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# SCHOOL NEWS



### Chromebooks





The school took delivery of 26 new Chromebooks, replacing our well-used laptops in the Senior Building. They are much more flexible to use, as the charging trolley can move from class to class.

### **Junior Achievement Programme**



Second class completed the Junior Achievement Programme, led by Bríd Flynn of MSD. The theme was 'Our Community'. They really enjoyed working together, learning about communities in Ireland.

### **Green Schools**



Work has commenced on achieving the 'Travel' flag for our school. The Green Schools' Committee completed part one of a 'Walkability' study of Kilmacow with Chiara Hanrahan of An Taisce.

## **Primary 5s**





We recently had two teams competing in the recent FAI Primary 5s competitions in SETU Arena. Both performed well on the day but special congratulations to the girls who progress to the next round on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

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# **SPORTS & ACTIVITIES NEWS**



### **Orienteering**







6<sup>th</sup> Class excelled during the recent SEVO Orienteering Event in Woodstock, taking home several prizes including first place individual 6th class boys (Cathal), 3rd place individual 6th class boys (Glenn), 1st place 6th class boys team prize (Cathal, Glenn, Finn, and Simon). There was also a prize for the first-place pair from St Senan's N.S (Belle and Ellen). Congratulations all!

### World Book Day











We had a fun day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March with the children putting a lot of effort into dressing up as their favourite characters and telling us about their favourite books.

### **ESB Science Blast**





A huge well done to 6th class pupils from St. Senan's N.S. who recently participated in the ESB Science Blast which took place in the RDS, Dublin on Wednesday 6th March. The class completed and presented a project based on investigating the question 'How do glasses help our eyesight?' The judges were very impressed with the children's knowledge and presentation skills on the topic.

# Seachtain na Gaeilge















We had a visit from Ms. Kent's mother, Áine McCarthy, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. They treated us to a recital using a range of instruments including Irish harp, uilleann pipes, various flutes, and the concertina. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed lots of activities including a parade of classes, a concert, and a hotly contested quiz in the Senior Building.

Lots more photos from these events on our website <u>www.stsenansns.ie</u>

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# **COMING SOON**



### Grandparents' Day

We look forward to hosting our pupils' grandparents on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Details to follow.

### **Swimming**

Swimming classes for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> classes commence on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and run until 15<sup>th</sup> May. More information will issue directly to these classes.

### Cycle Right

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes will participate in the Cycle Right safety programme for five weeks from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April until 9<sup>th</sup> May. The cost per pupil is €10 - an ePayment will be set up. All equipment is provided but your child may use his/her own bicycle and cycling helmet (please ensure they are clearly labelled).

#### Zumba

Zumba classes will commence for Junior Infants to 2nd class on Monday 8th April, and will run for 6 weeks. The cost of this activity is €12 per child, this will be set up for online payment at your convenience.

#### **RSE**

5th and 6th classes will receive their RSE talk on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. More information will be issued directly to the class parents.

### Heritage in Schools

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May, Catherine Twomey will help the children in the Junior Building discover the level of biodiversity in their environment by bringing them on walks to identify and learn about plant and animal species in their surroundings. She can also assist with enhancing the space that is around many schools to create a habitat for plants, pollinators, and other forms of wildlife, and through various activities help the children to understand the interrelationship of species from the soil up.

### First Holy Communion

Second class pupils will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00.

#### **Confirmation**

Our sixth class will make their Confirmation on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00.

### Hurling

Hurling with Coach Paudie continues after Easter with 5 weeks for Senior Building classes commencing Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> followed by 4 weeks for the Junior Building commencing Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class hurling and camogie teams have commenced inter-schools matches and these will continue through next term.