# Allen National School Newsletter

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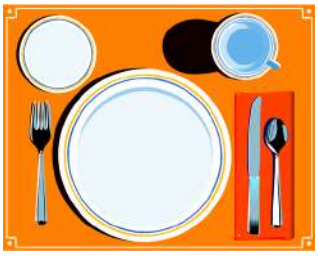
## REMINDER

**School will be closed next week on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th (June Bank Holiday) and Friday 7th June (Polling)**



## 3rd Class win trip to Lidl Farm to Fork

On Friday Mrs. Flavins 3rd class went to visit the Lidl Farm to Fork experience in Newbridge. They spent two hours visiting the premises and had a guided tour showing the children where all the vegetables are grown, then refrigerated and then where the trucks come to collect the food and deliver to the supermarkets.

The children in 3rd class won this trip for taking part in the AR words competition. Between the class, they read a whopping 676,041 words which made them very deserving of the surprise trip. Well done 3rd class, keep up the wonderful reading!

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# 2024 School Calendar 2025

**August 2024**
School reopens Wednesday 28th August

**September 2024**
School closed Monday 30th September

**October 2024**
School closed Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November inclusive

**November 2024**
School reopens Monday 4th November

**December 2024**
School finishes at 11.30am Friday 20th December
School closed Monday 23rd December to Friday 4th January inclusive

**January 2025**
School reopens Monday 7th January

**February 2025**
School closed Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February
School closed Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February

**March 2025**
School closed Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March

**April 2025**
School finishes at 11.30am on Friday 11th April
School closed Monday 14th to Friday 25th April inclusive
School reopens Monday 28th April

**May 2025**
School closed Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th May

**June 2025**
School closed Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd June
School year finishes at 11.30am on Friday 27th June

# Fire Officer visits Allen National School

**Last week Fire Officer Eoin from Naas Fire Station visited the children of Allen National School and spoke about the importance of fire safety to the children. Eoin also spoke about what to do if a fire broke out in their homes and helped the children create a fire plan. Some of the children got to try on a fire fighters helmet and jacket and others got to handle some of Eoins firefighting equipment.**

# Tour Dates

**The countdown is on and everyone is looking forward to their day out!! Information on cost and payment method have issued to parents on Aladdin. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the office**

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| Junior & Senior Infants | Tuesday 25th June | Kildare Farm Foods |
| 1st & 2nd Classes | Friday 21st June | Birr Castle |
| 3rd & 4th Classes | Tuesday 11th June | Funtasia Waterpark, Drogheda |
| 5th & 6th Class | Wednesday 12th June | Jumpzone Sandyford, Glasnevin Cemetery |

**Price includes bus and entrant's fee. Please bring a lunch, drinks and sun cream. Payment to be made by electronic transfer preferably. By paying you are giving consent for your child to go on the tour. We are aware of the price increase in tours over the past number of years and this year and we have tried to keep costs as close as possible to €25 where possible.**

# Summer Art Competition

**The excitement reached fever pitch on Wednesday May 22nd as pupils and staff waited to hear who won the Annual Art Competition. The winners were announced by Sandra Kearns, Board of Managment. Sandra outlined that the standards were so high it was virtually impossible for the Board members to choose a winner. Members had commended the very high standards of each class and Sandra commented that the Board had decided to award multiple prizes in acknowledgement of the work of the pupils and their teachers. The winners were**

**Junior Classes:**
**1st place: Mr. Mc Nallys 2nd Class**
**2nd Place : Ms. Garrys Senior Infants**
**Joint 3rd place: Ms. Fullams 1st Class & Ms. Burkes Junior Infants**

**Senior Classes:**
**1st Place: Mr. Holmes 5th Class**
**2nd Place: Mr. Dickinsons 4th Class**
**Joint 3rd place: Ms. Ni Chaoimhs 4th Class & 6th Class**

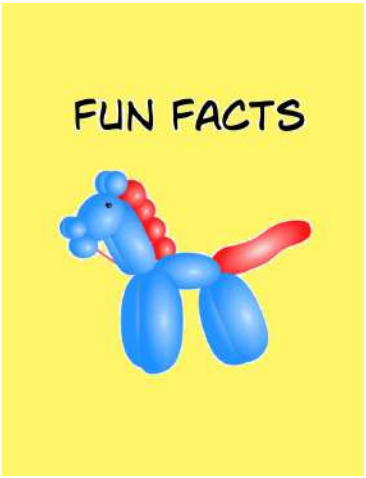
**A special mention went to the SET teachers, Ms. Conway, Ms. Burke, Ms. Longworth, Ms. Jones and Ms. Tyrrell and their pupils who also received a prize**

**Huge congratulations to everyone who took part and many thanks to the judges who spent a long time deliberating. The theme of the competition was "Summer" and as you can see from the photos, while the weather may be letting us down, the art work has us believing we are living it up on the beaches!!**

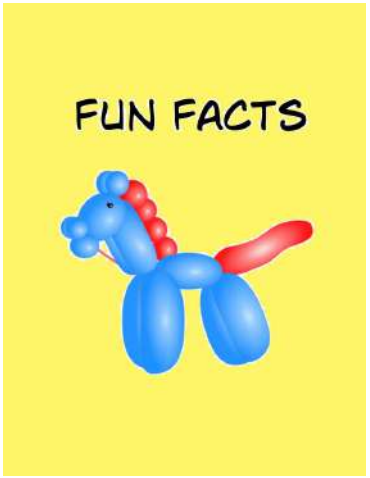
# Parish Cup 2024

This year Robertstown will be hosting the Parish Cup which will take place on the 31st May at 10.00am. The children will be travelling to Robertstown at 9.20am and will return to Allen at approximately 1.30pm. A message will be sent to all players parents separately on Aladdin

Best of luck to all our players!




## Fun Facts!




- It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow. (try it!)
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- “Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- Most people fall asleep in seven minutes.
- A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.