



Scoil Padre Pio Autumn Newsletter



This has been one of the most enjoyable terms we have ever had in Scoil Padre Pio. As you can see from our Newsletter, we have all been very busy! I would like to thank all staff members for providing so many opportunities for extra curricular activities in the school. As a result the pupils of Scoil Padre Pio are benefiting greatly. Enjoy the break!

Ken Foley (Principal)

Everyone in Scoil Padre Pio wants to wish **Mr McGrath** all the best for his retirement. We appreciate how much he has done for the school as Vice Principal and teacher. Mr McGrath has been a wonderful colleague and friend to all over the years and will be missed. Go raibh maith agat as na blianta fada serbhís dár scoil.



The countdown is on for Strictly Come Dancing- Churchfield! A magical and entertaining night is promised as staff, parents and members of the community put on their dancing shoes for a worthy cause. Going towards essential equipment, technology and resources for both mainstream classes and Autism Units, your support is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there on Saturday, November the 12th in UCC De Vere Hall. Tickets now on sale!

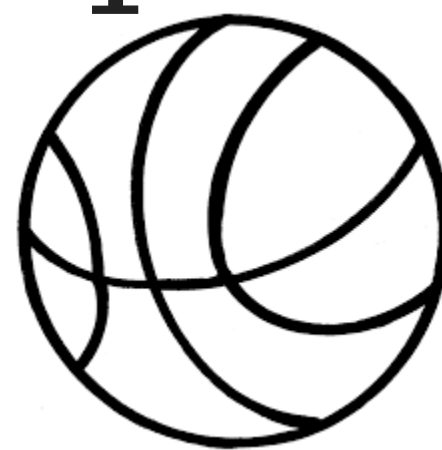


Music

The Music Department got off to a busy start in September. The Choir meets every Wednesday. They put on a fantastic performance for both the Lord Mayor during his visit to the school on the 29th of September and Mr McGrath at his retirement presentation. The School Band are excitedly preparing for many upcoming performances both inside and outside school. We have a mixture of tin-whistle players, piano accordionists and glockenspieler. Percussion Clubs are learning a lot about the different types of percussion instruments with rhythms games and songs.

Well done to all the children who auditioned for Cork Teen Idol. We are delighted for the following pupils who are through to the semi-finals in November. *Ericha Bermingham and Kelsey Long, Sophie Scully, Shania Murphy, Sophie Walsh and Abbey O' Callaghan, Kelsey Kenny, Michael Struthers, Katelyn Murray, Sophie Hyde, Helen Casey, Chloe Kelleher, Isabelle Cronin, Grace Salmon.*

Sport



This year the children in SPP are being kept active each week with Basketball in the Parochial Hall and Spraoi in the halla. This October we mastered our gymnastic stations. A huge well done to the boy's Gaelic Football team, who represented the school very well and won two of their Sciath na Scoil matches and to the girl's team who played brilliantly against many schools in Cork, including Greenmount and local rivals North Presentation.

A huge thank you to Mr Daly for organizing Scoil Padre Pio's first ever soccer jerseys!!



Classroom News

Early Start- Ms Elliffe

Early Start were busy picking autumn leaves and making autumn art. They also got new rain gear so the children can go outside rain or shine!



Junior Infants

Early Intervention-Mr Devereux

Mr Devreau's class have been having lots of fun getting to know each other. They have three new children called Daniel, Zach and Mia. They love playing with their new friends. James got a medal for finishing the mini marathon. We are so proud of him.



A big hello from Junior Infants in **Ms Spillane's class!** They have settled into Big School really well and are learning new things every day. They love reading, writing, counting and learning about numbers. They have beautiful voices and sing songs every day! Junior Infants is the best!



Ms Fahey's Junior Infants have been reading *The Three Little Pigs*. They've learned about what things are made of by looking at objects in the classroom.



Miss Madden's class have been getting settled in to Junior Infants! They have been getting to know their numbers, colours, shapes and letters. They are doing great!

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Senior Infants

Look out for **Ms Whelton's** spooky Senior Infants this Halloween!



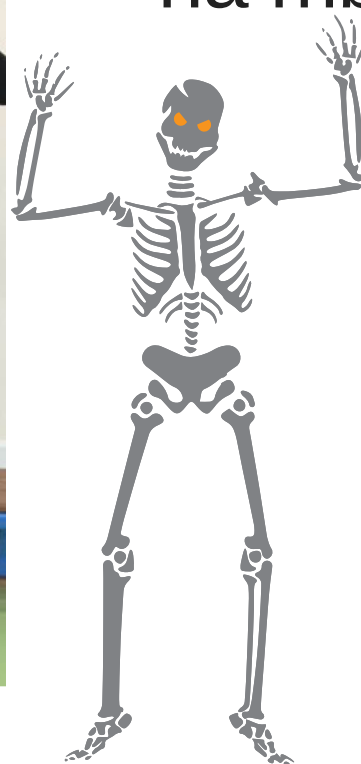
Miss Leo's and Deirdre's Senior Infants have been very busy! They love learning their words and sounds. They have fun singing, dancing and doing yoga! They have seen lots of signs of autumn on their nature walks.

First Class



Ms O Bric's 1st class are looking forward to Halloween. They love visiting the library every fortnight.

Chuaigh Rang Mr O Nia go dtí an pháirc chun duilleoga a phiocadh suas, bhí siad ag comhaireamh na mbloc agus ag léamh leabhair éagsúla.



Ms Murphy and Mr McCarthys' Second Classes are busily preparing for the enrollment ceremony for First Penance and First Communion this month.



Ms Quinlan, Mr O Connor, Ms Thomas and Ms Maddens' classes went to see the new Troll's movie in Blackpool Cinema and had a great time!



First class Breakfast Club
Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!

Mr Quirke's 3rd class made rain gauges using recycled plastic bottles. They measure and record the daily rainfall in centimetres and made beautiful clay autumn art.



Admire the creative artwork by Mr Casey's 3rd class, 'Dancing Man' and 'Friendly Halloween Masks'



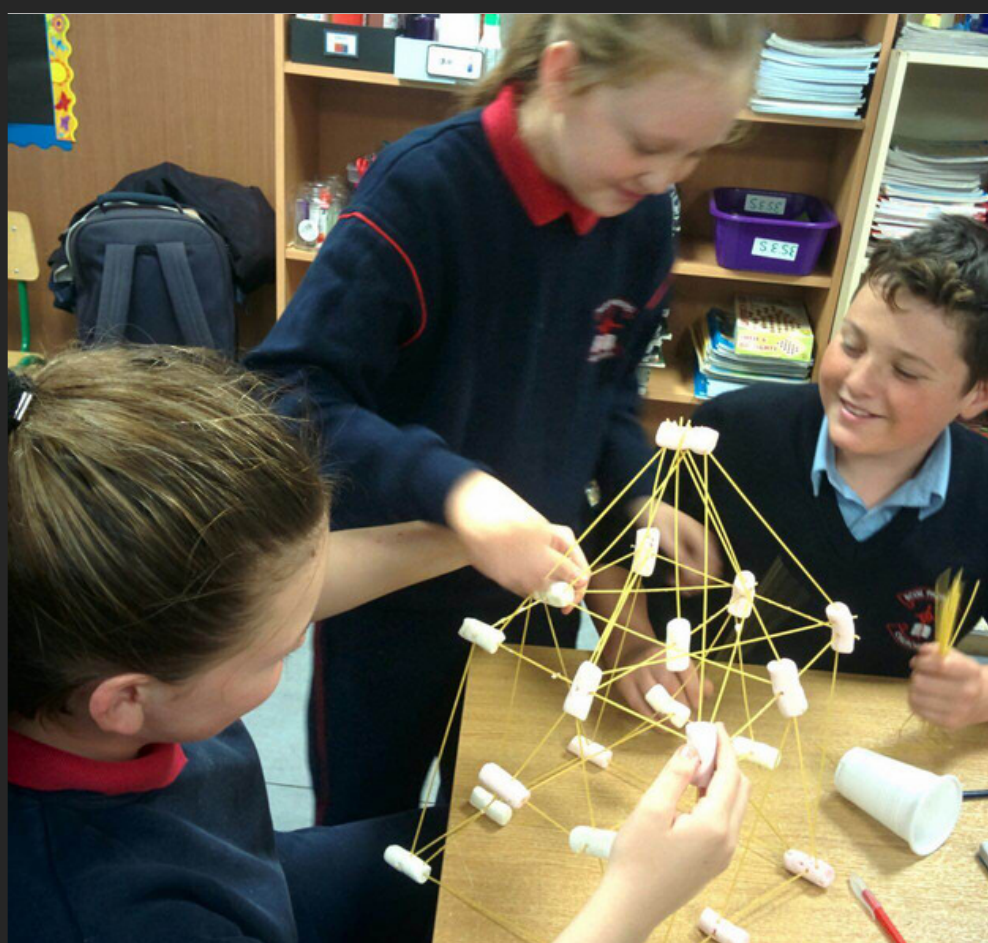
• Mr Daly and Mr O Loughlin's 4th class went on a nature walk along the Lee. This was great fun and we also got to incorporate maths, Irish geography and learnt a Nature Rap. They even managed to have some fun in Fitzgerald's Park.

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Mrs Daly's 5th class are very excited about building a class robot. Over the coming weeks, the children will work together to build and program a robot. They will then take part in the VEX Robotics competition in CIT in January 2017.

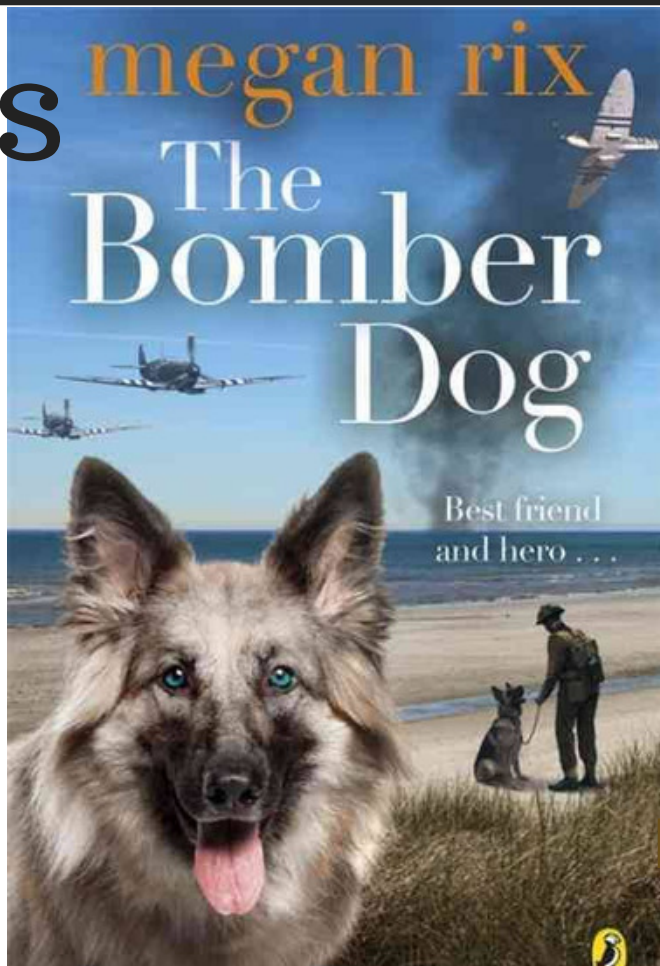


Mr Barry's 5th Class have been busy making plans for an eventful year. Some of the upcoming events include an educational trip to Ballinacollig Regional Park, Safe Cycling Programme and the UCC Professor Fluffy programme.

Ms Dineen and Ms Stevensons' 6th classes attended the Lifetime Lab this month and have started building shelters, bridges and towers with STEAM Engineering Workshops. They have been busy visiting different secondary schools and are enjoying their last year in SPP.

Other News

Sixth Class attended the launch of **One Book, One Community 2016** in Terence McSwiney Secondary School. They were thoroughly entertained by Niall De Burca and have started reading this year's book, *The Bomber Dog*.



Kids Talk got off to a brilliant start this year with Ms Fahey reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to her Junior Infants and their parents. Everyone enjoyed the fruit tasting afterwards. The children will read the book at home with their parents.



Our **Roots of Empathy** family this year is the Manning family. Baby Jennifer and her mam Joy will visit Ms Leo's Senior Infants every month. The boys and girls will watch Baby Jennifer grow and develop over the course of the year. Everyone is so excited when Baby Jennifer comes to visit.

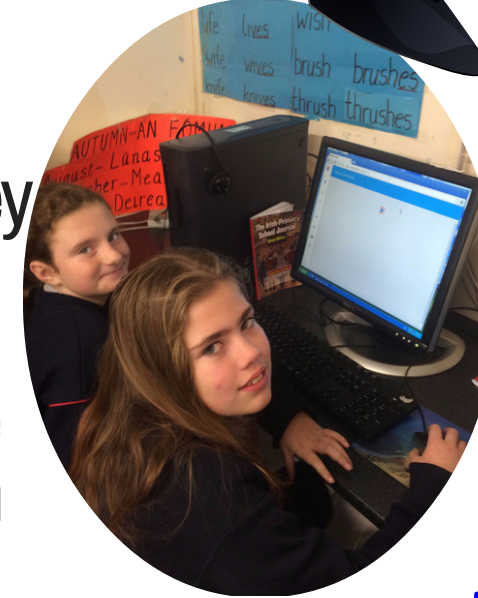
The October Attendance Drive was a huge success. Well done to all those who did their best every day. Keep it up!



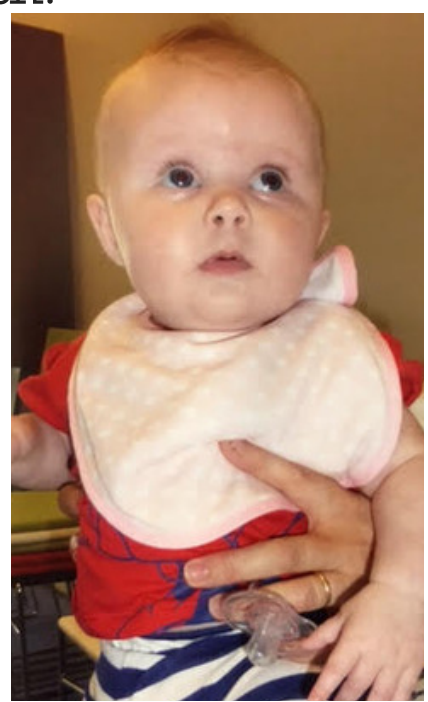
Bullying Workshop for 4th, 5th and 6th class



Well done to **Aisling MacSweeney** who raised €533 for #daretocare and the Irish Cancer Society by colouring her hair.



Well done to all in Ms Dineen, Mr Daly and Mr Barry's senior classes who participated in the Monaghan Maths Week online competition especially, Daniel Wallace and Jack Scarnell, this year's top scorers!



Green-Schools

This is a very important year for everyone in Scoil Padre Pio. We have applied for our first Green Flag. We will get a Green Flag if we reduce the litter and waste in our school. Everyone here is working very hard to make this happen. Look out for our beautiful pictures and posters on the Green schools theme over the coming weeks.
From, **The Green School Committee.**