

# HAPPY EASTER



## Principal's Message

As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The past few months have been filled with wonderful learning, memorable experiences, and great teamwork across our school community.

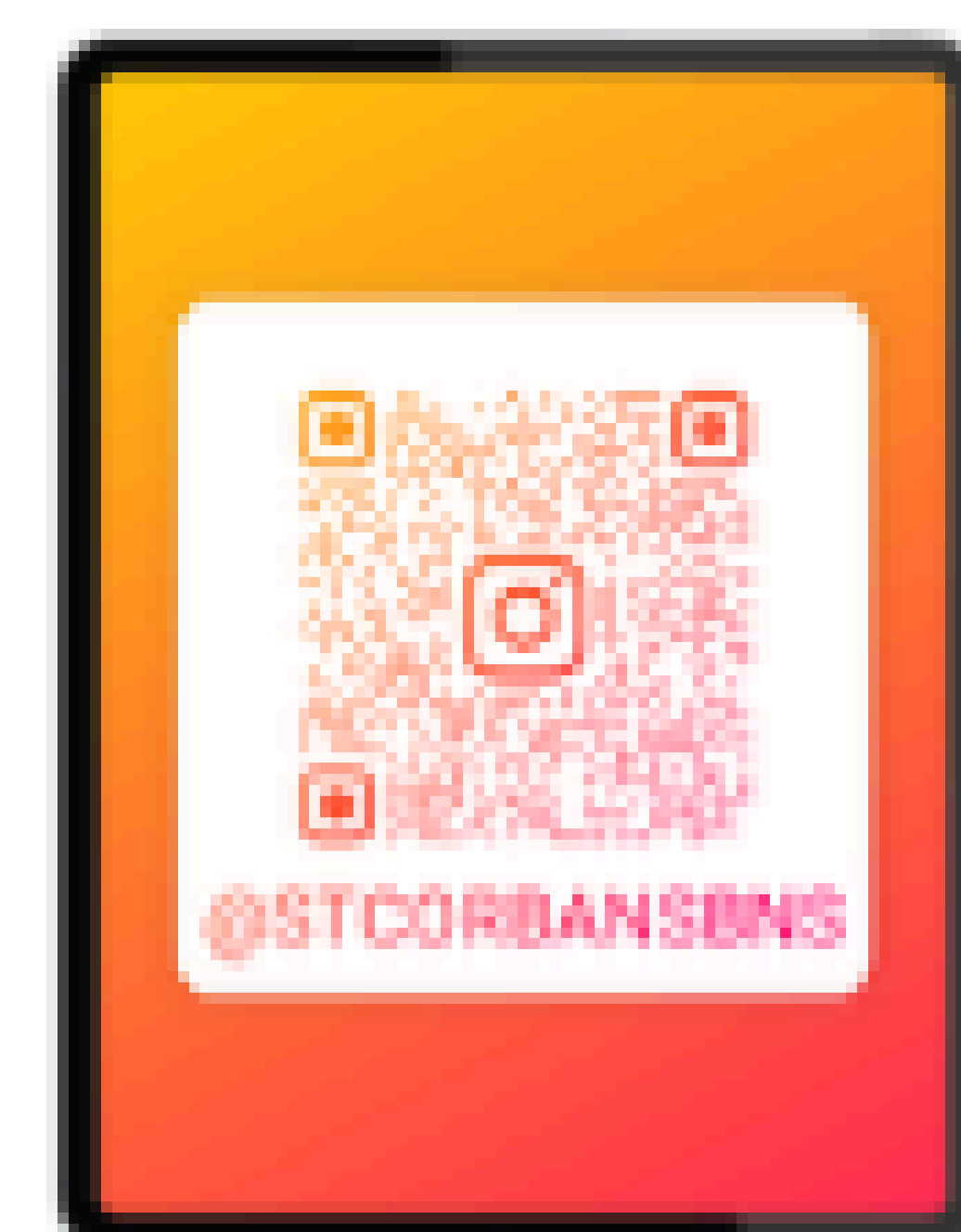
A sincere thank you to our dedicated staff for their tireless work and to our pupils for their enthusiasm, kindness, and effort in all that they do. It's been a joy to see the boys grow and thrive each day.

Sincere thanks to our Board of Management and our Parents' Association for their ongoing commitment and hard work. Thank you to you, the parents, for your support in school events and especially in our fundraising efforts this term. Congratulations to the boys for their continued hard work, the kindness they show to one another and how they engage in their learning each day.

We wish all our families a happy and peaceful Easter and hope the boys enjoy a well-earned, fun-filled break over the next two weeks. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

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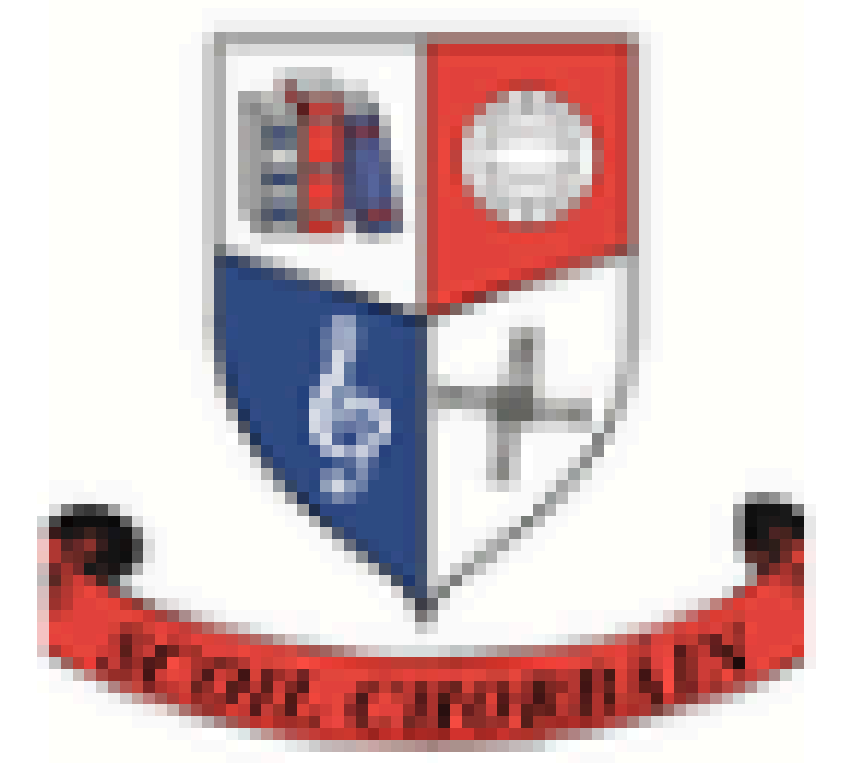
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# JUNIOR INFANTS NEWS



Junior Infants have been busy and enthusiastic learners over the past few weeks! We have explored a range of fun and engaging topics, including investigating floating and sinking through hands-on activities and learning all about the signs of spring.

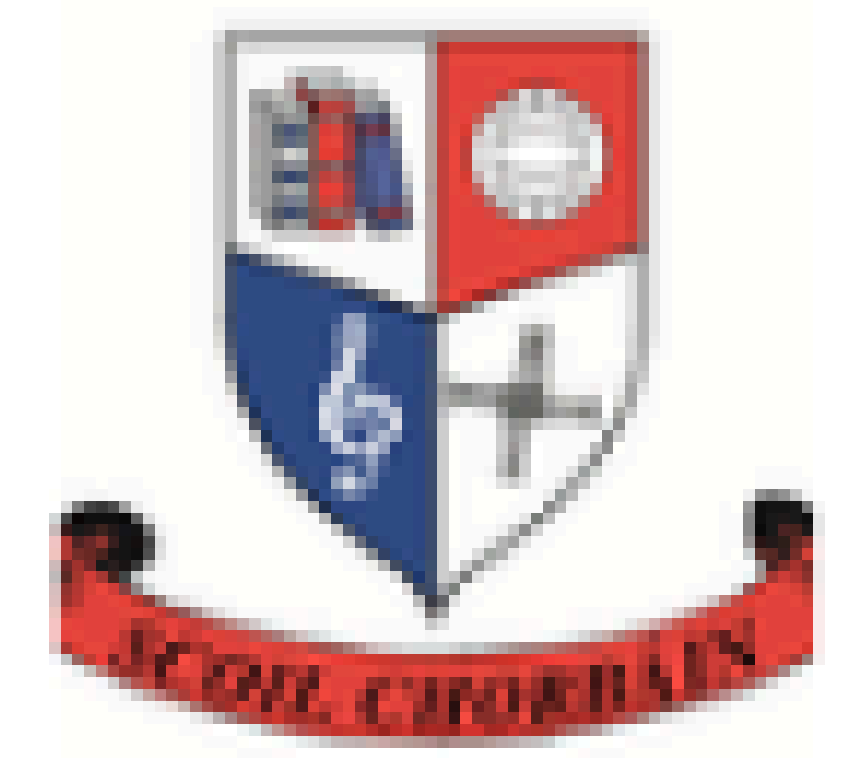


In Maths, we have been working on numbers, 3D shapes, and even beginning to explore simple fractions.

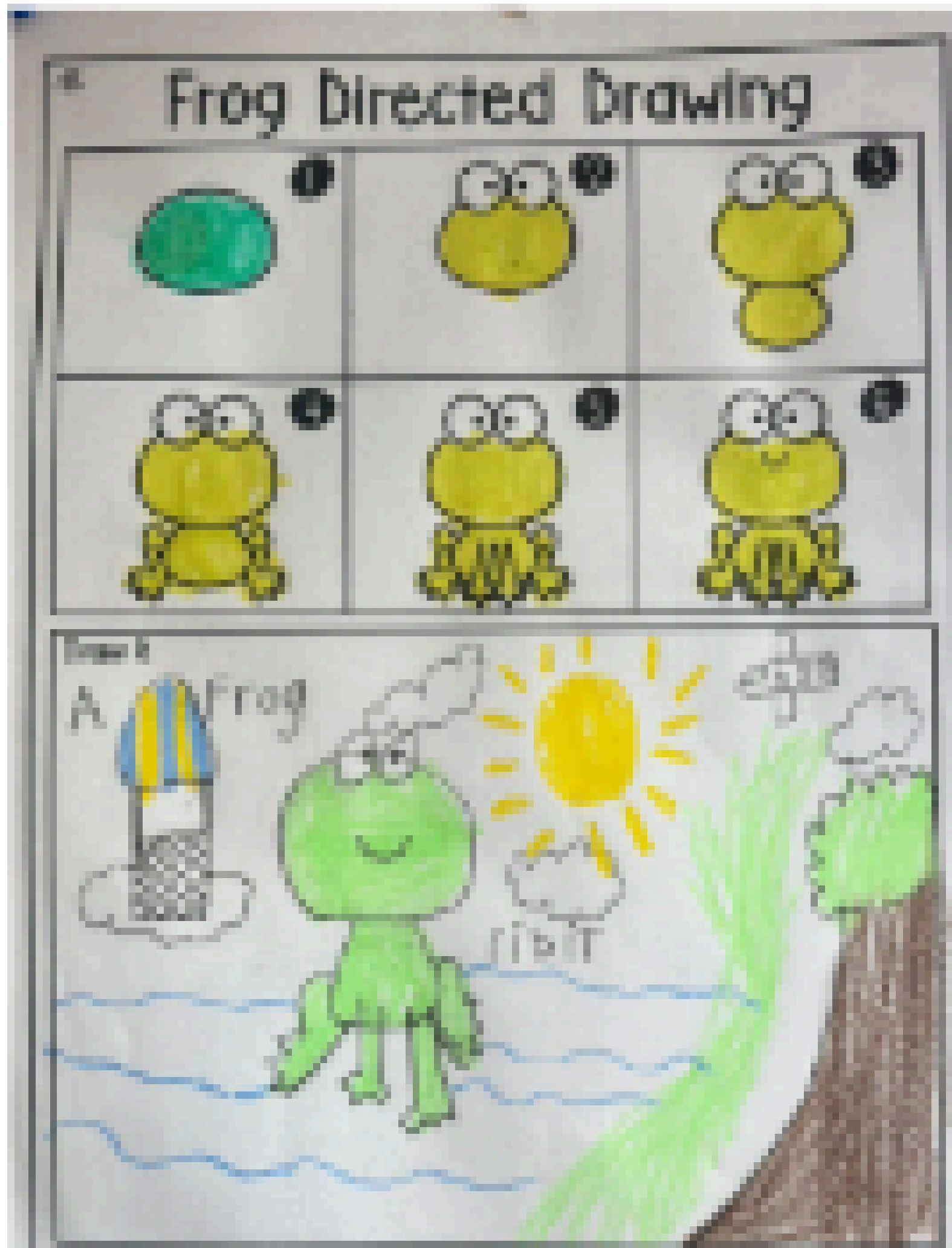
During Literacy time, the children have been building their reading skills by learning tricky words and digraphs, and they have thoroughly enjoyed listening to and discussing stories such as "Monkey Puzzle" and "Mr Wolf's Pancakes".

It has been wonderful to see their confidence and curiosity continue to grow each day.

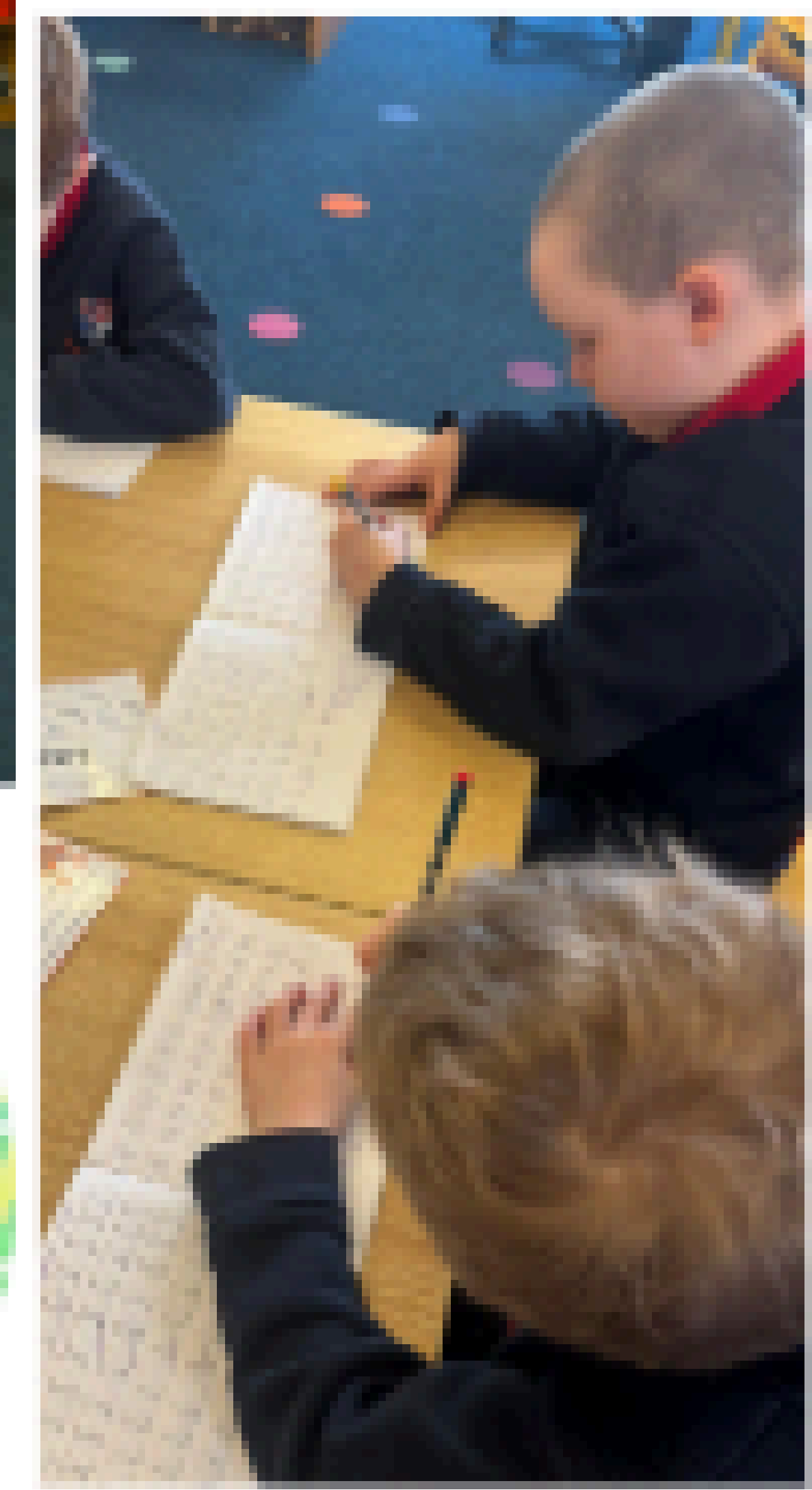
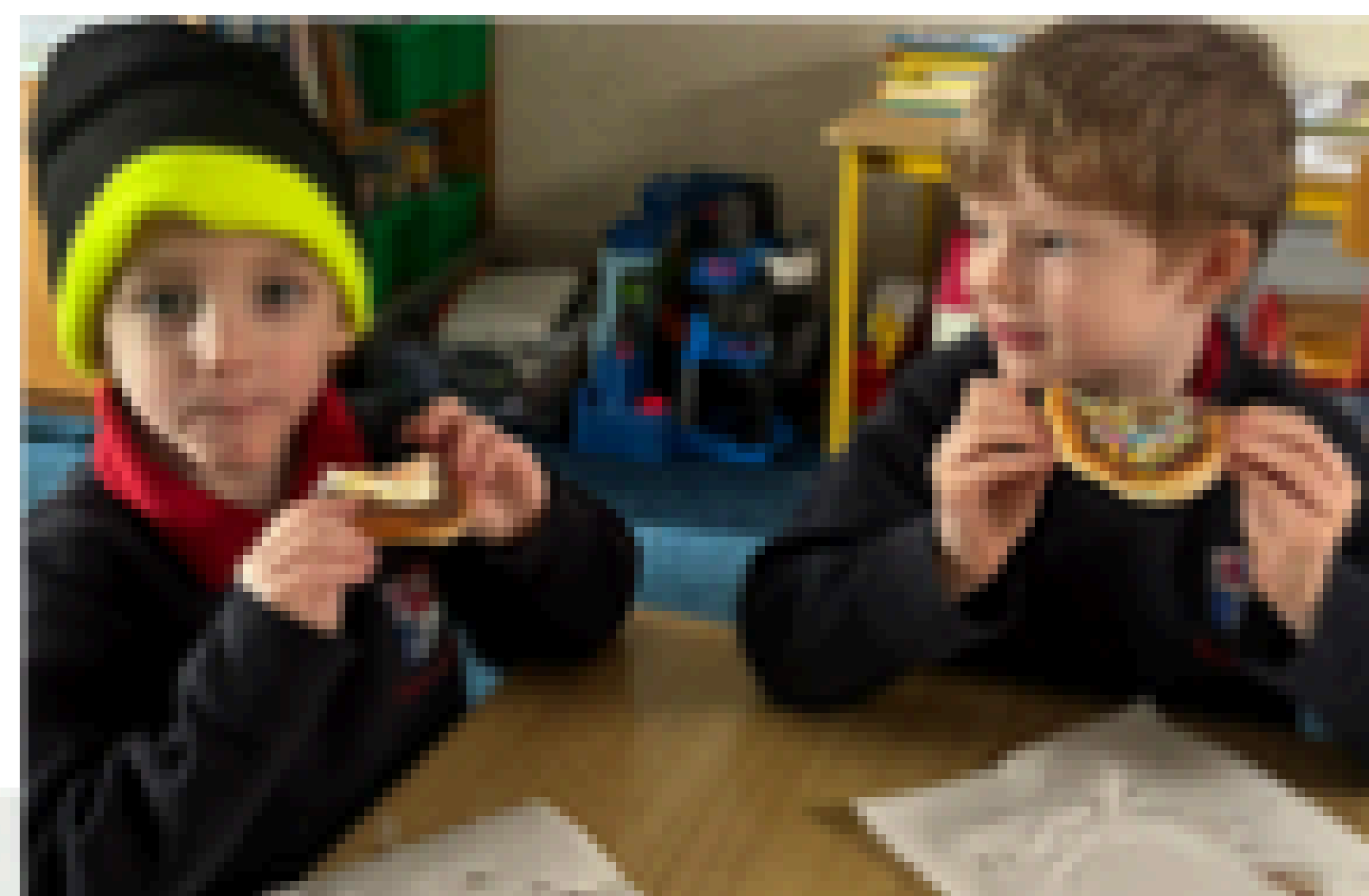
# SENIOR INFANTS NEWS



Our Senior Infants have been busy and working really hard over the past few weeks, especially on mastering their capital letters. We are so proud of all their fantastic effort!



Both classes have been exploring the lifecycle of a frog, and this learning really came to life during our spring walk to Lakelands, where we were excited to spot real frogspawn. There was lots of curiosity and great questions from our budding young scientists!



We also had a fantastic time on Pancake Tuesday, getting creative with pancake art and enjoying eating our tasty creations even more!

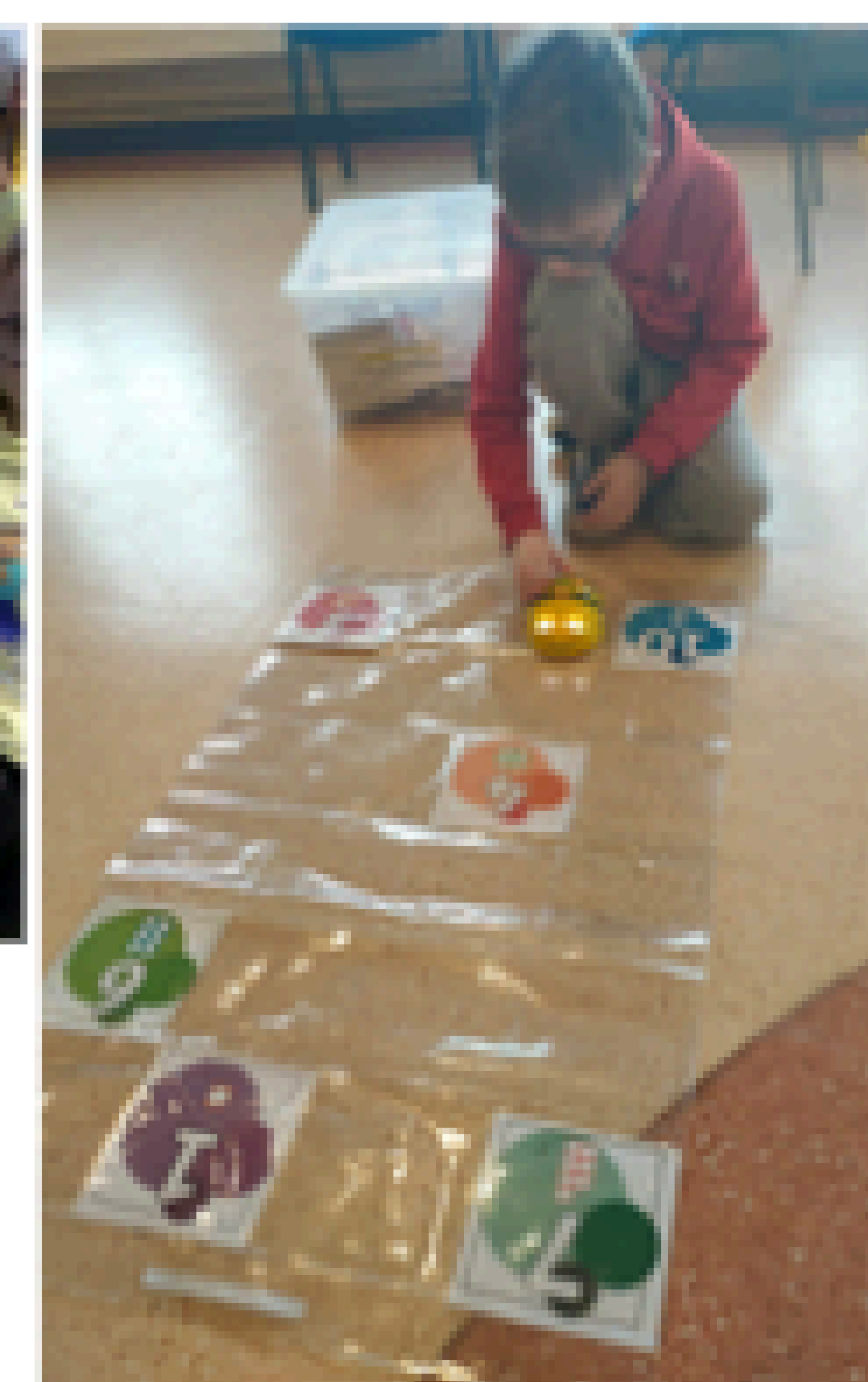
Ms. McCarthy's class also had a lovely trip to Naas Library for World Book Week, where they enjoyed discovering lots of new books and stories.

The children also enjoyed getting ready for the céilí as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, with plenty of fun along the way. They loved trying out the bodhrán and listening to Mr. Dineen play the accordion.

# FIRST CLASS NEWS

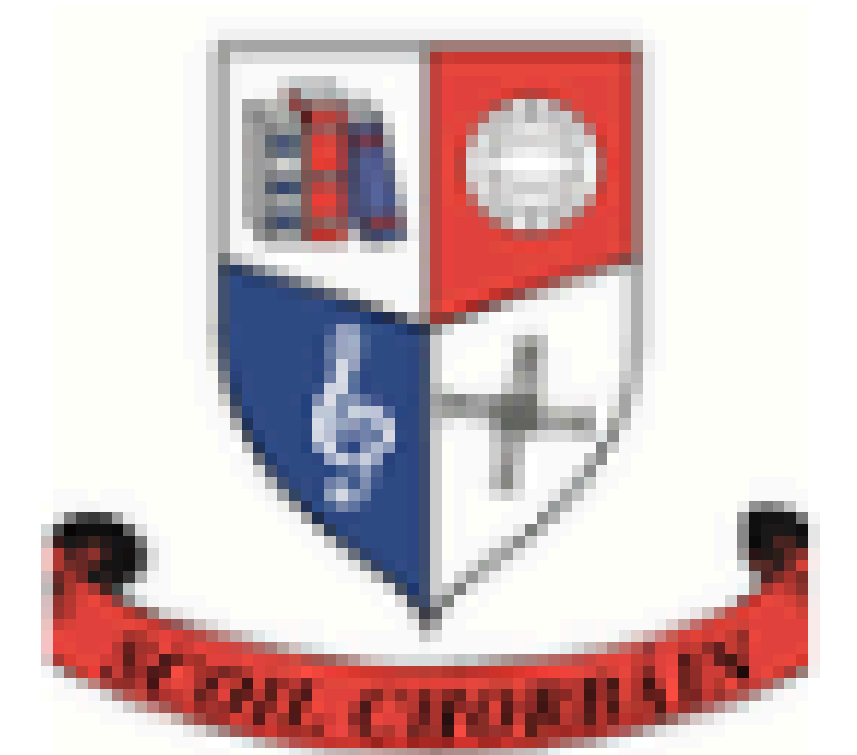


It has been a very busy and exciting term for First Class, filled with a wide range of engaging activities and events. The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge, World Book Day and Daffodil Day. In Maths, they have been working hard on learning to tell the time and add different amounts of money. In DLP, the children wrote excellent reports on St. Brigid and St. Patrick. In Irish they have been practising how to describe the weather. They completed a fantastic project on Spain after exploring the country in their History and Geography lessons. The class has begun the Stay Safe programme and can now identify ways to keep themselves safe.



In PE, they practised An Damhsa Mór and The Siege of Ennis in preparation for a céilí during Seachtain na Gaeilge, which was a highlight of the term. The week was packed with fun activities including an puc fada, a seisiún ceoil, playing the bodhrán, and enjoying a drama performance by the senior classes. For World Book Day, the children created beautiful bookmarks, and they also showed great kindness by raising money for Daffodil Day.

# SECOND CLASS NEWS



2nd Class have been busy this spring! World book day meant plenty of fun reading and sharing our books we love, as well as games and quizzes in class on the day. We made a big effort raising funds for Daffodil Day to help the Irish Cancer Society with their important work. Bhaineamar taitneamh as na heachtraí go léir do Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhíomar ag damhsa sa ceilí, ag déanamh ealaín agus rinnemar tráth na gceist le chéile. Bhí an ceol thar barr freisin! Our Bodhran playing was awesome and we were thrilled to see some traditional musicians, as well as our own Matthew with his concertina, share their talents with us.



We loved getting to use beebots this spring and enjoyed learning about countries like China and Brazil as well as some of the traditional tales from Ireland. We also got to discuss in class if homework should be banned in schools. Let's just say we had strong feelings on the topic! Two of the second classes have been working on our swimming skills this term and the boys are making amazing progress. Many of our class celebrated their First Penance on Saturday 21st March, a significant milestone on our journey towards our First Communion in May.

# THIRD CLASS NEWS



Third Class have been very busy engaging in a variety of learning activities. In Maths, we have been working on fractions and telling the time. In English, we explored quatrain poetry and created poems. In Geography, we learned all about Kenya and completed a project on Google Classroom. In Art, we studied the work of Pierre-Auguste Renoir and created our own pieces inspired by his style.



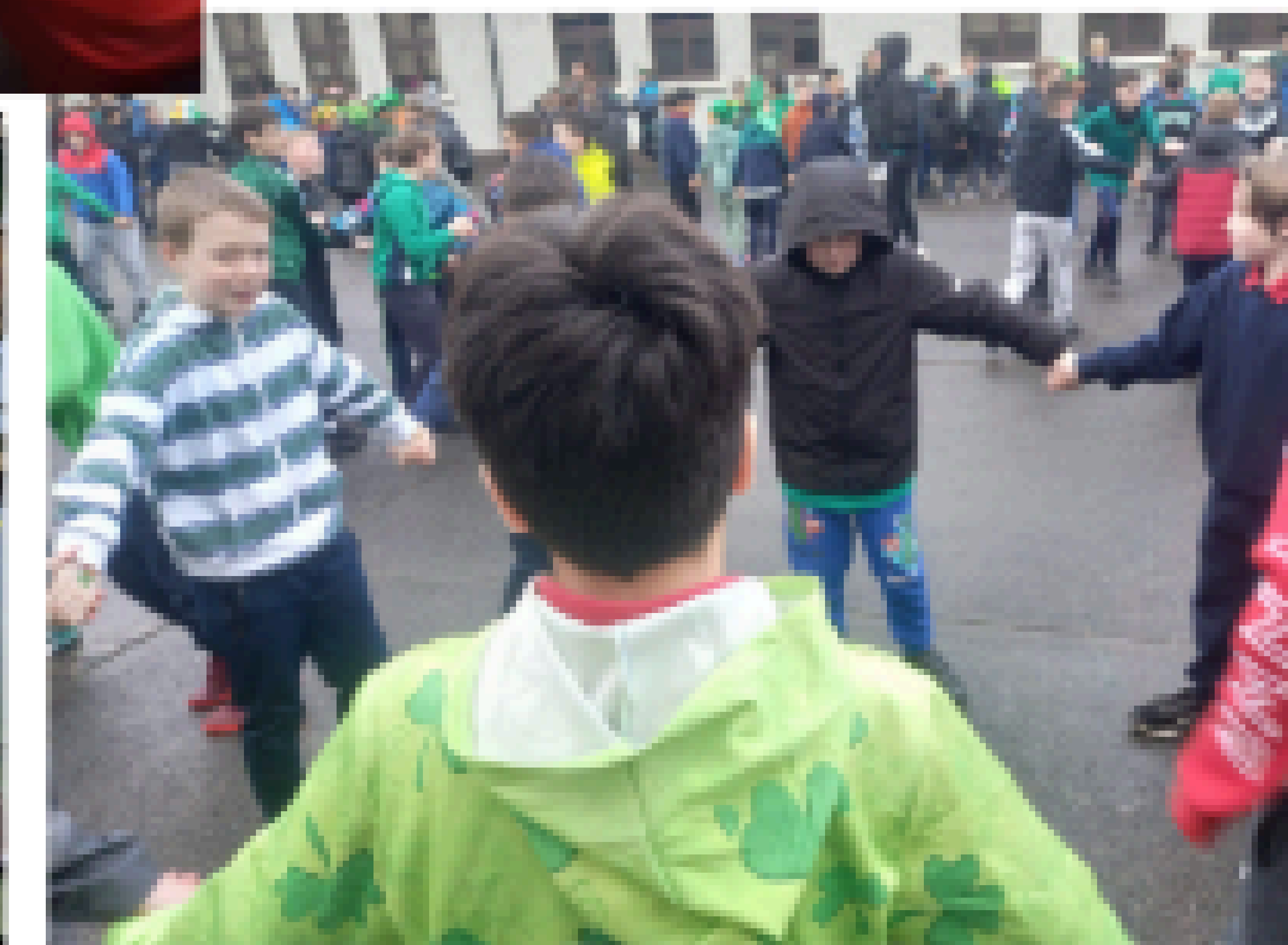
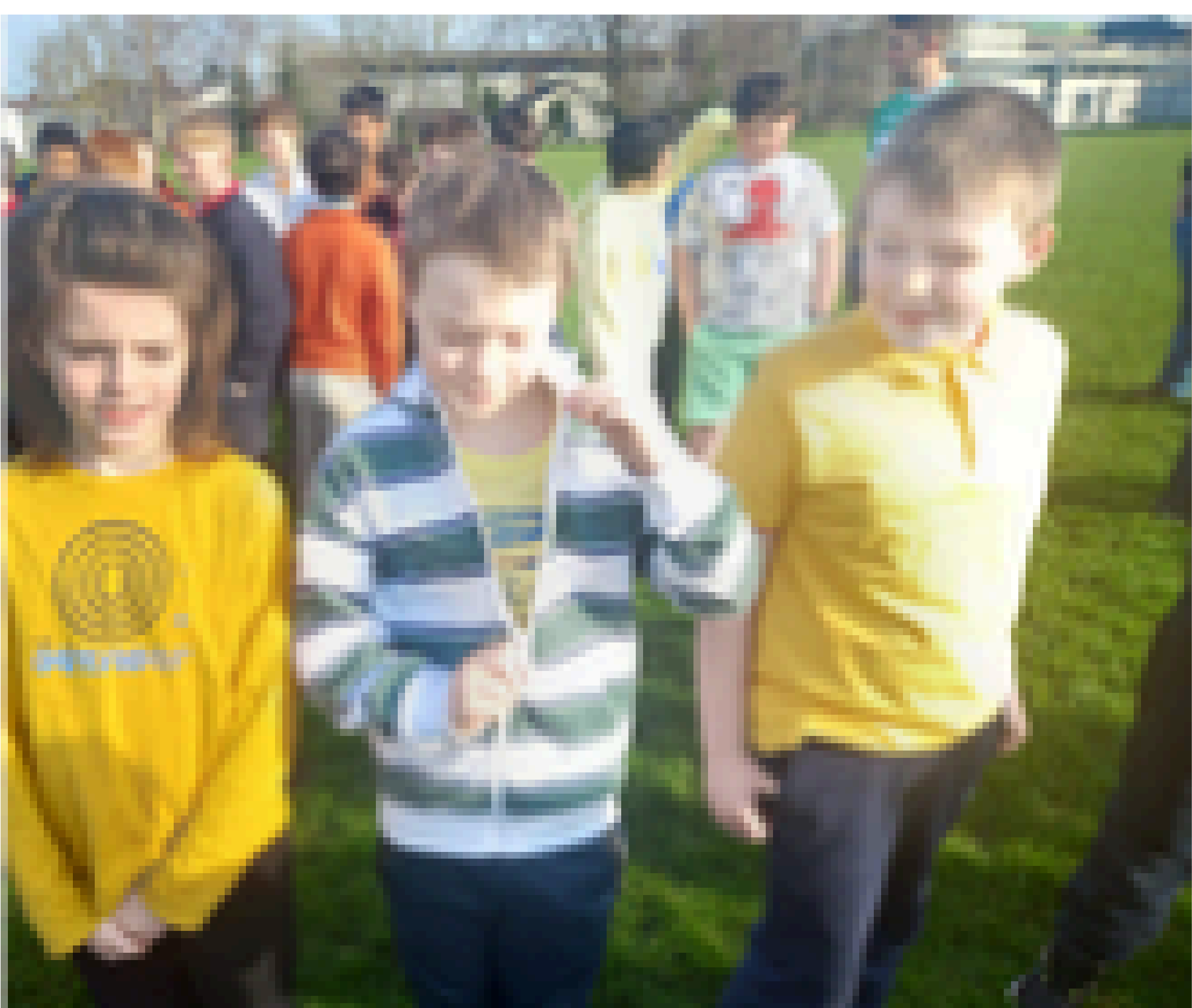
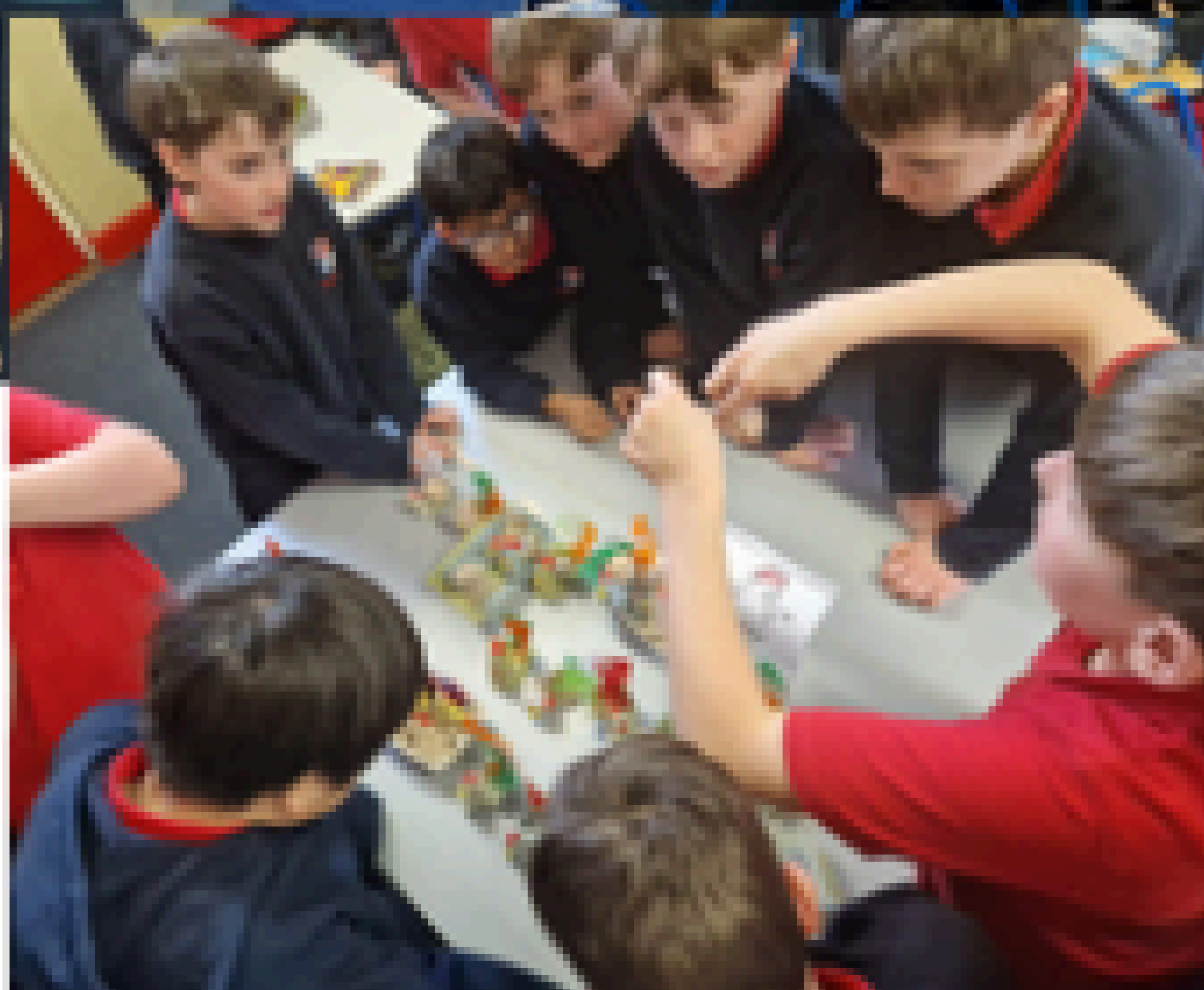
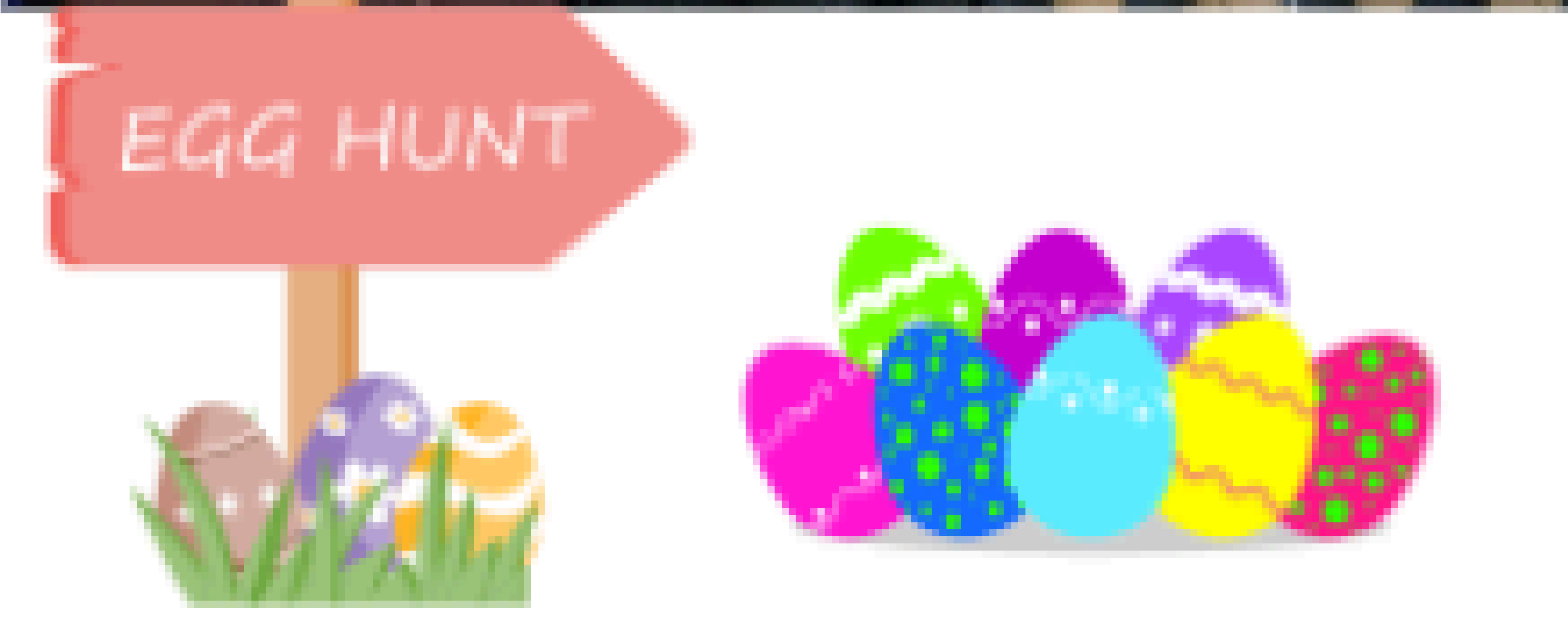
As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, Third Class took part in a quiz and entered an art competition based on Irish seanfhocail. We are looking forward to the break after all our hard work this term.

Happy Easter from Third Class!

# FOURTH CLASS NEWS



The Fourth Class boys have been busy learning about bogs in Geography. They also completed projects on 'My Locality' and located places of interest on Google Earth. The boys wrote lovely reports on bogs and the Bog of Allen. In History, the boys are learning about Early Christianity in Ireland. In Science, the boys learnt all about Light and Refraction. In English, the boys wrote lovely persuasive writing pieces. Boys did lovely art for Easter and enjoyed the egg hunt in the school. The boys are looking forward to starting swimming shortly also.



# FIFTH CLASS NEWS



The Fifth classes have had a busy and exciting month, exploring a wide range of topics and activities. In history, the boys have been learning about Ancient Egypt, including fascinating facts about pharaohs, mummies and the treasures of Tutankhamun. In geography, they studied the River Nile and its importance to life in Egypt, while also discovering the incredible story of Tom Crean, the Irish Antarctic explorer.

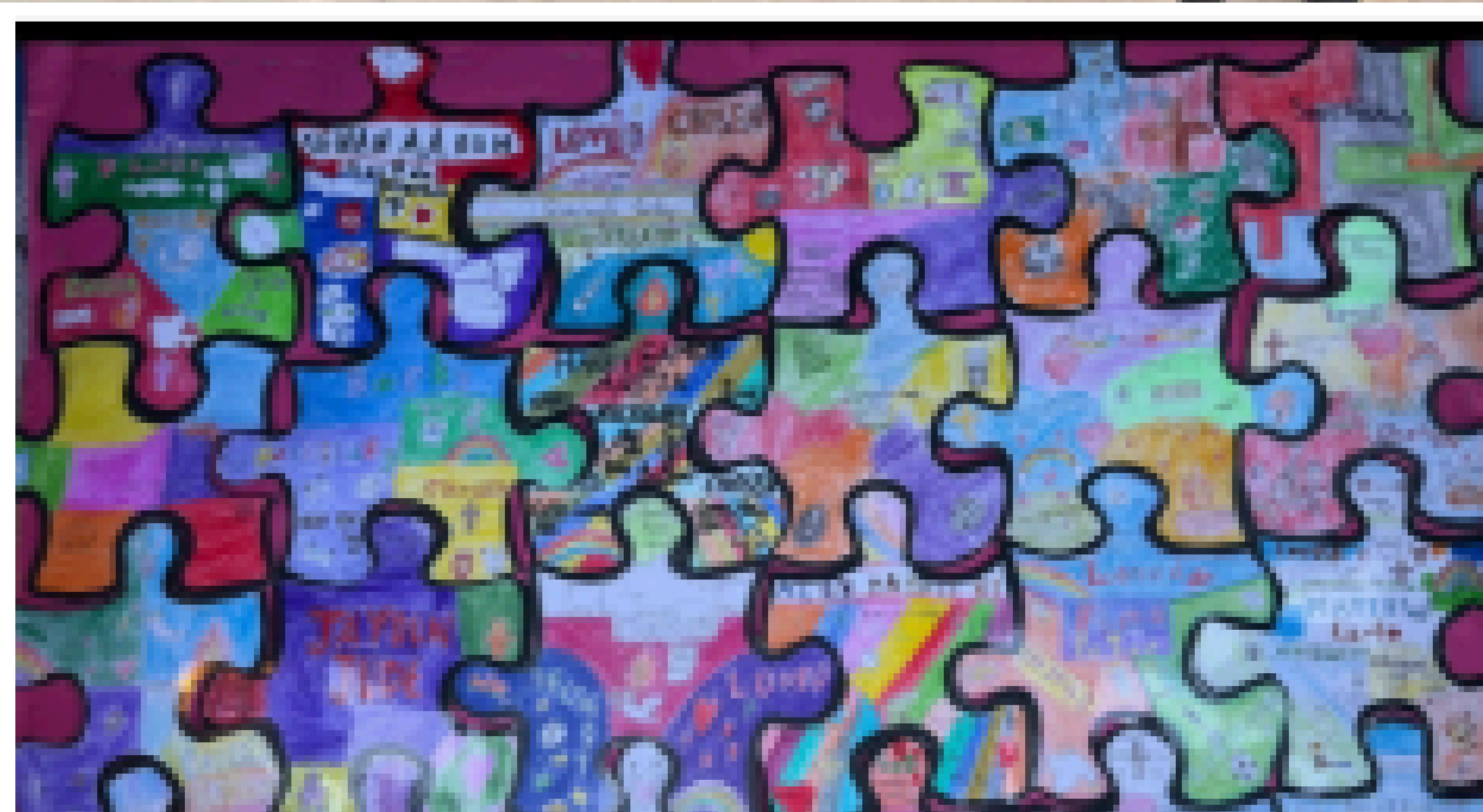
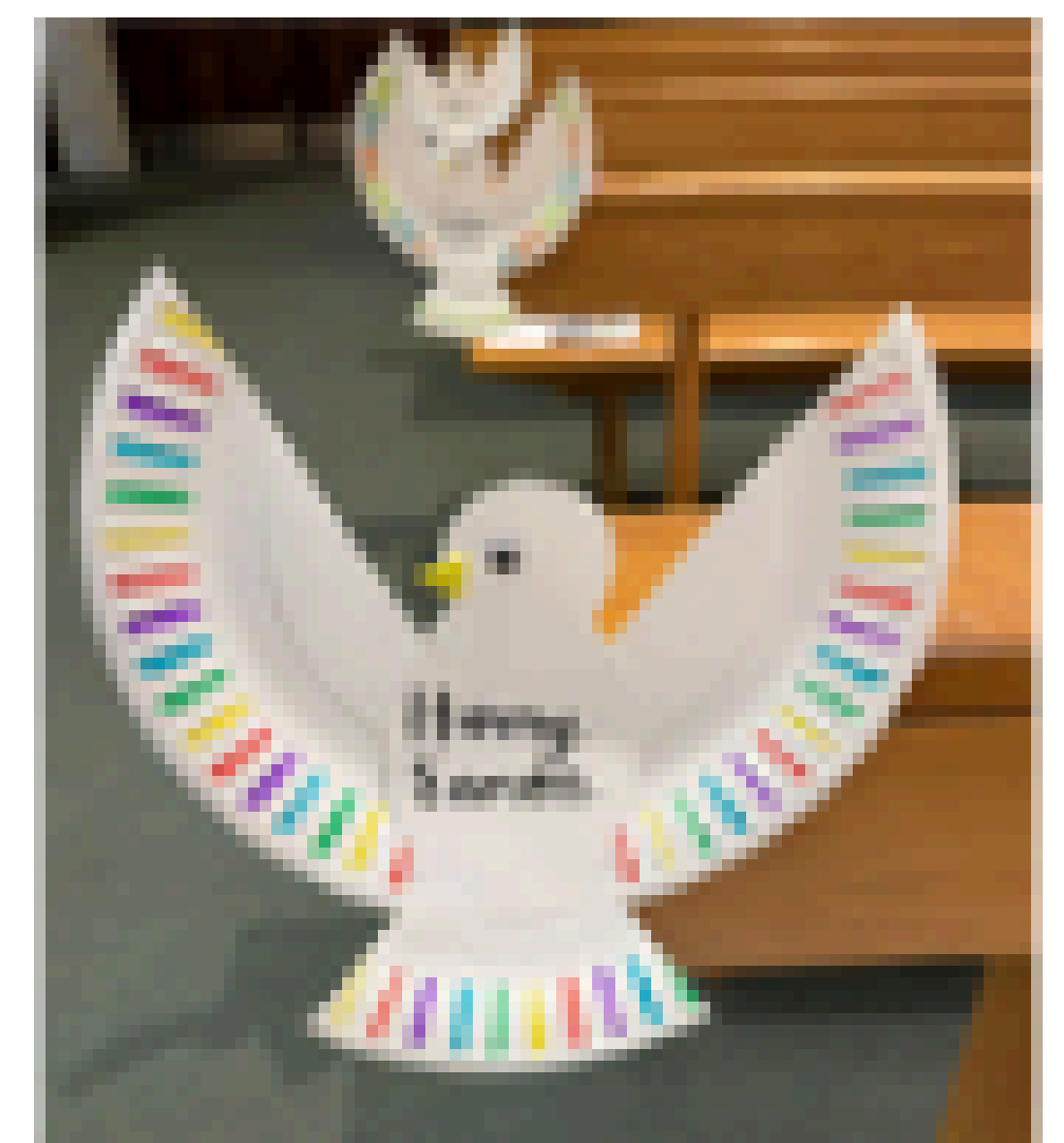
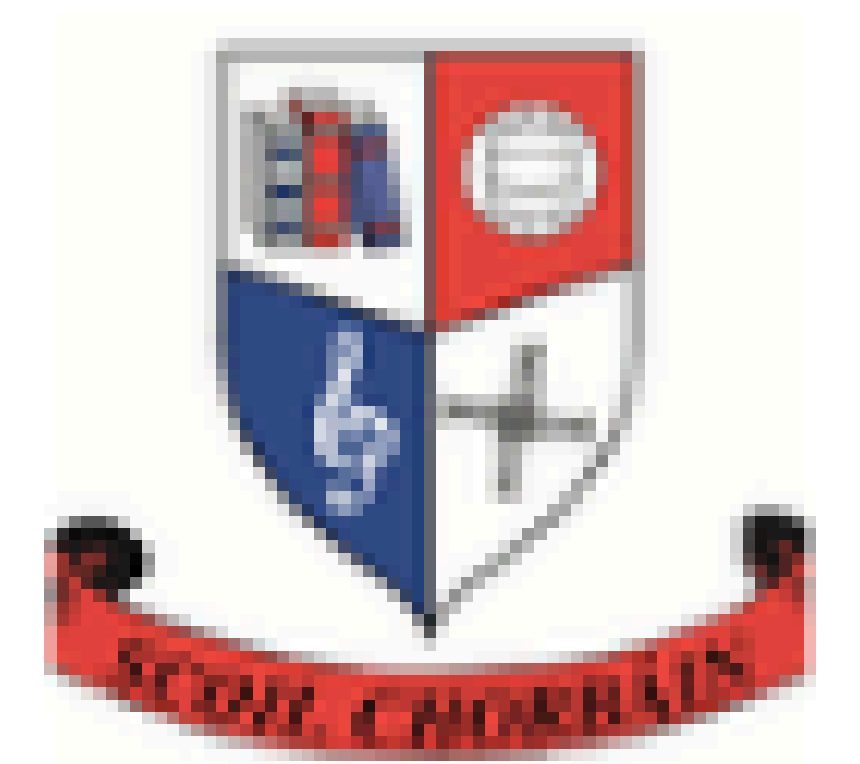
In English, the boys have been developing their writing skills through persuasive writing, report writing and debates, and they have been thoroughly enjoying reading the novels *War Horse* and *Wonder*, which sparked great discussion and reflection in class.



The boys also enjoyed practical activities, including orienteering during an Easter egg hunt, swimming lessons and engaging in many activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge. As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, they performed Irish plays based on 'Toy Story' and 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears', while one of the fifth classes used Boomwhackers to perform a song. They also learned about the topic An Teilifís in Irish. The boys also participated in Daffodil day and this saw a great fundraising effort by the boys.

It has been a month full of learning, fun and exploration, with the Fifth Classes showing great enthusiasm and creativity across all areas.

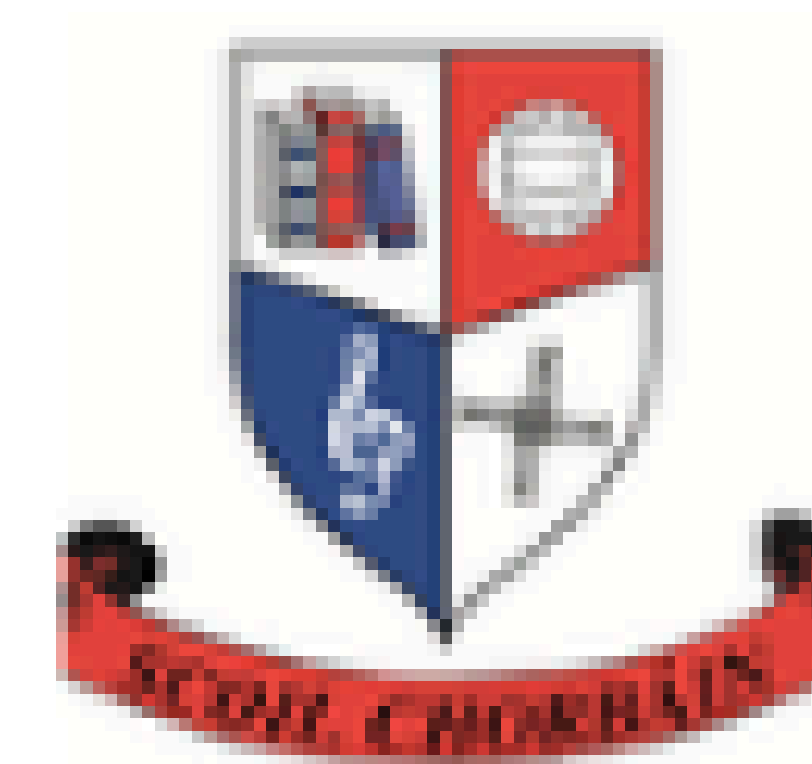
# SIXTH CLASS NEWS



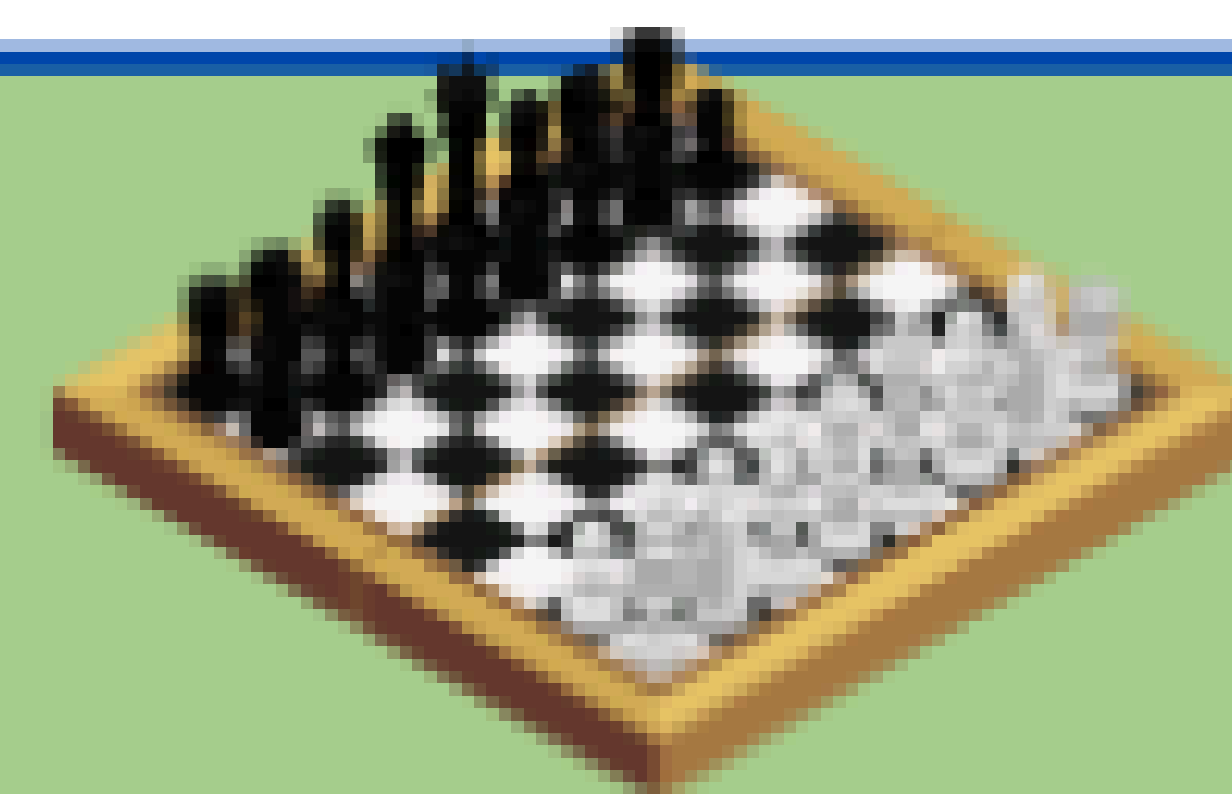
The boys in 6th class have continued to grow in confidence and curiosity this term. In English, there has been a strong emphasis on creative expression from poetry to exposition, alongside great enthusiasm for World Book Day activities. In Maths, hands-on work in the measures strand brought learning to life, while Gaeilge lessons were especially lively during Seachtain na Gaeilge, filled with dancing, music, drama, and quizzes. Across SESE, the boys explored topics ranging from Ancient China to Irish history and global trade, while in Science they engaged in practical investigations of plant and insect life. SPHE lessons provided opportunities for thoughtful discussion on important issues such as discrimination, online safety, and fairness. Creativity remained strong in Art through printing and inspiration from Kandinsky, while a varied PE programme including gymnastics, GAA, dance, and orienteering kept everyone active and involved.

A particularly special highlight was the boys' Confirmation on February 25th, marking an important milestone in their school journey. The boys spent time preparing artwork, poems, songs and their Confirmation challenge about being loved, chosen and necessary. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all!

# SPORTS NEWS



## 4th & 6th Class Ficheall Chess Fun Day



On 5<sup>th</sup> February, our 4th and 6th Class chess teams took part in a fantastic Ficheall Chess competition in Naas Community School. The event was all about enjoying the game, practising skills, and meeting players from other schools! Our boys played with great focus and enthusiasm throughout the day and represented the school brilliantly. A special word of thanks to Ms. Mangan and Mr. Smyth for organising the event and supporting the teams.

## Cumann na mBunscoil Basketball Blitz



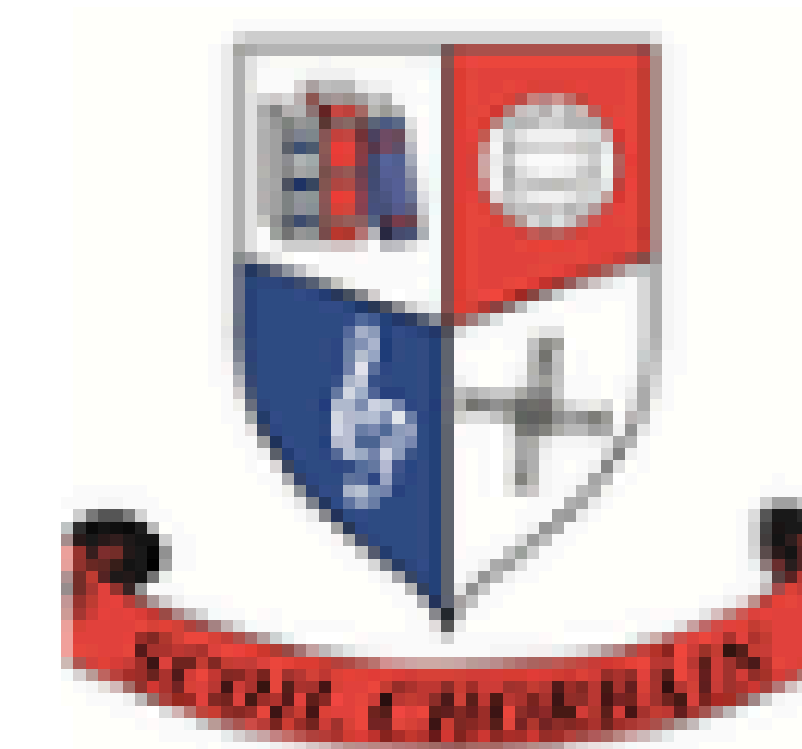
A brilliant performance from our boys at the Cumann na mBunscoil Blitz! They won all their qualifier games to finish top of Group A. They reached the final after a strong semi-final against Scoil Bhríde, Naas, and in a final decider were narrowly beaten by Maynooth BNS by just one basket.

So proud of the team- a fantastic effort all round!

Thank you also to Mr. Ryan, Ms. Mangan and Ms. Murphy for their coaching and expertise.



# SPORTS NEWS



## U 12 Mini 7s Hurling

Our boys recently took part in the Mini 7s Hurling competition, proudly hosted by St. Corban's, on our school pitch. It was a fantastic day of hurling, with teams competing from Gaelscoil Nás Na Ríogh, Naas CNS, Kill and Scoil Choca Naofa. The boys performed exceptionally well in all of their games, displaying great skill, determination, and teamwork throughout. Just as importantly, they showed excellent camaraderie and sportsmanship towards all teams, representing our school with pride both on and off the pitch. Their hard work paid off as they won all three of their games, finishing top of their group. This achievement means they have now qualified for the Mini 7s Hurling Finals, which will take place on April 16th in Hawkfield.

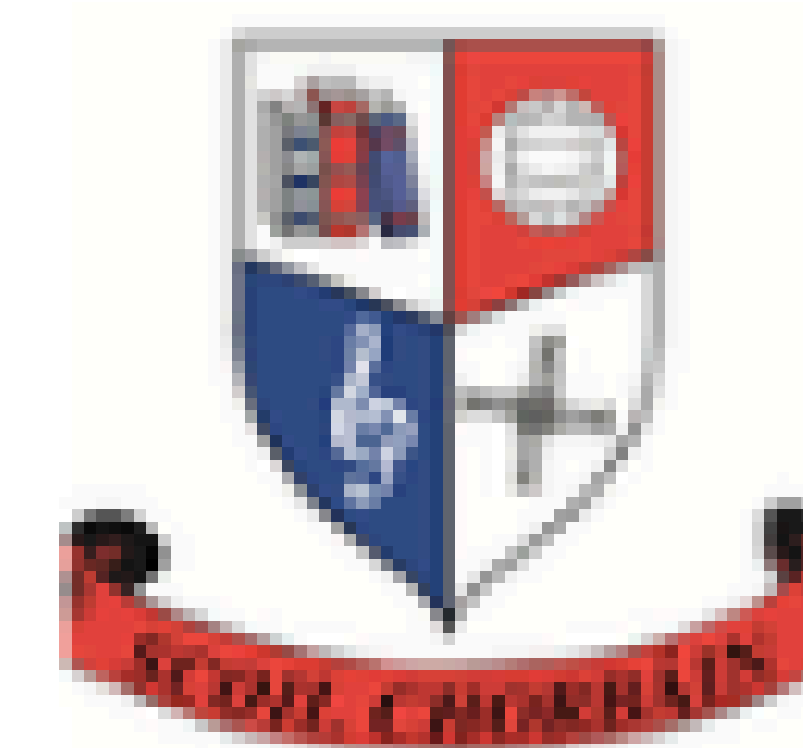
We are extremely proud of the boys and wish them the very best of luck in the finals. A big thanks to Mr. Hartnett and Ms. B. Mangan for their expertise and supporting the team. We would also like to extend a sincere 'thank you' to Mr. Rock for organising such a well-run and enjoyable competition.



## Soccer

The 6th Class 5-a-side teams played a tournament in Leixlip on Tuesday, 24th March. Both teams played very well and one team managed to progress through to the next round after winning their group. They will play again after the Easter break in the Kildare finals. A big thanks to Mr. Ryan and Mr. Carter for training the teams. Well done to all!

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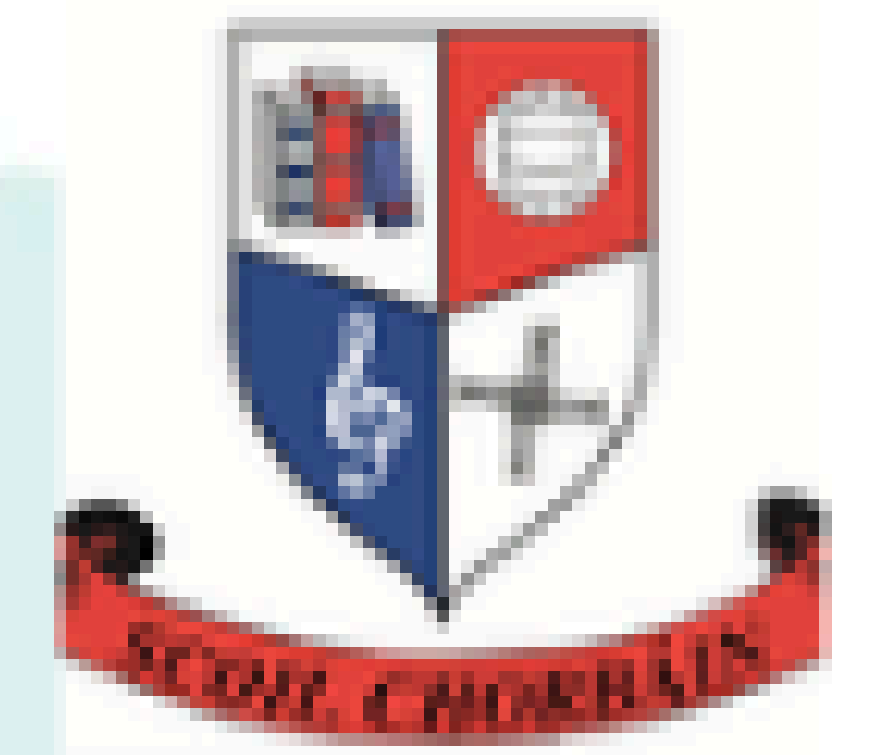


## Cross Country

Our cross country runners had a very successful day on Thursday, 26th March, at the Cumann na mBunscol cross-county competition. It was a particularly outstanding day for the O'Loughlin brothers, Seán, who won gold by coming in 1st place in the 1,800m individual race. His brother, Conor, dug deep and managed to finish fifth behind him. St. Corban's secured 2nd place in the team race. A fantastic achievement all round. We are so proud of all the team. Thank you to Mr. Ryan and Ms. Murphy for coaching and supporting these dedicated boys. Congratulations and well done to all involved!

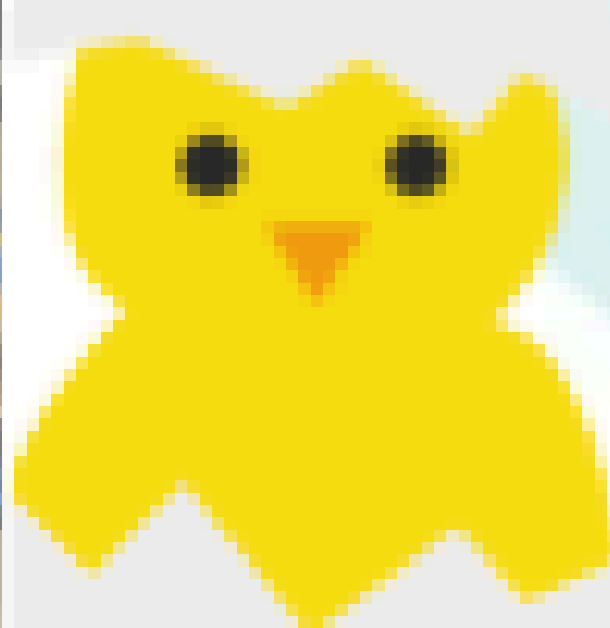
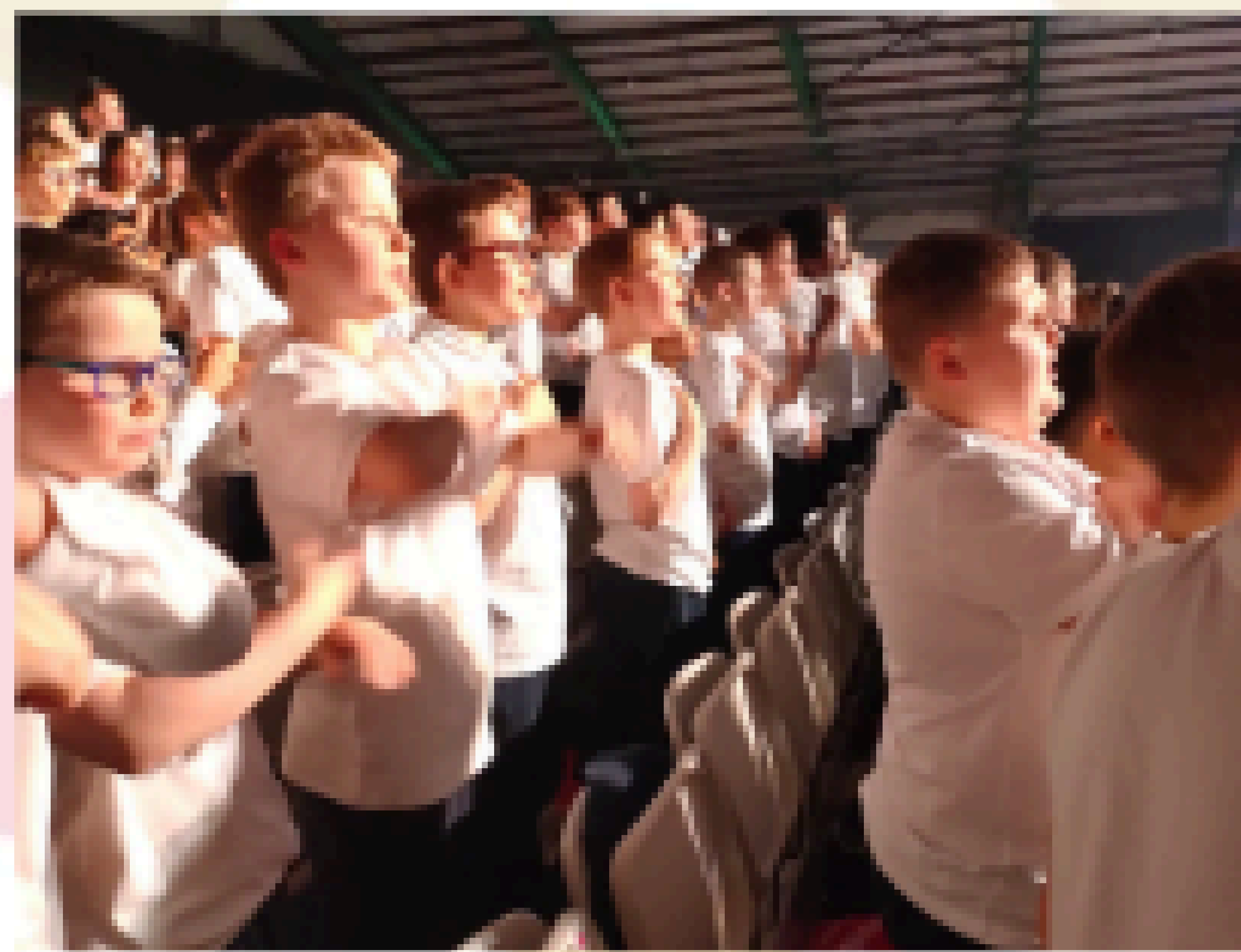
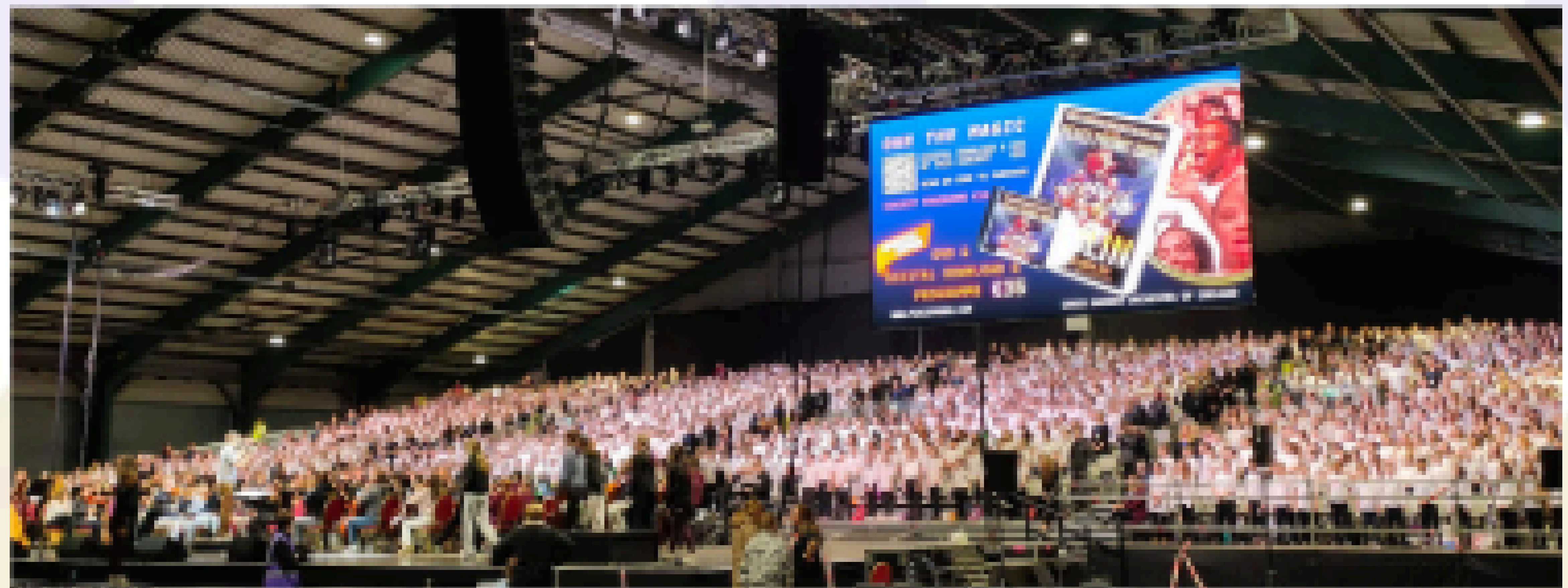
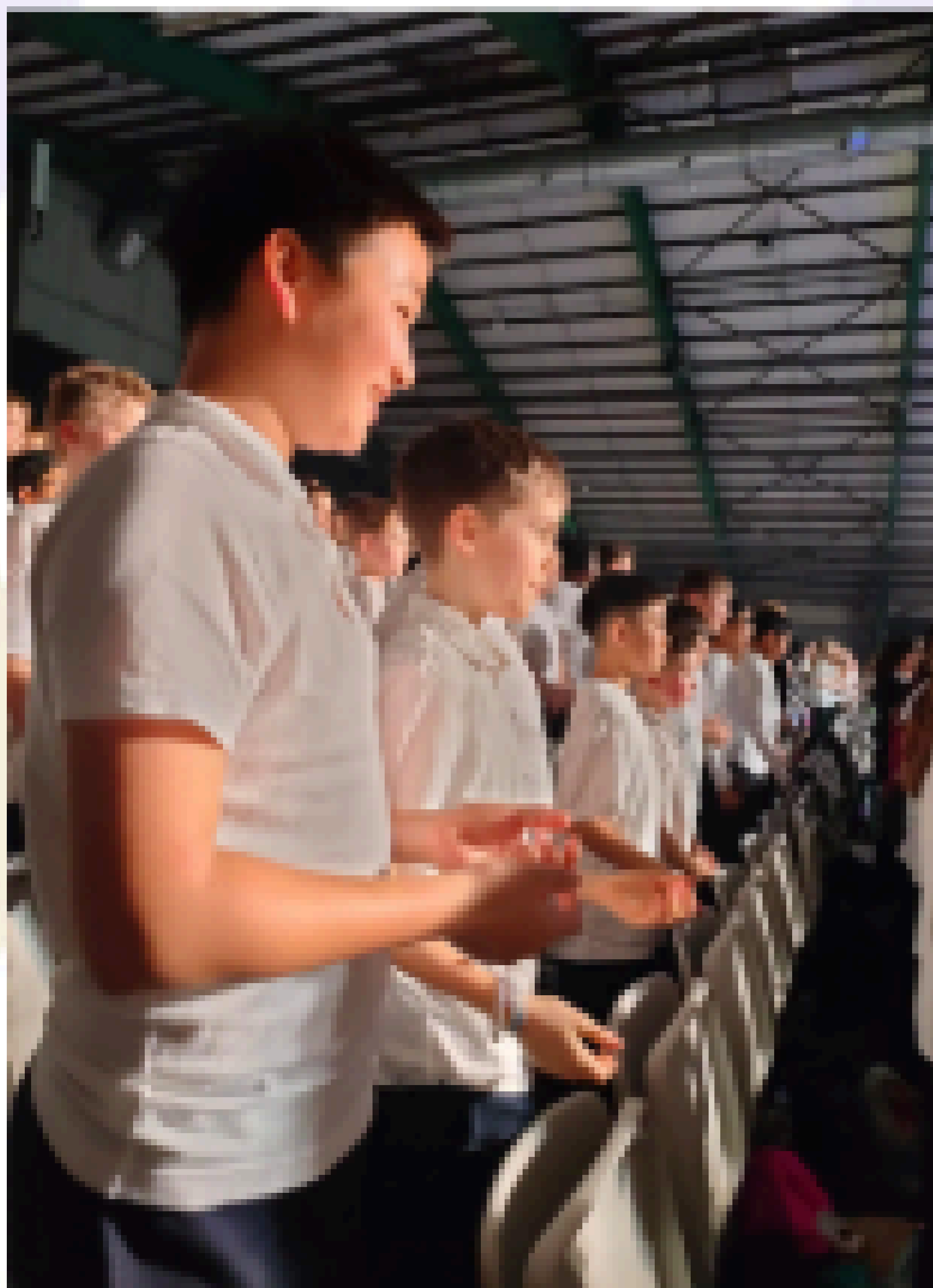


# SCHOOL CHOIR

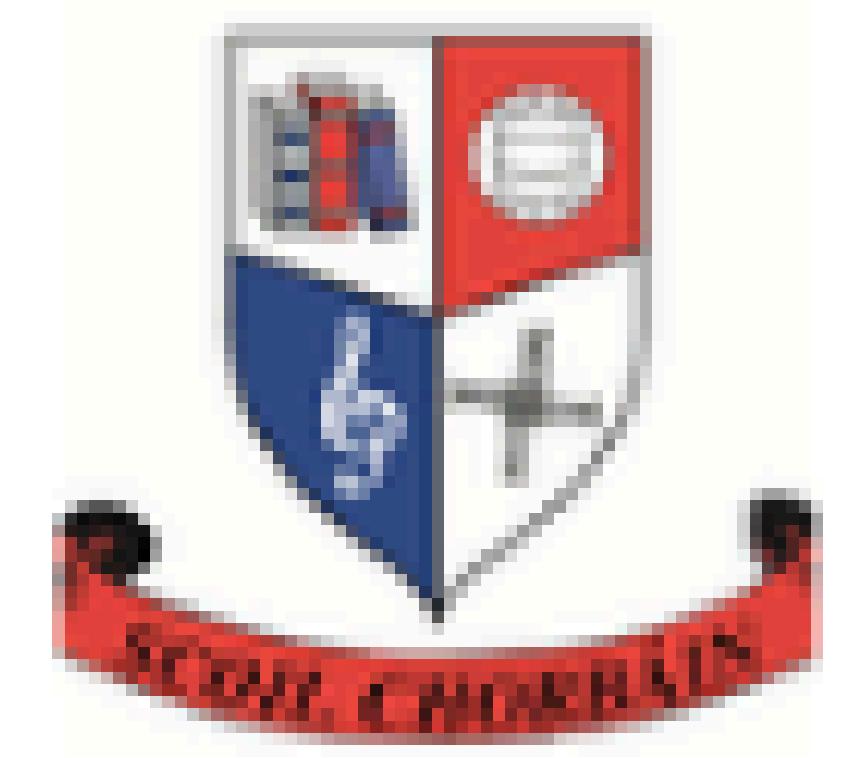


## School Choir

The school choir performed at the 2026 Dublin Peace Proms in the RDS on Sunday 8th of February. The boys worked really hard over the last four months learning the different songs and dance routines in preparation for being part of the largest children's choir in the country - 2,500 children. A massive thank you to all the parents and families who travelled to the RDS to support the boys on the day and also to the school's Parents Association who paid for the bus that brought the choir. A Special Thanks to Ms. McCarville for all the choir practices and for organising this wonderful opportunity for our school choir.



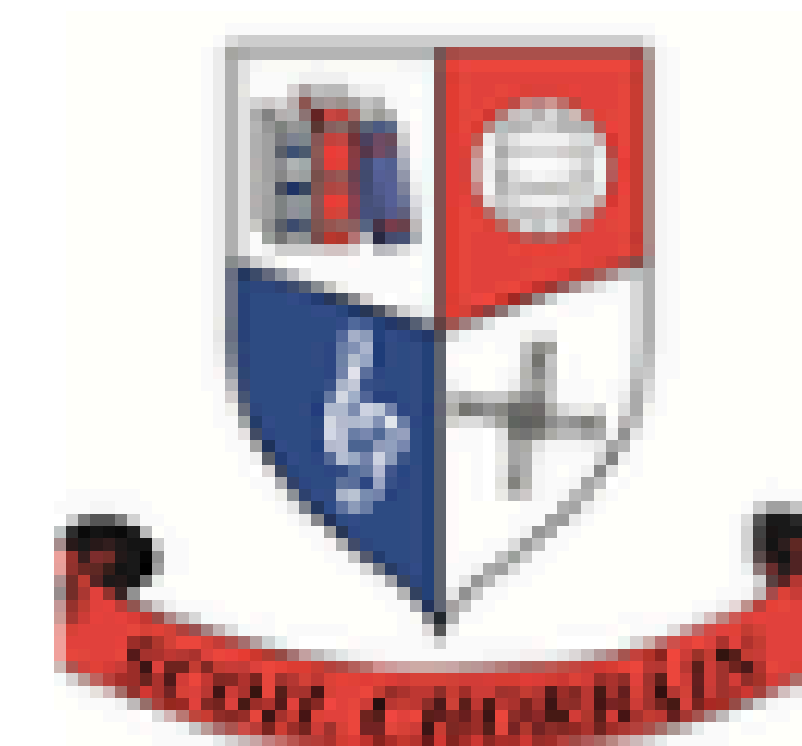
# SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



Bhí atmaisféar croíúil spraiúil le brath thart timpeall na scoile le linn seachtain na Gaeilge agus bhain gach duine an-taitneamh as! The boys all thoroughly enjoyed all of the wonderful activities which were organised by Mr. Smyth for Seachtain na Gaeilge this year. They took part in 'An Nuacht', Tráth na gCeist, Púc Fada, Cic Fada, Irish games, Yoga, Art, Irish dramas and songs. Students learned about Irish musical instruments, played their tin whistles and the bodhrán. We welcomed Mr. Colman Nugent and Máire for a traditional Irish music concert. The talented Mr. Dineen also performed on the accordian and some of the boys from Naas CBS were also invited to perform. Boys dressed in green for 'Lá Glas' and enjoyed Irish dancing at the Ceilí Mór. It was a wonderful week celebrating our culture!



# CLUBS & TEAMS



## Quiz Teams

Every year St. Corban's takes part in the annual Credit Union Schools Quiz. This year, both our Senior (under 13s) and Junior (under 11's) School Quiz Teams participated in the Credit Union School Quiz Competition, at the Osprey Hotel, Naas, on Friday, 6th February. Both teams did a fantastic job on the night with some really impressive knowledge, and did both themselves and St Corban's proud! Well done boys and a big thanks to Ms. Ryan and Ms. McCarville for organising this wonderful event.

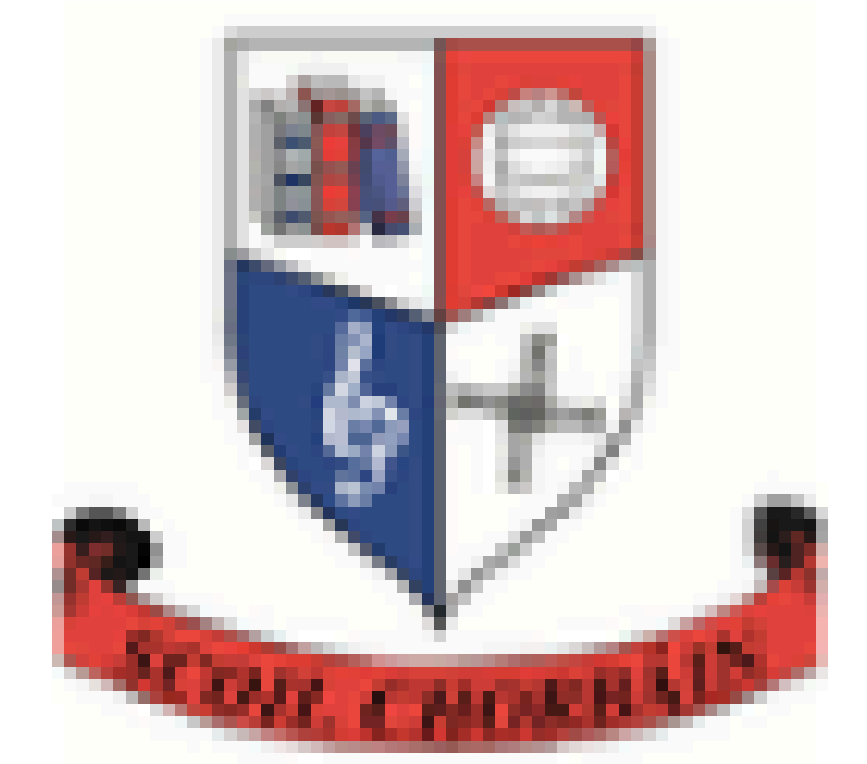


## The Dream Space Showcase

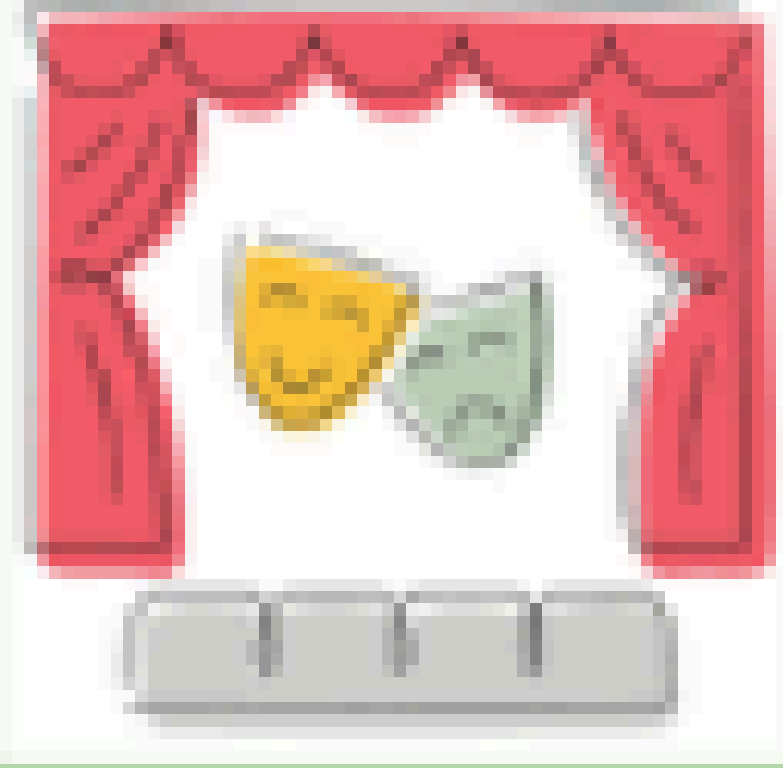



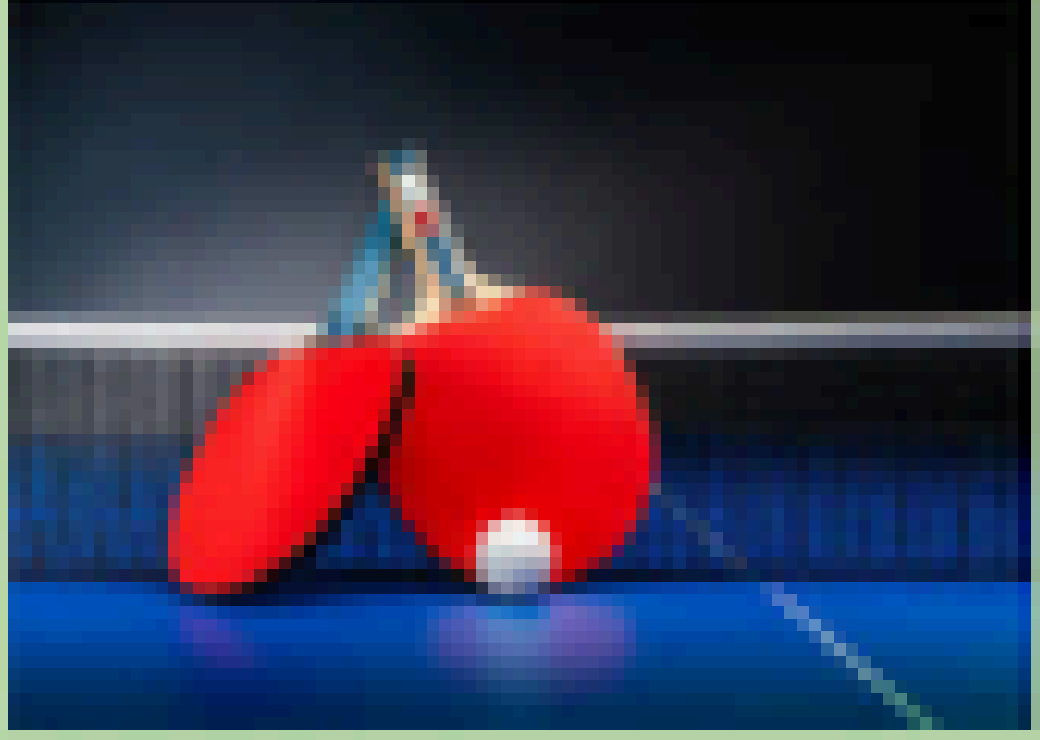
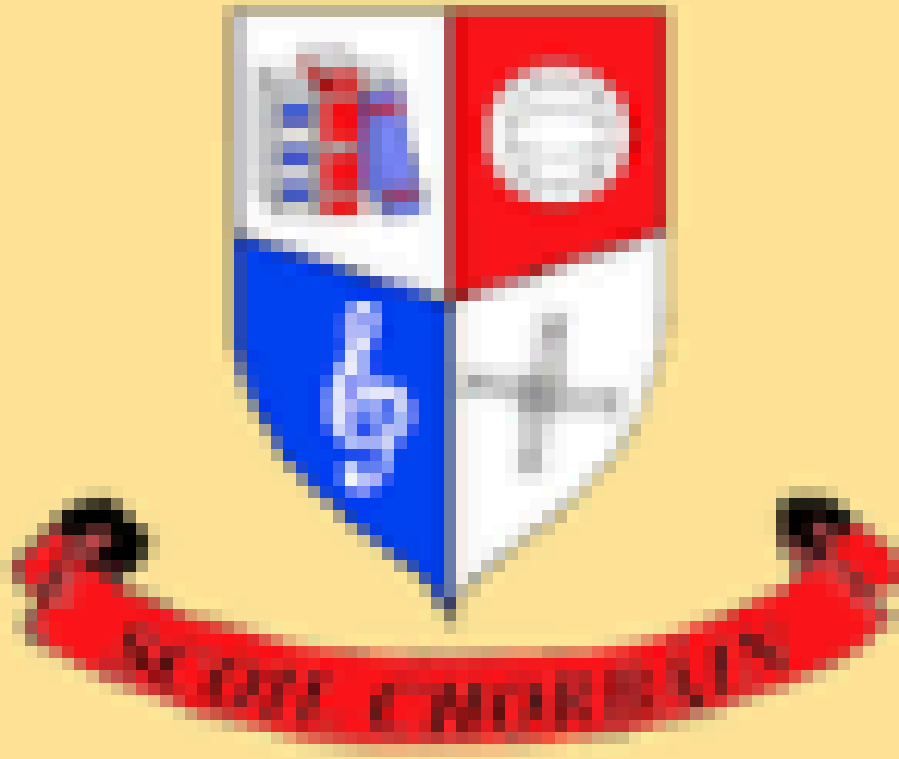




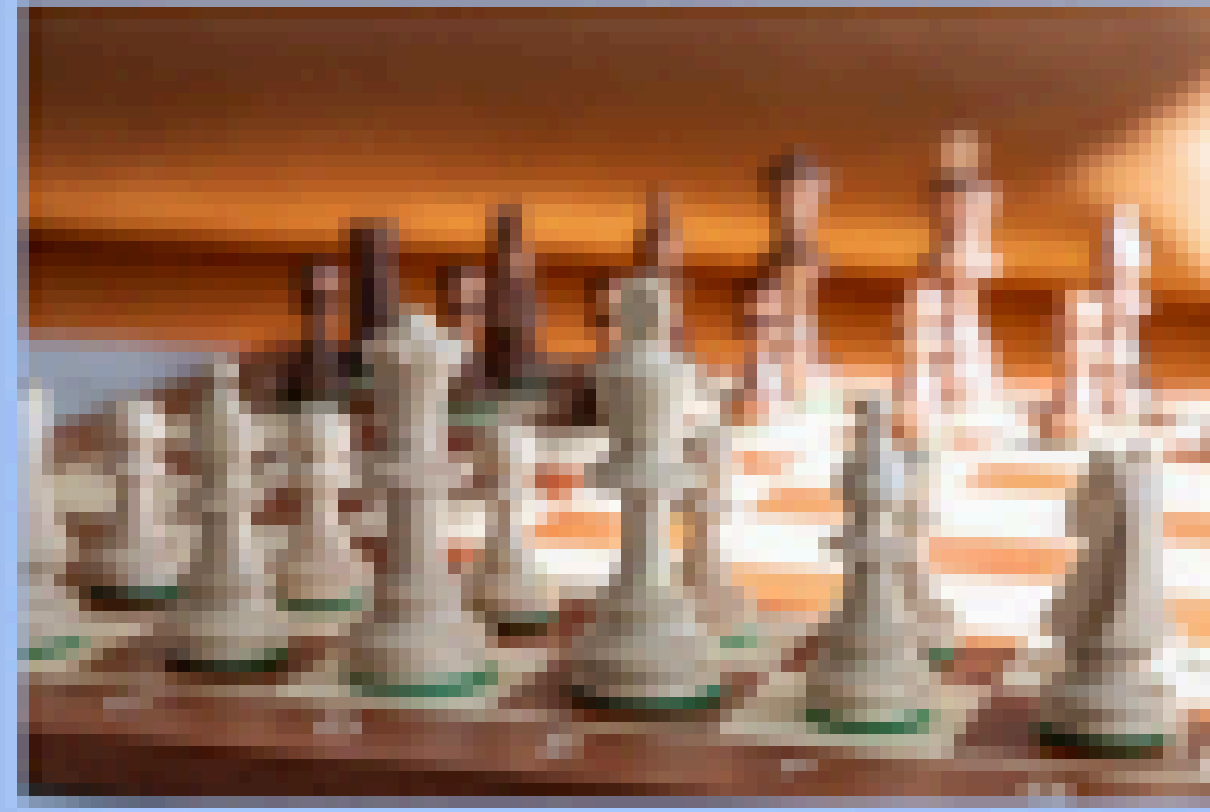
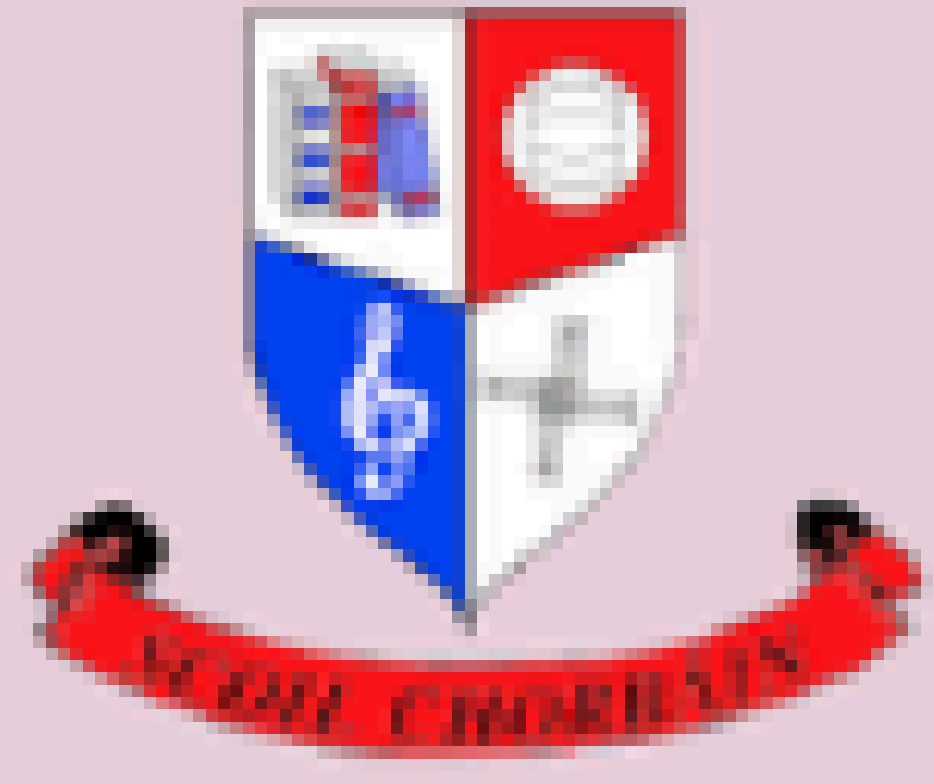
We are excited to announce that St. Corban's has been invited to participate in The Dream Space Showcase, a programme where students learn coding with chromebooks, iPads, and micro:bits. The Coding Club, led by Ms. Pearson have been invited to participate in this initiative, which offers valuable STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) experiences, computational thinking and coding skills. The boys will showcase their projects at Microsoft Ireland on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026. On January 30th, Olivia Diamond, Dream Space Data Centre Learning Specialist, led a micro:bit workshop in our computer room and presented our school with free Micro:bits, resource kits, accessories, a laptop and more. We look forward to continuing this programme and enriching our STEM and coding lessons with these new resources going forward.



# CLUBS



## St. Corban's After-School Clubs- (April 20th-May 25th 2026)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Performing Arts Club (2nd - 6th)</b> 	<b>STEM Club (3rd - 6th)</b> 	<b>Art Club (4th - 6th)</b> 	<b>Modern Languages Club (3rd - 6th Class)</b> 
<b>Table Tennis Club (4th - 6th Class)</b> 		<b>Lego Club (1st - 3rd Class)</b> 	<b>Coding Club (4th - 6th Class)</b> 
<b>Football (1st- 3rd Class)</b> 	<b>Art Club (1st - 3rd)</b> 	<b>Chess Club (3rd - 6th)</b> 	

We are delighted to announce that St. Corban's B.N.S. will be offering a selection of after-school activities in Term 3 for 1st to 6th classes, starting from Monday, 20th April 2026. Activities will take place from 2:25 pm to 3:25 pm and will run for 6 weeks, ending the week of May 25th. Some clubs may run later due to school holidays. You can see the timetable of activities on offer above. A booking link has been sent via Aladdin to sign up for the clubs on Wednesday March 25th at 5pm. Please do not book a club spot if you do not intend to take it as this means other pupils may miss out on a place. For any queries or questions, please only email [afterschoolclubs@stcorbans.com](mailto:afterschoolclubs@stcorbans.com).

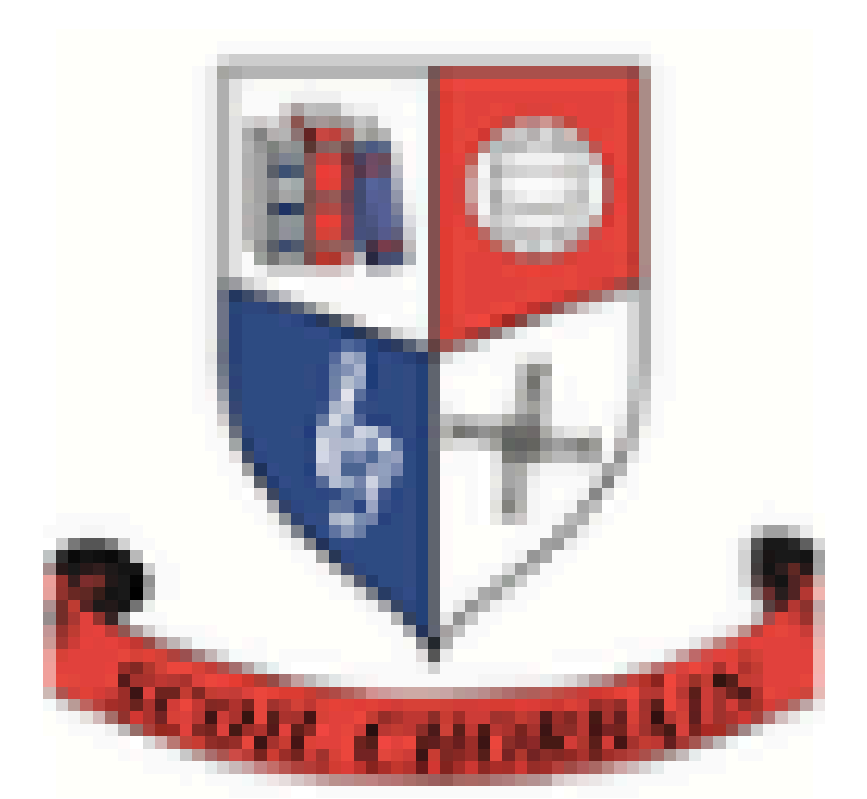


### Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club has been a great success! The boys have enjoyed having their nutritious breakfast followed by fun activities every morning in our GP room. Some spaces are still available in the Club. If you wish to enquire, please email [breakfastclub@stcorbans.com](mailto:breakfastclub@stcorbans.com)

# DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER



## Daffodil Day

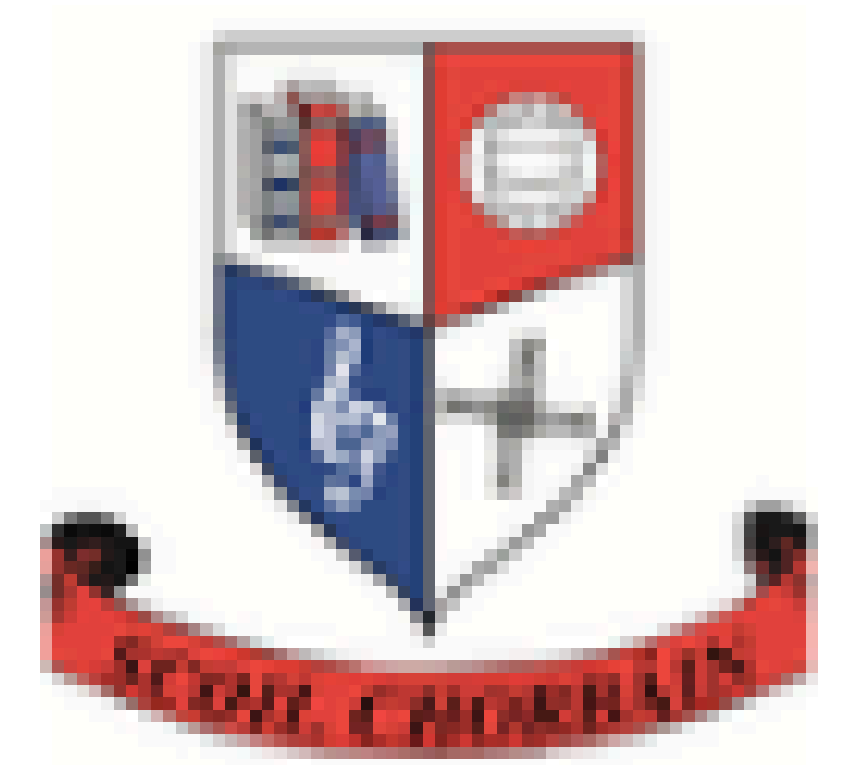
Our school community collected a massive €8,286.25 for Daffodil Day in aid of The Irish Cancer Society. We are delighted with this amazing amount and we want to thank those who contributed to our fundraising event. We know that this money will go to supporting people who have been diagnosed with cancer and also supporting their families as they struggle with the challenges that cancer brings. It is inspiring to see the generosity and kindness bloom as brightly as the daffodils that are the symbol of this day. Daffodil Day was a very worthwhile day, for all of you involved and for all who will benefit from your generosity. Well done to all.



## St. Brigid's Day Celebration

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week and the feast of St. Brigid's, St. Corban's held a mass at The Church of Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026. The ceremony was truly special, filled with beautiful singing, uplifting music, and meaningful prayers. We are grateful to Ms. Kelly for organising this annual event, and a special thanks to Fr. Yohan Fernando, our school's chaplain, for delivering such an inspiring message. The children also created wonderful St. Brigid's Day artwork, including St. Brigid's crosses, and learned the song "We Sing a Song to Brigid," which they performed so beautifully during our School Mass.

# SCHOOL SHOW



St. Corban's Proudly Presents

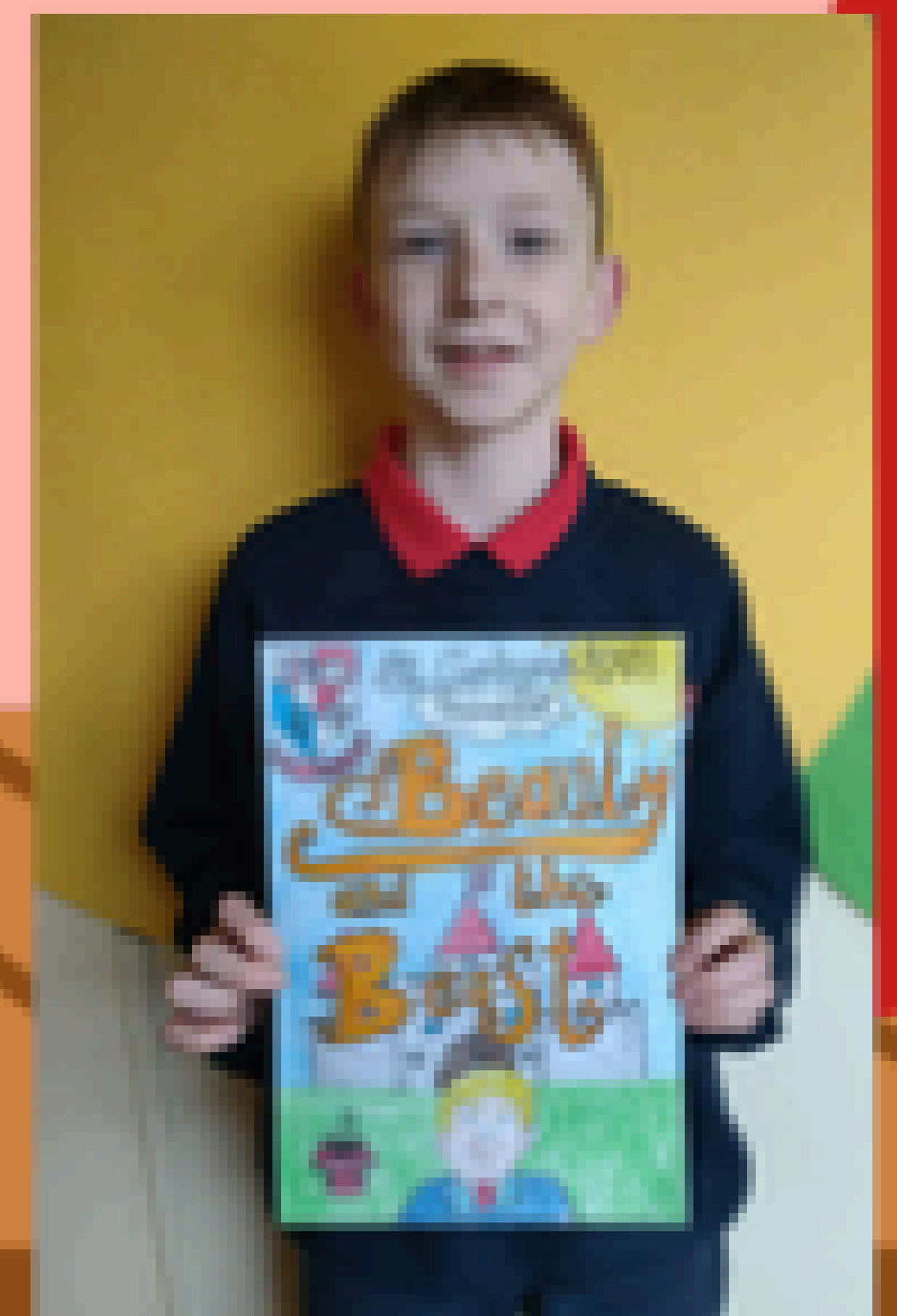
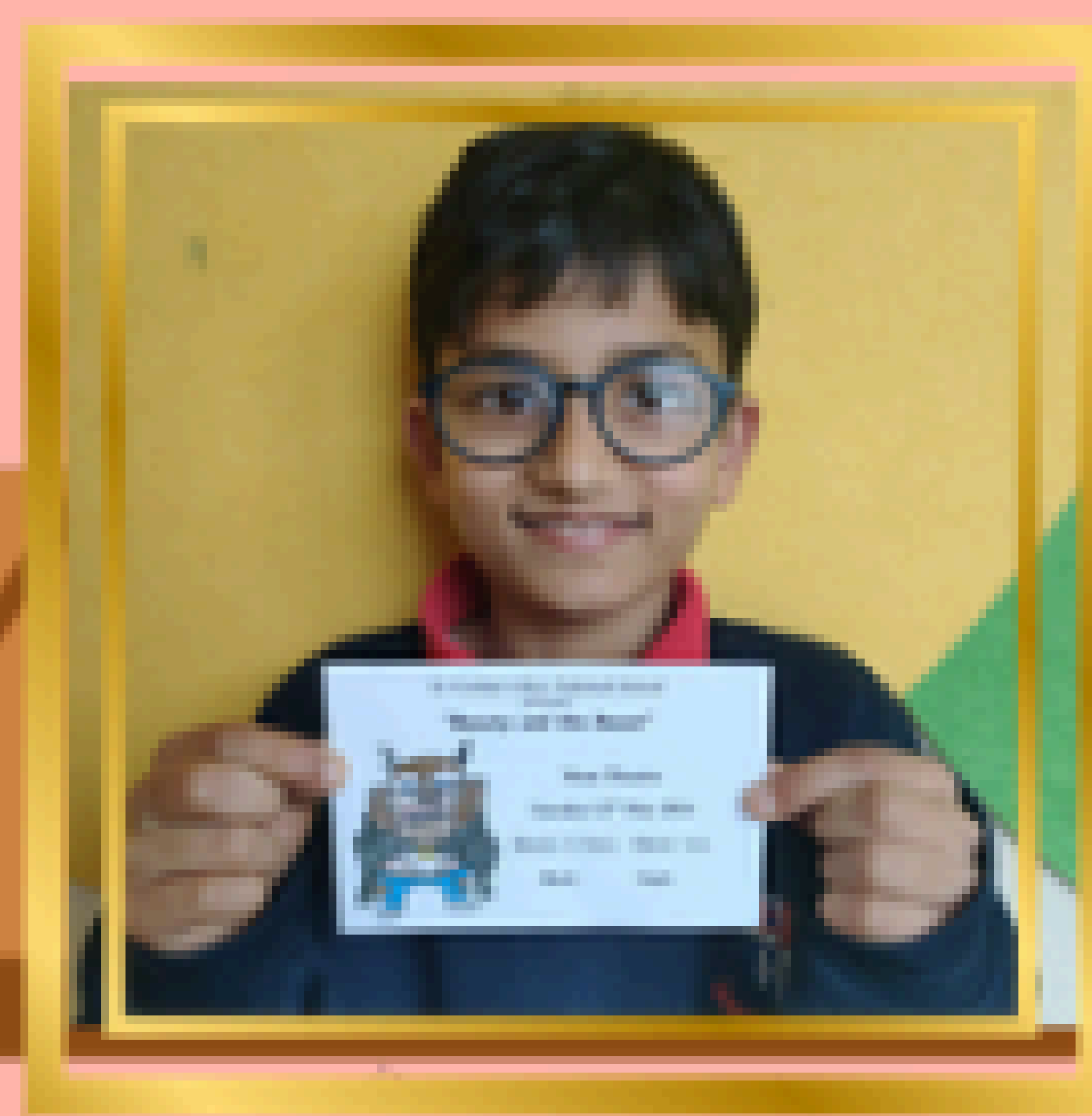
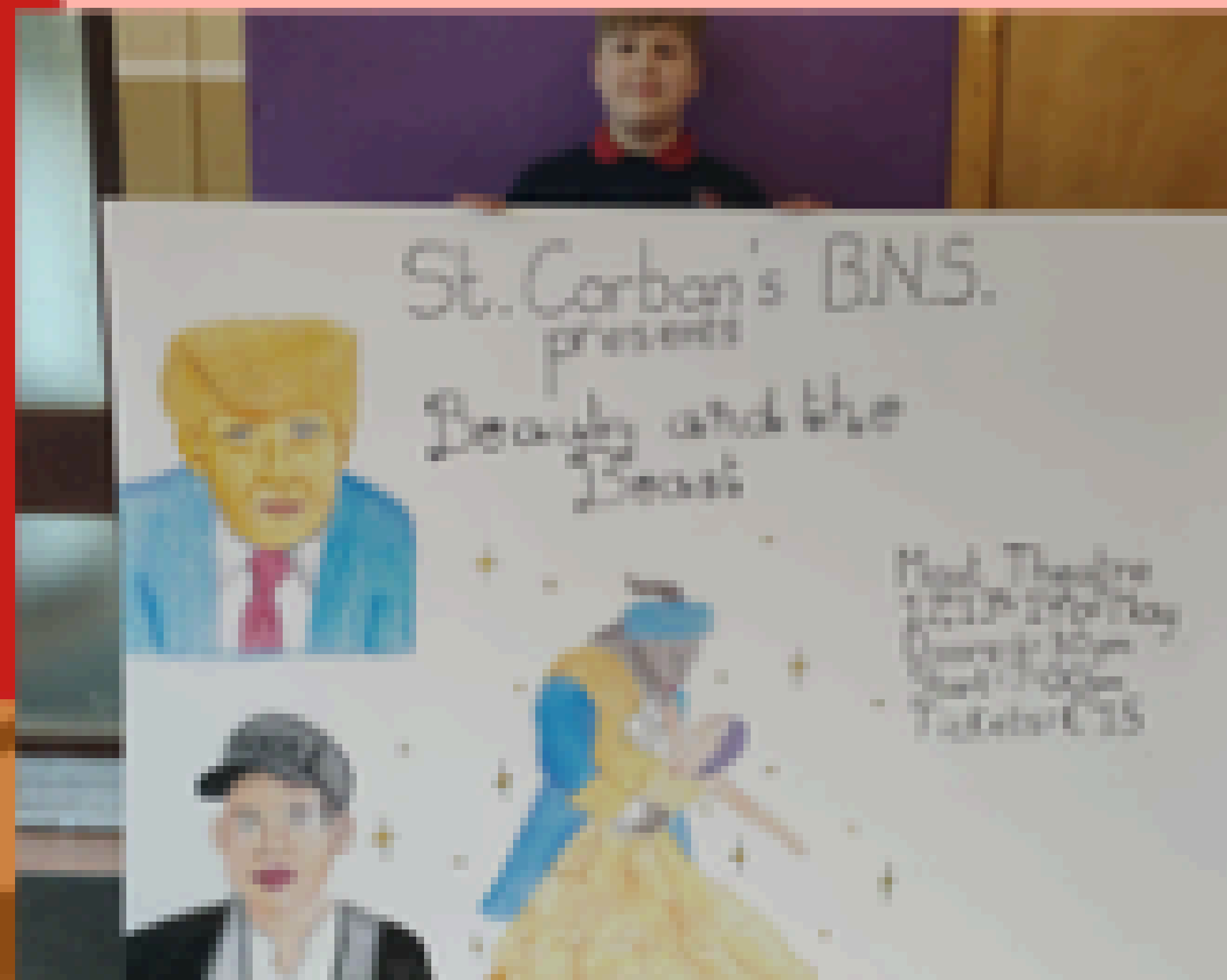
## “Beauty and the Beast”

Lights, camera, action! This year we are staging a 21st Century version of the timeless classic “Beauty and the Beast” in the Moat Theatre.

Auditions have wrapped up and rehearsals for both acting and dance are already in full swing. Pupils have also been busy designing the tickets and posters for the show.

This exciting production will run at the Moat Theatre on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of May at 7pm.

Tickets are priced at €15 and will only be available through the school. Ticket sales will open first to cast members on Tuesday 14th of April and will then go on general sale on Wednesday 15th of April.



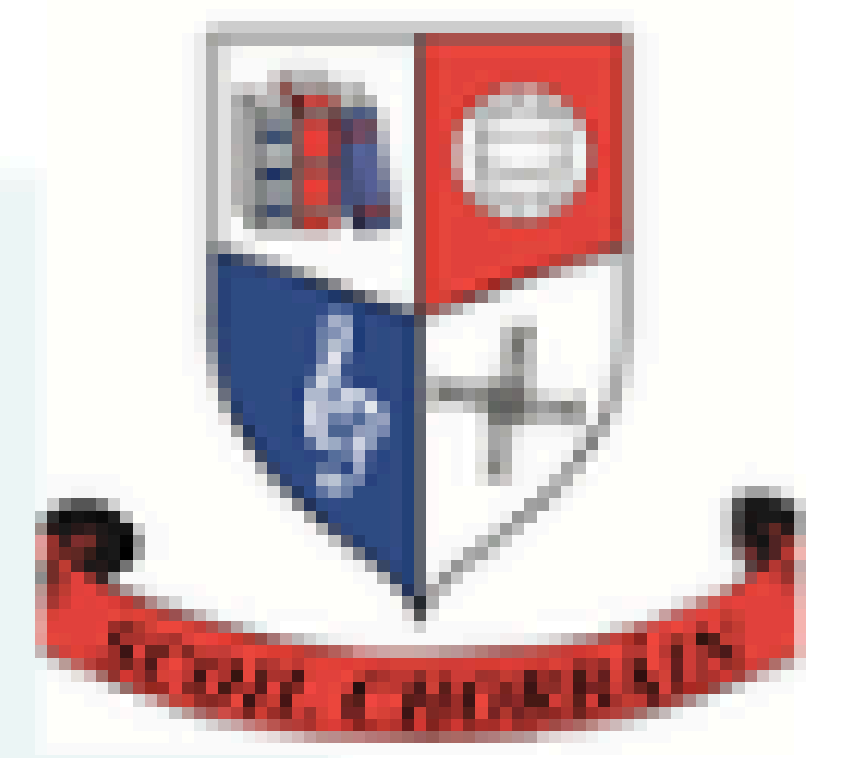
Don't miss this magical performance - sure to be a highlight of the year!

Be our guest and step into a tale as old as time, brought to life on stage.

A huge “Thank You” to Ms. McCarville and all of the staff who give so generously of their time free of charge to provide our children with this experience.



# COMMITTEES



## Parents' Association

A huge 'Thank You' to our Parents' Association, who have been extremely busy this term. Through fundraising events, they have provided many resources and activities for our children, including a wide range of chess resources for the school. On 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March, they organised an annual bucket collection at supermarkets around Naas, which raised a whopping €2601.50. Well done!

## Re-turn Bottles and Cans Scheme

The Re-turn Bottles and Cans Scheme has been a great success, fundraising over €500 to date. We will continue with our Re-turn Bottles & Cans fundraiser until June 2026. So please continue to support this initiative. If you are happy to donate your Re-turn Bottles and Cans, please gather them up and send them in. There is no obligation on anyone to participate in this fundraiser, it is completely voluntary. The boys can bring them into the school and put them in our designated collection bin near the field gate and our Parents' Association will collect them and redeem them for cash to fund for enjoyable and beneficial experiences for our children.



Our sincere thanks to all of the volunteers and supporters of all the fundraising events, which makes a huge difference and enhances pupils' experiences in our school so much. Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.



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

A sincere thank you to our boys, their families and to everyone in our school community for your continued support and cooperation throughout this year.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

We look forward to see you again, on our return to school, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.



Wishing you all a Happy Easter!



THANK YOU