

# ARDFINNAN N.S. NEWS.

Nuacht S.N. Ard Fhionáin.

Hallowe'en/Samhain 2020

**Fantastic fifth** have returned to school full of energy and ready to work. This term they have settled back and thoroughly enjoyed many games to reinforce their learning. Rounders has proved a popular game over the last few weeks also, the batting skills have improved as the competition grew.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

## Halloween jokes:

1. Why didn't the skeleton go to school? His heart wasn't in it.
2. What monster plays tricks on Halloween? Prank-enstein!
3. What kind of music do mummies love? Wrap music!

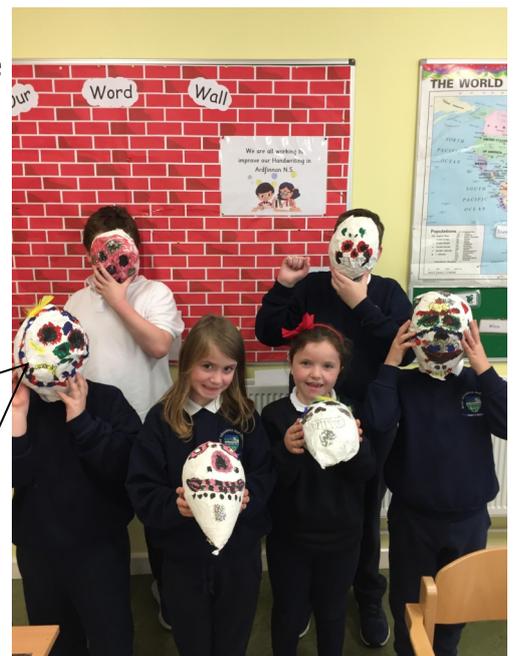


**Ms Geoghegan's class** have had a very busy first term. We are all delighted to be back in school. We have been learning about The Day of the Dead in Mexico and comparing it with Halloween traditions. We have learned that there are lots of similarities. As you can see from our photo we have made papier mache sugar skulls. Congratulations to Tristan Gorey who made his First Holy

Communion with the rest of 3<sup>rd</sup> class and also to our former classmates Patrick Carroll and Gerard Ryan who received the sacrament of Confirmation with last year's 6<sup>th</sup> Class. We hope you all have a safe and spooky mid term break.

How do ghosts wash their hair?  
With shampoo.  
What's a witch's favorite subject in school?  
Spelling.

Happy Halloween



**Second Class News!** We have been as busy as bees settling in to our new routine in Second Class. We have worked hard and have learned lots! We recently made pumpkins from recycled bottles. If you are passing our window, peep in, you will see lots of spooky faces on our pumpkins! We really enjoyed making them. We have learned a lot about mixing colours, drawing and using pastels in art. Check out the school website where you will see all our creations! We have also been doing lots of fun games with Barry. We really enjoyed Flamingo Tag and Heads, Shoulders, Knees and GO!! We could teach you

**Junior Infants** have had a wonderful start to big school and we can't believe it is midterm already! We have been very busy settling in and we love coming to play and learn each day. At the moment we are learning all about Autumn, we went on a lovely Autumn stroll last week and spotted lots of different coloured leaves falling from the trees. We gathered leaves for leaf rubbings and we even made our own 'pumpkin patches' for Art and Craft.

We love going to the magic door to see what letters Inky has hidden behind it. It's so much fun! We are working very hard on our handwriting at the moment and practise tracing and writing our letters every day- Miss Cahill said she is so proud of us

how to play!! We did a science experiment to investigate how much sugar was in a selection of common drinks. We were surprised at how many tea spoons of sugar were in some drinks! Could you put these drinks in order from lowest sugar content to highest: energy drink, milk, orange juice, Coke and water? We also learned about how to take care of our pearly whites too!

We would like to wish everyone a safe and spook-tacular Hallowe'en!!



We would like to wish everybody a safe and healthy mid-term and we look forward to seeing you all on our return. Lots of love, from Junior Infants x

**Sports Report:** It was wonderful to see our 'Fundamental movement' and coaching sessions take place with the Barrys and with Nigel when we came back to school. Everything was set up to keep all as safe as possible. Equipment, when used, is only used by the individual class' bubbles'. The

### Senior Infant News:

I love playtime in Senior Infants. We have lots of K'nex, Jenga, Magnetix and Lego. -Dylan I love playing soccer with my friends. We do PE with Barry too. -Daniel We have colouring competitions. We are super readers in Senior Infants. We love going for nature walks. We went to see the playground construction site. It is very exciting. We are very excited about dressing up for Halloween!

**Ms Griffin's Class:** We welcome Ayman to our class. We are all very happy to be back in school. Learning number stories is maths is our favourite part of the day. We have enjoyed some birthday parties too! Halloween is our theme of the month, we can't wait to dress up! We have read lots of Halloween stories! Halloween yoga was so much fun, you should try it out!

School bought lots of extra footballs and sliotars, beanbags, etc. to make this possible, Huge THANKS to our local Football, Hurling and Camogie clubs for sponsoring and supporting these coaching activities.

It was very sad to learn that the Cumann na mBunscol Football Championships couldn't go ahead this term..... especially as we have so many great footballers on the boy's and girl's panels, U11 and U13. So we must just be glad that at least we have great coaching and playground games.



# HALLOWEEN HALLOWEEN HALLOWEEN

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class 2020 Ms. Walsh/Mr. Barry**

**Happy Birthday**

Meadhb Carrigan will be 9 in 6 days.

**On Your Bike!**

Isobel O'Keefe entered a competition for bike week and she won a prize which she kindly brought into school and raffled the items out amongst her classmates.

Items included: high visibility jackets, neck

warmers and the all-important HAND SANITISER.

**On your marks,!** *Can you take a joke??*

Some lucky pupils received quite lively gifts as a result of making their Holy Communion. These will surely keep ye on your toes girls!!  
 Aoibhe Murphy-new Labrador puppy: Nell  
 Mackenzie McMahan-new pug puppy: Travis  
 Ava Walshe-new horse: Apache.  
 Green fingered Conor

Egan planted a plum tree. I hope we can reap the fruits of your labour!!

Why did Snap, Crackle and Pop get scared?  
 They heard there was a cereal killer on the loose!!  
 Which room do ghosts avoid? The living room!!  
 Finally we learned about the Mexican Halloween celebration 'Dia de los Muertos' and made our own sugar skull masks!!



**Mr Moroney's 1st class** have had a busy but fun start to the new year. After almost 6 months away, we were delighted for things to start getting back to normal. One of the highlights so far has been art. We have been working hard to make our classroom bright and colourful, with lots of painting, mixing

colours, silhouettes and Andy Warhol inspired pictures, as well as drawing and making lots of spooky Halloween arts and crafts. We have also been making animals out of 2D shapes in maths. We have started Literacy Lift Off and have enjoyed Ms Finnegan and Caroline coming into class every day and

helping us with reading and phonics. A highlight of our week is Wednesday. We really enjoy Barry coming in for P.E. We've learnt some fun games. Thankfully, the weather has been good so far! We also enjoyed learning new things in History, Science and Geography.  
 Happy Halloween from 1<sup>st</sup> Class !

**We're on the web:**  
[www.ardfinnanns.ie](http://www.ardfinnanns.ie)

**Cool crocheter seeks support!** Best wishes to our kind, creative past pupil who will 'Crochet for Crumlin' over the coming weeks/months, making various items. It will raise important funds for Crumlin's Children's Hospital. As mentioned before she would be very grateful for some help in this project. She would love to get donations of wool, etc. We will happily accept such donations in the school. Just ask your child to give them to the class teacher, who will take things from there. Please spread the word!

**6<sup>th</sup> Class News:** This was a very different start of year for everyone, a big effort has been made throughout the school, 6<sup>th</sup> class have been working on washing our hands and keeping our distance. This September has been a very enjoyable one as we have had no written homework but we certainly made up for that in school! We are very proud of our 6<sup>th</sup> class girls who were part of 3 county final winning teams, comhghairdeas libh!

Big thanks to Barry Burke for bringing us away from maths for football every week. In music we have enjoyed learning about The Beatles and making musical instruments out of what we have at home. In history we have learned about Ancient China and even completed a

**Ardfinnan National School Parents Association:** The Parents Association unfortunately due to restrictions, have not been able to be involved in much this year so far. We have helped with the 6th class graduation and we wish all the students that graduated the best of luck for the future. We also gave the Communion children a little treat on their way out of the church on their Communion day. The Parents Association would like to wish every-



one a very happy Halloween and hope that everyone enjoys the mid-term break.



mini project on it. Also another big thanks to Father Michael who has come in to help us prepare for the Confirmation.

We have really enjoyed reading the novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and we watched the movie during rainy lunch-times. 6<sup>th</sup> class have been in charge of decorating the class this year for Halloween. From all the 6<sup>th</sup> class here in Ardfinnan N.S. have a spooky Halloween even if we can't trick or treat.

*Lucy Butler & Sadhbh O'Mahoney*

A Happy Halloween Mid-term Break to all our pupils, staff and parents. It was with great spirit and smiles that the boys and girls returned to school this September; they have been great role models to each other and to our younger pupils. They took on the new school routines with grace and we are so proud of each and every one of them. I would like to extend our thanks to them and to you, their parents for guiding them through these challenging times. We would like to wish you a very Happy Halloween Holiday, may it be full of autumn colours, long walks and good company!

**Ms. Quinlivan .**

