

November News!

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St. Aidan's News



What's Happening!

- 7th Nov 2nd & 3rd Class Blitz in Wolfe Tones TBC
- 7th Nov **CLOSING DATE** for applications to St. Caimin's and St. Patrick's Comprehensive
- 14th November GAA coach in School (Jnrs-2nd)
- 18th Nov Cross Country Finals Lees Road @ 11am. Wishing Stevie Moroney the very best of luck
- 19th Nov 6th Class to attend Matinee of St. Caimin's production 'All Shook Up'
- 20th & 21st November **Parent Teacher Meetings. NOTE: School will finish at 2.20pm on these dates**
- 21st Nov – St. Caimin's and St. Patrick's Comprehensive to notify of offer of school placement

Science Week

9th-16th November



Anti-Bullying Week

10th – 14th November



Languages Day – 21st November



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Child Protection –

Please be advised that all teachers are **MANDATED** to report to Tusla any concerns in relation to Child Protection. Staff cannot and will not enter into any negotiation to refer or not to refer. In the best interests of each child once there are reasonable grounds for concern staff will report to Tusla – we are mandatorily obliged to. There is no choice in that. It is not for staff to decide whether the concerns are factually correct or meet the threshold for concern- that decision rests with Tusla. Please also be advised that there are new Child Protection Procedures for 2025 which can be accessed here -

https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/09fe3ad4/Child_Protection_Procedures_for_Schools_2025.pdf

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Child- Friendly version are available on our website www.staidansshannon.ie

Swimming - Swimming has finished for all classes



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St. Aidan's N.S - Enrolments

*Enrolments are now being taken for the school year 2026-2027.
Please contact office@staidansshannon.ie or Maireád in the office*

Policies and Procedures - Reminders

The following policies have been reviewed and published on our school website

www.staidansshannon.ie

- Bí Céinalta
- Code of Behaviour
- Admissions Policy
- Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment

Attendance

Please note that regular, consistent school attendance is important for every child. Late arrivals upset children and cause disruption to class. All late arrivals/ early departures are logged and are a matter for Tusla where there is repeated pattern. Any child who misses 20 school days or more are automatically reported to Tusla for their consideration. Where a child is absent for 20 consecutive school days, we are mandatorily obliged to delete them from our roll.

Exciting News:

Check out 5th & 6th class AMAZING entries to Real Life Science Competition on YouTube and our Instagram page. You'll be blown away!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sf2mJmVSwp4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fju94HULFzo>

Thank You

Thank you to Lenny Lith for accommodating our Dreams Space Ambassador Committee recently when they got a tour of a Hanger at Shannon Airport. The committee had the most amazing educational experience and learned so much from Lenny and the team about Aircraft with memorable experiences of getting to see inside the belly of the plane, the cockpit, up close with the engines, etc. They learned some really interesting facts. We are very grateful for the experience. Thank you

Pumpkins – Thank you to two wonderful ladies Maria Cutin and Catherine Bolger who spent months knitting pumpkins for us to sell as part of fundraising. It has become a very welcome annual fundraiser which the children absolutely love.

Training

Now that the football session has ended for schools in line with Cumann na mBunscol competitions attention will turn to hurling / camogie. Training days and times TBC. **There will be no more football training on Tuesdays / Wednesdays.** These days will most likely become days for hurling / camogie training TBC.

Wolfe Tones

Representatives from Wolfe Tones visited us last week and are actively looking for boys born 2017,2018, 2019 to join the club and attend training every Saturday 11.15am. Please consider joining.

Google School

We are moving to become a Goggle School as part of the move we have a NEW email address office@staidansshannon.ie

Junior Infants Ms. O' Meara & Ms Rogers

We had great fun this month playing in the doctor's surgery. We had some very sick patients and very busy waiting rooms!

Junior Infants loved maths week. We went on a shape walk and a maths trail with 6th class. It was great fun. We loved practicing our spatial awareness with the beebots and playing games with the dice.

We painted cool rockets for space week and made a space collage. We loved learning about the planets!

We went on a nature walk and learned all about hedgehogs and squirrels. We have a cool nature table with Autumn leaves and conkers.

We are enjoying learning Halloween songs and poems and can't wait to dress up on Thursday!

Senior Infants Mr. Culligan

Senior Infants had a very busy month of October. We learned lots of new skills. As part of the Active Schools Flag initiative, we learned how to skip. We have improved so much over a few short weeks through hard work and lots of practice.

Space week came around and we learned all about the planets of our Solar System. We learned some interesting facts about them such as - Mercury is the smallest planet in the Solar System and Uranus is the coldest!

As part of Maths Week, we went on a Shape Trail around the school yard and Carpark. Who would have known there were so many shapes around.

We are learning all about 'Oíche Shamhna' in Irish and we all can't wait to dress up on Thursday. Happy Halloween.

Senior Infants Ms. Collins

We had a very busy October in Senior Infants. We continued reading the PM readers with Mr. Talty and we are learning new Tricky Words every day. We designed very cool rockets during Space Week and we learned all about 'The Solar System'. We now know a couple facts about the planets and we enjoyed getting into role as Neil Armstrong. We are keeping active everyday by skipping around the world as part of the active school's challenge.

During Maths Week we went on a shape trail around our school and found loads of 2D Shapes in the playground, the yard and the astro turf. We used lots of concrete materials to show all the different measures, length, width & height but our highlight of the week were the beebots, we had great fun giving them directions to move around their mats.

This week we are learning all about Halloween traditions, staying safe at Halloween, we are learning some Halloween poems and songs in both English and Irish and we are really enjoying practising the Monster Mash Dance for dress up day which we are very excited about. In art we made cotton wool ghosts and we painted pumpkins and witches.

Happy Halloween everyone, enjoy the mid-term break!



First Class Ms. Scanlon

We had another very busy month in 1st class! We continued Literacy Lift Off with Ms. Adams and Ms. Kearney where we have read lots of new books. We enjoyed learning all about Space during Space Week and we also drew and decorated our own space rockets. Well done to Tara, Grace and Sadie who were winners in the Space Art Competition! Next up was Maths Week where we did some fun maths activities, the highlight was definitely using the Beebots. We have been skipping lots too during our P.E. time as part of the Skip Across the World challenge - we had to count every skip we did! We did a lovely activity on 'How to Be a Good Friend' as part of SPHE and we came up with some fantastic ideas. Finally, we made Funky Pumpkins and Frankensteins in art and we have been practicing our Monster Mash dance lots and lots so we are ready to take part in the school dance on Thursday when we are all dressed up for Halloween dress-up day. Enjoy the break and Happy Halloween everyone!



Second Class Ms. Finlay

It's been a very busy and exciting month in 2nd Class! As part of our Active Schools Flag initiative, the whole school has been skipping around the world! 2nd Class managed to visit many faraway places, from Ireland all the way to the Pyramids in Egypt, Mount Everest, and even Machu Picchu in Peru! We also celebrated Space Week and Maths Week, where we carried out fascinating experiments, played fun maths games with LEGO and Bee Bots, and even took part in a live online maths quiz with lots of other schools. We worked hard on poetry all month and created funny clever Haiku, Limericks and Acrostic poems. Now we're getting ready for Halloween, we've been practicing our Monster Mash dance all month and can't wait to perform it with the rest of the school on dress-up day. Happy Halloween everyone, we hope you have a spooktacular mid-term break!

Third Class Ms. Ní Thuathaigh

We've had a fantastic month in Third Class, packed with learning, creativity, and lots of fun! This term, the children really enjoyed their swimming lessons and took part in the Skipping Challenge as part of our Active School activities — with some students learning to skip for the very first time! We also began learning the tin whistle and are proud to say we can already play "Hot Cross Buns." During Space Week, we explored the cosmos through art, creating wonderful pieces inspired by Andy Warhol's *Astronaut*. Maths Week was another big highlight — we took part in the Maths Eyes competition and had great fun working with LEGO Spike. As Halloween approached, we wrote fantastic *scéalta as Gaeilge* about *Oíche Shamhna* and rounded off the month by dressing up in some fabulous and spooky costumes. Well done to all!

Third Class Ms. McMahon

We have had great fun in Ms. McMahon's 3rd class this month! We have learnt lots of new things and have developed many new skills. We have really enjoyed taking part in the Skipping Around the World Challenge, and it has been wonderful to see such a huge improvement in all the kids in the space of a few weeks! We took part in Space Week and we completed a project showcasing our knowledge of the planets, NASA and various astronauts. Our favourite part was singing 'The Planets Song'. We did various activities to celebrate Maths Week, including exploring the LEGO Spike, Izak 9 blocks, touring around the school completing maths trails and partaking in the Clare Education Centre's Maths Quiz. We have been writing lots of poems in our class this month, with Limericks and Sausage poems proving our favourites! We are really looking forward to Halloween, and have been busy practicing our Monster Mash dance. Well done to everyone for working so hard this month, have a lovely mid-term and happy Halloween!

Fourth Class Ms. Corbett

October was another busy month in Ms. Corbett's rang a ceathair. We started our skipping challenge as part of the Active Flag initiative and have completed over 48,000 skips! In maths we learned about pictograms, bar charts, line charts and pie charts. We gathered and represented our own data as well as playing some data games on the iPads. We created and performed our very own energy saving rap as a whole class. For Space Week we complete the balloon rocket challenge and learned about the moon landing and the race to space. For maths week we estimated how many conkers were in the jar, guessed the weight of the gourds and used our maths eyes to come up with maths problems around us. We also had the opportunity to create all sorts of projects using Lego Spike and we enjoyed figuring out different maths problems using Izak 9. Finally, on Monday the 20th of October Michael came to visit and conduct a STEM challenge with us. We learned about hydronic and pneumatic power and worked together to create monsters with moving body parts using either type of power. It was a super month of learning and lots of fun!

Fifth Class Ms. White

October has been a wonderful and action-packed month in 5th Class! We began by recording, editing, and uploading our Reel Life Science video all about The Science of Flight in Shannon Airport - you can now watch it on YouTube! Our Dream Space Ambassadors had a fantastic opportunity to visit a hangar at Shannon Airport, where they expanded their knowledge of flight and shared what they learned with the rest of the class. To celebrate Space Week, we took on the role of engineers and used the Engineering Design Process to design and build our very own Moon Buggies! During EU Coding Week, we explored LEGO Spike, creating and coding a variety of exciting projects using the iPads. During Maths Week, we enjoyed working with Izak9, a fun hands-on maths resource that helped us develop our teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. We also took part in the Maths Eyes competition - well done to Hugo and Emily, our class winners! This month we finished reading our class novel *Holes* and are really looking forward to watching the movie to see the characters come to life on screen. Happy Halloween everyone, and enjoy the midterm break!

Sixth Class Ms. Hogan

October has been a wonderfully busy month in 6th Class! We recorded our **Reel Life Science project** on *The Mystery of Static Electricity*, which you can now find on YouTube. To celebrate **Maths Week**, we designed a fun maths trail for our fantastic Junior Infants and enjoyed a lovely **nature walk** to spot the signs of autumn. Our *Maths Eyes* were hard at work too as we carried out some investigations at home. We also shared our creativity by hosting **art lessons** with the Junior Infants, where we made some **wicked witches** just in time for Halloween! During **Space Week**, we explored the wonders of the solar system and learned all about the planets. And of course, we stayed active with our **Skipping Around the World** challenge as part of *Active Schools*. In class, we finished reading *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* and are looking forward to watching the movie to see the characters come to life on screen. We've had an exciting and creative month — now it's time to relax and enjoy the break. **Have a wonderful midterm and a spooktacular Halloween!**

Ms. Forde's Class

This month has been full of excitement and discovery! We celebrated the changing seasons with autumn-themed activities. We enjoyed creating art with autumn leaves, conkers and seeds. We have been learning about how nature changes during this beautiful time of year.

As part of Space Week, our class had a fantastic time designing and making rockets. The children worked creatively, creating a space background using chalk and black card. Their curiosity and enthusiasm were truly out of this world!

Happy Halloween

