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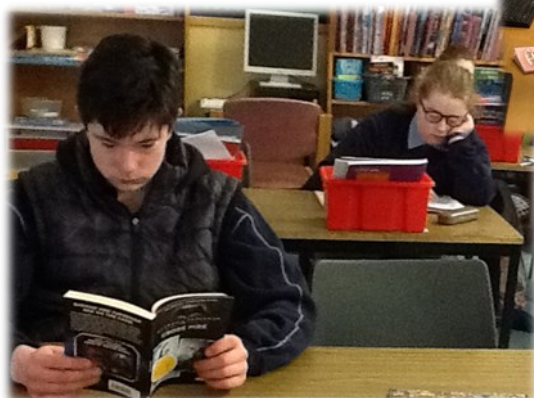
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**World Book Day and
Drop Everything and Read 2018**



Extended Day students attending Teen Fit in Newpark Gym on Mondays with great instructors getting everybody lean and fit! After a hard work-out in the gym, students enjoy Yoga on Tuesdays to stretch out those muscles and get some Zen along the way.



St. John's Ambulance gave a talk on how their service works and the job they do. Students enjoyed a tour of the inside of the ambulance and hearing the sirens in full sound to finish it all off.

PV1 completed JCSP: Organising and Planning a School Function

Today we had a St Patrick's Day Party. We had Doritos, popcorn, radioactive Rice Krispie buns ... it was the time of our lives! My favourite bit was the music. I also liked seeing all of my friends and I was very happy and excited. PV1 wore white T-shirts, dickey bows, and a hat and we had a photographer and then the party was over and everyone.



went back to class. We had to clean up and wipe the tables. (Oscar Maguire)

We had a blast. The party was okay to me the only thing annoyance was being a treat giver. After that I had a good time. There were drinks also and the music was by the Dubliners. We had leprechaun gold orange, shamrock shake lemonade and rainbow water to drink. There was also some dancing. (Eoin Kelly)

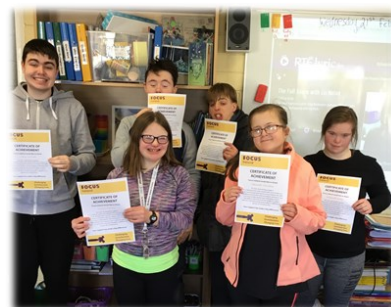
We had lots of nice things to eat and drink. I liked the popcorn the best. We all wore white T-shirts, green hats and bow-ties to serve the food to PV1. we made green rice-krispie cakes and green fizzy drink. We took photos with a leprechaun cut out. It was fantastic. (Aaron Mulhall)

PV2 went to Blackrock to get some wonderful books with our JCSP book tokens. We also visited Stillorgan Library.

We have really enjoyed painting our flowerpots for Easter. There are some fantastic artists in PV2. We are very proud of the bodhrán players from our class who played in Tallaght and of our talented sportspeople. Happy Easter from **PV2**



Vocational students received certificates from Focus Ireland for helping to raise lots of money for homeless people before Christmas. Well done!



A range of **summer bedding plants** will be available from Horticulture in **May**. A price list will be sent home with all students.



Green Schools

We submitted an entry for our 3rd Green Flag

St. Augustine's Green Flag Committee and **Student Council** were visited by Dean Eaton (DLR Environmental Officer) for inspection recently. He wanted the students to show progress on **water conservation** and continuing **environmental improvements**. We have put water-hippos in toilets, mecon water savers in staff toilets and tested for any leaks (with food colouring!). We also have 3 Water Ambassadors. We feel our inspection went well and hope to get good news soon and hopefully get the flag! By Ian O'Connell



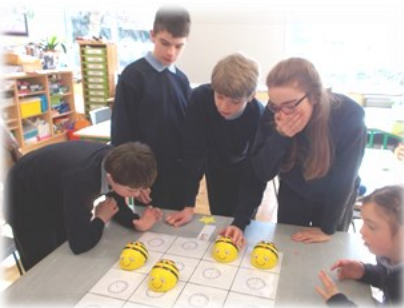
Green Flag: Water Ambassadors

Ian O'Connell, Curtis Barrass and Jamie Staunton were chosen to undergo training as school 'Water Ambassadors'. They have successfully completed their second training day with the Environmental Education Unit of **An Taisce**. Through the green flag committee and student council they are organising a beach clean in Blackrock on 18th April. They are also looking at ways to reduce plastic in lunchboxes. We have registered with National Spring Clean and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Tidy Schools in the Community. They are leading the school in its quest to achieve the **Green Schools Flag 3: Water** this May!

Green Schools Committee/Student Council

10 Tips to Save Water from the Committee:

1. Keep a jug of water in the fridge (don't run tap waiting for cold)
2. Wash full loads of clothes.
3. Fully load your dishwasher.
4. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
5. Have a shorter shower instead of a bath.
6. Consider adding a toilet cistern bag (Hippo).
7. Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.
8. Check all taps, pipes and toilets for leaks.
9. Use a bucket instead of a hose to wash your car.
10. Use a water butt to harvest rainwater from gutters



PP3 have been having great fun working with **Bee Bots**. They look like bees with buttons on the top. We have to programme them to do exactly what we want. They can move forwards or backwards and turn to the left or right. We have six **Bee Bots** and they all have names beginning with the letter 'B'. We have worked on **shapes, money and time** using them. If they are all programmed with the same instructions then they look as if they are dancing. We love working with them.



These students did a 6-week yoga and meditation course with Miss Kavanagh! More yoga will be offered to vocational students after Easter!





We've had another busy term especially for our bodhrán groups. Despite the weather students and staff made it to evening rehearsals in preparation for our performance at **Córfhéile na Scoileanna**. Within our group we had students from P6 to Vocational 2, past pupils and staff. Everyone looked smart in their black attire and gave a great performance. Well done to all and a special word of thanks to parents for supporting our work. *As always none of this would have come together without our dedicated staff.*

Our neighbours at **Holly Park GNS** recently staged *Joseph* and included us in their invites. We brought a group of students who regularly attend lunch time and golden time music activities and we had a wonderful time watching their music, dance and drama.

Staying in our community ... **Carysfort NS** invited our bodhrán groups to perform at their school to celebrate seachtain na Gaeilge. Their students dressed in Irish colours and we wore our black with festive headgear. It was a great morning!



We had a really busy Spring term here in **PP1**. In English, we learned all about writing reports, and then wrote our own reports about our classmates. We had great fun interviewing our friends and writing all about them. We also learned about measurement in Maths this term - we worked in pairs to measure different things in our classroom, with cubes, showing great teamwork.



We had a great time on our outing to Stillorgan Shopping Centre for World Book Day. We bought books with special tokens in the book shop and had lunch. As well as all this, many students in PP1 made their Confirmation this term. They all did so well, and should be very proud of themselves, congratulations!

PP7 Make-a-Book JCSP — I went to Make-a-Book with Katie, Elina, Patrick, Niamh, Matthew and Jason. Make-a-Book is where post primary schools go and make a book about something and then present their project. We went on 4th March. Everyone did theirs about a famous person. I did mine on Walt Disney, Niamh did hers on Anne Frank, Patrick did his on Leonardo Da Vinci, Jason did his on Barack Obama, Matthew did his on Paul O'Connell, Elina did hers on Shawn Mendes, Katie did hers on Bruno Mars and Rebecca did hers on Elvis Presley.

When we got there we had to present our books and look at other ones and vote which was your favourite and why. Then there was a DJ called Gary and we made a rap by writing random words on a board. People got up and sang the lyrics that we had made and recorded it. Matthew, Elina, Katie and I got up and sang. You can find our rap on the internet. From Amy McCrea PP7



Glenn Ward Makes Irish Squad in the Home Nations Tournament: Glenn has earned his place on the Irish International Team to compete in Belfast from April 1st to April 8th. Glenn was selected after numerous trials at county and provincial level. Coaches from the F.A.I. selected 18 players to play against international squads from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland over the Easter Break. We wish Glenn the best of luck and we know he will do his country proud.



St. Augustine's Girls success in Basketball and Football - St. Augustine's Indoor football won the Dublin Region Football Plate at the Roadstone arena in February. The Girls played some great football and showed great teamwork throughout the tournament and were deserved winners in the end. **The Girls**



Basketball team was also successful in winning the All-Ireland Shield held in at the National Sport Campus on March 14th. Shannon Brooker and Ciara O'Toole led our young team to victory in a very exciting competition.

Young Footballers Show Great Promise - Our Primary Football team played in the Dublin Region Indoor Football Tournament in the Roadstone Arena in February. The team played exciting and attractive football to earn a spot in the final. Our lads met a very strong team from St. Michael's, Chapelizod in the final and were defeated 2-0, but the future looks bright with our showing some exciting skills and commitment.



What a busy but fun term we've had in the **cookery kitchen!**

P5-PP8 have been busy preparing a wide variety of dishes, such as pitta pizza, healthy wraps, cheesy Spanish omelettes as well as some delicious and tasty treats for Valentine's day and Easter. Each week some students from **PV1** and **PV2** have been preparing and completing their **QQI** folders as well as preparing some delicious vegetarian meals.

Our **first years** have been doing some fantastic work demonstrating their wonderful culinary skills as well as learning lots of new information about healthy eating and each of the different food groups.



Meanwhile, four students from Vocational 2, **Ciara O'Toole, Curtis Barrass, Daniel Stapleton** and **Adam Forrester** have been practicing their assigned food and culinary skills tasks for their upcoming **Junior Certificate Cookery Examination** which will take place on April 20th.

While each student has had the opportunity to complete two mock practical examinations in the cookery kitchen, it's very important that each student practices their dish over the upcoming Easter holidays.

A Word from Mr. O'Brien



We hope you enjoy our latest edition of Connect. As you will see, our students have been very busy over the last term, excelling in Sport, Art, Home Economics and across all areas on our school campus. There have been many trips out in the wider community. Our students as always have made us very proud. Our dedicated staff have been upskilling in many different areas and continue to provide an excellent service for our students.

We thank parents for their continued support and a special mention goes to our team of snow volunteers for getting our school ready to open again following a visit from the '*Beast from the East*'. If you have not already seen our new website, please check it out at www.saintaugustines.ie. We wish all in the community a relaxing Easter break. School re-opens on 9th April 2018.



On 6th March **Second Year Vocational Students** travelled to the **IFI cinema** in Temple Bar to see **Brooklyn** as part of their **JCSP English programme**. Everyone enjoyed the film and afterwards we went for pizza in Milanos!



Confirmation Class 2018

On the 23rd of February, 15 STUDENTS from St. Augustine's made their confirmation in St. John the Baptist Church, Blackrock. They were Confirmed by Monsignor Enda Lloyd and we shared the occasion with Carysfort National School. It was a lovely day and our students did us proud. Back in school we had a party to celebrate this special occasion. Many thanks to the wonderful team of people who helped make the day such a success for all involved. In particular I would like to express my thanks to Fr. John Delaney, Dolores, Sandra, Shauna and Mr. O'Brien. Thanks also to the class teachers involved who were always so helpful and accommodating.



Class of 2018

Christopher McKenna, Kieran Brennan, Sam Harvey, Cameron McNamara, Shane Furlong, Alex O'Rourke, Cathal McManus, Nick Brabazon, Muireann Hyland, Abbie Wilkie, Ellie Kiernan, Jade Twomey, YiLing Qiu, Hazel Pakenham and Abi Homan,

A very special 'thank you' also to Ms. Nugent for coordinating Confirmation arrangements.