

Welcome to our school's newsletter for September/October 2025-2026. It has been a busy time since September and an action-packed two months. Take a look at our news and events at St. Corban's this year to date. Check out our school's instagram page for more of our highlights also.



We are excited to be enrolling girls as well as boys in September 2026. We are busy preparing for this new and exciting chapter in the Corban's Story.

Our Wonderful Open Night

Our Open Night was held on Monday 6th October and was a great success. We were delighted to welcome both current and prospective new families to our school community. A special highlight of the evening was the contribution from our students, who confidently presented on a range of topics that showcased the vibrant life of our school. They spoke about the use of digital technologies in our classrooms, the variety of extra curricular activities available to pupils, and the engaging ways we explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) through hands-on learning and creativity.

We are very proud of our students for representing the school with maturity and enthusiasm. Their presentations reflected not only what they have learned but also the spirit of curiosity and collaboration that makes our school community so special. Thank you to all the families who attended.

The enrolment application for Junior Infants closed on 24th of October 2025.

We are looking forward to warmly welcome the girls, and our first mixed class of both girls and boys - who will join our school in September 2026, marking history and an exciting new chapter of our school community.

JUNIOR INFANTS NEWS



MS. MCDERMOTT'S JUNIOR INFANTS



MS. MCCORMACK'S JUNIOR INFANTS

Junior Infants have had a wonderful start to the school year. The children have been busy learning about sounds, sets, patterns, and time. They've also enjoyed discovering more about autumn and hedgehogs. Alongside all of this great learning, the classes have been focusing on the importance of kindness and being a good friend to everyone. We are so proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm in Junior Infants!



SENIOR INFANTS NEWS



What a busy and exciting term it's been for our Senior Infants!

We kicked things off with a wonderful Autumn Walk to Lakelands, where the children became little nature explorers. They collected colourful leaves, acorns, and conkers.



We also had a very special author visit from Suzy Duffy and United Tales of America. The children loved hearing her stories and learning all about what it's like to be an author.

In Science, things got a bit bubbly and bright as we created our very own Lava Lamp Monsters! The children were fascinated watching the colours swirl and mix as they brought their monster creations to life.

FIRST CLASS NEWS



First Class have had a very busy first two months of this school year. They have been learning loads of new things from addition tables for the very first time, to learning about the five senses, autumn, what school was like in the past, 2-D shapes, ball and basketball skills, the composer Antoni Vivaldi and much more. They made fabulous pieces of Art, including Autumnal and Hallowe'en Art, following their autumn walk around the lakes. Author Suzy Duffy came to visit the First Classes and read her book, 'The Maine Migglenut' to the boys. They then had the opportunity to have a Q & A with Suzy after.



SECOND CLASS NEWS



This autumn, 2nd Class have been busy learning and creating! In Maths, the children have been exploring place value and learning all about 2-D shapes. They even used their creativity to make some fantastic place value creations, showing off what they've learned in a fun and colourful way.

In English, the boys have been practising how to put words in alphabetical order and using question marks and commas correctly in their writing. Their reading and writing skills are really coming along beautifully. The 2nd Classes have also started cursive writing and are very proud of how neat our handwriting is becoming!



As part of their SESE work, the children have been learning all about autumn. They went on an autumn walk around the school grounds to spot the signs of autumn- from colourful leaves to shiny conkers. Everyone enjoyed being nature detectives for the day! In Gaeilge, we've been practising new phrases and songs about an fómhar and talking about the weather each day. In Art, they explored the colours of autumn leaves and made seasonal artwork to brighten up our classroom. During our Go Phone Free week, the boys brainstormed how they can spend less time on screens and more time playing, reading, and enjoying time with our families. Well done to 2nd Class for their wonderful learning and enthusiasm!



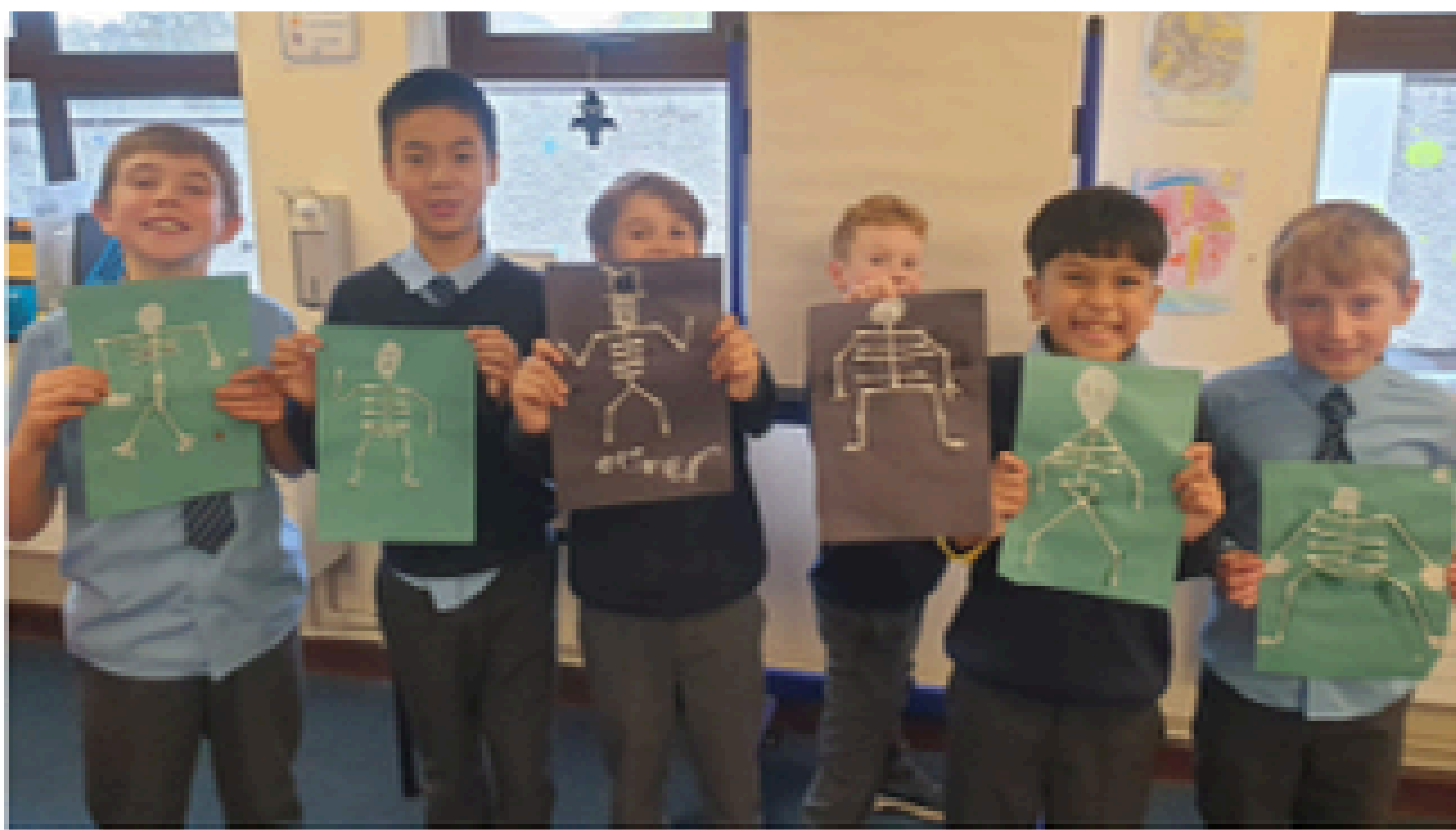
THIRD CLASS NEWS



We've had a busy and exciting start to Third Class, working hard and learning lots of new things! We've tackled multiplication, explored the fascinating world of the Aztecs, and learned about Mexico. In poetry, we had fun experimenting with and making our own Cinquain and Acrostic poems.

In D.L.P., we've been practising our script handwriting and writing about ourselves, including sharing memories of our best holidays. We also created a pastel drawing of Naas Ball, which was a fun art project.

To get into the Hallowe'en spirit, we've been practising 'Oíche Shamhna', as Gaeilge, and making funny skeletons. We've stayed active by swimming and working on our running and throwing skills. We have also been setting up our Google Classroom accounts in the Computer Room, preparing for the year ahead!



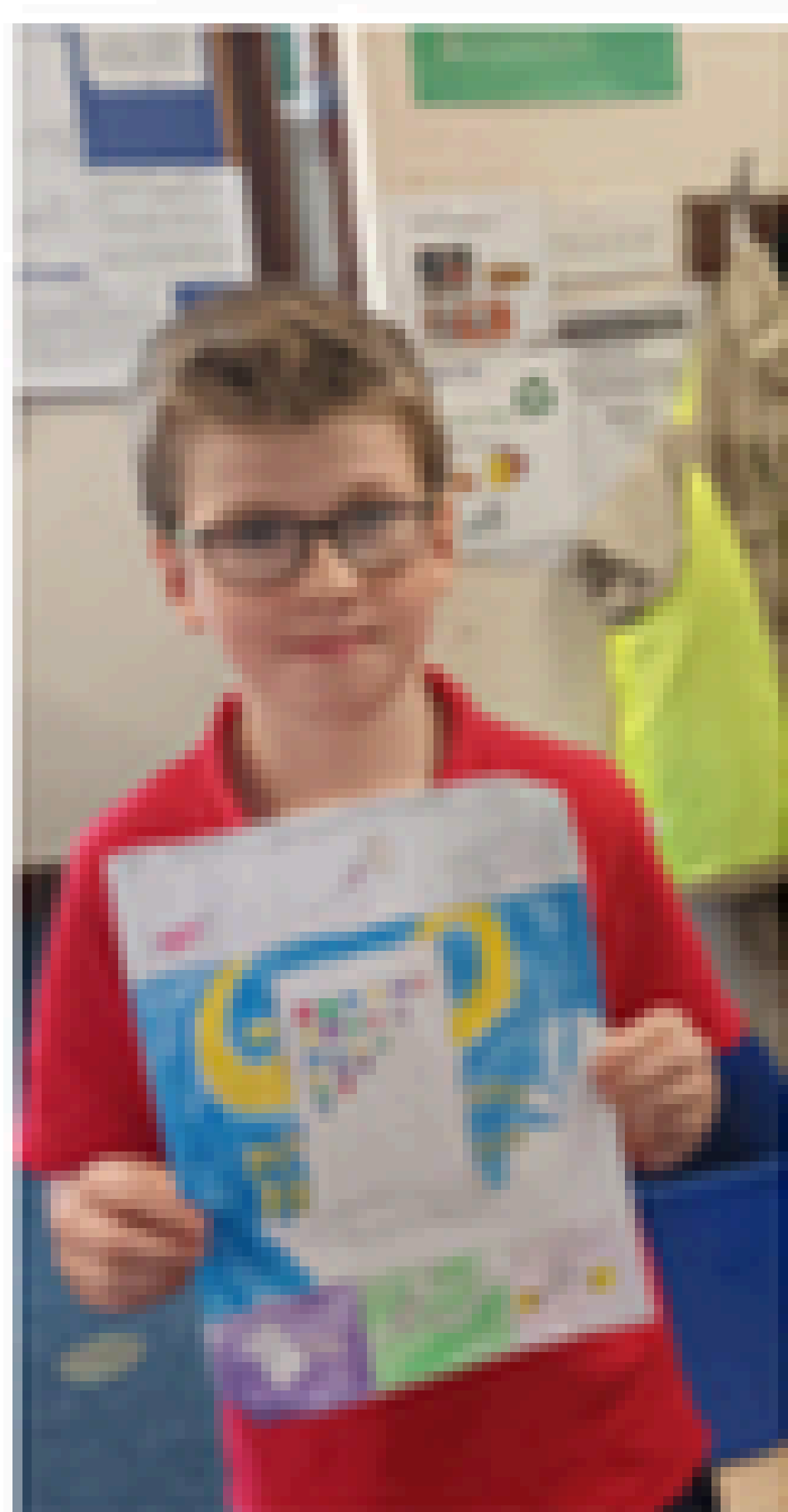
FOURTH CLASS NEWS



The boys have been working hard in 4th class. In science they have learnt about the respiratory system and floating and sinking. They are also building a small boat that will float. In history, they have learnt about the The Great Flood in Australia. They also learned about the history of St. Corban's School and Edmund Rice. In geography, the children learned about Australia and their own local area, Naas.



In art, the boys have just completed lovely posters to encourage students to go phone free. In English, the boys wrote very good recounts on the infamous outlaw, Ned Kelly. They also learnt about Limericks in poetry. The boys recently enjoyed the local garda visiting them to discuss Halloween safety.



FIFTH CLASS NEWS



This term, 5th Class learned all about the Great Famine in History. The boys took part in a Famine Walk and visited a former famine workhouse, right on our doorstep, and created some wonderful Famine-inspired art pieces. They also explored famine around the world, comparing past and present situations. In Geography and History, they learned about Native American life and made beautiful dream catchers in Art to complement their studies.

In Science, the boys carried out experiments on starch, testing different foods to see which contained it. In P.E., they focused on athletics, working on running, jumping, and throwing skills.



The fifth class explored new strategies in Maths and succeeded in extending their new mathematical skills into other areas such as art, when they used lines and angles to create perspective paintings. In Gaeilge, the boys enjoyed learning the theme 'Mé Féin', while in Music, they learned and performed the song, 'The Fields of Athenry'.

It's been a busy and creative term full of learning and fun.

SIXTH CLASS NEWS



The boys in Sixth Class have had an exciting and action-packed start to the school year! Settling in quickly with their new teachers, they've embraced the busy days, making the last two months fly by.

In English, the class has been captivated by 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', tying in their studies of World War 11 and the history of Germany. Their curiosity and empathy shone through as they explored this challenging part of history.

Creativity has been flourishing in Art, where the boys have shown impressive skills! From constructing playdough brains to exploring blind portrait drawing, their imagination and collaboration were in full swing. They even tried their hands using oil pastels, producing wonderful pieces to showcase their talent.



P.E. sessions were a highlight for many, with boys jumping into swimming and working on their athletics skills. Whether in the pool or on the track, their enthusiasm and energy were unstoppable!



In Maths, they've been diving deep into number theory, place value, operations, and fractions, laying the groundwork for the months ahead. Their focus and determination have set a strong place for the year.

SIXTH CLASS NEWS CONTINUED



Many of the boys from 6th Class represented our school excellently during our Open Night on October 6th. The students worked as tour guides and carried out various demonstrations in classrooms. They were bursting with pride to show off their school and talents.

On October 13th, our school was honoured with a visit from a guest speaker named Reuben, with his newest comedy show! The boys learnt all about the Go Phone Free initiative and explored the impact of using phones.

Language learning has also been front and centre. With two languages already under their belts, the boys have eagerly began learning French with Ms. C Mangan, where their linguistic abilities are further stretched and developed.



On October 21st, the 6th Class boys, alongside of the school welcomed Garda Shane in to speak about Hallowe'en Safety. The boys learned about keeping safe on Hallowe'en and had the opportunity to ask Garda Shane some interesting questions.

For the Confirmation candidates, the preparation for their spiritual journey is well underway. The boys are gearing up for their retreat on November 12th, a key milestone as they approach this important event in their lives.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The Breakfast Club for Junior Infants to 6th Class pupils brings students together to enjoy a nutritious start to their day. The boys have enjoyed toast, cereal and juice. After breakfast, the children get the opportunity to play with toys and meet with friends.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A programme of paid After-school Activities, including Chess, STEM, Homework Club, LEGO Club, Football, Table-Tennis, Coding Club, Modern Languages Club are now all up and running for 8 weeks, since the end of September and will commence until 27th of November. There was a huge demand for places when we released the links for parents to sign up their sons for the clubs. For those who were disappointed because they missed out on a place on their chosen Club, we are hoping that more Clubs will be organised for after Christmas. Information to follow. Here is our time-table of the After School Clubs until the end of November.



St. Carban's B.N.S. After School Activities (September 29th - November 27th)



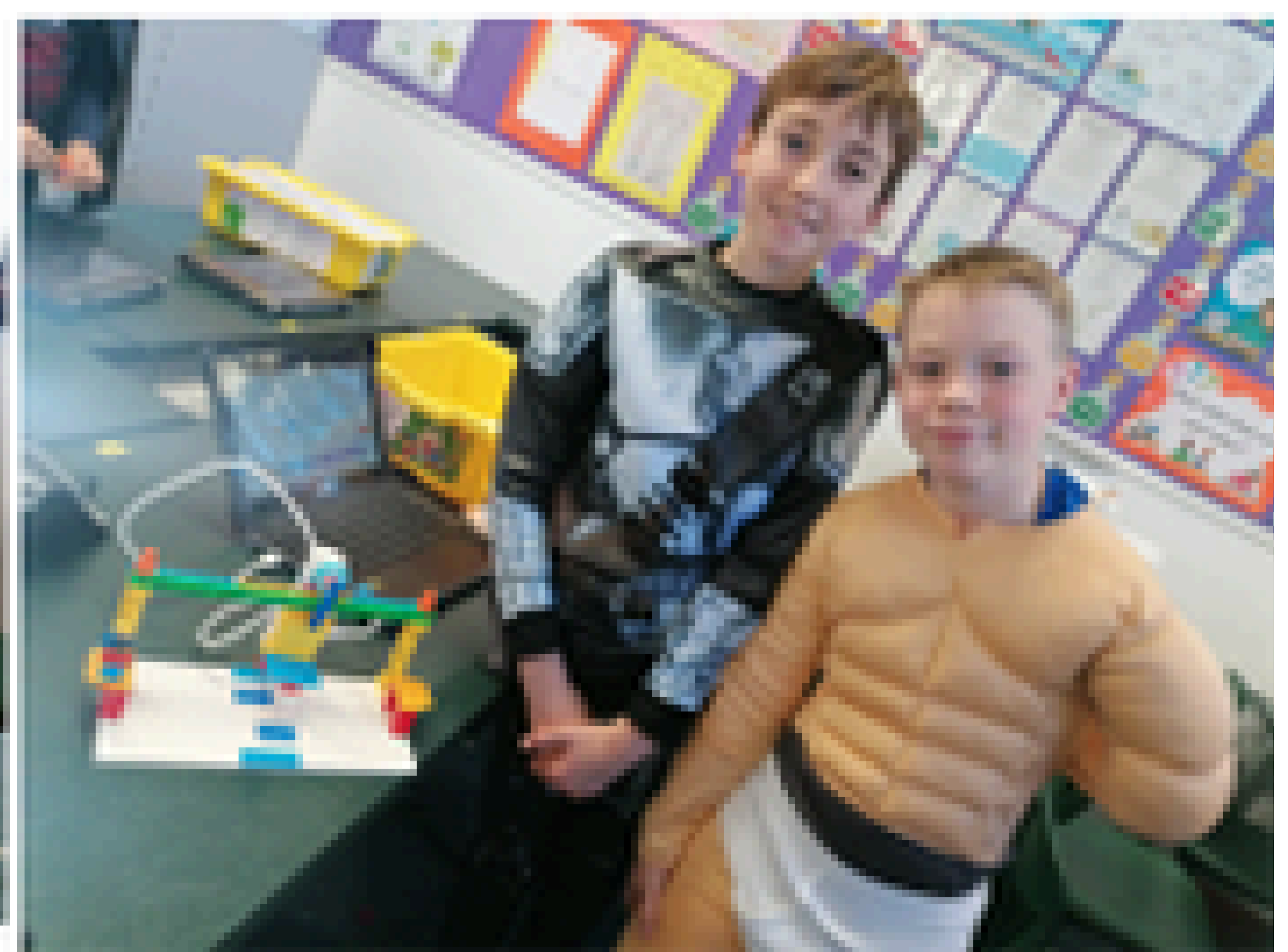
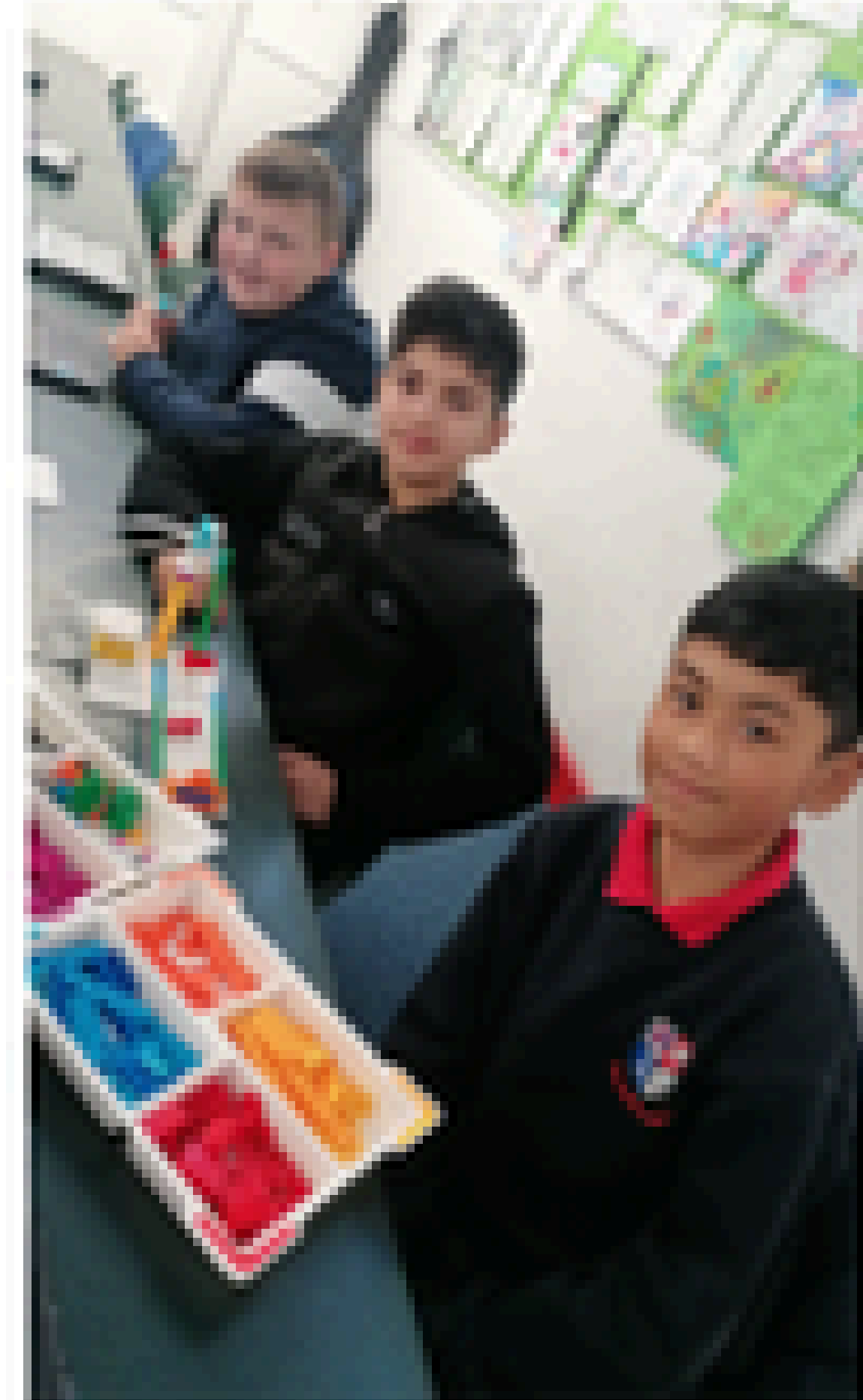
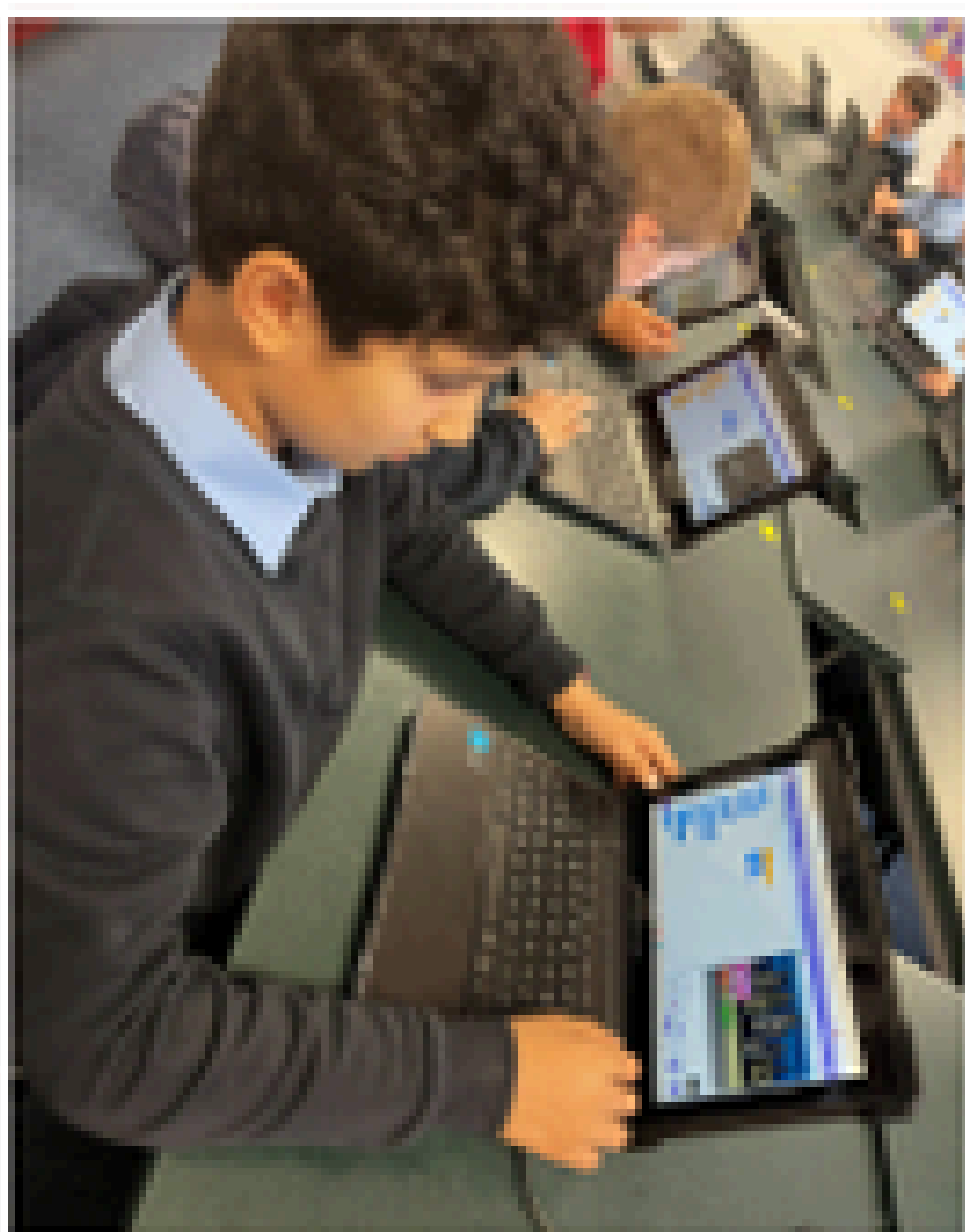
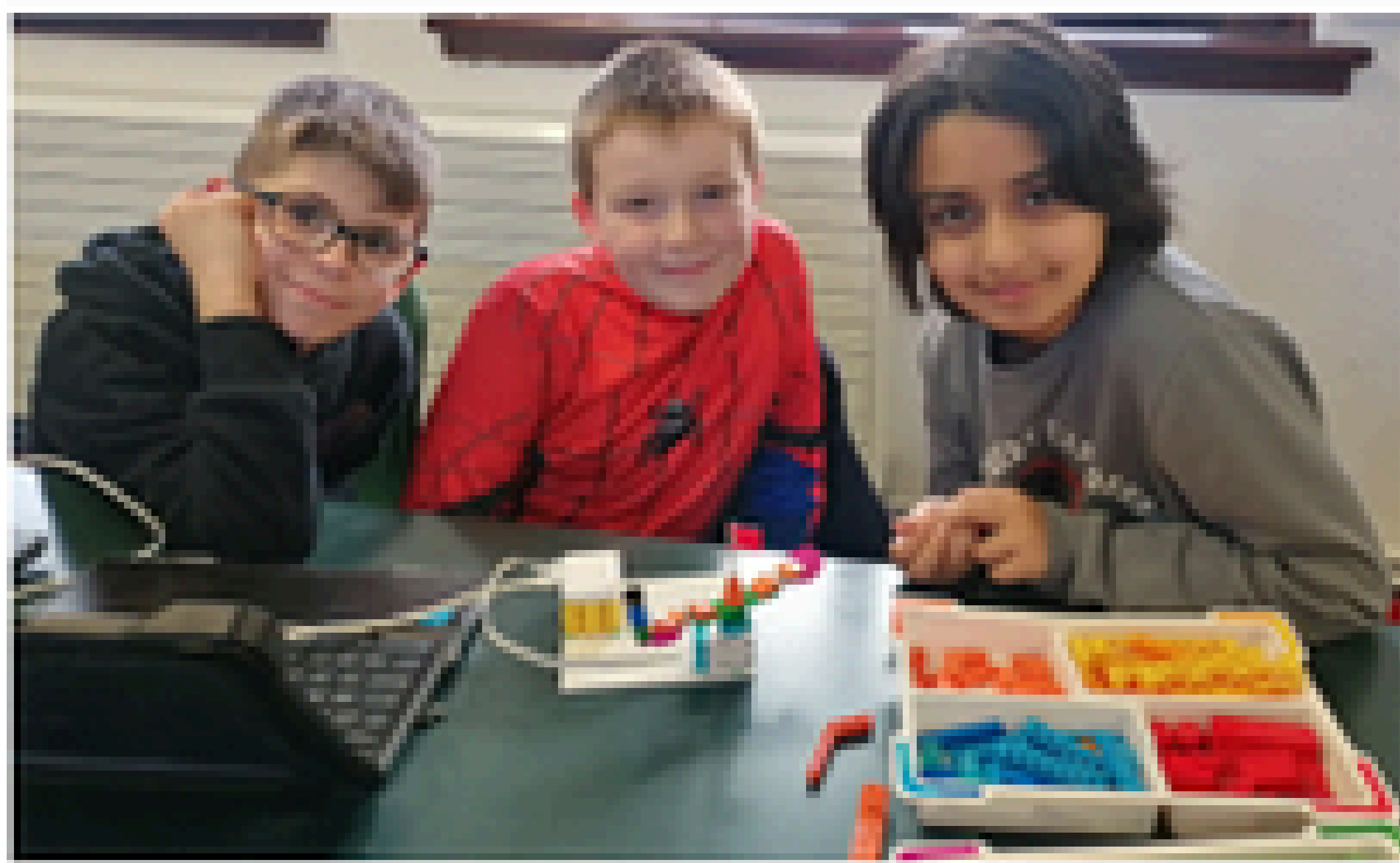
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Club (1st- 6th) 	STEM Club (4th - 6th) 	Homework Club (1st - 6th) 	Modern Languages Club (2nd - 6th Class)
Chess Club (4th - 6th Class) 	Homework Club (1st -6th) 	Lego Club (1st - 3rd Class) 	Coding Club (4th - 6th Class)
Football (1st- 3rd Class) 	Table Tennis (4th-6th) 	Choir (already booked out) 	

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CODING CLUB

Our Coding Club is back again this year with pupils from 4th -6th Classes enjoying coding with a range of tools and platforms. In the past few weeks, the boys have been focusing and enjoying 'Scratch', a high-level block-based visual programming language and online coding platform. The children have demonstrated and showcased their creations and coding skills by creating their own games, interactive stories, projects and animations. We look forward in seeing more of this creativity and problem-solving skills after the mid-term break as we will delve into other coding tools such as LEGO Spike, Bee-bots and Microbits. The children have shown great enthusiasm and excitement to learn, share and work collaboratively in building on their coding and digital skills to the next level.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



STUDENT DIGITAL LEARNING TEAM 2025-2026

Our Student Digital Learning Team have been busy ensuring that our chromebooks, ipads and all things digital are being used safely to enhance our digital skills further.



SCHOOL CHOIR

The school choir is back up and running for the school year. The boys are currently rehearsing for their big performance in the 2026 Peace Proms in the RDS Dublin on the 8th of February 2026.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



PREFECTS 2025-2026

Prefects have been selected from 4th to 6th classes this year. They carry out many roles of responsibility in helping and assisting other children on the school yard, helping others to adhere to the safety rules on the yard and in the classrooms on wet days. They often escort children to first aid or simply offer a helping hand when required. They take great pride ringing the bell after break and lunch times each day. We are so proud of the work of our Prefects each year and already we can see that our current prefects are responsible and reliable young men and will no doubt continue to be so throughout the rest of the school year.



SPORTS NEWS



ST.CORBAN'S U11 HURLING

The St. Corban's U11 Hurling team have displayed great attitude, strength, skill and teamwork, on their journey to the county final. It remains a huge honour for the boys to represent our school at this level.



Playing against friends from a nearby school added extra excitement to the league and the final, as many of the boys played together on the same Naas team. In the matches our boys have shown fierce competition but also great friendship and amazing sportsmanship. St. Corban's are proud to continue their strong hurling tradition as they had another memorable day on the field.

SPORTS NEWS



ST. CORBAN'S U11 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Our St. Corban's Under-11 football team were crowned champions after a strong win against Scoil Bríde from Kill.



It was a true team performance from start to finish. Oisín Fitzpatrick was solid in goal, making some vital saves. The full back line of Cillian and Eamon kept things tight at the back, while Tom, Felix, and Zach worked tirelessly across the half-back line.

In midfield, Sam and Jack covered every blade of grass, setting up attacks and defending superbly. Up front, Peter, Ciarán, and Finn linked up well with Conor and Sergiu to keep the scoreboard ticking.

Jack and Felix got the team off to a great start with two early goals, while Felix and Conor added two fine points in the first half. In the second half, inspirational scores from Tom and Jack helped seal a memorable victory for St. Corban's.

It was a real panel effort, with strong contributions from both Finns, Karl, Max, Darragh, Sam, Evan, Sebastian, Matthew, Archie, Luke, Louie, and Leo.

A big thank you to Ms. Perkins, Mr. Dineen, and Mr. Smyth for their work and support with the team.

MISCELLANEOUS



VISIT FROM GARDA SHANE SMYTH

Our community Garda, Shane Smyth visited our school to talk with the boys about being safe during Hallowe'en. He discussed the different ways for children to keep themselves safe. A huge thank you to our Community Garda Shane for all his work in our school and our community.



Say Yes to Languages

Our French classes are back up and running this year. Facilitated by Ms. C.Mangan and Ms. Delaney, the boys in 5th have been learning lots of French.



DIGITAL LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN THE COMPUTER ROOM

The children enjoy learning on the ipads and chromebooks, whether it is working on Google Classroom, on educational apps, touch typing, or researching on projects. They also have fun learning coding skills on Scratch, Beebots, Lego Spike and Micro-bits.



MISCELLANEOUS



PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

The Parent-Teacher Meetings for First Class to Sixth Class will be held from **Monday 17th November to Thursday 20th November 2025**. Your son's teacher will be in contact with you after Halloween to book a time slot for the meetings through Aladdin. These meetings are face-to-face meetings in the school.

The Parent-Teacher Meetings for Junior Infants & Senior Infants will be held from **Mon 19th January to Thursday 22nd January 2026**. Your son's teacher will be in contact with you after Christmas to book a time slot for the meetings through Aladdin. These meetings are face-to-face meetings in the school.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

We have sent home a Christmas Shoebox Appeal leaflet to every child. The digital leaflet and videos can be found online at www.teamhope.ie. We'd encourage the boys to bring in their Christmas Shoeboxes by **Friday 7th November** to allow for collection and avoid disappointment. We'd ask to ensure that you wrap the box and lid separately, and put an elastic band around the box. A donation of 5 euro is required to cover postage. We thank all the boys and their families for contributing to this worthy cause.

TEAM HOPE
Helping vulnerable children overseas

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

About Team Hope

Team Hope is an Irish, Christian, International Development Charity working to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa.

Team Hope works to bring positive long term change through our annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal AND our Sustainable Development Projects.

Aida
8 years old
Malawi

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



Spooktacular Hallowe'en Walk

Our wonderful Student Council organised a Hallowe'en Walk for pupils on Thursday 23rd October as a fundraiser for our school. All pupils were invited to dress up for a walk around the lakes. All money collected will go towards school reconfiguration expenses to purchase new girl-friendly resources in preparation for the infant girls joining us in September 2026. Thanks to everyone for their donations. Check out our Instagram for photos and videos from the walk.

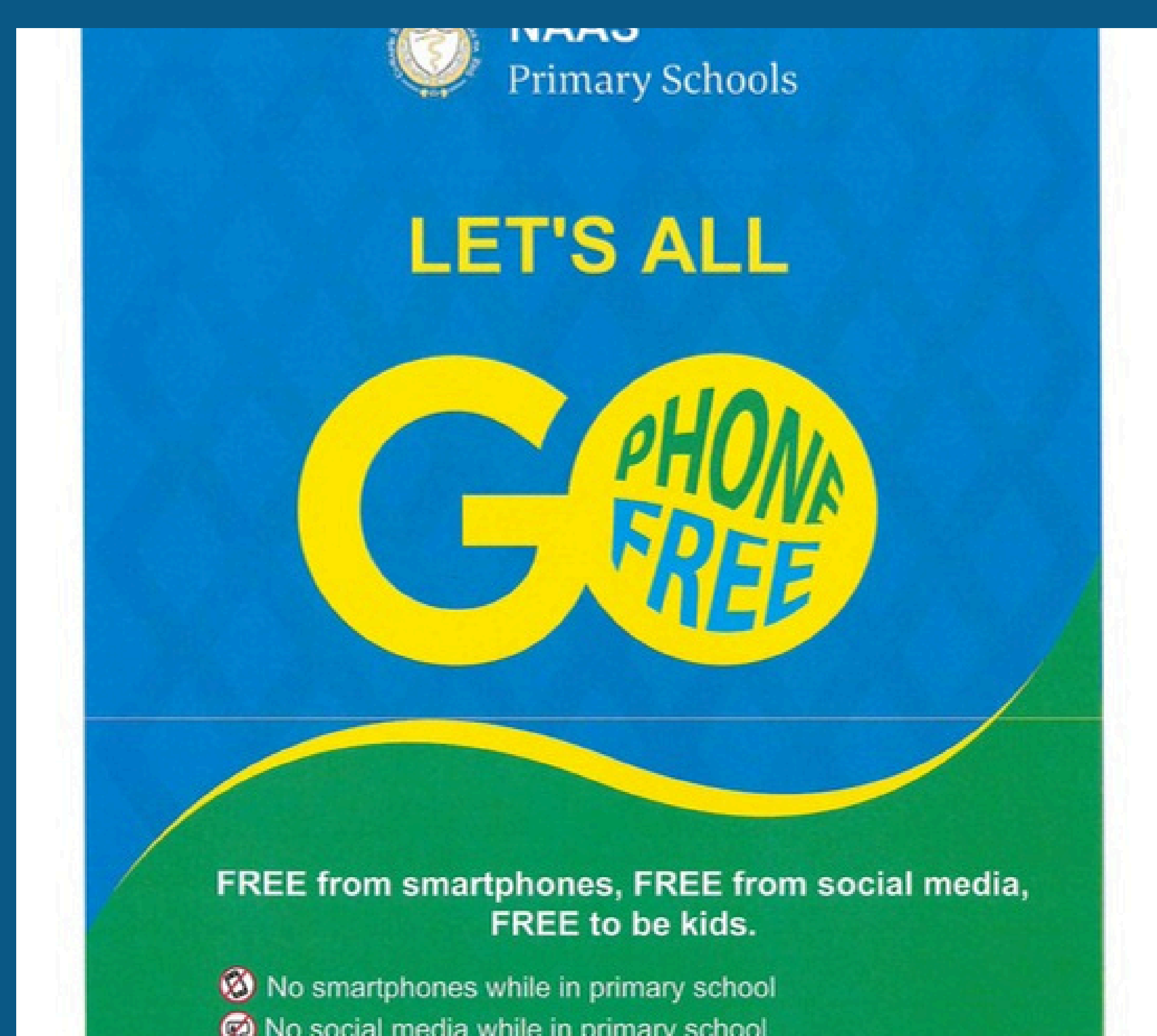


PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

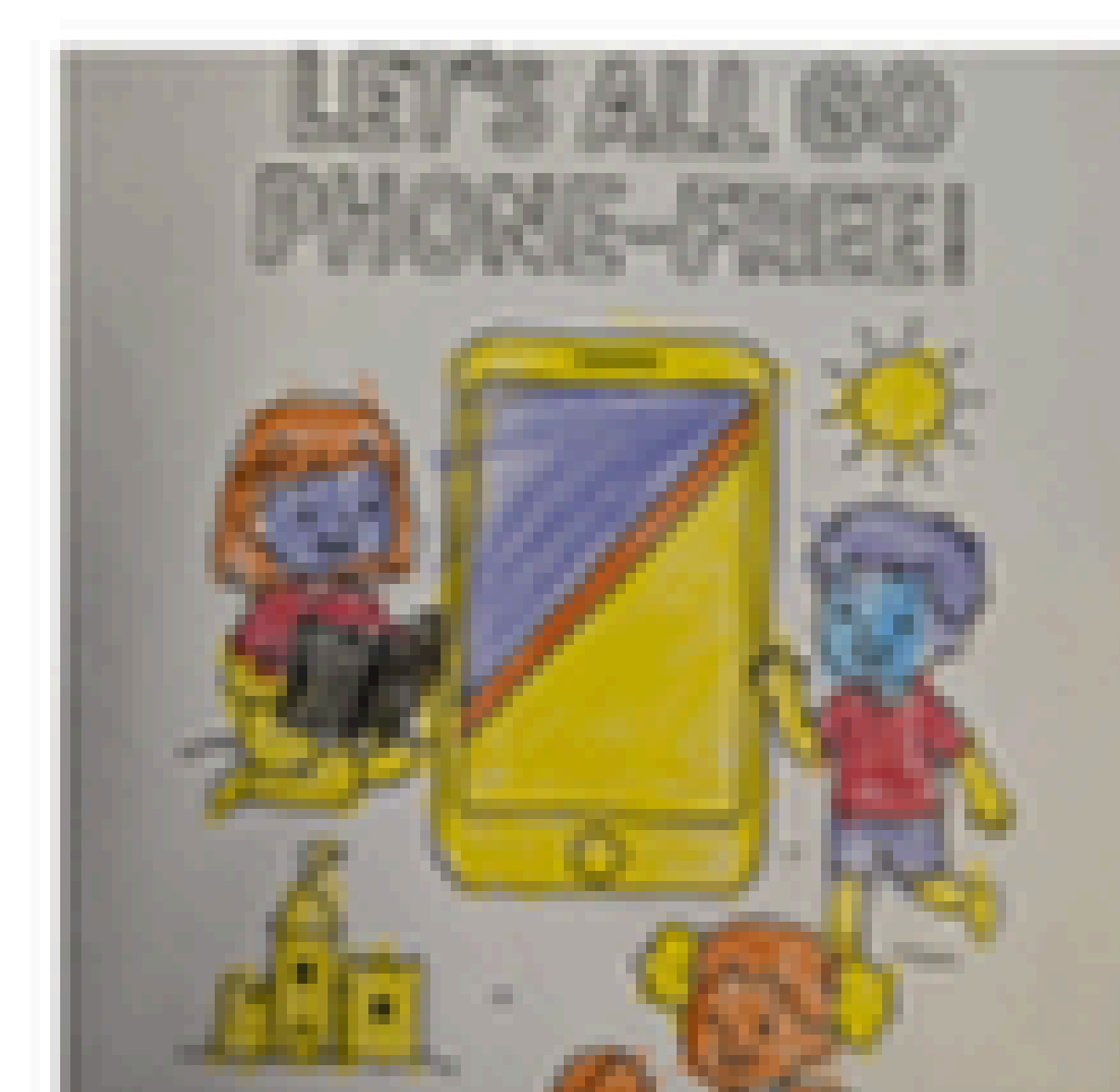
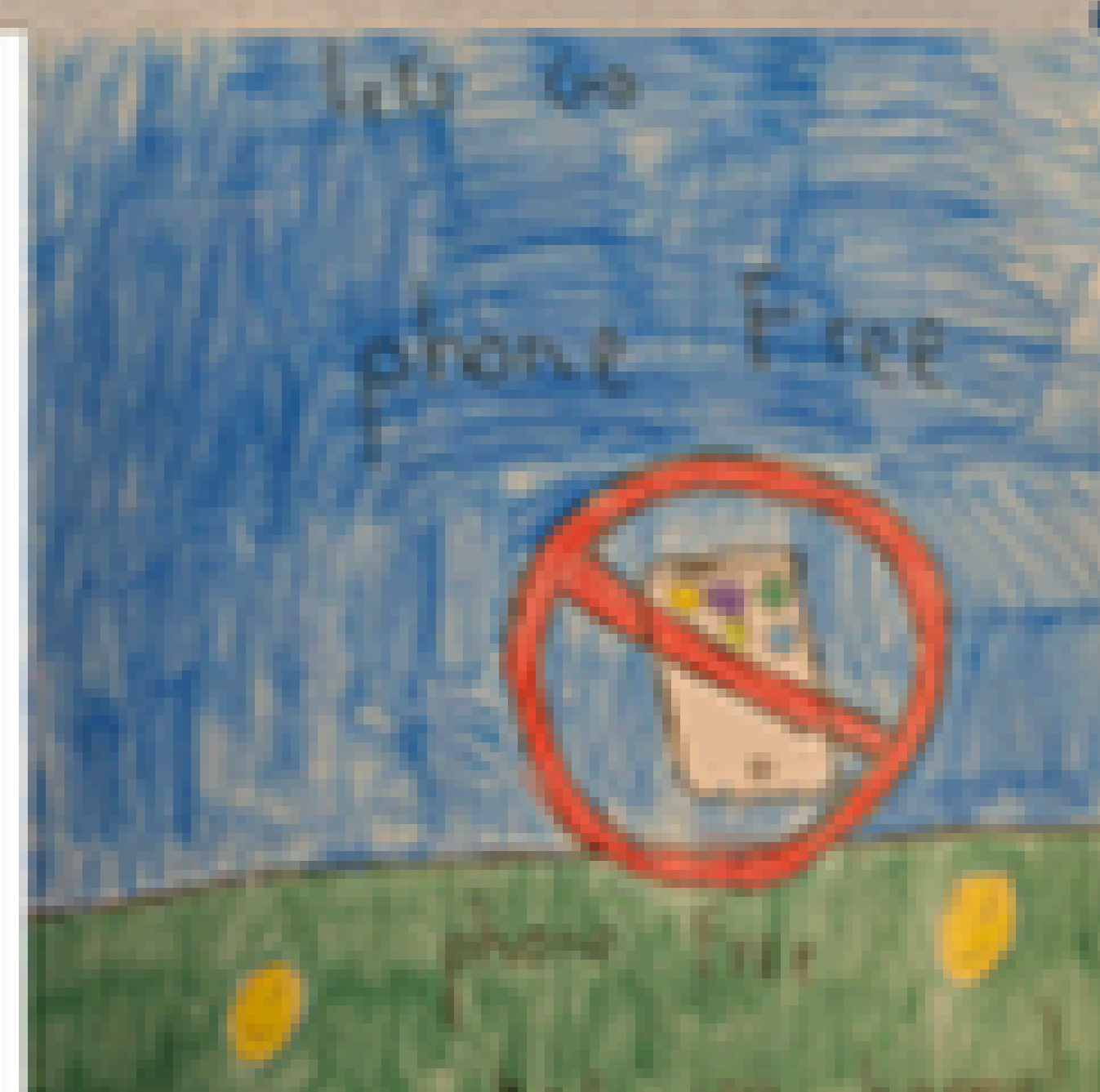
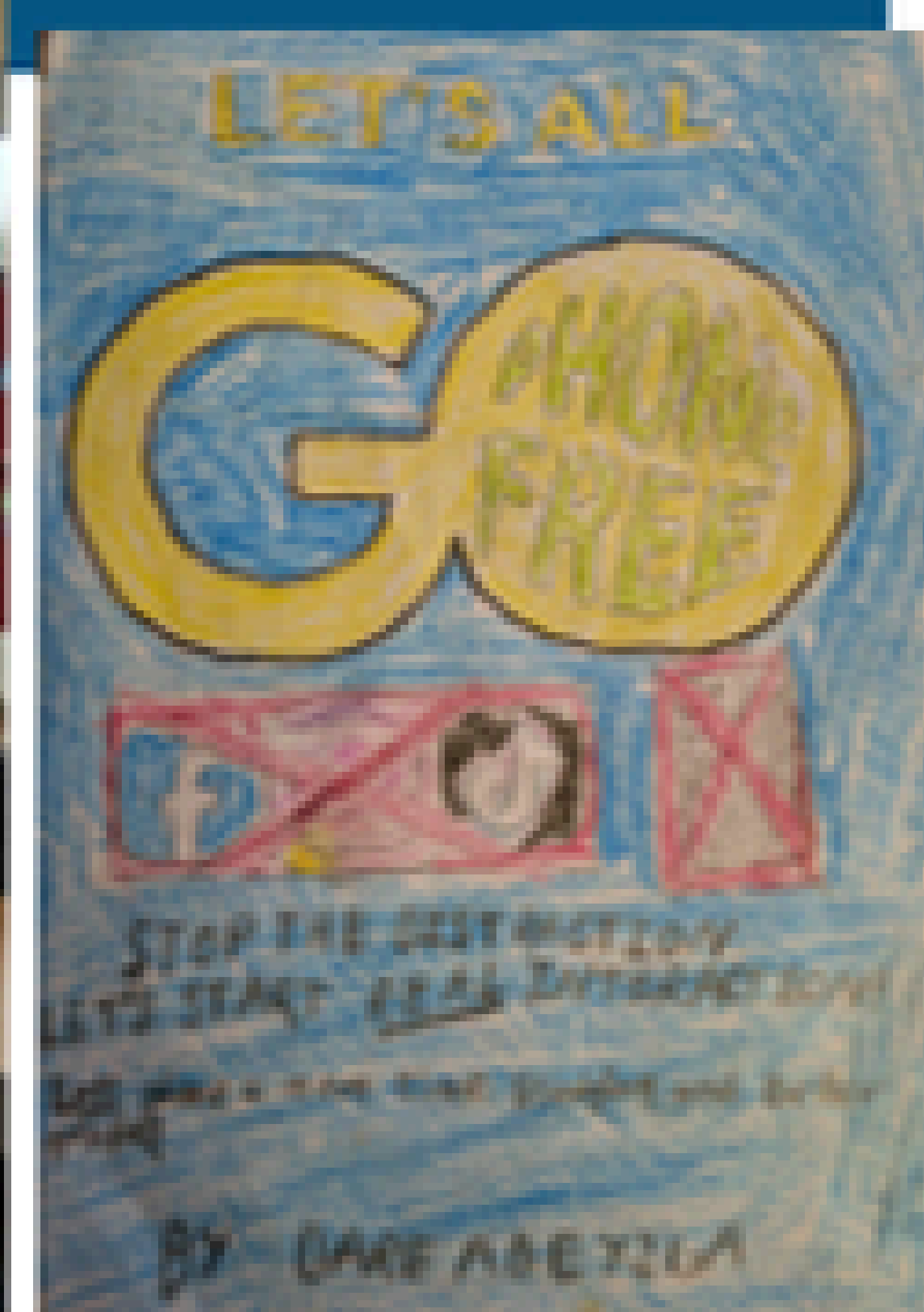


Our Parents' Association continue to work diligently in the background to raise funds and organise the extra activities that enrich the lives of the children in our school.

Since our return in September, they have been busy organising all of the following.



A Go Phone-Free Week that involved a promotions and educational experience with Reuben on Monday 13th October, a Go Phone Free Colours non-uniform day on Wednesday 15th of September and a Go Phone Free Colouring and Poster competition for Friday 17th September. This is a great way of raising awareness of the dangers of social media and excessive screen-time and helping to create a phone-free environment in the school and in homes for primary school-age children.

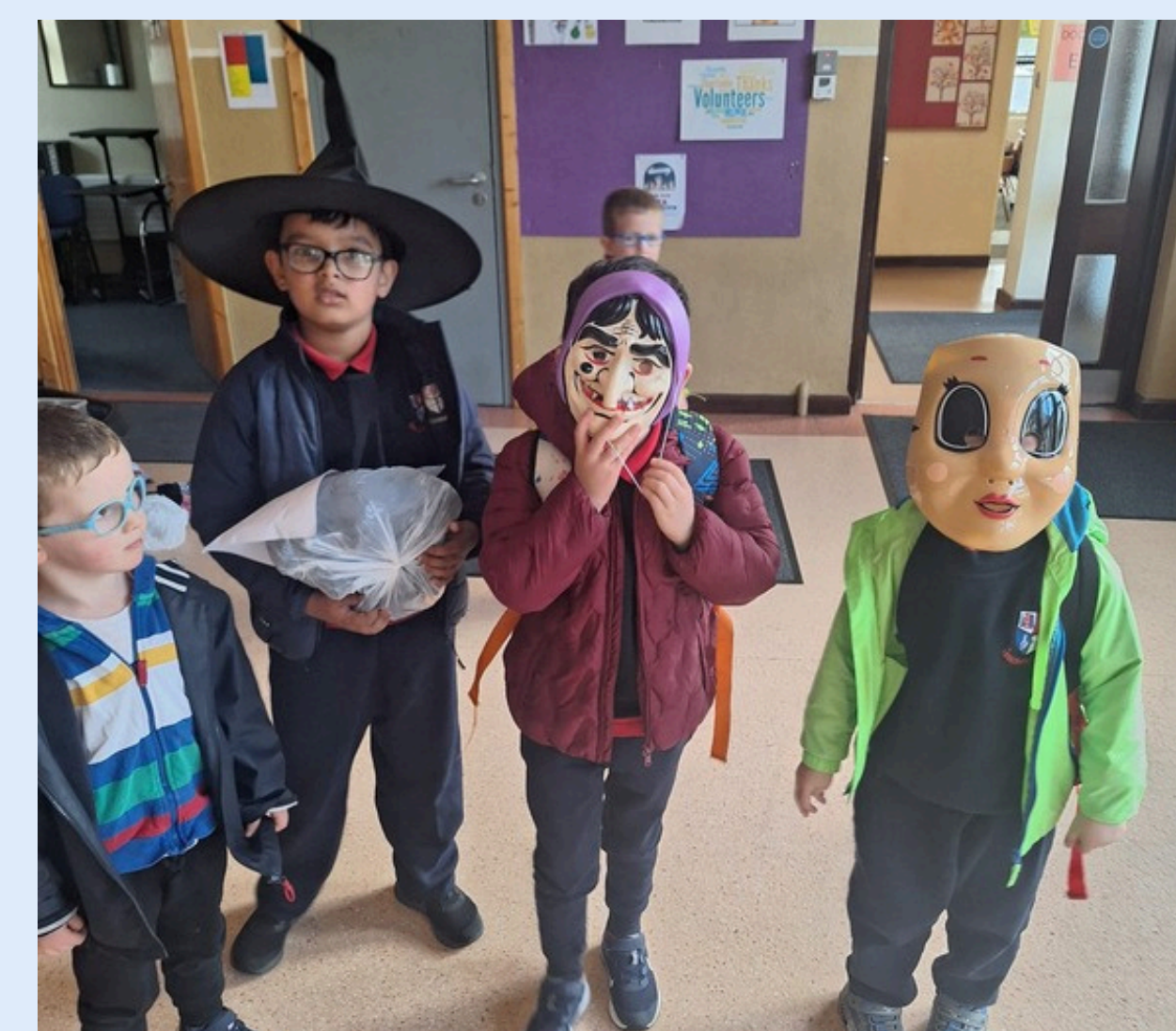


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Fill the Van

Fill the Van fundraiser on Thursday 16th & Friday 17th October. It was a great success and raised €340.00 for school activities. Sincere thanks to all parents who contributed bags of clothes and helped with this event.



Hallowe'en Costume Shop

A Halloween costume shop on Tuesday, 21st October, 1:30 – 3:00 pm - in preparation for our Halloween Walk on Thursday 23rd October in the school, when all the school will dress up and enjoy our Spooky Halloween Walk.



The Parents' association also funded fantastic prizes for our Hallowe'en Walk

Christmas fundraisers:

We will be in contact after Halloween about our Christmas Raffle and Christmas Events.

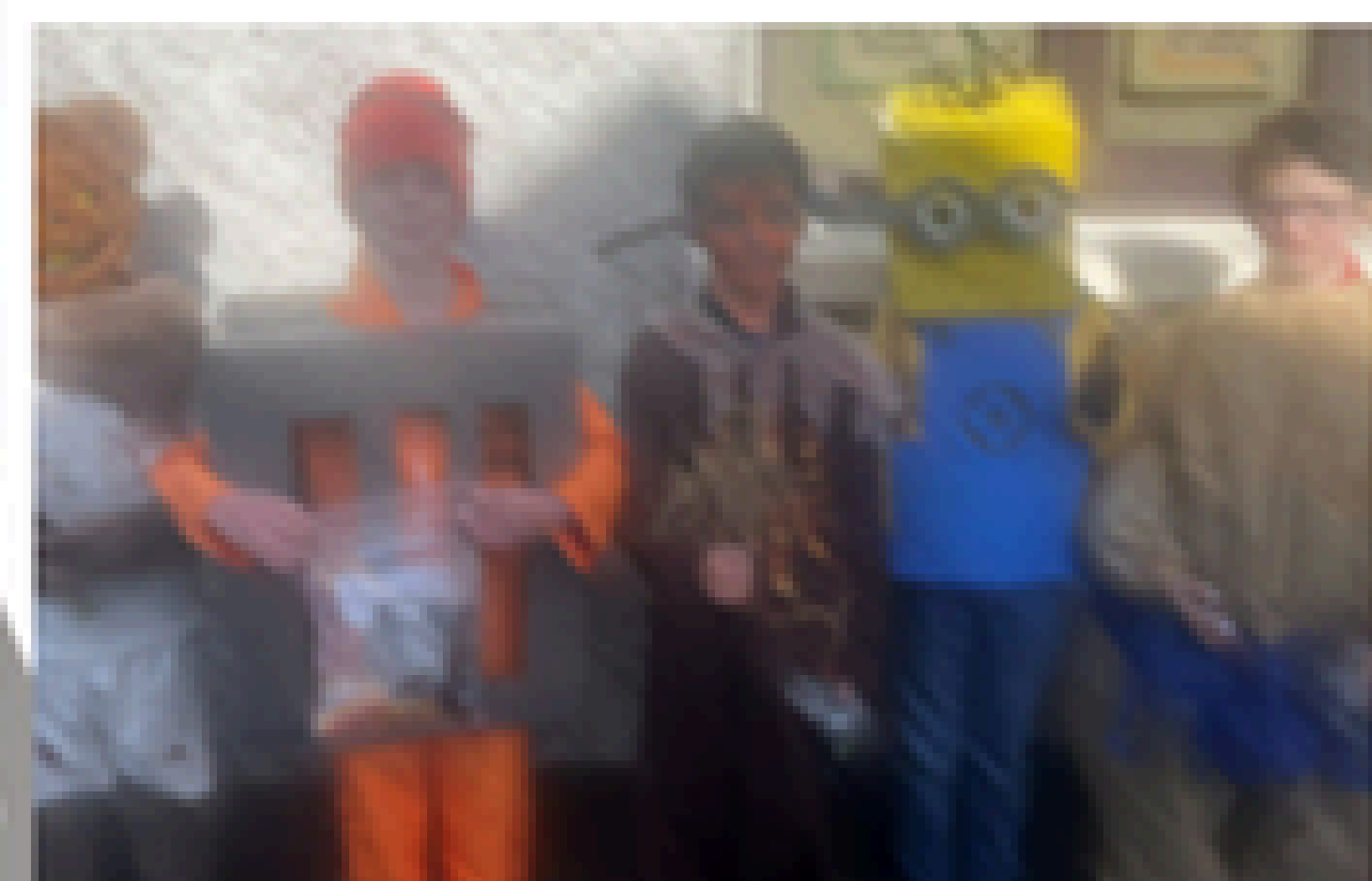
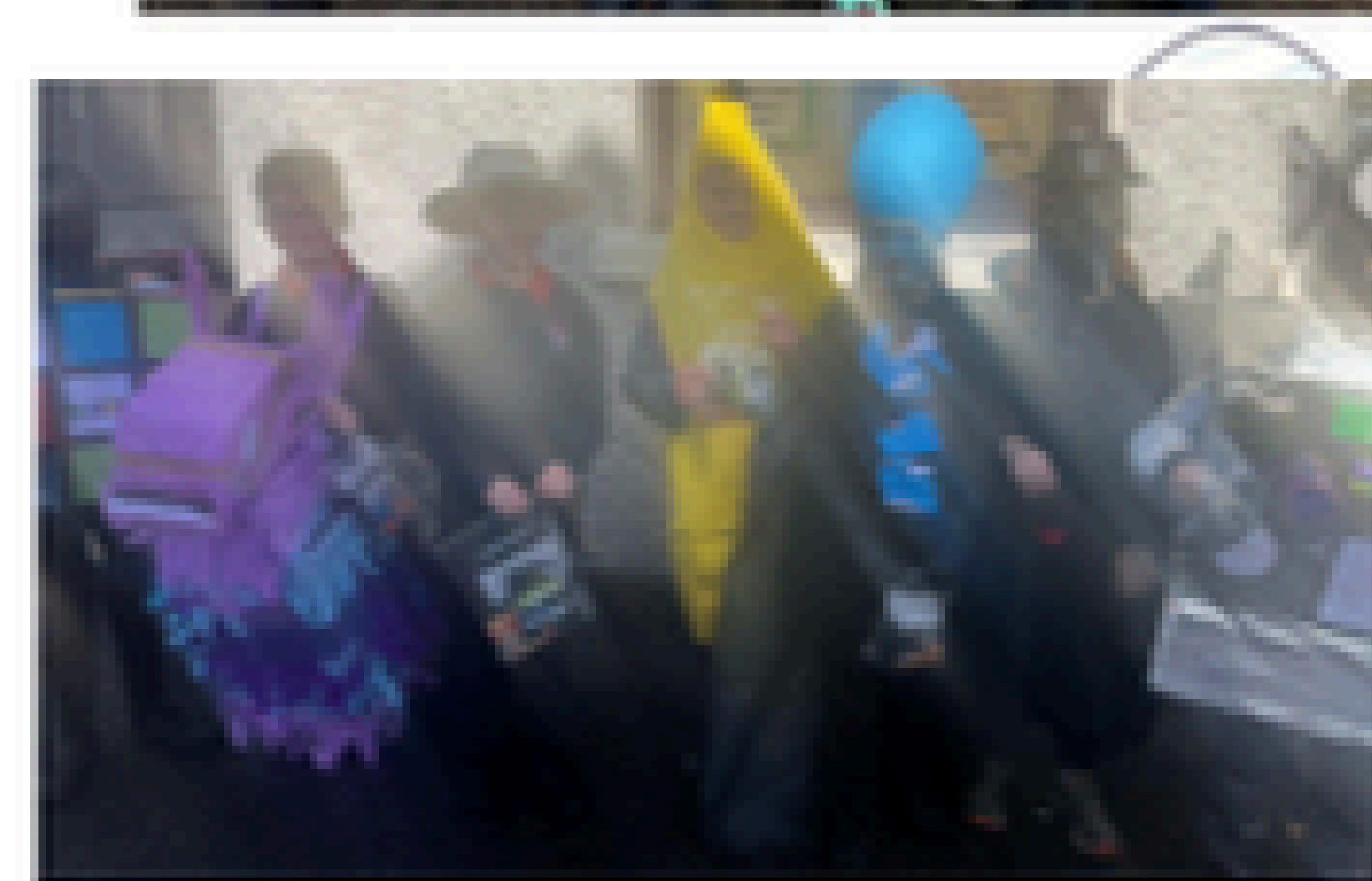
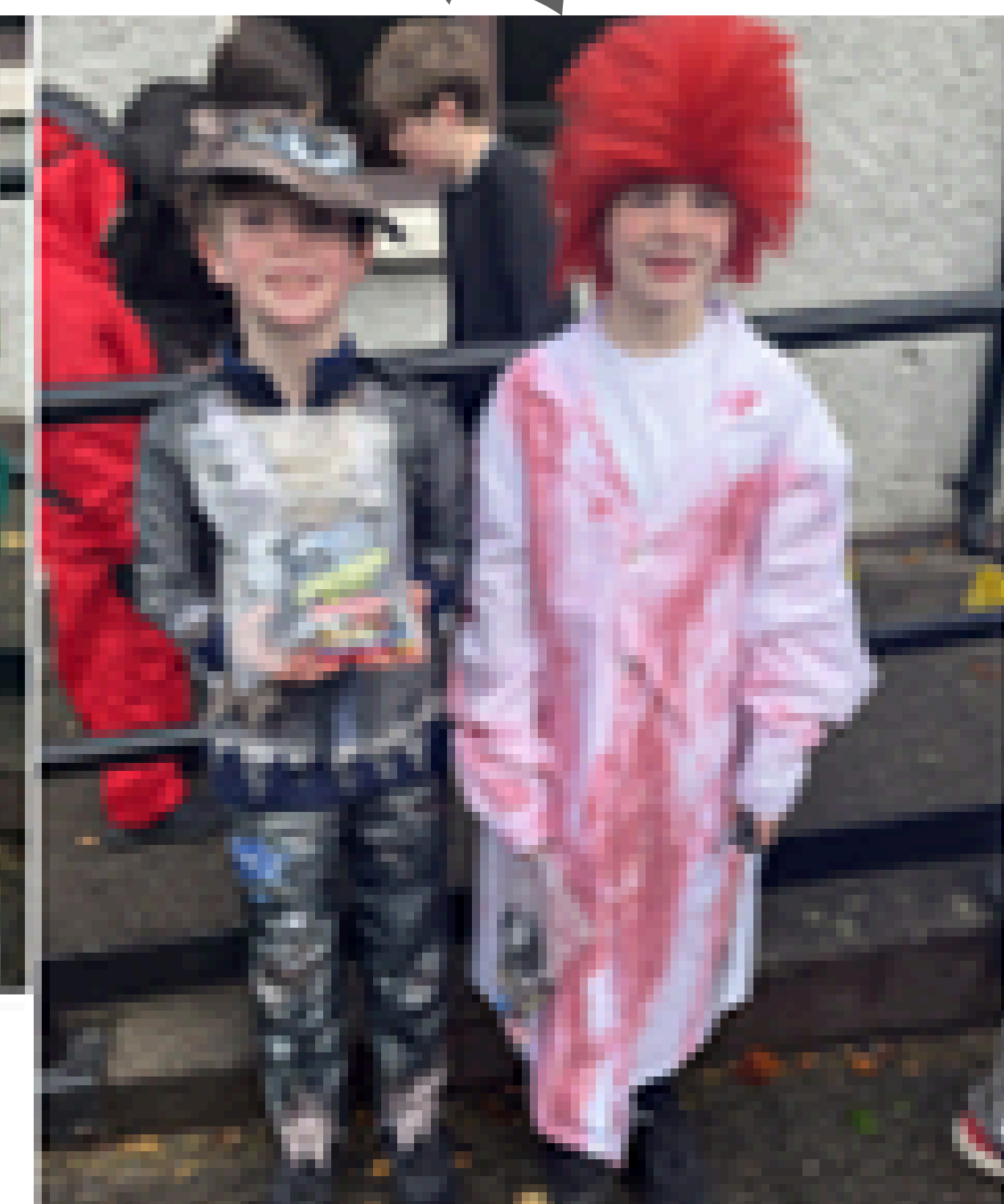
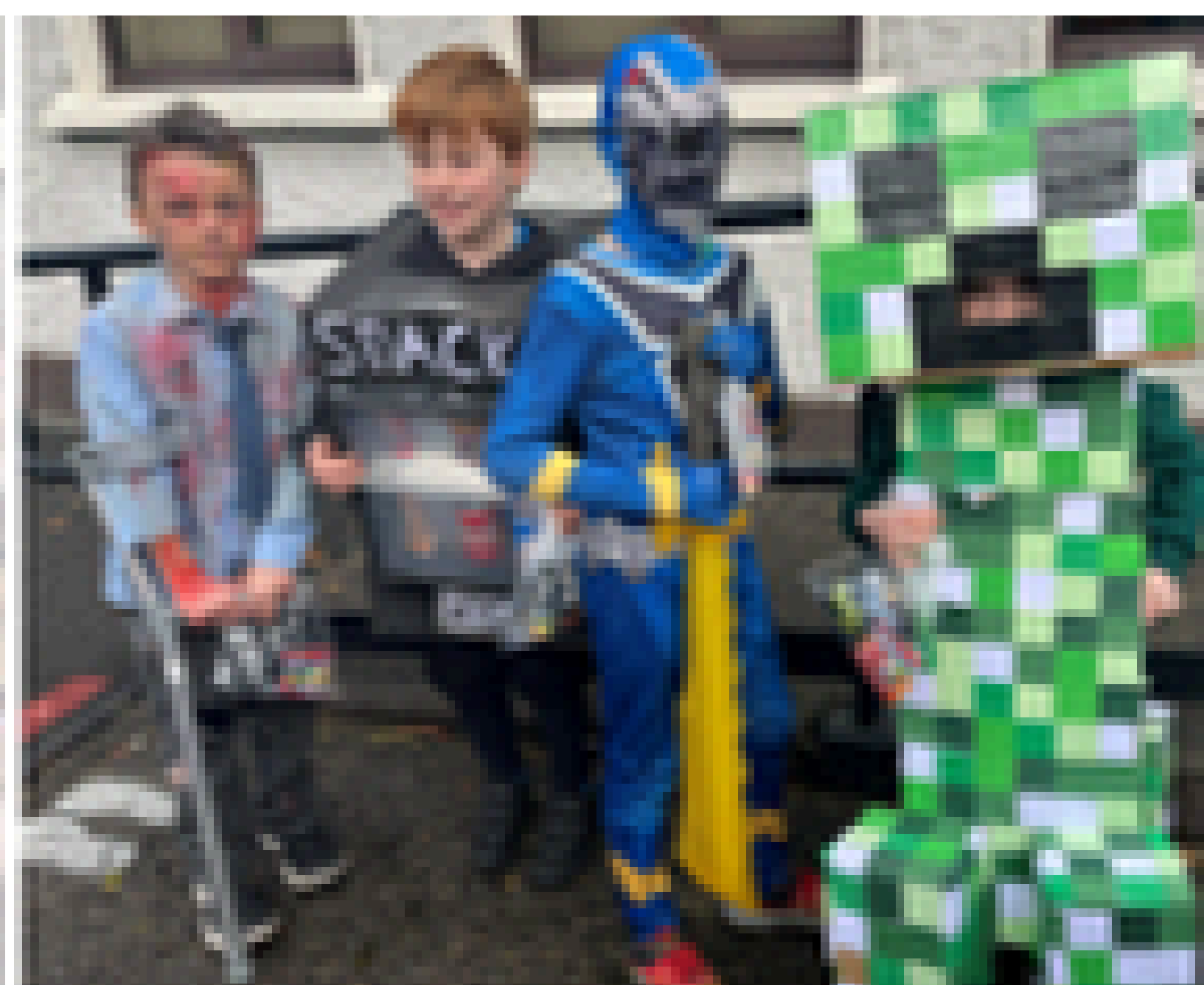
A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association, for all of their hard work behind the scenes to make school-life so enjoyable and engaging. Thank you also to all parents and guardians for your support in these projects.

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

HALLOWEEN



Our Halloween Costume Winners



HALLOWEEN



Our Halloween costume winners



Thank you to our Parents' Association who funded fantastic prizes for our Hallowe'en Walk. Also, a special thanks to Sam & Matthew Clancy for designing and making these fantastic Halloween Trophies from a 3-D digital printer to add to our prizes. Well done boys!



More Photos from our Halloween Walk

Check out and follow us on our school's (stcorbansns) Instagram

page for more highlights
Happy Halloween!

