



### Principal's Message



Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic and fulfilling year for everyone in the St. Corban's community. The 2024–2025 school year brought with it a huge amount of energy, learning, and joy. This final term in particular was bursting with activity – from sports competitions and class leagues to our ever-popular school tours, Sports Days, First Holy Communion, Graduation, and the return of the much-loved Corban's Got Talent Show. We were also delighted to introduce our brand new Breakfast Club and expand our After-School activities this year – both of which have been a great success.

Before we all take a well-earned summer break, I'd like to express heartfelt thanks to the people who make St. Corban's such a special place. Our Board of Management continues to provide incredible leadership and care, and we are deeply grateful for their time, wisdom, and dedication. I also want to acknowledge our fantastic Parents' Association. Their tireless work and fundraising efforts have given our pupils countless fun experiences and lasting memories.

To the exceptional staff of St. Corban's – thank you, sincerely, for the passion, patience and dedication you show each day. The warm and caring atmosphere in our school is a direct result of the people who work here, and we are fortunate to have such a talented and generous team supporting our students both in the classroom and through extra-curricular life.

Thank you also to you, the parents and guardians, for your continued support and trust throughout the year. And of course, to our pupils – thank you for your good manners, kindness and cheerful spirit. You continue to make us all proud.

Looking ahead, we are filled with excitement as we continue preparations to welcome our very first junior infant girls in September 2026. A huge amount of planning is underway behind the scenes to ensure that each little girl will feel right at home from the very first day. Their arrival will bring a wonderful new chapter to our school's story, and we can't wait to meet them. We know that they will enrich an already warm and vibrant community. We're already looking forward to hosting our Open Night this September and will be in touch with more details after the summer.



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As always, we bid farewell to our Sixth Class pupils at this time of year. They leave us having contributed so much to school life and have grown into fine young people, ready to take on new adventures. They take with them our very best wishes and blessings.

We also say a fond goodbye to Mrs. Alice Kavanagh, one of our cherished SNAs, who retires this summer after 15 years of devoted service. Alice's gentle presence, compassion and unwavering support touched the lives of so many pupils and staff alike. Her warmth and kindness will be greatly missed, but we are thrilled for her as she begins this exciting new chapter. Go raibh míle maith agat, Alice – and every good wish for the road ahead.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all of our families for being such an important part of what makes St. Corban's the vibrant and caring place that it is. Your generosity, involvement, and encouragement are deeply appreciated.

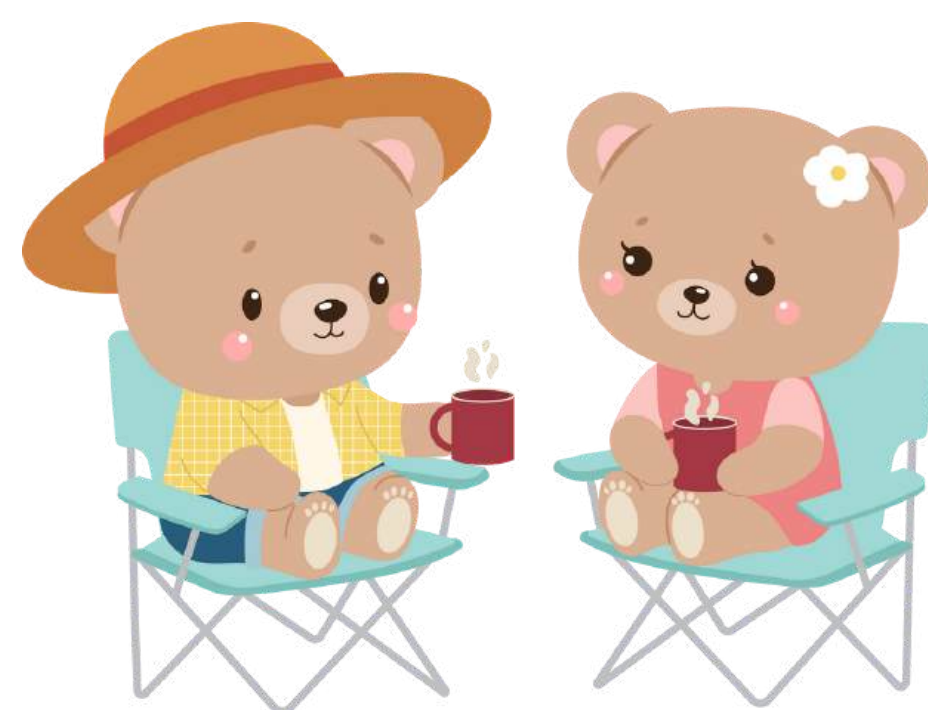
Wishing you all a joyful and restful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 1st September 2025.

Warm regards,  
John Drewett  
*On behalf of the Board of Management*





# JUNIOR INFANTS NEWS



What a fantastic year it has been for our Junior Infants! We have been busy learning and having fun all year. One of the highlights was exploring the fascinating topic of pasteurisation and learning all about the scientist Louis Pasteur. We even carried out an experiment to make our own butter – and it was absolutely delicious! We impressed everyone with our confident and creative show and tell presentations. We also enjoyed a special treat with a teddy bear picnic, where we had great fun blowing bubbles and playing with our favourite teddies. Our school tour to Playbarn was another big hit, providing hours of excitement and laughter. And to top it all off, our sports day was a brilliant way to celebrate a year full of learning, friendship, and fun. What a wonderful way to wrap up our very first year in school!





# SENIOR INFANTS NEWS



This term Senior Infants had lots of fun. We had our School Tour to Lullymore where we got to see lots of animals, and we even got to go on the zip line. Our favourite part of the tour was getting to sing all of our favourite songs on the train. We were learning all about Minibeasts, we even went on our own Minibeast hunt and found lots of different insects right here in our school. This term has been filled with lots of nice surprises. We really enjoyed our ice-cream and our fun run in the field. Our teddy bears even got to visit our class during our Teddy Bears Picnic. We are so excited for summer and we cannot wait to go into First Class next year.

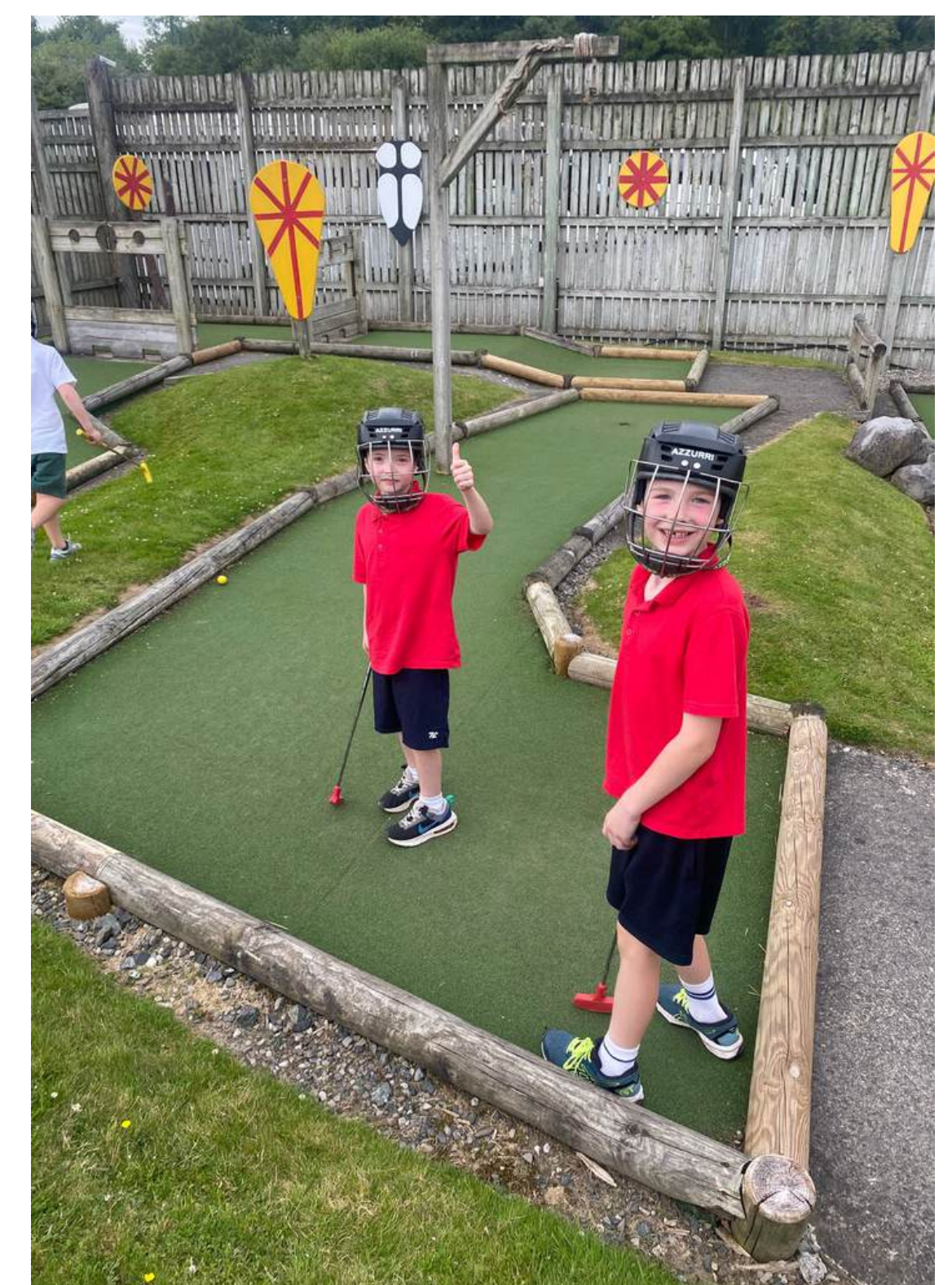




# FIRST CLASS NEWS



We had a busy last term. We completed our first Drumcondra Maths and English tests. We learnt all about summer and the seaside and learnt how to draw a sandcastle. We devoured our ice-creams that the PTA kindly bought for all the pupils and staff. We learnt all about the different forms of transport and bridges and in Science we had to build and design our own bridges using Lego, straws, toilet rolls, blocks. We are really looking forward to Sports Day and fingers crossed the weather will be on our side. Ms. Fitzsimons and Ms. McCarville's classes went swimming for this term. For our school tour, we went to Fort Lucan. We had a blast playing Crazy Golf, go-karting, climbing the pirate's ship, zip lining and playing in the sand. We have worked really hard this year and are looking forward to a well-earned rest over the summer.





# SECOND CLASS NEWS



Second Class had an exciting and memorable term filled with fun activities and special moments. One of the most important events was celebrating our Holy Communion, where we all dressed in our smart clothes and shared this special day with our families. We also enjoyed a pizza party as a tasty treat and were thrilled when the ice cream van visited the school on a sunny day! In art, we learnt about perspective, creating amazing drawings that looked 3D. In music, we explored body percussion, using claps, stomps, and snaps to make rhythms. Sports were a big highlight too, especially the annual hurling blitz, where we showed off our great skills and teamwork. The Second Class school tour was full of laughter and adventure, making wonderful memories with friends. To finish off the year, we had great fun taking part in a water fight out on the yard. It was a brilliant end to a brilliant year!





# THIRD CLASS NEWS



Third class had a great year this year. We had our first ever class league final, played on school teams, performed in Corban's Got Talent and put on a fun Christmas show. We visited Barker and Jones, took walks around the lake to the famine memorial and had our school tour in Sports Campus Ireland. We've learnt chess and Google Classroom, we've danced and sang and played and grown. We look forward to our fourth class adventures as we become the senior boys in the school.





# FOURTH CLASS NEWS



The boys from fourth class have worked really hard over the last couple of months. In history we learnt lots of new facts. This month we covered the Ancient Greeks and Legends and the History of Transport. In geography, we have learnt about the main Tourist Attractions in Ireland. In Science we have learnt about plants and flowers. In PE, we really enjoyed taking part in the soccer tournament. We also wrote wonderful pieces on Explanation Writing in English. We went to Fort Lucan for our School Tour. We really enjoyed the tour and we were very lucky with the weather.





# FIFTH CLASS NEWS



Fifth Class have had a busy and exciting few weeks full of learning, creativity, and fun! In History, we explored the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt and created fantastic projects that blended knowledge and artistic flair. In Science, the force of gravity sparked hands-on experiments and lively discussions. We also built our own catapults and held yard competitions to see whose design launched the furthest!

Literacy took a persuasive turn as we developed our debating skills through structured arguments, building confidence in speaking and listening. We also enjoyed two thrilling novels—*Stormbreaker* and *Kensuke's Kingdom*—that kept us turning pages. In Maths, we tackled capacity, chance, and algebra, with chance experiments like coin flipping and dice rolling proving especially popular.

Taking advantage of the summer weather, we went on mini-beast hunts around the school field, using pooters and nets to collect and examine insects and bugs. The School Fun Run was a huge hit—Fifth Class showed great spirit and even outran our teachers! There were plenty of smiles when the ice cream van arrived in early May.



Our school tour was a major highlight, with laser tag, bowling, and a soft play course providing non-stop fun. Sports fans loved the competitive spirit of our soccer and class league tournaments—congratulations to Ms. Jones and Mr. Dineen on their big wins! A huge well done to fifth Class for your hard work, enthusiasm, and energy throughout the year. We're so proud of all you've achieved—what a memorable term it's been!



# SIXTH CLASS NEWS



As the school year ends, our 6th Class pupils can look back with pride on a final term full of learning, laughter, and lasting memories.

In English, we developed our persuasive writing skills, while Gaeilge lessons were filled with drama, fun, and enthusiasm—maith sibh! Maths focused on Shape, Chance, and Data through engaging, hands-on tasks like probability games and graph-making. In SESE, we completed Europe Projects, showcasing different cultures, foods, and landmarks. Science brought Forces and Space to life with lively experiments that sparked curiosity and excitement.

Art saw creativity flourish through Graduation Booklet designs and impressive clay Terracotta Warriors. Music filled the air as we prepared Graduation Songs and played traditional tunes on the tin whistle with pride.

PE was packed with action—class leagues, orienteering, silent soccer and rounders, water fights, and more. Congratulations to Ms. Mangan's A Team and Mr. Hartnett's B Team for their league victories!



Special events made the term even more memorable: the Chess Tournament, Naas Sports Centre Soccer Tournament, and our thrilling Redhills tour. Back at school, ping-pong tournaments, class parties, and the Graduation Ceremony and presentations marked a joyful farewell. The Gaelic Football 'B' Blitz, Student Council Soccer Tournament, Sports Day, and Medal Presentation wrapped things up on a high. As we say goodbye, we want to take a moment to recognise the hard work, kindness, and enthusiasm shown by every member of sixth Class. You've been role models in the school, and we know you'll continue to shine in the years ahead. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh.



# SPORTS NEWS



## First and Second Class Blitz

Pupils from first and second class represented St. Corban's in a hurling blitz in Naas GAA in June. Both teams played matches against Scoil Bhríde and Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh. The boys had a brilliant day and represented our school wonderfully. Well done boys!



## U13B In House Blitz

An U13B in house school blitz was played on Monday 23rd of June. This involved approximately sixty students from fourth and fifth class. The boys played in four teams - Kildare, Laois, Longford and Kerry. It was a competitive and fun-filled day, enjoyed by all teachers and students involved!





# SPORTS NEWS



## St. Corban's Chess Competition



The Annual St. Corban's Chess competition was held recently, with one hundred and forty two pupils from third to sixth class taking part. The boys played their matches outside, making the most of the fine weather while showing great concentration and respect for the game.



After a number of well-played rounds, Jacob in sixth Class emerged as the overall winner. Congratulations to him on a well-deserved result.



Well done to all who took part and thank you to the teachers who helped organise the event. It was a positive experience for everyone involved.



## U10 Football

Congratulations to our U10 football team who were victorious in the Division one Cumann na mBunscol final, overcoming a strong Scoil Bhríde side from Naas at Moorefield GAA.

Despite rain and strong winds, the boys showed skill, determination, and teamwork making a strong start and built an important lead. Scoil Bhríde pushed hard to close the gap but our boys dug deep and defended bravely to hold on for a memorable win.

Well done to everyone and thank you to the teachers who guided and supported the team throughout the competition. A fantastic achievement – we are all very proud of you!



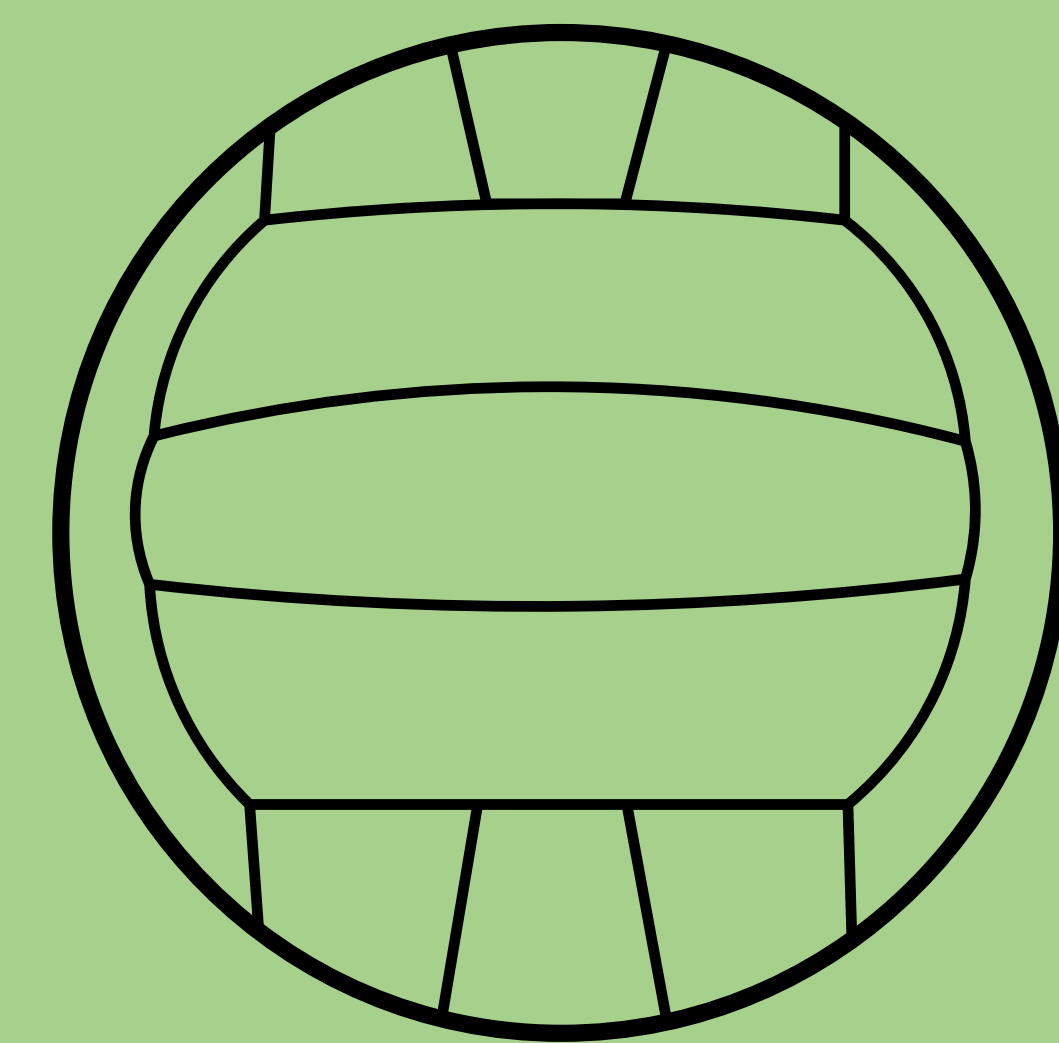


# SPORTS NEWS



## Tennis

There were serves and smiles all round at The Naas Schools Social Tennis Event in May. The event took place at Naas Lawn Tennis Club and it was a smash hit! The pupils who were accompanied by Ms. Delaney had a ball and made lovely memories both on and off the court. A fun and fantastic day of fun and forehands.



## U13 Gaelic Football Team

Excellent year with the U13 football team. They were successful and reached the division one final! They played a strong team from Scoil Phádraig, Clane. It was a wet and windy day in Hawkfield and the St. Corban's boys gave everything that they had and fought hard until the final whistle. Unfortunately, it was not our day. The boys should be proud of their hard work, commitment and efforts this year.





# MISCELLANEOUS



## School Choir

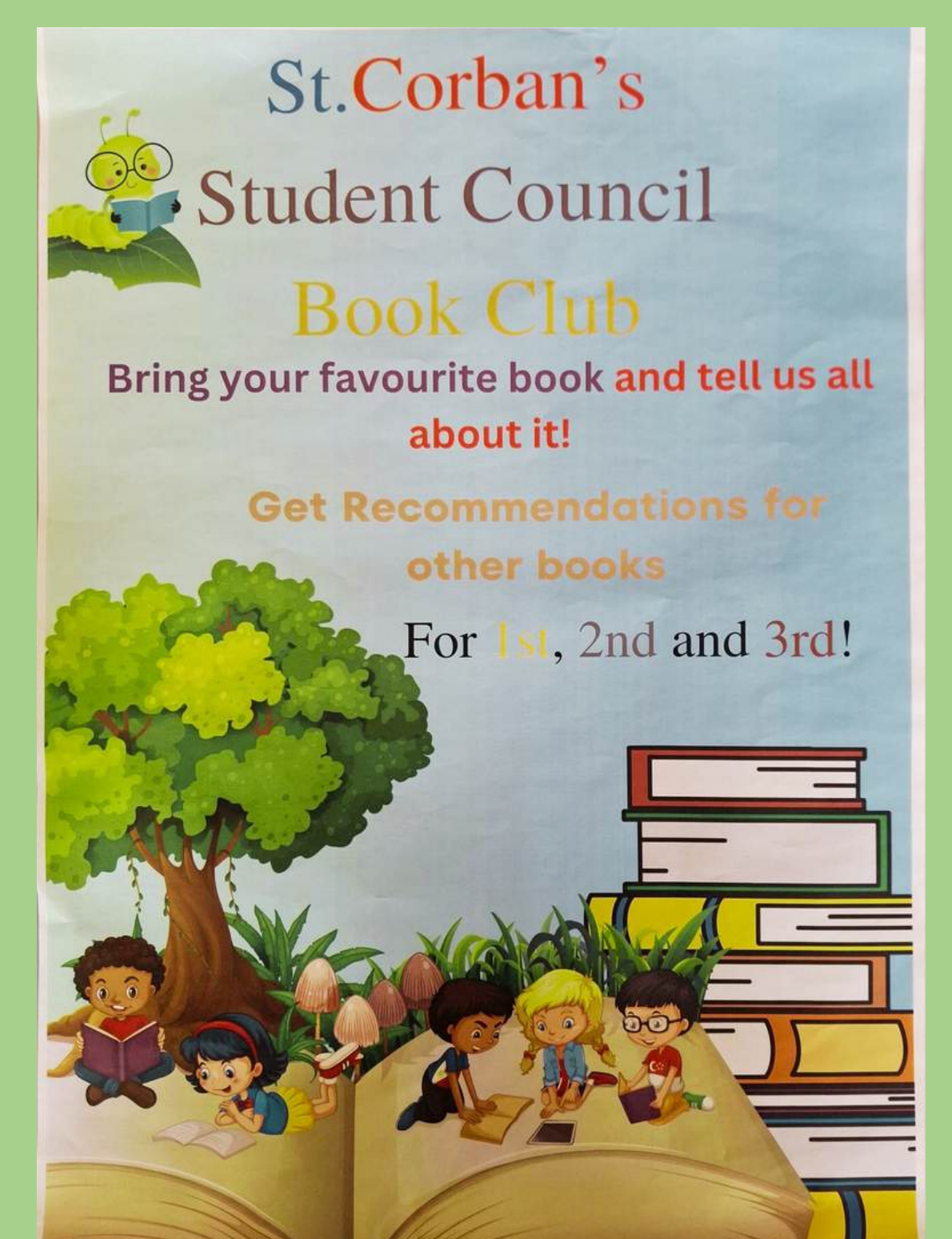
The school choir did an end of year performance for the pupils in Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Classes in the school hall. They performed the songs Shine A Light, Stargazing, Best Days of our Lives, APT, Filthy Rich, Up and Up and Riptide. Well done to all the choir members for their commitment and hard work throughout this school year.



## St. Corban's Student Council Book Club



This year over eighty boys from first to third class took part in the first Student Council Book Club. There were great discussions about many interesting books. The Student Council gave great recommendations for books from a wide range of genres. Well done to all who participated.



## Corban's Got Talent

On June 16th, the school hall buzzed with excitement for Corban's Got Talent, a joyful celebration of creativity and courage. Pupils impressed with singing, dancing, comedy, hula hoop tricks, and musical talent, while classmates cheered each act with enthusiasm. The judges had a tough task with such a fantastic variety of performances. Congratulations to Kiaan, Ollie and Eddie, Caolán, James, Luke, and Sebastian, whose standout acts earned them the win. Well done to everyone for making it such a memorable event!



# MISCELLANEOUS



## Curious Minds

We celebrated a very special occasion in June as our pupils were presented with the Curious Minds Gold Award. This award was so well-deserved as the pupils had put in a huge amount of work throughout the year, experiencing a great variety of STEM activities under the guidance of Ms. Ahern. We were delighted to welcome James Lawless, TD and Minister for Higher Education, Science, Innovation and Research. Also with us for the occasion were Emma Jones from Curious Minds and Dr. Peter Clifford from Science Foundation Ireland. A wonderful occasion and a fantastic achievement.



## Medal Presentation

We were delighted to welcome Frank Bass from Confey, Darragh Melville from Leixlip and past pupil James Burke, Joe McDonagh Cup winners, to our annual Medal Presentation in June. Well done to them on their fantastic win and also to our own pupils who were presented with their own medals and cups for great wins this year. A great honour to have the lads for our presentation. We are very proud of everyone and of this long-standing tradition in our school.





# MISCELLANEOUS



## Fun Run

Our wonderful Wellbeing Committee organised a fantastic Fun Run for our pupils in June. It was wonderful for us all to be on our pitch together for this great event. Even some teachers took part.



## Ice-cream, you Scream...

There were lots of happy faces, both staff and pupils, the day the ice-cream van arrived into our school yard. On behalf of us all, thank you so much to the fabulous Parents' Association for organising this lovely surprise and for your tireless work throughout the year to enhance our school experience.



We would like to thank the Board of Management and the Parents' Association for their ongoing and invaluable support and contributions to the school.