

6TH CLASS

NEWSLETTER

2024/5

MARATHON KIDS

"We started running every day in September as part of the Marathon kids program. We went to the final which was in Santry. We learned it was important to always keep running and pace yourself" by Donal



"We went to Clarehaven nursing home and sang our graduation songs. Then we sang some old traditional songs like Grace and Hallelujah with the residents using a karaoke machine. The people working there were really nice and kind" by Sasha and Caoimhe

NURSING HOME

WICKED

"In February we decided to do a class musical based on Wicked the Movie. Fred and I wrote the script and we picked 5 or 6 songs. We put a lot of work into it and performed it for the younger kids" by Elle



6th Class interviewed local man Louis O'Flaherty. He was born in 1935 and told us about his childhood during and after "the Emergency". He remembers everything being very scarce. There were no toys because all metal was being used for the war and plastic hadn't been invented yet. The bicycle sheds in school were empty as bikes were so hard to come by. His granny lived in the countryside and grew sugar plants. She sent the sugar to Louis's mam who tried to trade it for a bicycle wheel. There were no bananas so they mashed up parsnips and put banana essence in it.

He went to school on Iona Road. There were 40 to 60 children in each class and teachers often beat the students using leather straps and canes for getting their schoolwork wrong. Some boys would ice their hands on the way to school while passing the fish shop on Botanic road to help numb their hands from the pain. His favourite playground games were "3 and in" (football with a tennis ball) and 'Jack stones' which involved flicking 5 stones from your palm and seeing how many landed on the back of your hand. His advice to his 12 year old self was to try the things you want to do and not be self conscious or afraid of failure.

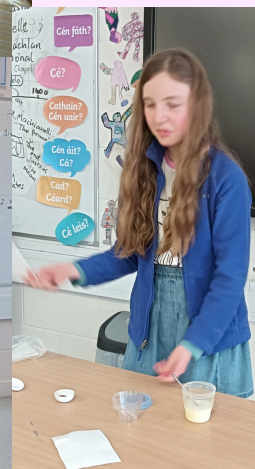
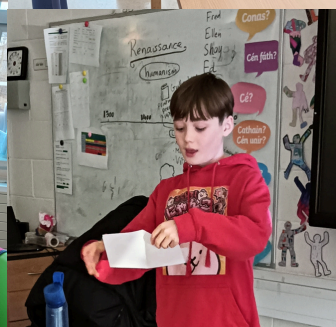
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for a fascinating afternoon!



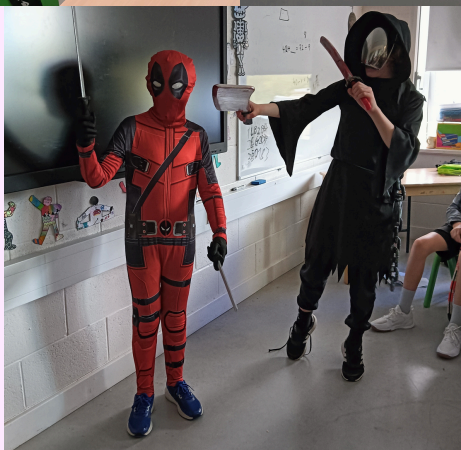
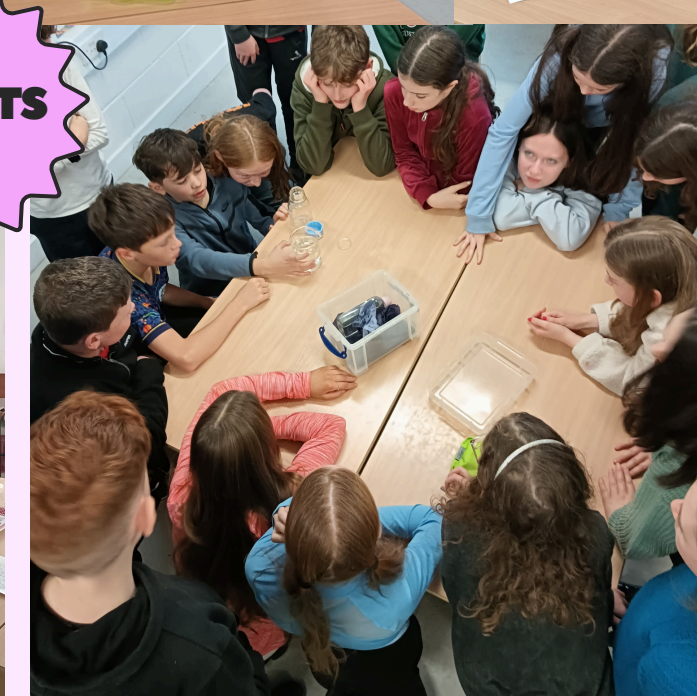
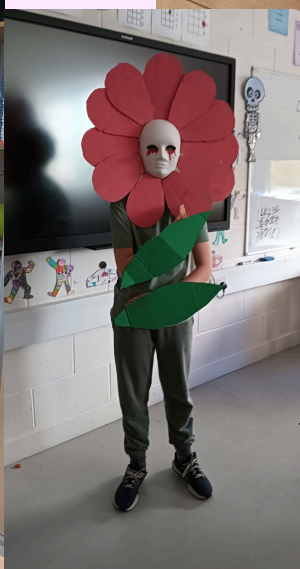
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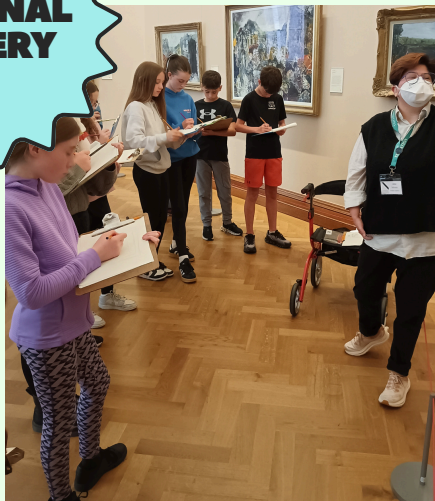
DEBATES



PROJECTS



NATIONAL GALLERY



"We went on a sketching tour to the National Gallery. We did sketches of a wooden sculpture that looked entirely different depending on what angle you looked at it from. I personally liked that one a lot, because of how different it was from other perspectives. The sculpture was three loops of wood merged together, however, additional details could only be seen at different angles. It was interesting moving around the room and looking at it from alternative viewpoints. That particular sculpture was made out of different layers of wood, which were molded into different shapes and then reinforced with extra wood to create a different sculpture.

We also worked on drawing different characters from a painting called 'The Wedding of Strongbow and Aoife'. During this particular drawing exercise, we would draw different characters in different ways: we drew characters in 30 seconds, 1 minute, 2 minutes, 3 minutes and then drawing without looking at the page. It was an interesting exercise that got us all thinking about the way that professional artists would draw." - by Parker and Lachlan

The school tour was amazing. We started off with paintball. It hurts a bit but overall it was very fun. Then we went to AquaPark which was a big inflatable obstacle course on a lake which was really fun too. It was a great last school tour. Whether or not it was better than Tayto Park is debatable" by Rosie and Ada



FLYNN PARK

"We graduated on 25th June. Our songs were really good and the yearbooks were amazing. It was an emotional day for everyone and it was really fun and enjoyable." by Caitlin and Emma

GRADUATION

