

# Citywest & Saggart CNS Student Newsletter

June 2021

## News from the classes

### Senior Infants

By Maddie Branning

Their highlights of the year have been their fun day, the ice cream surprise, the road to Tokyo and aistear.

They are most looking forward to learning new things, getting a new teacher, doing more handwriting and reading harder books in 1st class.

At the moment they are enjoying the road to Tokyo, aistear, handwriting, art and sharing news with each other.

Exciting news about their upcoming summer break! Alyssa is going camping, Muaza is going glamping and some of them are going on stay-cations and going to the beach.



### Upcoming dates to remember:

30<sup>th</sup> June: Final day of school (12 noon/12.10 finish)

25<sup>th</sup> August – Junior infants/ASD classes return (shorter day)

26<sup>th</sup> August – All pupils return (junior infants, 1<sup>st</sup> class shorter day)



## Principal's Message

*Dear families,*

*We have reached the end of another school year, and what a year it has been. Back in September, we did not know how the year would look or know that our schools would be closed again. But, we are immensely proud of the staff and pupils for getting through it all. The whole school community has worked so hard in keeping it safe and for that I am grateful.*

*We have had a great year, filled with creative adventures, STEM week, intercultural week, Seachtain na Gaeilge and Literacy Day. The children have worked so hard for the year to get back into the swing of learning and adapted so well to online learning.*

*I want to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and we will see you all again in August.*

*Mike Byrne*

# News from the classes

Ms.Swan's Junior Infants

Their highlights of the year have been aistear, yards, stories, pop words, counting to 20, fun with friends and the road to Tokyo.

They are most looking forward to handwriting, learning new things, new aistear themes and most of all just being in Senior Infants.

At the moment they are enjoying aistear, Irish, writing, art, P.E. and learning.

Exciting News about the upcoming summer break!

Some of them are going to summer camps like Star Camp. Zara is going to the movie set.



Ms. Farren's class during Lá Glas

1st class

Ms Kelly class have done so many things in the past months. But some things that stood out are fan day and dancing. They enjoyed ice cream so much.

They also are curious about who will be their new teacher, and they hope there will be no Covid next year.

The class will have a great summer and some are going on holidays.

Ms Larkin's class highlights all the good activities they did during the past month. Those being "Tokyo run", golden time, mental maths and computer time. They seem to be eyeing it.

They are looking forward to going to the next class and meeting the new teacher, they hope it will be a man this time. They also wish to have harder mats and arts and science.

Some exciting news, this class has to share that a boy from the class is going to have a new sister or brother. Some other news, a girl will be moving houses and another girl will have her birthday.

They are all looking forward to summer holidays.

## Board of Management

The final meeting of the Board of Management took place on 17<sup>th</sup> June. The minutes for circulation are available on the school website. The board wishes to thank all of the school community for a fantastic year and wishes everyone a happy and peaceful summer break.



# Our Assemblies

The theme of our latest assemblies has been 'Collaboration'. Collaboration means to work as part of a team on a common goal.



Well done to all of the winners of awards for working well as part of a team and those who won the end of year awards. Many children also won awards for a great effort with Irish over the past few weeks.

Ms. Smyth's 5th class has had lots of fun highlights! Like doing some winter art, coming in after lockdown, creative writing, music and ice cream!!

5th class are looking forward to lots of things in 6th class!

Graduating, dunking the teachers more projects and their school tour!!

5th class are really enjoying lessons, revising maths, the nice weather and sports/football and basketball!

Ms. Smyth's class has lots of cool news for their summer holidays!

Like someone going to Germany and Greece! Or four holidays!

Also going to a farm in Galway, Senon is going to Tayto Park, Grace is going to her Granny's for a sleepover, And two birthdays!

Like Aarons birthday in three days.

Mr. Dunne 4th class by Risheek

Their highlights of the year are WW2, Teaching their own subjects and Victorian times drama.

They are looking forward to meeting their new teacher, long division, maths and art.

They are enjoying caitheamh aimsire hobbies in Irish, algebra in maths.

The exciting news is Chloe is moving houses Nathan is going to Sligo, Sebastian is going to Poland.



2<sup>nd</sup> class enjoying GAA



## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

The Graduation Day.  
By, Joshua Breslin

On the 25th of June 2021 the 6th classes graduated 6th class and finished primary school. During the Graduation lots of events happened which I will list in order.

When it started Mr. Byrne was talking for a bit, then Selina was giving a poem. After that, Peter, Joshua O and Rebeca gave a speech. After their speeches My class sang 'Never Gonna Give You Up' and then we had the awards. After the awards the other class were singing their song.

Then we all threw our hats up in the air and then we got year books and party bags.  
Well done to all of the graduates. Well done also to the people who won the overall awards:

Respect: Laoise Scott

Responsibility: Pawel Dawczynski

Empathy: Rebecca Curran

Collaboration Robyn Hyland

Care: Ruby Breslin

Belonging: Sarah Szymajda

Creativity: Joshua Osaghae

Room 9: Overall Boy – Peter Morgan

Overall Girl – Leona O'Loughlin

Room 10: Overall Boy – Adam Hardiman

Overall Girl – Selina Prah



## Suggested activities for the summer

Parents,

The children of our community have done so well to continue with their learning over the past few months. It has not been easy and now is time for a well-deserved rest for them. Allow the children to enjoy their summer holidays and help them to return to some sort of normality.

Below is a selection of activities that you can engage with over the summer months. Even if your child was to do a small selection of these each week, it would help with the continuity of learning. They may not seem like learning activities, but every life experience is a learning one!

English	Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read to your child often and discuss the pictures/text</li> <li>• Engage with audio books for your child to listen to</li> <li>• Encourage your child to read, read, read! Visit the library, buy books as presents</li> <li>• <b>Challenge: Finish as many books as you can over the summer.</b></li> <li>• Set up a book club</li> <li>• Sing nursery rhymes</li> </ul>
	Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build up the muscles in your child's hand by using scissors, helping with jobs around the home, playing with paly-doh</li> <li>• Encourage your child to keep a daily diary for handwriting</li> <li>• Encourage your child to create books of their own</li> <li>• Allow your child to write letter, notes, emails to their friends</li> <li>• Encourage your child to do the shopping lists</li> <li>• Writing recipes</li> <li>• Writing letters to friends/family/making penpals</li> </ul>
<p>Helpful online resources</p> <p><a href="https://bookcreator.com/2020/03/support-for-schools-affected-by-coronavirus/">https://bookcreator.com/2020/03/support-for-schools-affected-by-coronavirus/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.vooks.com/">https://www.vooks.com/</a> (animated story books)</p> <p><a href="https://www.storynory.com/">https://www.storynory.com/</a> Great website for audio story</p>		

Maths	Number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow your child to count objects</li> <li>• Encourage your child to help adding the shopping bill</li> <li>• Encourage your child to engage with online maths games rather than other computer games</li> <li>• Sudoku puzzles in newspapers</li> </ul>
	Shapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go on a shape hunt</li> <li>• Look at items around the home to identify shapes in the environment and examine the properties</li> </ul>
	Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to use money and calculate change</li> </ul>
	Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are you doing some DIY? Allow your child to get involved with measuring</li> <li>• Do some baking and allow your child to measure the ingredients</li> <li>• Track your height over the summer</li> <li>• Walk as many steps as you can (Keep track)</li> </ul>
	Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn to tell the time</li> <li>• Use a calendar to mark off the days until school starts</li> </ul>
<p>Helpful online resources</p> <p><a href="https://nrich.maths.org/">https://nrich.maths.org/</a></p> <p><a href="https://pages.sumdog.com/">https://pages.sumdog.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://login.mathletics.com/">https://login.mathletics.com/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a></p>		

Irish	Speaking and listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to watch cartoons on TG4 rather than other channels</li> </ul>
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Other activities that your child could engage with:

- Artwork
- Creating video tutorials
- Photography
- Learn how to make your own lunch/bed
- Project work that they could show us in September
- Do some of the Seesaw activities that have been assigned.

