



ST. MARNOCK'S N.S.



MESSAGE FROM MS TRIMBLE

Welcome to the first 2023 edition of our newsletter! It's been a busy start to the year in St. Marnock's...Have a browse through our newsletter to find out more about what's going on in our school.

We were delighted to welcome parents back for face to face Parent Teacher meetings before the midterm break. It gave teachers and parents the opportunity to meet and discuss their children's progress. Thanks to all our teachers for their hard work in preparation for these meetings and for their commitment and dedication to your children throughout the year. Thanks also to all parents and guardians for your continued co-operation and support.

A big thank you to our Parents' Association volunteers who have been working on our library project under the guidance of Mr. Maughan, Ms. Hunter and Ms. Curtin over the past few months. They have succeeded in scanning and cataloguing all of our library books onto a new software system. There will be a significant investment in new library books over the coming months and with support of P.A fundraising we hope to get new shelving and our new library off the ground by the beginning of the next school year. Thanks to Ríona Myers and her team of P.A. library volunteers who are a fantastic support to us with this project.

We are also in the process of developing a new outdoor sensory play area at the back of the school. This garden area is taking shape now with a nest swing, climbing frame, mud kitchen, sensory path and car table already in place. Sensory plants and other items will be added in due course. This play area will be of particular benefit to the children with additional needs in our school.

Thanks to Mr. Scallan and Ms. Curtin for working in partnership with me to lead this project which has been funded by grants from the DAA and the Irish American Partnership. We will keep you updated with further information and photos in future editions of our newsletter.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Sinéad Trimble



UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Marnock's will celebrate World Book Week starting on February 27th. The children will take part in activities such as a book quiz and writing book reviews. On Friday 3rd March they can dress up as their favourite book character.
- This year's Seachtain na Gaeilge will take place from the 13th to the 16th March this year in St. Marnock's. There will be a tráth na gceist, a visit from Comhaltas Port Mearnóg traditional music group and St. Patrick will visit the school during the week!



SIXTH CLASS WWI PROJECT



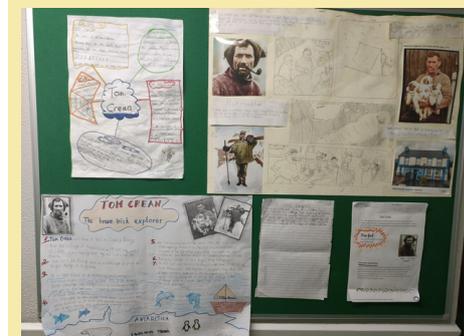
Over the last few weeks, Mr. Corkery's, Mr. Cooper's and Mr. Spellacy's Sixth classes have been busy studying the history and geography of WWI. As part of their studies they created their own shoe-box trenches. Their finished pieces were displayed on the school's corridor for other students and teachers to see. The students were very inventive with their use of everyday household items and products. For example, some students used used tea bags for sandbags, lollipop sticks and matchsticks for trench supports and pieces of wire to replicate barbed wire in no-man's land. The projects were accompanied by information about trench warfare in WWI. Great work Sixth class!



3RD CLASS TOM CREAN PROJECTS



Ms. Cullen, Ms. Monahan & Ms. Joyce's third classes have been very busy learning about Tom Crean who explored the Antarctic with Ernest Shackleton in the early 1900's. They used their knowledge to create Powerpoint presentations, scrapbooks and posters based on the explorer. All of the children put huge effort into their work. Well done Third class!



FOOTBALL BLITZ WINNERS!



Dylan Murray and Leo Wells from Ms. B. Phelan's class and Rhys Foran from Ms. Cullen's competed in the Swords Celtic football blitz with their club, Portmarnock AFC. They qualified from their group after winning three matches and then won their semi final. In the final they defeated Swords Celtic 2-1. Here are the boys in the photo with their cup. Well done !



MARNOCK'S SWIMMERS MAKE WAVES



On Sunday, January 14th five St. Marnock's students took part in the Leinster Minor Swimming Championships in the National Aquatic Centre in Abbottstown. For some of them it was their first swimming competition but they all performed admirably. All children improved their times and some even qualified for the Irish School's Championship in March. Here is a breakdown of the results:

Filip Bottelier : 4th class, Ms Lalor. He won a bronze medal in the relay.

Kyla Connaughton : 4th class Mr Doherty. She qualified for the Irish Minor Championships in 50m back crawl.

Leon Niemczyk : 5th class Ms Dillon. He got a bronze medal in the boys relay race.

Matteo Scaringella : 5th class, Mr. Maughan. He qualified for the Irish Minor Championship in 50m breaststroke and 100m medley (4 strokes). He got a bronze medal in the 100 IM and in the boys relay.

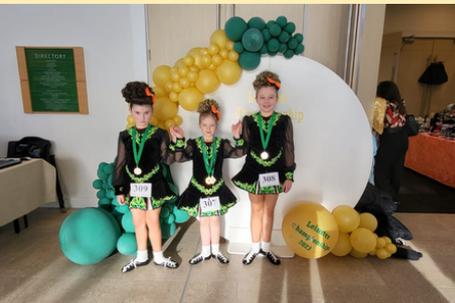
Tommaso Scaringella : 3rd class, Ms Cullen. He qualified for the Irish Minor Championship in 50 breaststroke and 50 free and he got a bronze medal on the boys relay. At only 8 years old he was the youngest who competed in the relay (11-12 years old).



DANCING WITH THE STARS



Ariana Doyle from Ms. Drinan's class and Isabelle Doyle from Ms. Lalor's class took part in the Leinster Irish Dancing Championships on Friday 27th January. The girls did very well. Isabelle placed 5th in 2-hand reel and Arianna got placed first in 3-hand reel and 2nd in 2-hand reel. Well done girls!



A PROMISING ACTOR!



Alex Kelly in Ms. Joyce's class was cast in a new RTE JR podcast called 'Anansi's Web' . The first episode was released this week and Alex provided the voiceover for the character Darragh. The podcast is available through this link:

<https://www.rte.ie/radio/podcasts/22208741-anansis-web-ep-1-water-traps/>



INTERNATIONAL GIRL GUIDE THINKING DAY



In 1926 girl guides and girl scouts from around the world met in the USA for their fourth World Conference. They agreed that there should be a special annual day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world think of each other and express their thanks and appreciation for their international movement. This was called Thinking Day. The delegates chose 22 February as the date for Thinking Day because it was the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement, and Olave Baden-Powell, who was World Chief Guide. The girl guides in St. Marnock's wore their uniforms into school on this day to celebrate. In the first photo are Anna, Asmara, Nicole and Orla from Mr. Barne's class and Eve, Marie Clare, Aoife, Aisling, Kate and Marcelina from Ms. O'Farrell's class. In the second photo are Laura, Isabelle and Beau from Ms. Moran's and Ms. Moore's class.



PANCAKE TUESDAY IN MS. O'DOWD'S CLASS



The corridors of St. Marnock's were filled with the delicious smell of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday recently. It has almost become a St. Marnock's custom to treat the children to pancakes on that day. Teachers could be seen with pancake makers and ingredients that morning as children arrived to school excited at the prospect of getting a pancake with their topping of choice. Here are some photos from Ms. O'Dowd's classroom that show the children enjoying some freshly cooked pancakes.



ROAD SAFETY!



Notes

- We request that parents and children take great care when crossing the busy roads outside our school. We have reminded children to pay particular attention when crossing Strand road which can be hazardous.
- Please cross the roads carefully under the guidance of our traffic wardens who are there to ensure people's health & safety. We request that everyone walks straight up to where our traffic warden stands when she signals to cross at the pedestrian lights.
- In order to protect the health and safety of your children and our school community, please do not park on the footpaths outside our school or on double yellow lines or the kerbs in the church car park at **ANYTIME**.
- We encourage children to walk or cycle to school if at all possible. New bicycle and scooter racks have recently been erected in our school yard to support our cyclists.

