

BREAKING GROUND

Turn to page 3 to read all about the “ground-breaking” move towards designing and building our new school.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER RETURNS

Last year, Trinity Primary School published the first ever edition of *The Trinity Times*, which was followed by a second edition in April. We are delighted to announce that the newspaper is back and will, this year, be written by children from 4th and 5th classes, along with 2 groups from 6th class.

These pupils have devoted their free time, as well as their extended learning sessions with Ms. Sheridan, to produce what promises to be an exciting read. Many of these children have invaluable experience from writing the newspaper last year while some are new to the task. Brainstorming ideas, delegating roles, planning interviews and articles, sourcing information and recount writing were some of the techniques developed by the children during this time.

Each edition of the newspaper will be shared electronically with pupils, staff

and parents through the school website. Some printed editions will also be delivered to classrooms across the school so that all can keep up to date with the comings and goings in Trinity Primary School.

Acting editor for this year is Ms. Sheridan while Lauren Kelly, Lauren Reddington, Saoirse Connolly, Tamara Mikac, Michaela Klotzmannova, Aayushi Jaiswar and Liliana Kowalczyk are this year’s deputy editorial team.



Some of our Deputy Editorial Team!

FIFA WORLD CUP

The FIFA World Cup was held in November 2022. The World Cup took place in Qatar, making it the first World Cup held in an Arabic country and the second held in Asia.

There was a lot of controversy about the World Cup because the construction workers were poorly treated, worked in unsafe conditions and received very little pay.

The most popular players in the tournament were Lionel Messi, Neymar Jr, Cristiano Ronaldo, Kylian Mbappé and Robert Lewandowski. Mbappé was the top goal scorer and earned the Golden Boot.

There were a lot of surprises in the World Cup, with the most popular being Ronaldo getting shamed by a little

Moroccan girl because he was crying that his team lost the match. Saudi Arabia also beat Argentina 2-1.

Argentina played France in the final which ended in a draw after extra time. It then went onto penalties, where Argentina won. Both teams had excellent players including Argentina’s Lionel Messi and France’s Kylian Mbappé. Overall, it was a fantastic tournament and very entertaining to watch.

By Darragh & Erwin, 5th Class

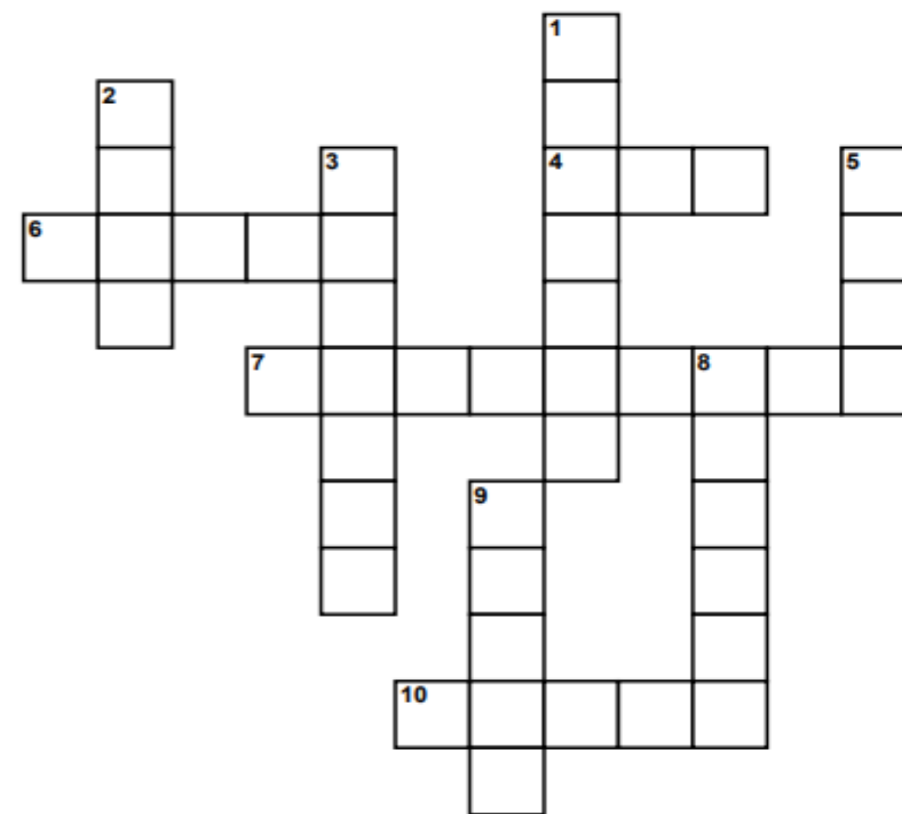


Across:

4. Large vehicle that brings some students to school.
6. Measuring tool.
7. Subject where you learn about rivers, lakes, mountains.
10. The Irish word for school.

Down:

1. Place to find books to read for enjoyment.
2. Used to stick things together.
3. People you like being around.
5. Book with blank pages for writing.
8. Tool for writing.
9. Afternoon meal



BIDDING A FOND FAREWELL

Two very special people retired from TPS during the first term. In October, Mrs. O'Mahoney retired while Mags, secretary, retired in December.

Mrs. O'Mahony retired from our school at the end of October. We celebrated with a mass on the 27th in Tuam Cathedral. All first to sixth class children, staff, past colleagues and parents were invited. Mrs. O'Mahoney's family and friends were also in attendance.

Students and teachers helped by saying prayers of the faithful and singing. Everyone was then invited to Campus 1 PE hall for some refreshments. There was a slideshow, showing special memories from Mrs O'Mahony's teaching career. We were very sad to see her leave but happy for her to be able to relax.

On December 2nd, Mags Mulvey, secretary in Campus 3, retired after 25 years. We celebrated by having a party in the Campus 3 staff room to say a final goodbye. She was a very kind and caring secretary. There were refreshments and treats at the party for staff to enjoy.

We will miss Mrs. O'Mahoney and Mags very much but would like to wish them all the best in the future.

By Emma & Leah, 5th Class



Mrs. O'Mahoney & C1 Students

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Friendship week started on the 27th of September 2022. We got to celebrate relationships with our friends, teachers and school staff, friends outside of school and our families.

With over 20,000 children taking part, Friendship Week is Ireland's largest human rights, education and fundraising event for primary schools. The aim of the week is to encourage students to be more conscious of the importance of our relationships with our friends.

As part of the week, we did yoga, Bricí

Spraoui, which involved building different objects with foam bricks, and Zumba with Maeve. Some of the younger classes made buddy bracelets while others did Qigong (Martial Arts) with Joanne. Classes also made friendship raps and handshakes.

One thing is for sure, everyone thought that Friendship Week was a brilliant idea. It really brought us all together. Always remember: "A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words".

By Aiden & Shay, 5th Class

EASTER WORDSEARCH



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- bunny
- chick
- chocolate
- daffodil
- easter
- egg
- lamb
- spring
- tulip

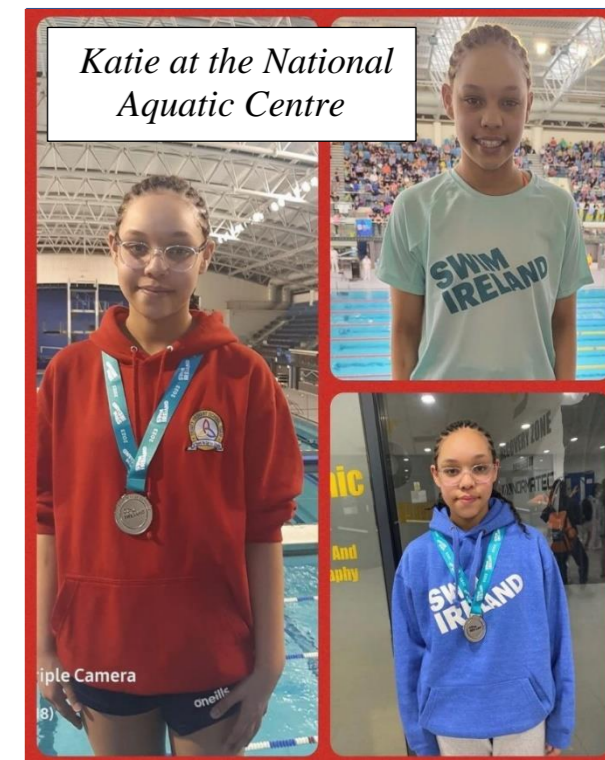
JUST KEEP SWIMMING

In January, TPS Swim Team travelled to the Connacht Schools Swimming Championship.

Laoise O'Dwyer and Cian Murphy received PBs (personal bests) in their events at the Connacht Schools Swimming Championship. These events included freestyle/ backstroke and breaststroke. Katie Railton also won the U12 breaststroke.

Katie did TPS extremely proud as she represented TPS at the All-Ireland Schools Minor Swimming Championship on the 25th of March. She claimed silver in the 50m breaststroke.

Well done to these talented swimmers!



Katie at the National Aquatic Centre

SPORT CENTRAL

CROSS COUNTRY

The year kicked off with the four cross country teams representing TPS in the school championship.

The students were selected from 3rd to 6th classes to run distances of 1000 or 1200 metres. They travelled to Renmore by bus and donned the TPS gear.

All athletes gave it their all and had a brilliant day!

OLYMPIC HANDBALL

During the first term, 5th and 6th classes were involved in olympic handball. Mr.Crowe was the teacher helping out. The 6th classes played in a Regional Senior Olympic Handball tournament. They played against teams from Esker, Gardenfield, Annagh Hill and Belclare. Both girls' and boys' teams were unlucky not to get to the final.

On the 15th of March, TPS U11 team travelled to Knocknacarra. They had 3 hard-fought wins against Oranmore, Moycullen and Knocknacarra. After reaching the County Olympic Handball final, they were unlucky against a strong Peterswell team. TPS is very proud of the team.

SOCCER

6th class students represented the school in the TPS Invitational Cup in February. There were 2 girls teams and 2 boys teams.

All 4 teams, boys and girls, made it to the semi-finals. The boys A team made it to the final where they were victorious!

GAELIC FOOTBALL

TPS took part in the St. Jarlath's blitz in October. They had two girls team, accompanied by Ms. Leonard and Ms. Sheridan, and two boys team, accompanied by Mr Birmingham. The teams were made up of 5th and 6th class students. All students played their hearts out, with one of the boys teams making it to the semi-finals where they were narrowly beaten by Donaghpatrick NS.

5th and 6th class students also played in the Cumann na mBunscol blitz. Both the girls and the boys tournament took place in Belclare. It was a very enjoyable day for all with some super football played by our teams.

BASKETBALL

6th class boys were busy shooting hoops before Christmas as they played in an in-house basketball tournament.

It was a super competition, with Conor Fabunmi and Charlie Ward named as top scorers, Kauan Teixeira as player of the tournament and Jayden Brady as winning captain.



TPS Girls at the Invitational Cup!

By Alex, Arminas, Julian and Adam, 4th

BREAKING GROUND

811 students, 75 teachers, 30 SNAs and soon to be one building! Trinity Primary School's journey to a new building is one step closer as Design Team is appointed.

Our new school building was first approved in 2019 when the amalgamation of the three schools was officially announced. Fast forward to January 2023 and Healy Architects have been charged with designing our new school.

It is set to be the biggest primary school in the county, with 41 classrooms and an additional 5 S.E.N rooms. Tuam Educate

Together will also be located near the school.

Ms. Burke told the *Tuam Herald* "We as a school community are thrilled to have reached this momentous milestone and look forward to working with our new partners, Healy Architects, in association with GRETB, Galway Roscommon Training Board, with both enthusiasm and optimism".

By Lauren & Tamara, 6th Class

HERE Every day Ready On time - HERO

HERO was launched in TPS in February as an initiative to improve punctuality and attendance across all 3 campuses in our school. We interviewed Kayla and Katie, our student council representatives, to find out more.

Q: Why did we start HERO?

A: Attendance has been affected in recent years because of COVID, so this was a good way of improving it.

Q: What did you think of HERO?

A: It was a really good idea to encourage children to be in school on time.

Q: What was your role during HERO?

A: We were responsible for collecting the lists of children who were in school and on time from all the different classes.

Q: What troubles did you run into when collecting attendance?

A: The classes were not overly organised the first day, as we expected! This improved as the teachers and classes got used to it.

Q: How do you think HERO has affected attendance?

A: I think attendance has improved a lot. The fact that the senior and junior class with the best attendance got a treat at the end of the week was very motivating.

Q: What's your opinion on the HERO rhyme?

A: I think it's really good and a lot of thought went into it. It's catchy and easy to remember!

By Lauren & Tamara, 6th Class

AROUND THE WORLD WITH ERASMUS+

Lauren and Saoirse spoke to Ms. Walsh to find out about her Erasmus+ experience.

Q: What is Erasmus?

A: Erasmus is about building links with other schools. So, our school was linked to three others in Poland, Spain and Italy.

Q: Where did you go?

A: We went to Murcia in the south of Spain. It's about an hour from Alicante. It's inland so there was no beach. It is a beautiful city with interesting architecture, history and culture.

Q: What did you do?

A: So, our flight got delayed first! When we got there, we spent two days in a school. We observed English and SESE lessons. We did a live link with Ms. Joyce's 6th, where TPS students played tinwhistle tunes. We then taught a tinwhistle lesson for the Spanish students. We had to bring 40 tinwhistles with us from Ireland - the workers at airport security gave us some very funny looks! We also got to go sightseeing. We also had lovely tapas (sharing plates). We met other teachers from a school in Kerry and France.

Q: Did you enjoy Erasmus?

A: I really enjoyed it. It was great to see school life in Spain. I also met teachers from TPS on different campuses. So, I travelled with Ms. Leonard who I knew, and then 2 teachers from C3 who I had never met - Ms. Carr and Ms. Canavan. The weather wasn't too bad either. It's a great opportunity to exchange ideas with other teachers and schools, problem solve, see how outdoor teaching works and observe lessons.

Ms. Carr (5th class, C3) also visited Murcia. Her students, Darragh and Erwin, interviewed some Spanish pupils on Google Meet!

Q: When do you start/ finish school?

A: We start at 9am and finish at 3pm.

Q: Do you wear uniforms?

A: No, we do not have any uniforms.

Q: How many people are in your class?

A: 26. It's a mixed class.

Q: How many subjects do you learn?

A: 9 subjects; maths, science, P.E, English, Art, Spanish, Religion, history and geography.

Q: Do you have outdoor lessons?

A: Yes, we do it sometimes in English.

Q: How long are your English lessons?

A: Yes, every day in English and Science lessons.

Q: What was it like having Irish teachers visit your school?

A: It was fun. We learnt more English.

Q: Can you teach us some Spanish words?

A: Sure, pencil is lápiz, pencilcase is estuche, computer is computadora, rubber is goma, book is libro and a tablet is the same!



Irish & Spanish Teachers in Murcia!

Looking INTO Trinity PS

John Driscoll is the current INTO President. INTO means Irish National Teachers Organisation. In January, he came to visit Trinity Primary School.

John Driscoll is a native of Cork City and is also the deputy principal of Star of the Sea Primary School. It meant a lot that he took time out of his busy schedule to visit TPS.

The INTO President dropped by Campus 1 to see a music lesson in Mrs Kelly's 5th class. He listened to them play some music from the Trinity Tunes Padlet and watched them play tin whistle as well. He was very impressed.

It was an insightful experience for all to have such an important figure in our school and to show him how we run here in Trinity Primary School!



Impressive playing from 5th Class!

By Aiden & Shay, 5th Class

COLOUR ME



STEM 2022

Children from 2nd to 6th class attended STEM sessions during the first term. STEM means Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Ms Sheridan was the teacher for these sessions.

2nd class were busy building and programming technical lego. They used Lego We Do kits and iPads.

3rd and 4th class engaged in the STEPS Engineering Project. They had to find a solution to a problem in their local community. They then built a small model as their prototype.

They came up with fantastic ideas, such as “The Traffic Reducer” to prevent pedestrians crossing the road when there’s a green light for vehicles and to reduce unnecessary traffic at Quinn’s. There were many more ideas.

5th and 6th class did 3D printing, using a program called Tinkercad. They made medals, keyrings and even Christmas decorations.

They really enjoyed these sessions. Check out the pictures below to see some of their amazing work!

By Aiden & Shay, 5th Class



KIDS GO BANANAS!

On the 13th of December, children from the Bluebell Class (C1) went to Go Bananas for a Christmas party.

Go Bananas is a kids play centre. It is located on the Galway Road in MG Business Park. That is much too far to walk so these lucky children travelled on a bus!

The Bluebell class spent 2 hours in Go Bananas. While there, they played and

also had a meal of chips and nuggets.

Their favourite thing to play on was the slide. Santa Claus even visited to give them a nice present. They also got to ring Santa’s bell.

When the two hours were up, they got back on the bus for the journey back to school. They all had a great time and it was a very fun day!

By Chloe & Laoise, 5th Class

CHRISTMAS PLAYS RETURN

This year saw the return of Christmas plays in TPS. There were nine performances this December, with classes from Senior Infants to 3rd class singing, acting and dancing!

First up on the 14th of December was Ms. Farragher and Ms. Cummins’ 1st classes who performed ‘The Gingerbread man’. Ms. McGrath and Ms. Cullinane’s were next with ‘How Rudolph Got His Red Nose’.

Ms. Mullins’ 2nd class performed ‘The Stars Come Out for Christmas’ and Ms. Leonard’s class then performed a dance to the song ‘Merry Christmas Everyone’.

Senior Infants were up next with Ms. Flaherty, Ms. Carroll, Ms. O’Connor and Ms. Purcell’s classes performing Christmas songs and poems. Ms. Carroll conducted the children while Ms. Sheridan played the piano.

Ms. Murphy and Ms. Forde’s 3rd classes performed ‘Every Pantomime That Ever Was’. Ms. Lydon’s class then entertained the audience with ‘Santa’s on Strike’. Ms. Wilson and Ms. Rattigan’s classes were next with ‘The Midwife Crisis’. Lastly, we had ‘The Landlord’s Cat’ from Ms. McGovern and Ms. Holian’s 3rd classes.

All classes were fantastic and made our school very proud. We also had time to speak to the Gingerbread Man from Ms. Farragher’s 1st class. He said he was nervous as it was his first ever school play, but he was alright as most of his lines were “Run, run as fast as you can...”!

By Emma & Leah, 5th Class



DINGBATS

Dingbats are visual word puzzles. The answer is usually a phrase or saying.

Try your hand at some of these!

Sourced by Darragh & Erwin, 5th Class

<p>1</p> <p>i ✓ i</p>	<p>2</p> <p>LEM ADE</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Blonde</p> <p>□</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Mail Male</p>	<p>5</p> <p>➤ aid aid aid</p>	<p>6</p> <p>yyy men</p>

P.E.E.P-A-BOO!

TPS welcomed parents of children in Junior Infants into C1 in November for P.E.E.P. Anotidaishe and Maeve spoke to Ms. Quirke to find out more.

P.E.E.P is a four-week programme where parents of children in Junior infants are invited into the school to see the children play and to play with them. It has been up and running for long before the TPS amalgamation. It launched in 2009, almost 14 years ago!

As part of P.E.E.P, parents get to see how happy their child is in school and meet their child's friends and other parents. It also helps the teachers get to know their students' parents. Ms. Quirke told *Trinity Times* that it also "gives the parents ideas of activities for the children to do at home".

During P.E.E.P, the children make necklaces out of pasta, create shakers with rice and peas inside and play with sand and playdoh. The children are excited to come to school as they love all the activities.

When asked if P.E.E.P is worthwhile, Ms. Quirke said "Definitely. It's a very memorable experience for the children and parents". Maeve, 4th class journalist, agrees – she can still remember P.E.E.P from when she was in Juniors!

By Anotidaishe & Maeve, 4th Class



JOKES

Why did the teddy bear skip out on dessert? She was stuffed!

What do you call a noodle that is fake? An im-pasta.

Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Because it would be a foot.

I wrote a song about a tortilla. Actually it's more of a rap.

How do you fix a pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch!

An apple a day can keep a doctor away. But only if you aim it well.

TEACHER TALKS

4th class journalists Cillian, Daniel and John wanted to find out more about their teachers' lives. So, they interviewed Mr. Mulrooney (4th class, C3) and Ms. Forde (6th class, C3). Here's what they discovered!

Mr. Mulrooney

Q: What was your first job?

A: My first job was to map a graveyard!

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to Saint Patrick's College, Dublin.

Q: What class did you teach first?

A: I first taught 2nd class.

Q: What is your favourite class to teach?

A: It was 6th class but now it's 4th!

Q: What is your favourite subject to teach?

A: It is Geography.

Q: What do you like about school?

A: I like the fact that there's a positive relationship between students and staff.

Q: What is your favourite memory from teaching?

A: I have made lots of friends.

Q: What inspired you to become a teacher?

A: My Father was a teacher.

Q: If you were Minister for Education, what would you change about Irish schools?

A: I would change homework to no written work.

Ms. Forde

Q: What was your first job?

A: Teaching in TPS!

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.

Q: What class did you teach first?

A: I first taught 3rd class in C2, TPS.

Q: What is your favourite class to teach?

A: Junior Infants and 3rd.

Q: What is your favourite subject to teach?

A: Irish.

Q: What do you like about school?

A: I love the children. Every day's different. I like having nice displays.

Q: What is your favourite memory from teaching?

A: The Christmas play in C2 and the party after!

Q: What inspired you to become a teacher?

A: My aunt was a teacher and I also liked playing school as a child.

Q: If you were Minister for Education, what would you change about Irish schools?

A: I'd bring in a 4-day week and no homework!