



Ardrahan National School



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Happy Hallowe'en!

Dear Parents,

As we approach our mid-term break, I would like to wish all our pupils and families a happy and safe Hallowe'en. It has been a wonderful first term at Ardrahan N.S, filled with learning creativity and fun! Thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life. Enjoy the festivities and we hope the children enjoy a well-deserved break. We look forward to seeing everybody back at school on November 3rd.

Ms. Hughes

Our Visit to the Pumpkin Patch

Junior Infant pupils enjoyed a wonderful morning at Galway Pumpkin Patch, a fantastic local attraction right on our doorstep! A sincere thank you to Caroline and Gerry Quinn for inviting the children and to Jonathan Linnane for arranging transport. The children are well and truly ready to enjoy the upcoming Hallowe'en festivities in the next week and more.



Junior Infants begin their Journey

Junior Infants have settled in so well and have had a wonderful start to the school year. They have become amazing pattern creators! They've loved using all kinds of materials to make colourful and creative designs. They have also been learning lots of new sounds, working so hard and really enjoying all the songs, stations, and fun activities along the way.

Babaró

The children from our Junior and Senior Infants Classes enjoyed a wonderful day out at Babaró in University of Galway.



Chess

For the past seven weeks, the children in Third and Fourth Classes have enjoyed learning to play chess. We have signed up to online tournaments on Wednesdays this November. Don't forget to login to Lichess at 6:05pm on 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of November to participate!



Skipping

Third Class have enjoyed practising a range of tricks with their new skipping ropes during PE, including double hops, jumping jacks, criss-crosses, shuffle hops, high knees and even backwards skipping!



Maths Week Ireland 2025

Maths Week at Andrahan National School was full of exciting activities! The children used their 'Maths Eyes' to spot maths in the community, completed maths trails around the school, created maths-inspired art, played fun games, and solved problems together. Most classes joined over 1,000 schools for a maths webinar, using their maths language to tackle challenges. We are mathematicians in the making! We are lucky to have so many wonderful maths resources in the school for our maths learning.



Projects in Fifth and Sixth

In the first term, Fifth and Sixth Class have enjoyed working on various projects and proudly presented them to their peers in themed attire!



BurrenBeo Trust

Third Class thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Karen VanDorp from BurrenBeo in Kinvara. She taught us all about the formation of the Burren and we are looking forward to the trip to the Burren in May 2026!



Autumn Adventures

First Class have enjoyed learning all about Autumn. They went on an autumn nature walk. They were on the hunt for leaves and seeds and anything else interesting that caught their attention. They did some autumn art too: bark and leaf rubbings and leaf printing!



Wednesday's Music Lessons



Autumn Art

Second Class celebrated autumn with a nature walk, identifying trees by their leaves and seeds. They collected leaves, helicopters, acorns, and blackberries, then shared their finds with partners. They made leaf prints and painted autumn squirrels.



Clay Pumpkin Pots

Second Class made clay pumpkin pots and are looking forward to painting them so they can bring them home at mid-term to show their families.



Joke: What kind of witch likes to go to the beach?

Answer: A Sandwich



Connect 4 as Gaeilge

Ms. Dervan's Fourth and Fifth Class have enjoyed playing games to practise new vocabulary in Irish.



Sporting Achievements

Well done to the girls in 5th and 6th Classes for reaching the finals in Mini-7s Football and Camogie. The girls displayed remarkable teamwork, skill and determination on both days. Well done, also, to all the children who competed so well in the Cross Country competitions. A special mention for Ryan McHugh who represented the school so well coming 29th in the connacht finals last weekend. Maith sibh go léir!



Lunchtime Clubs

For the past eight weeks, Third and Fourth Classes have been enjoying a variety of lunchtime clubs, including Quiz Club, Art Club, Coding Club, and Lego Club. We're now looking forward to starting Knitting Club and Chess Club before Christmas!



Exploring School Grounds

Ms. Rafter's Senior Infants have loved exploring the school grounds this autumn. They enjoyed activities like tree rubbings and leaf drawings while learning about the changing seasons.



Fifth And Sixth Class Artists

Pupils from Fifth and Sixth Class really enjoyed making their clay pinch pots. They will paint and decorate them and we look forward to seeing the finished products!



'Me in a Box' Projects

Pupils from Fifth and Sixth Class created "Me In A Box". Pupils compiled and decorated boxes with special items that they cherish and that reflect their personality as part of SPHE.

