



# St. Michael's Times Oct. 2025



## Cumann na mBunscol Football

Mr Joyce and Mr Dwane have been busy coaching our school Gaelic football team for the Division 1 Shield Competition. The team have played very well in all games so far against St. Oliver's P.S., Navan, St. Mary's P.S, Enfield, Ashbourne Educate Together N.S., Gaelscoil Tulach na nOg, Gaelscoil an Brádán Feasa and St. Josephs P.S., Navan.



## Writing Genres

This term all classes have been focusing on Recount Writing as part of our school Writing Genre plan. Pupils in all classes learned about the features of recount writing and read many recounts before writing their own recount. Samples of their work are now displayed on our writing genre noticeboard beside Ms Gorry's office. Focus will now turn to narrative writing for the next term.



## Upcoming Events

- Presidential Election - School Closure - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Final day for Team Hope Shoebox Appeal - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Science day 2025 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Parent/Teacher Meetings - November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Carol Service - Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>



# Parents' Association

St. Michael's Parent's Association would like to thank everyone who recently attended the AGM and offered to help with events throughout the coming year. As a new Committee we would like to thank the outgoing Committee for their hard work and commitment to the school over recent years. We have big shoes to fill!

Our year got off to a good start with the recent Jersey Day and we're looking forward to the ever popular Halloween Bun sale on Thursday 23rd October.

If you're interested in becoming more involved in the Parent's Association, please let us know. We're excited for another busy year ahead for the school.

New Committee Officers:  
Eimear Carley, Chairperson  
Veronica McHugh, Treasurer  
Gemma Ryan, Secretary



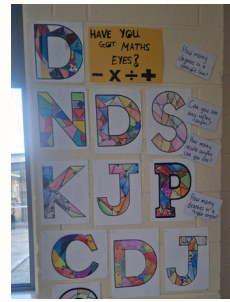
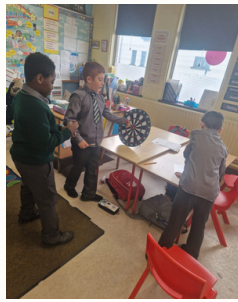
# Gaelbhratach



Ms. Burke and our Coiste Gaelbhratach have been busy organising activities and events for the coming months to promote the use of spoken Irish in our school. We have a new Zón Gaeilge on the senior corridor. Our Coiste Gaelbhratach will create videos each week to promote the use of our Nathanna Seachtaine and the Briathar na Seachtaine. Each month we will learn a new seanfhocail. The October seanfhocail is 'Tús maith, leath na hoibre'. Classroom quizzes will take place each month also. Gaeilgeoir na Coicíse awards will be presented at our assemblies.



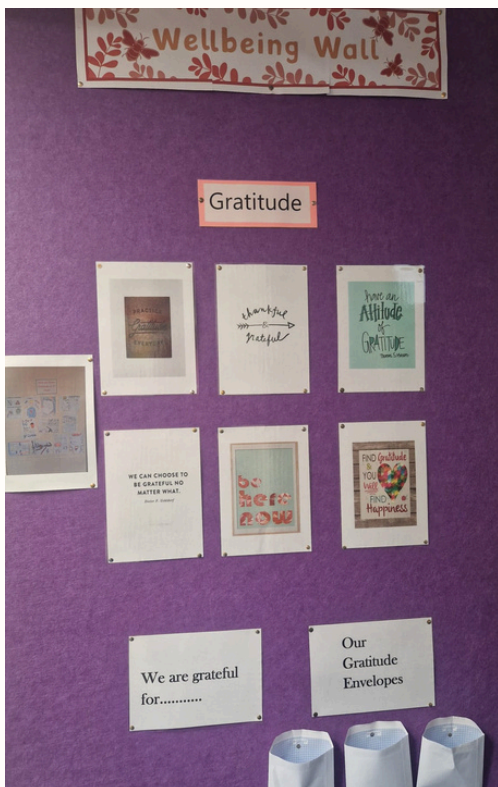
# Maths Day 2025



We celebrated Maths Day 2025 in St. Michael's on Friday, 17th October. Pupils participated in a maths table quiz with winners from each class being awarded homework passes. Congratulations to our junior and senior Tables Kings, Nerijus Rusevicius and Seánie Kenny. All pupils participated in a maths art competition. Our senior winner was Patrick Mc Caffrey and our junior winner was Anthony Bychkov. Pupils also participated in various active maths games in the PE hall throughout the day. It was a day really enjoyed by all.

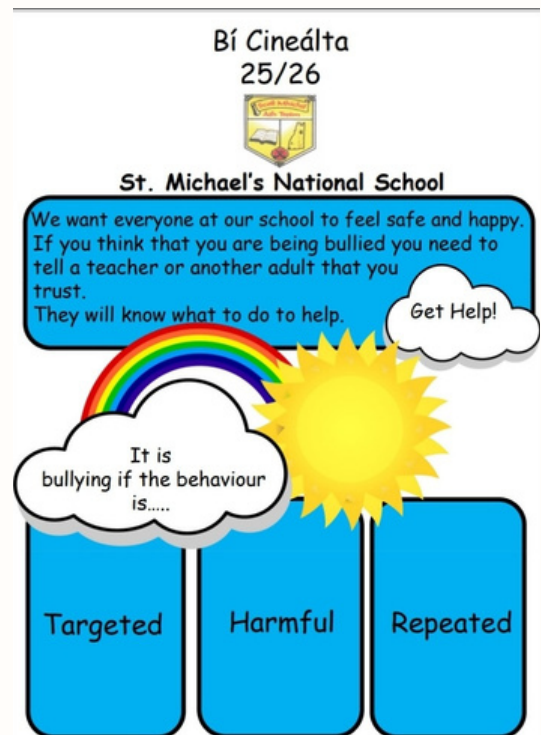
## Wellbeing Wall

Pupils explored the theme of gratitude this month. They completed various activities while practising gratitude such as poetry and art, and they participated in class discussions. Next month pupils will explore the power of breath. They will learn to use their breath as a form of self-regulation.



## Bí Cineálta

The student friendly Bí Cineálta poster is on display in all classrooms and in the front hall of St. Michael's. The Bí Cineálta policy is available on the school website for viewing. This clearly outlines the new procedures in all Irish school for the prevention and addressing of bullying.



# Student Council 2025/2026

The Student Council for 2025/26 has been elected. The Student Council acts as a medium of communication between pupils, staff and management of St. Michael's. It aims to afford our pupils a greater voice in the decision making process of our school. Elected members will take a seat on the council for the duration of the school year and will attend regular meetings which will be facilitated by Ms. Daly.

Members of our Student Council will promote friendship and respect among students, help organise school events, collect ideas and suggestions for council meetings which may subsequently be brought to staff meetings for discussion.

We look forward to working with our Student Council this year.



## Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone for your incredible support of our fundraising events to date. Your generosity has truly made a difference. We are thrilled to have been able to provide a full set of new student iPads, significantly enhancing the learning experience for all of our students.

We will continue to have fundraising events at different stages of the year to support the teaching and learning needs of our school.



# Children's Book Festival

Many thanks to Trim Library for inviting some of our classes to events to celebrate the Children's Book Festival. Ms. Treacy's 2nd class visited the library for a workshop with author and illustrator Ashwin Chacko. Ms. Mullen's and Ms. Fitzpatrick's 3rd classes participated in a workshop hosted by author Alan Nolan in the Swift Theatre. Ms. Mulryan's 4th class attended a workshop hosted by storyteller Arran Towers.



# Team Hope 2025

Once again this year, St. Michael's N.S. will participate in the annual Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. We are asking all families in our school community to join together in creating joyful moments for children in disadvantaged countries around the globe. By now all students will have received an information leaflet from their class teacher. This leaflet contains all the information needed to help you to make a wonderful Christmas gift for a child affected by poverty in Africa or Eastern Europe. This year, we would like all shoeboxes returned to the school by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Last year we donated over 150 shoeboxes. Hopefully this year, we can beat that record!

