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A Historic September at St. Corban's

This September, history was made at St. Corban's when we opened our doors to both boys and girls for the first time. After two years of preparation, we were delighted to welcome our first girls to the school. They have settled in beautifully and are already an important part of the Corban's family. They are thriving in the classroom and in the yard, making friends, and taking part in everything school life has to offer.

Every child at St. Corban's is valued, and our girls are no exception. They are cared for by a dedicated staff and surrounded by a school community that has welcomed them with open arms. A huge thank you to our staff, the Board of Management, the Parents' Association and all our families for helping to make this new chapter such a warm and happy one. We ask parents to keep spreading the good news among relatives and friends with young children who will start school in the coming years.



MS. B. MANGAN'S CLASS



MS. MCCORMACK'S CLASS



MS. MCDERMOTT'S CLASS

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Junior Infant Enrolment 2027–2028

Enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2027 have now opened. Parents can apply online using the link on our website, www.stcorbans.com, under the Enrolments tab, or download the form from the website and return it to the school, or collect a hardcopy from the school office. All completed applications must be returned on or before 3pm on Friday, 6th November. Applications are open for both boys and girls. We look forward to welcoming your daughter or son to St. Corban's.





JUNIOR INFANTS NEWS



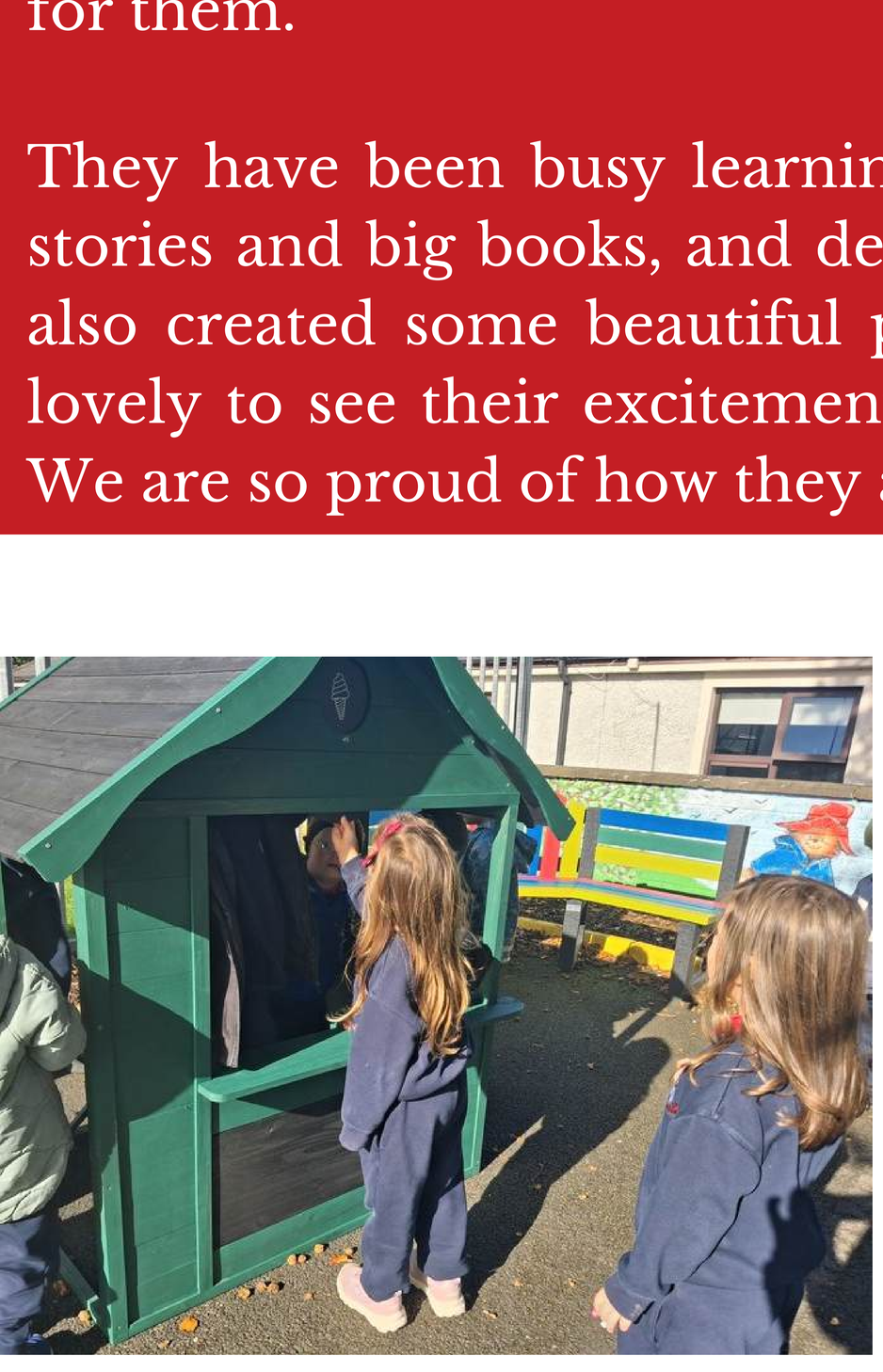






Our Junior Infants girls and boys have settled in so well and are really enjoying life in the big school! They are having great fun with all their activities and games, especially in the yard with their lovely new playhouse and chalkboards. A sincere thank you to our wonderful caretaker, Brenden, for putting these in place for them.

They have been busy learning their English sounds, exploring Maths, enjoying stories and big books, and developing their fine motor skills. The children have also created some beautiful pieces of artwork that they are very proud of! It's lovely to see their excitement as they learn and discover new things every day. We are so proud of how they are all getting used to school life!



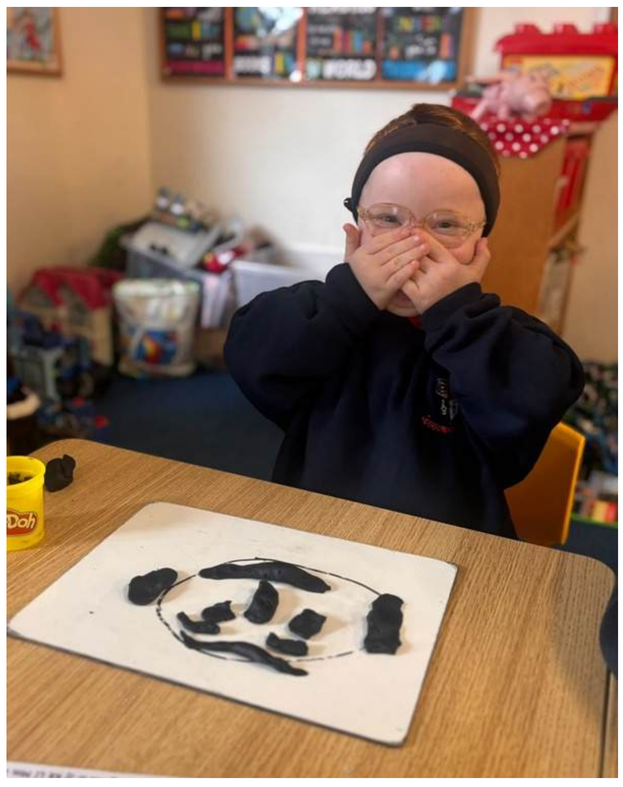




SENIOR INFANTS NEWS







Senior Infants have had a busy and enjoyable term, full of learning, creativity and fun as they settled back into school! In SESE, the children explored different types of houses, drawing pictures of their own homes and getting creative by building houses using lollipop sticks. In Science, they learned about the different parts of the body, focusing particularly on the features of the face. They created wonderful self-portraits using playdough and enjoyed comparing features such as eye colour and hair colour with their friends.

In October, both classes headed off on an autumn walk to Lakelands, where they collected colourful leaves for a leaf study and used them to create beautiful leaf rubbings. Although the squirrels had beaten us to the conkers and acorns, the children still had lots of fun creating their own acorn Pop Art!

There was also plenty of time for play and collaboration, with the children working together to design and build fantastic constructions using LEGO.

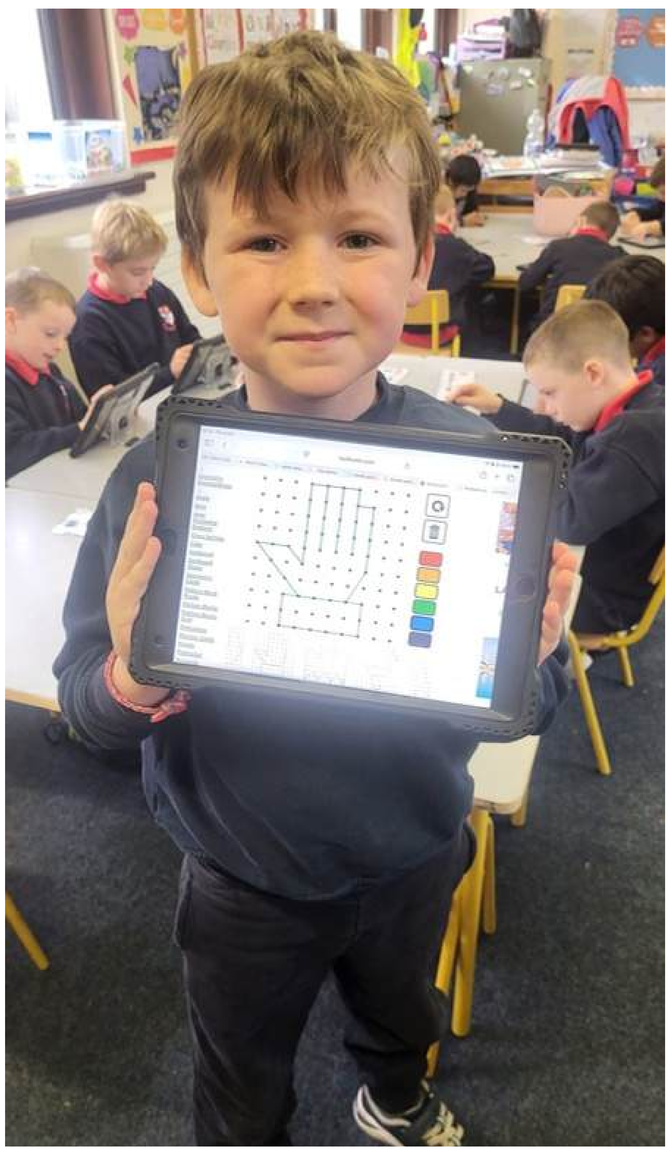






FIRST CLASS NEWS

First class have had a very busy first two months of this school year. They have been learning loads of new things including addition tables for the very first time, exploring the five senses, discovering all about autumn and spiders, and learning about the history of Hallowe'en. They have also been investigating 2D shapes, developing their ball skills and basketball skills, and discovering the music of the composer Antonio Vivaldi. First class have also been busy creating some fabulous pieces of autumnal art and friendship bracelets as part of Friendship Fortnight.



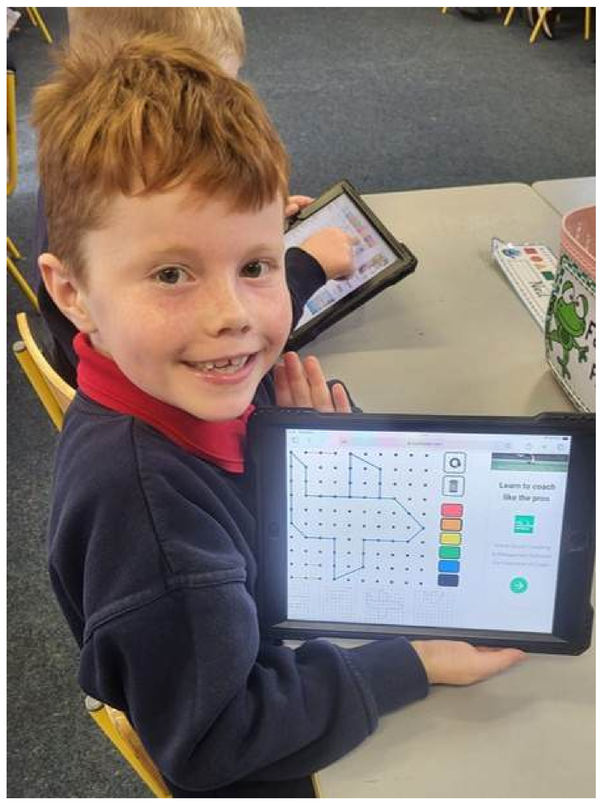














SECOND CLASS NEWS











Second class have been busy this autumn. They had lots of fun on their autumn walk and used everything they noticed to help them make some beautiful art. They had lots of chats about Go Phone Free and thought of ways to play with toys not tech. After an interesting talk from Reuben about technology in our hall, the children created beautiful posters for Tech vs Toys. The children have done a fantastic job learning cursive writing for the first time and are really proud of what they have achieved. They enjoyed practising winter-themed art for their Christmas cards for later in the year. They had lots of fun in maths playing maths games and making pictures with 2D shapes. They are looking forward to trying out rugby coaching in the next while too. Well done second class for all your creativity and enthusiasm!

THIRD CLASS NEWS

Third class have had a busy few weeks settling into the new school year, working hard and learning lots of new things! They have tackled lots of challenging Maths topics including Data and Transformation. They have also explored the exciting world of the Aztecs and Mexico in SESE. They enjoyed creating texture in Art using a variety of mediums to make autumnal pictures and Hallowe'en displays. They also entered the 'Go Phone Free' in-school art competition and enjoyed a visit from Reuben who spoke to them about 'Go Phone Free' week.
Garda Shane also came to visit them to discuss Hallowe'en safety and answer all of their brilliant questions about keeping safe this season. Finally, third class are now all set up on Google Classroom and have been busy navigating Google Forms and Google Slides to create PowerPoints so far this term.















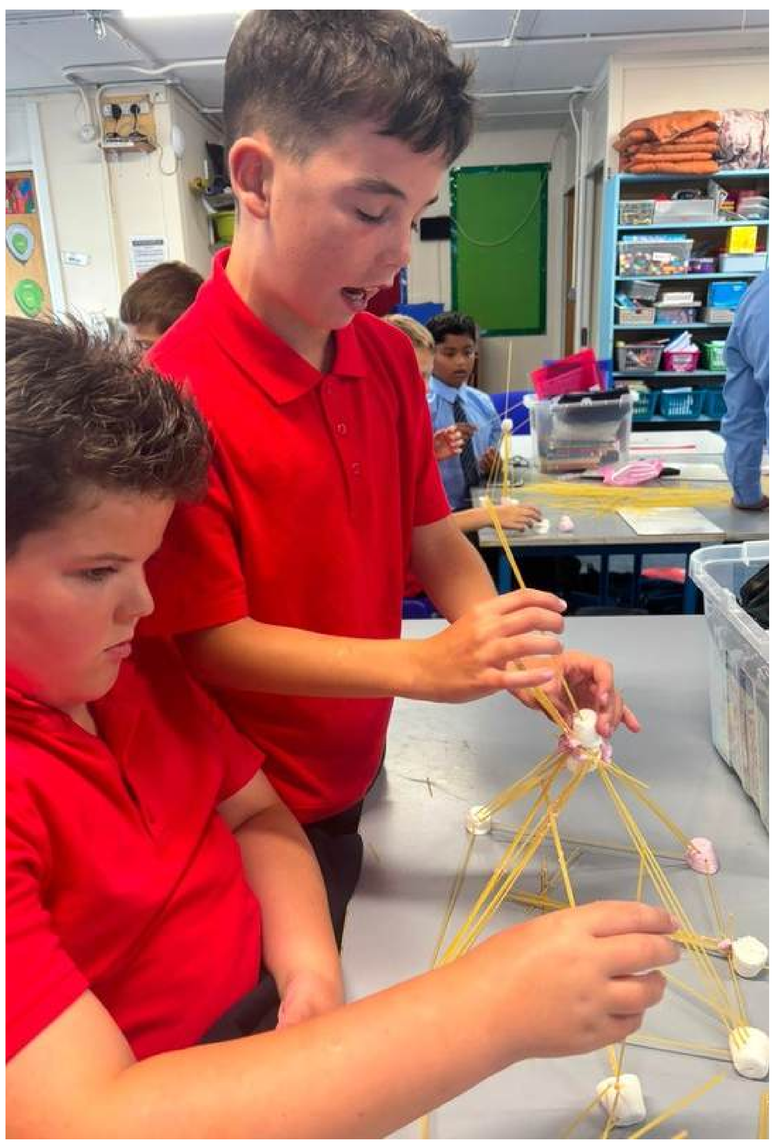
FOURTH CLASS NEWS







Since September, the boys in fourth class have been learning all about Australia, including its history, Aboriginal people, states and territories. They also completed a project on Australian wildlife.
In Science, the boys learned about the lungs and explored how their breathing rate changes after exercise. They enjoyed a visit to Barker and Jones, where they met children's author Alan Nolan. He spoke to them about his books and shared how he began his career writing for children.
We also held our Student Council elections, and new representatives were elected to represent their classmates.
For PE, the boys in Room 4 are currently enjoying swimming lessons in K Leisure. This month, the boys have been busy writing imaginative narratives based on Hallowe'en and creating some fantastic Hallowe'en artwork.



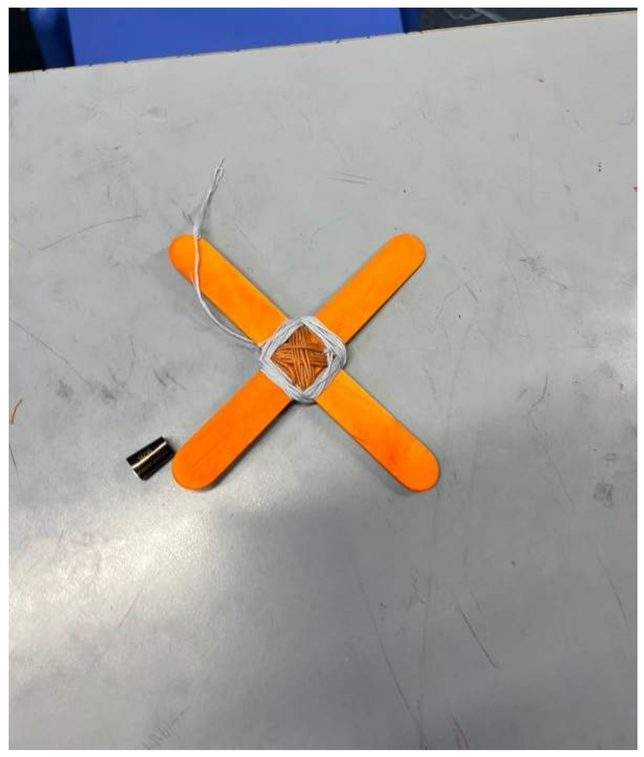




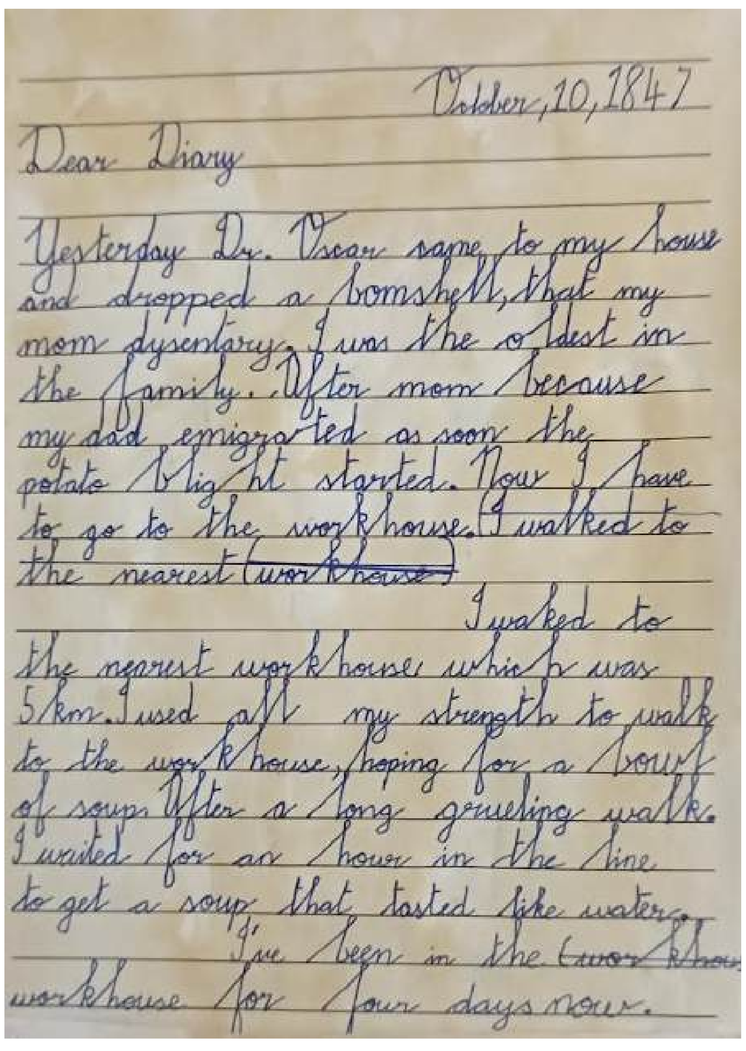
FIFTH CLASS NEWS







This term, fifth class learned all about the Great Famine in History. The boys took part in a Famine Walk 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 PE, they focused on athletics, working on running, jumping, and throwing skills. They also had Paul in for some rugby coaching.
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.


October, 10, 1847

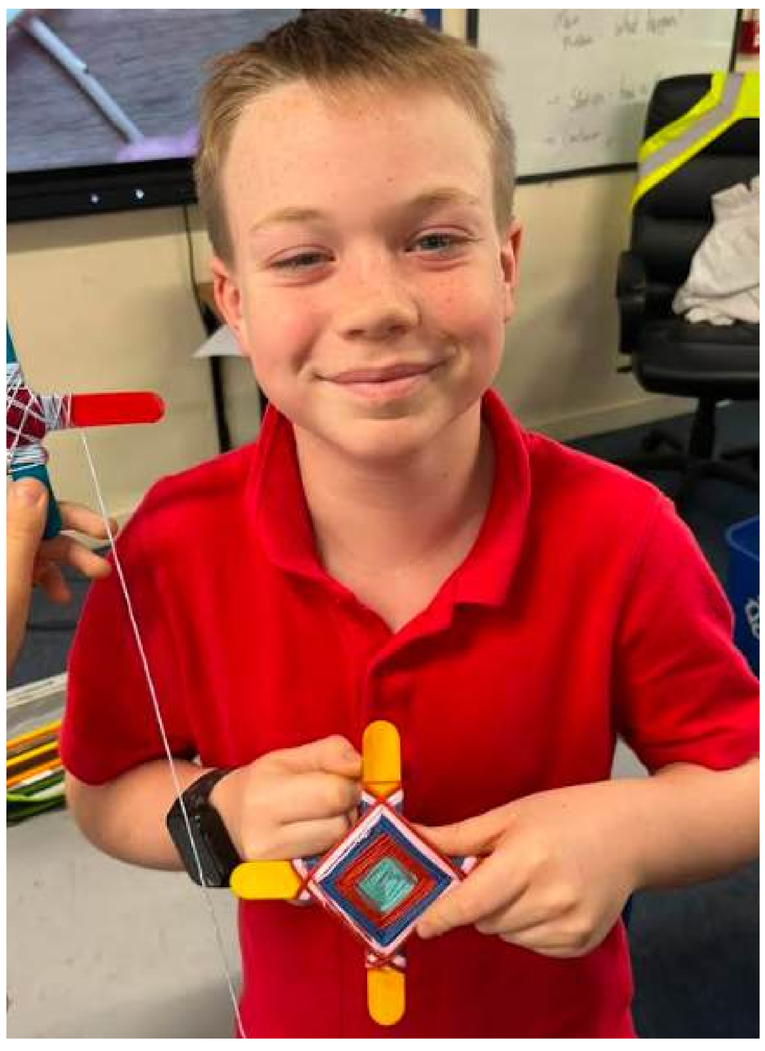
Dear Diary

Yesterday Dr. Vroar came to my house and dropped a bombshell, that my mom dysentary. I was the oldest in the family. After mom because my dad emigrated as soon the potato blight started. Now I have to go to the workhouse. I walked to the nearest ~~(workhouse)~~

I walked to the nearest workhouse which was 5km. I used all my strength to walk to the workhouse, hoping for a bowl of soup. After a long grueling walk. I waited for an hour in the line to get a soup that tasted like water.

I've been in the ~~(workhouse)~~ workhouse for four days now.





SIXTH CLASS NEWS

What a fantastic first term the boys have had in sixth class! They have been busy learning new things, getting creative and making lots of great memories along the way. In Science, they learned all about the brain and even made their own brain models! In Art, they designed amazing optical illusions that could trick the eye. They also became history detectives by researching the stories behind their names and creating beautiful representations of their family crests. They had lots of fun in PE, where they practised their rugby skills and enjoyed swimming. In History, they travelled back in time to learn about World War II. They also explored the work of the famous street artist Banksy and learned about the Berlin Wall before designing their very own graffiti walls, filled with colour, creativity and meaningful messages.

Another special moment this term was the Confirmation candidates' retreat to Solas Bhríde on Wednesday, 21st October. It was a lovely opportunity to take some time to reflect, pray and prepare for the important step ahead. They have certainly packed a lot into their first term, and we are proud of all the learning, effort and creativity shown by everyone in sixth class. We can't wait to see what adventures Term 2 will bring!













SPORTS NEWS

St. Corban's Under-11 Hurling

This year's Under-11 hurling campaign began with a home game against Scoil Bhríde. Our boys battled hard and put in a spirited performance, but unfortunately, they came out on the losing side. Next up was Ballycane, where excellent skill and determination were on display. This time, the boys' efforts were rewarded with their first win of the year.

In our final group game, they faced the Gaelscoil and knew that a win was needed to qualify for the semi-finals. It was an evenly balanced contest, but thanks to some excellent teamwork and strong performances from the St. Corban's boys, they secured their place in the knockout stages. Semi-final day brought a trip to Clane, where a place in the final was up for grabs. It was another tightly contested game, but our St. Corban's hurlers showed their hunger for silverware. An excellent second-half performance saw them book their place in the final.



All roads led to Éire Óg for Under-11 finals day, where they faced a familiar opponent in Scoil Bhríde. Having suffered defeat in the opening round, the St. Corban's boys were determined to turn the tables. The game ebbed and flowed throughout, with brilliant skill on display from both teams. With the sides level at half-time, the outcome was still very much in the balance.
Our boys gave everything they had in the second half, but, unfortunately, they narrowly lost out after a gripping contest. Despite the disappointment, it was a fantastic performance, and one that the boys should be extremely proud of.
A huge thank you to all the boys for their commitment and effort throughout training and matches. They gave 100% every time and showed tremendous improvement in such a short period. Their teamwork, determination and attitude were a credit to themselves and St. Corban's. Corban's abú!

SPORTS NEWS

St. Corban's N.S. Crowned Under-11 Football County Champions

St. Corban's N.S. produced a superb second-half comeback to defeat Scoil Bhríde Naas and claim the Under-11 County Championship title.

Trailing by a point at half-time, the boys showed tremendous character, determination and teamwork to turn the game around. Finn Campbell opened the scoring with a brilliant goal, while Jamie Lillis added an excellent long-range point in a closely contested first half.

After the break, St. Corban's raised their game, with Will Osborne scoring a crucial goal to help drive the team towards victory. Outstanding performances across the pitch, from Tadhg O'Connor's excellent goalkeeping to strong defending, tireless midfield work and clever attacking play, ensured a memorable win.

Joint captains Conor Quinn and Matthew McNamara led by example, while every member of the squad contributed to a fantastic team performance. A special mention goes to Tom Hannon, who missed the final through injury but played an important role in the team's journey to the county final.

Credit must also go to Scoil Bhríde Naas for providing excellent opposition in a thrilling final. The victory was a testament to the boys' resilience, hard work and team spirit. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and supporters on a fantastic achievement. St. Corban's N.S. – Under-11 County Champions!







SPORTS NEWS

Lunchtime GAA League

Our Lunchtime GAA League has been a fantastic success, with seventy boys from fifth and sixth class taking part. Kildare, Kerry, Mayo, Longford, Dublin and Laois have all put in excellent performances, producing some thrilling and closely contested matches. The excitement continues this week as they look forward to the finals, with some eagerly anticipated games ahead. Best of luck to all teams involved.











MISCELLANEOUS

Prefects 2026-2027

Prefects have been selected from fifth and sixth class this year. As part of a long-standing tradition in St. Corban's, they carry out many roles of responsibility in helping 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 in ringing the bell after break 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 children and will no doubt continue to be so throughout the rest of the school year.











Digital Learning Team 2026-2027





MISCELLANEOUS

School Choir

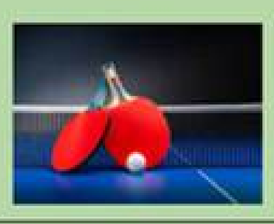
The school choir is back in full swing for the new school year! The children are busy rehearsing for their exciting performance at the 2027 Peace Proms, which will take place in the RDS, Dublin, on 6th February.



After School Clubs

Our programme of paid after-school activities recommenced this year on Monday, 21st September. The activities cater for pupils in first to sixth classes. As in previous years, there was great interest in places. This programme of activities will continue until the week of November 30th. We hope to coordinate more activities for after Christmas. Information to follow.

St. Corban's N.S. After School Activities
(September 21st - December 3rd)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lego (1st - 3rd) 	STEM Club (3rd - 6th) 	Choir (4th - 6th) Separate Sign Up	Multi Sport (1st - 3rd) 
Table Tennis Club (3rd - 6th Class) 	Gaelic Football (4th - 6th) 	Soccer (1st - 3rd Class) 	Modern Languages Club (3rd - 6th Class) 
Coding (4th- 6th Class) 	Art Club (1st - 4th) 	Performing Arts (1st - 3rd Class) 	Chess (3rd - 6th) 

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council 2026-2027

Well done to all the students who put themselves forward for the Student Council this year! The standard of speeches and presentations was exceptionally high. The elections took place in the school hall at the end of September, and we are delighted to introduce this year's Student Council members.

The representatives wasted no time getting to work, helping to organise our annual Hallowe'en Walk. They invited students in their classes to design posters to promote the event. They visited their link classes to introduce themselves and delivered a Thoughts and Ideas Box to each classroom. These boxes will give students across the school an opportunity to share their ideas and suggestions.

The Student Council also played an important role in judging the costume competition and creating prizes for the lucky winners at the Hallowe'en Walk.

They have lots of fantastic ideas for the coming term and are looking forward to putting some of these plans into action after the midterm break. We look forward to seeing all the exciting things they will achieve this year!















HALLOWEEN



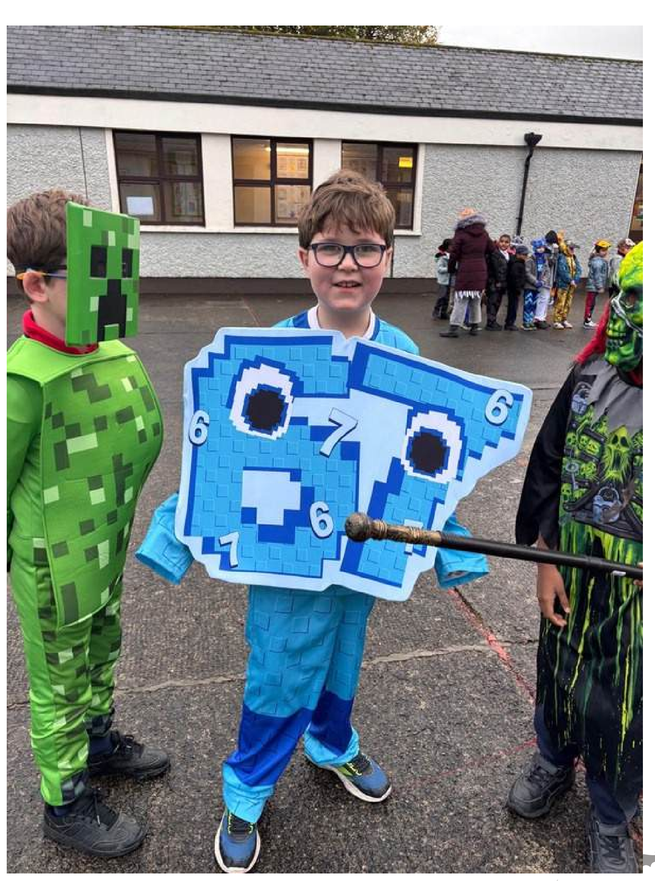




Spooktacular Hallowe'en Walk

Our wonderful Student Council organised a Hallowe'en Walk for pupils on Friday, 23rd October as a fundraiser for our school. All pupils were invited to dress up for a walk around the lakes. Thanks to everyone for their donations and for all the effort put into the costumes. Check out our Instagram for photos and videos from the walk.







HALLOWEEN

























PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

MURAL PROJECT SUMMER 2026

Over the summer, a brand new mural came to life in our infant yard painted by the talented Cian Mekitarian. This mural was to mark a very special milestone in the history of St. Corban's, the arrival of the first girls to enrol in our school. It is a joyful celebration of the new chapter ahead.

Sincere thanks to our wonderful Parents' Association, whose fundraising made this beautiful addition to our school possible, and to everyone who supported their efforts. Check out our website to see more of the wonderful mural.







Hallowe'en Costume Shop

On Friday, 16th October, our Parents' Association organised a costume sale of donated costumes and raised €157. Thanks to all those who donated costumes.



Upcoming Fundraisers and Events:

This year, we will be running a Christmas Raffle. If you wish to donate a prize, it would be greatly appreciated. You can email us at stcorbansptateam@gmail.com We will be selling the Christmas cards created by the pupils and there is also a Fill the Van event coming up. Keep an eye on Aladdin for more information

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Go Phone Free Initiative

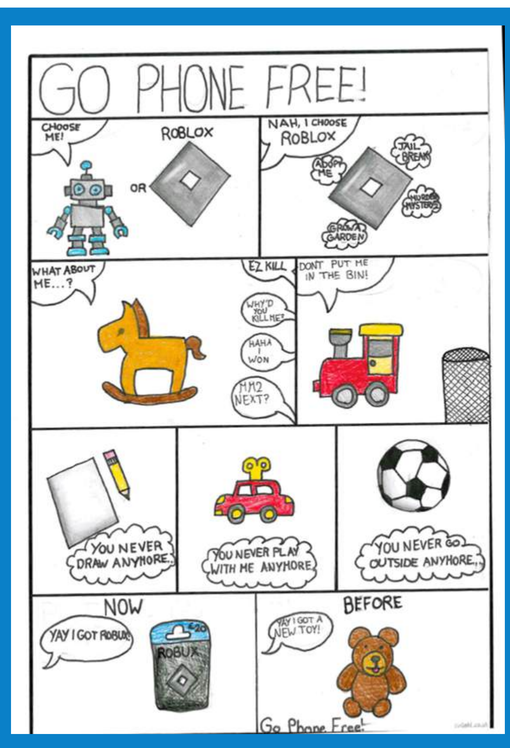
This year, Go Phone Free Week took place from 5th to 9th October. The week included a Parents' Information Evening and Reuben's presentation of his "Fooled" show for the boys in 2nd to 6th classes. There was also an art competition and our students surpassed themselves with their entries. The winning entries are featured below and are on display in Naas Library. Congratulations to all participants.



CONOR GALAVAN
SENIOR INFANTS
MS. MCCARTHY



CONOR RYAN
4TH CLASS
MS. MULREID



EMILIS BANAITIS
6TH CLASS
MR. HARTNETT



COREY FEIGHAN
2ND CLASS
MS. FOLEY





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