting start filled with learning, creativity, and fun! We learned all about the heart and even created our very own model of a pumping heart. Our creative sides shone through as we crafted beautiful Autumn leaves from clay. We also began our new book club, where we are reading *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. In addition to this, we have been talking a lot about mindset and the power of positive affirmations. To celebrate this, we designed a colourful "Mindset Matters" wall filled with our favourite motivational words and phrases.

Ms. Forde's Class

Our class has settled happily into the new school year and have been busy learning in lots of exciting ways! This month our topic was "All About Me." We enjoyed reciting poetry and sharing things that make us different. In Science, we explored our body parts and how they help us every day. In Maths, we measured our height and compared it with our friends, and in Art we drew fantastic self-portraits to celebrate ourselves and used flowers to share our roots. It has been a wonderful start to the new school year!

Our Committee Members in St. Aidans 2025

Active Schools	Wellbeing	Green Schools	Bí Cineálta	STEM	Student Council
Emma (6 th) Ella (5 th) Alexandra (5 th) Jordan (4 th) Sam (3 rd) Karina (3 rd) Lee (2 nd)	Sumaiya (6 th) Aoibhinn(5 th) Lainey(5 th) Harper (4 th) Ciara(3 rd) Stevie(3 rd) Eve (2 nd)	Amelie(6 th) Ríán (6 th) Abbie E(5 th) Alfie(5 th) Tadhg(4 th) Aida(4 th) Ailbhe(3 rd) Seán(3 rd) Sienna(2 nd)	Mia(6 th) Niamh (5 th) Éabha (5 th) Nicole(4 th) Timmy (3 rd) Ríán (3 rd) Robyn (2 nd)	Shay (6 th) Amelie (6 th) Aoibhinn (5 th) Ella (5 th) Chloe (4 th) Noah (4 th) Mya (3 rd) Leo (3 rd) Emily (3 rd) Alfie (2 nd)	Shay (6 th) Axel (6 th) Emily (5 th) Amelia (5 th) Phoenix (4 th) Erin (4 th) Neila (3 rd) Leo (3 rd) Zara (2 nd)

Coiste Gaelige	Languages
Ríán (6 th) Áine (6 th) Lewis(5 th) Chloe (5 th) Brody(4 th) Aida (4 th) Harnur (3 rd) Penny(3 rd)	Hannah (6 th) Leo (6 th) Marcella (5 th) Andrew(5 th) David (4 th) Nora(4 th) Klara (3 rd) Isabella(3 rd) Lucy (2 nd) Oliver(2 nd)