

HALLOWEEN NEWSLETTER 2025





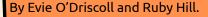


Cross Country Running



On Wednesday the 24th of September a group of pupils from the school went to Lees Road for the Cross Country Running Competition. About forty pupils attended on the day from 1st class to 6th class. There were a number of races held on the day, firstly with the Under 8s, then the Under 10s and finally with the Under 12s. When we arrived in Lees Road we got set up at our tent. We put on our spikes to get ready for our races. We also warmed up by doing stretches and short sprints.

Then the races began. There were about 100 kids running in each race! We had great success on the day with lots of our pupils winning individual medals and team medals as well. We took a break after our races near the end of the day. We also had time to go to the astro turf to play a soccer match before heading back to school. Some of our pupils will progress to another day of Cross Country running in November in Lees Road. We are looking forward to racing again on that day!





Maths Eyes Competition



We are delighted to announce that, after participating in the Maths Eyes Annual Poster and Group Initiative Competition in partnership with Maths Week Ireland 2024, we were selected as winners in our category! A huge thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to this fantastic achievement. We are proud to have showcased how we see maths in the world around us!

In recognition of this achievement, we attended an award ceremony on Thursday the 11th of September in the Department of Education and Skills to celebrate our success. Here we were presented with a plaque and a poster print. Niamh O'Reilly, Caoimhe McMahon and Kieran Fitzpatrick attended on behalf of the school, along with Tina and Crea.





Halloween

Costumes Swap

The Green Schools Committee and Student Council teamed up this term to organise a 'Halloween Costumes Swap' event. The idea was to 'Green your Halloween' and to save the planet by giving old costumes new homes.

It was a great success and pupils from all classes went home with wonderful Halloween costumes- from superheroes to princesses and more! Thanks again to everyone who donated costumes for this event.



PROTECT Project

During the month of October we filmed a video in school for the PROTECT Climate Project. For this video there were pupils picked from each class to talk about our climate. We filmed the video one Friday together with the pupils from each class. We spoke about lots of things in the video, for example, we spoke about how you need to keep the sea animals healthy and safe from rubbish in the ocean. We also said you have to keep the sand clean and throw rubbish in the right bins.

The video was about four minutes long, and we added music and pictures to the video as well. The video was played in the Council Chamber Hall on Wednesday the 15th of October, and five pupils from the school- Luke Callinan, Beibhinn Curran, Croíadh Barry, Alison Casey and Ellie O'Brien attended the Chamber Hall to speak about climate change. Overall, we really enjoyed engaging in the PROTECT project, and we look forward to the next stages of the project which involves learning more about aspects of climate change in school.

By Tara Keane and Rían McMahon.





Green Schools Committee





The Green Schools
Committee members for
2025/2026 are: Lily Kirrane,
Cian Carrigy (2nd), Albie
Johnston, Erin Waters,
Reuben Deegan (3rd),
Aoibhín O'Brien, Louis Ryan
(4th), Croíadh Barry (5th),
Niamh O'Reilly, Caoimhe
McMahon and Donnacha
Mockler (6th).



Student Council



The Student Council members for 2025/2026 are: Ruby Hill (2nd), Maisie O'Connell (3rd), Artem Shenko, Alfie Higgins (4th), Patrick Brooks (5th), Cillian Malone, Ada Bujnowska, Megan Downes (6th).

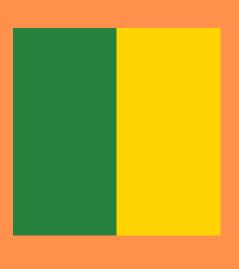




At the start of September the boys football team began their first match of the year against Ennis N.S. We played well on the day and came out with a draw. We then progressed to our second match against Barefield. We were ahead for most of the match, but unfortunately we did not come out with a victory on that day. Our third match was against the Gaelscoil a few days later, and unfortunately we lost this one also.

Our final match of the season was against C.B.S. and we played a great game but did not come out with a win in the end. We trained every Friday in preparation for the matches, and our coaches were Colm and Cillian. The football season is now finished for this term, but we are really proud of our team and it was great to get to play a few matches. There are about thirty boys in total on the panel from fifth and sixth class.

By Donnacha Fitzpatrick and Jack Mulkere.



Girls Football

Our football matches this year began with a game against Quin N.S. in their school. We won this game by a good margin and then we progressed to our second match against Barefield in Gurteen. We also won this game and we were delighted with our performance! Then we played our third match against Clarecastle in Flannans and we won this game also.

Our final match was against Ballyea in Flannans and we also won this game by a good margin. This meant we progressed to the semi- final of the competition on Tuesday the 21st of October against Ennis N.S. in Flannans, which we also won. We are now looking forward to the excitement of the final in Cusack Park on either November 12th or 13th, where we will hopefully come away with a victory! We train every Wednesday with Michelle and Louise in preparation for the games, and girls from fourth, fifth and sixth class are on the panel.

By Caoimhe McMahon and Caoimhe Ryan.







Active Schools Committee 🙏 👯



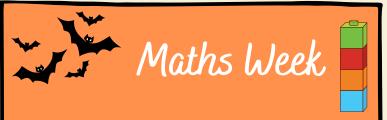
The Active Schools Committee members for 2025/2026 are: Ríadh Byrnes O'Donoghue, Aidan Cullinan (2nd), Max Callinan, Gearóid McMahon, Isabel Cleary, April Duggan (3rd), Ruadhán O'Loughlin, Eoin Erskine (4th), Katelyn Cullinan, Nathan O'Connor (5th), Maya Dowling, Chloe Smyth, Alison Casey, Mia Hedigan and Eabha Farrelly (6th).

Forest School

Third class have been attending forest school in Lees Road for a few weeks in the first term. We will be attending six sessions in total. Every Tuesday we travel on a bus to the forest in Lees Road. Half of the class go in the morning and half of the class go in the afternoon. Veronica and her partner run the forest school which is called 'Badger and Blackbird'. Every Tuesday when we arrive we greet the Guardian Tree. After that we get the talking stick and we take turns saying our names and our nature names. Some of our nature names include the Swallow, Hedgehog, Blackbird, Pine Martin, and more.

We usually then begin with a game like Hide and Seek or Find the Treasure in the forest. There are red ribbons around the forest that act as the borders. We eat lunch halfway through the session and we normally finish the sessions with learning how to use tools like screwdrivers on pieces of wood. Lots of us like to decorate our pieces of wood with Spongebob Squarepants! Each session is about two hours long, and we have really enjoyed going each week.

By Diarmuid O'Malley and Katelyn Davern.



Maths week took place in our school during the week of the 13th to the 17th of October. Each class participated in many fun maths activities, including maths trails, maths quizzes, board games and more!

Pupils were also encouraged to open their 'Maths Eyes' again this year following the success of our Maths Eyes Competition in 2024. Once again there were fabulous entries, with pupils spotting elements of maths in many parts of the world around them! See some sample entries below:



Music Club &



Choir



Every Tuesday we have music club in the school and every Thursday we have choir. In music club we work with Amy, Conor and Louise and in choir we work with Amy, Conor, Louise and Tina. We split into our groups of musical instruments in music club- there are groups that play fiddles, flutes, tin whistles, concertinas, banjos and harps. We learn different tunes in our groups each week. Some of the tunes are 'Lament of the first generation', 'The road home', and many more. We practise for about an hour each session.

This term we had the opportunity to play for the Erasmus teachers that visited our school. They were from Portugal. We performed the 'Lament of the first generation' and 'The road home' for them. They seemed to really enjoy our performance! The choir also sang 'This is Me' on that day. The music club is a great opportunity for us to practise our instruments and we get a chance to play with our friends which we might not get to do outside of school.

By Ciara Reynolds and Ella Kirrane.





A Spooktacular Halloween Dress up Day! 🧝







I want to take this opportunity to thank our school community-parents, pupils, Board of Management, Parents' Association and staff for all their hard work, dedication, commitment and help since the beginning of this term. It has been a particular busy term settling into our new location in St. Flannan's, and this would not have been possible without the fantastic support provided by the entire school community. We look forward to another exciting term in our new premises following the midterm break.

Have a wonderful Halloween break and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well on November 3rd.

Yours sincerely,

