

## Class of 2023

As we, the class of 2023 finish out our time in Ardfinnan N.S we have a look back on our fun packed final year. From musicals, sport finals, to coffee mornings and Fun for All days, we have fantastic memories of our time in school.

Musicals included All Shook Up, Annie and The Great show. Our own class participated in the school orchestra, choir and Peace Proms.

Sports finals such as U13 football final, U13 hurling semi final, FAI 5-a-side and camogie U13 blitz. In the football final we played against Gaelscoil, Nenagh and the score was 3 – 5 to 2 -2 resulting in us being the county final winners. In hurling we got to the county semi-final but on the day, Newport were victorious. 6th and 5th class girls were lucky enough to reach the county final of the soccer and were then defeated, but we are very proud of our achievements.

Primary games pupils selected for trials included; Abbey O' Leary, Lily Poliunas, Shane Bourke and Matthew Walsh. Community Games involved Cara Darmody



and Caoimhe Murphy for swimming and gymnastics. Athletics included Harry Walsh and other students participating in Athletic competition in Marlfield. Rounders proved to be very entertaining and competitive – we loved taking on fifth class and the staff members.

The coffee morning fundraising for our school was an amazing success. We had the opportunity to run our first coffee morning to raise funds for our school in our local hall, we baked some yummy treats and spoke to many of the public. Apple tarts and brownies went very quickly, washed down with a few cuppas.

School tour in Watergrasshill was amazing, we got to Go Kart, lazer tag, archery and play team building games on one of the hottest days in June. It was so fast in the Go Karts this was the most popular activity.

Fun for all day was an epic experience because it was a first for us in Ardfinnan. Students from Scoil Chormaic Cashel and Newcastle School came to us where we had many amazing activities laid out including bungee trampoline, bouncy castle, copious amounts of bubbles and water play.

We have had an amazing time in Ardfinnan N.S and would like to thank you to Ms Mee, Ms Coady, Trisha, Niamh and especially Ms Quinlivan.

*Ms Mee's 6th Class*

## Principal's Note

As we come to the end of another incredible school year, I can't help but feel a sense of pride and gratitude for all that we have achieved together. 2022/23 has been filled with memorable moments and lots of learning. We celebrate our fabulous pupils and especially our 6<sup>th</sup> class boys and girls as they embark on their next chapter. We celebrate our dedicated and talented staff, your contribution to creating an inclusive, nurturing and happy learning environment is truly commendable. To our parents and guardians, your unwavering support and partnership has been instrumental in your child's success. As we look forward to the summer break, I encourage you to take time to rest and recharge for the upcoming school year. We will build upon the successes and lessons learned from this year and embrace all that 2023/24 has in store. Happy Summer Holidays.

*Ms. Quinlivan*



**First Class** have had a really exciting term, we have had many highlights such as our most recent school tour to Bounce World and Hot Shots, to visiting Meitheal 21 in Thurles where we learned some Lámh, enjoying our end of year Sports Day, getting ice pops on the green and most importantly having fun with our friends. We have worked really hard over the last few months and we are really looking forward to a well-deserved break. A massive thank you to all the amazing adults that help us out throughout the year, especially our wonderful SNA's Mary and Edel and of course the wonderful Mrs Finnegan. We hope that you all have a wonderful summer. *Ms Morrissey*

**Fourth Class** have had a great summer term. We want to thank Nigel and Barry for their fantastic coaching and to Ms Wade for creating a fantastic school tour to Galtee Archery, Mitchelstown Cave and Glengarra Woods. We have been working really hard at Accelerated Reading and as a reward for hitting our targets we had a pizza party. Have a great summer!  
*Ms Geoghegan's 4th Class*

**The Green Schools Committee** have focused on developing Global Citizenship this year. Our Spring Clean went really well and the school and local areas was spick and span after the whole school's hard work. We replanted the school gardens with some lettuces and also planted some shrubs to attract pollinators, kindly donated by Eoin. Now all we need to do is keep up the weeding and watering!

**Ms. Griffin's Class** deserve a well earned break for all their hardwork throughout the year. We have worked towards many targets and reaped lots of rewards. All our class have busy schedules daily and have become very independent. We love going to the playground and Barry's with our classes. Teaming up with Mr. Moroney's class daily is a firm favourite of ours. From swimming lessons to art therapy to shows to school tours to fun days, we have achieved so much. We are very proud of our class behaviour and manners on all our social outings this year. We look forward to many more next year. Thanks to all the staff for everything they do for us. Have a wonderful summer!  
*Ms Griffin*

*What is red and smells like blue paint? Red paint*

**Hi everyone!! Fifth Class here,**  
We have been getting up to a lot lately, as always!

One of the biggest highlights this term was our trip to Clonmel to see St. Mary's Greatest Show in Fossets' Circus tent. It was incredible.

Big thanks to Barry Mullane and Nigel Carrigan for all the lovely afternoons spent playing football and hurling. This prepared us well for all our GAA blitzes this term too.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> class school tour was a big hit! We went to the Watershed in Kilkenny. From start to finish we had the best fun doing all sorts of activities, but the waterslide at the end of the day in the sunshine was the cherry on top! What a day!

*Ms Mackey's 5th Class*

*What do you call a fake noodle?*

*-An impasta.*







### Hey Ho – Let's Go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

enjoyed an adrenaline fuelled and fun filled school tour at the Let's Go camp in Limerick. They took part in some exciting activities such as zorbing, a virtual reality experience and KMX carts to name but a few. We finished it off with a cooling ice cream on the way home. Yum!

Amelia O'Gorman was crowned 'Gymnast of the Year' in her gymnastics club Sonic Fitness. What an amazing achievement!! Congratulations!

JJ O'Gorman won an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a Munster taekwondo competition. Well done J.J. another super performance.

Teach the Teacher will begin soon in 3rd. The children are really looking forward to this as it is an opportunity to develop their leadership and public speaking skills. This should be a whole lot of fun! *Ms Walsh*

### Fifth Class Blitz

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, fifth class girls went to the Presentation Secondary School in Clonmel to take part in a football blitz in memory of Aisling Kennedy. The sun was shining as we left the school on the bus. When we arrived, we started warming up straight away. In our first match we played Sisters of Charity and we played some brilliant football and won. We also played teams from Presentation, St.Olivers and Gaeilscoil and our winning streak continued. To cool down, we had some Capri-suns! Finally, we reached the final where we met a very strong and impressive Ballymacarbery side. It was a brilliant match and we luckily got over the line and came back to Ardfinnan with a shield. It was great to go around to all the classes with our shield! *Isobel & Aoibhe*

### Our Favourite Things by Seniors

Easter Eggs – Willow  
Ice cream at the playground – Bill  
Our tour to Parson's Green – Aideen  
I loved going to the playground every Friday – Ben C  
Our Drama 'Going Camping' – Holly  
Practicing my handwriting – Pádraig  
Visit from Tipp FM – Gracie  
Star of the Week – Ruby  
Writing my news – Aaron  
I loved all our Gaeilge - Cara S  
Great fun on Dress Up Day – Ronan  
Mrs. Purcell as my teacher – Eevie  
Our hike up the Grove – Kyle  
I am a very clever reader now – Fiadh  
Writing sums with chalk – Cara Rose  
Listening to music at lunch – Conor  
Making Elmer – Ben M  
Late Late Jumper' competition – April  
Playing with friends on yard – Emily  
Science experiments were fun – Orán  
Going for walks in the village – Cara H  
A flying rocket in Science – Alfie  
World Book Day, Mrs. Purcell read my favourite book – Fearne  
Making delicious chocolate apple-Sam  
Colouring sheets – Kayla  
Halloween Dress Up – Yousif

I want to wish all 'My Little Chickens' a safe and happy summer. I look forward to seeing you grow and flourish as you move on to the next chapter of your school life – *Mrs. Purcell*

Best wishes to the four teachers moving to new schools in September. Thank you for all you have done for us during your time in Ardfinnan NS. We will miss you lots!



Our **Amber Flag** committee organised the inaugural Elmer Day and there were some amazing and unique outfits. We hope to obtain our Amber Flag next year.



## **Hello from all the boys and girls in Junior Infants-**

can you believe it is almost time for Summer holidays? We can't! We have enjoyed so much this term; weekly stations which focused on literacy and numeracy, Aistear, Art and Craft, Athletics, sowing seeds and watching them grow, Sports Day to mention but a few. With the beautiful weather over the past few weeks, we decided to take the classroom outside and engage in some outdoor learning. We recently went on our school tour to Parsons Green and that was definitely the highlight of our year. Getting to travel on the bus was a first for many of the boys and girls. We all had a spin on the horse and trap and couldn't believe when Tyson picked up speed when we shouted 'Giddy Up Tyson!' We also had a boat ride and went on a very informative farm walk with Patsy where we saw lots of beautiful farm animals. After lots of time in the playground we finished up the day with a delicious hot meal. All the fun and learning in the infant classroom could not take place without the extra pairs of hands. We are so grateful to all the adults who help out so willingly in our classroom every day so a big thank you to Mrs. Ryan, Caroline, Sandra and Peggy!

We can't believe how quickly the year has gone and Ms. Cahill is going to miss this wonderful class of Junior Infants so much! However, it makes her happy to know how ready for Senior Infants they are with their wonderful reading and writing not to mention their kind hearts and big smiles. We wish you all a fantastic Summer and see you all again in September! *Lots of love, from Miss Cahill and all the boys and girls in Junior Infants.*



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🍦 **Cara Darmody** has had a super busy June, not only did she sit the Maths Leaving Cert but last weekend she travelled to Dublin to visit President Michael D. Higgins at Áras an Uachtaráin. We would like to thank Cara for her wonderful endeavours which have raised so much money for children with additional needs and we wish her all the best for the future.  
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**Second Class** had an amazing tour of Cahir castle, the Swiss cottage and the playground in Cahir. We have been practicing rounders, ready to take on the teachers in 4 years time. We had some musicians in our class the other day from the school orchestra. We made our First Penance and our First Holy Communion. We are looking forward to coming together to make one big class next year. *Mr Leahy & Mr Canning*

## **Mr Moroney's Class**

It's been another busy few months in Mr Moroney's class! We enjoyed quite a few social outings recently. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their school tours. We loved the Greatest Show in the circus tent in Clonmel and Cinderella, starring Mr Canning, was also brilliant! We also enjoyed quite a few trips to Clonmel playground. A highlight of the term was our trip to Knocklofty, where we took part in an Easter Egg hunt. Sports day and Fun4All day were also fantastic. We have incredibly talented artists in our class and made some beautiful artwork. We would like to thank Carmel Behan for art therapy every Wednesday, which was a great success and lots of fun. We even managed to squeeze some school work in this term! Finally, we congratulate Spencer on making his Confirmation and graduating and wish him the best in his new adventure. We are all looking forward to the summer holidays and a well-deserved break.

## **We have had a very musical**

**year.** Our orchestra is up and running from 3rd to 6th classes and 2nd Class started the 'Let's Make Music' project. Highlights included performing at our Christmas Shows, playing for Holy Communion and Confirmation and performing at the Summer Recital recently. Our Peace Proms students had a successful trip to Waterford in March and our school choir continue to star at school events. Well done to everyone. *Mrs Ryan*

**The Finance Committee** would like to thank all those who contributed to our recent and very successful coffee morning, in particular to 6th Class who organised and hosted, to Kitty and her team for the hall and to those members of the Parents' Association who were such a huge help on the morning. We raised enough money to buy a new smart board for the incoming Junior Infants.