



North Dublin Muslim National School

**December 2019
Newsletter**

A Message from Mr. Walsh

As we approach the end of another term at the North Dublin Muslim National School, it gives us a chance to reflect on what has happened at the school and the opportunity to celebrate all of our successes.

We were delighted to welcome children back to school in August and gave a very special welcome to our Junior Infants. We hope that they, and other children who have joined us this year for the first time, are enjoying being a part of our school community.

Each year in term one we celebrate Maths Week (October), Science Week (November) and Friendship Week (December). As part of these weeks, we had school tours to places like the Botanic Gardens, Dublin Castle and the Phoenix Park. We also had visitors in from Dublin Zoo and from Engineering Ireland. We hope that these events and trips not only educate but inspire our pupils.

After School activities continued this term, with children taking part in games, yoga, knitting, Lego, soccer and drama groups. These activities are always a great success and give pupils an opportunity to develop new skills and friendships. Many thanks to the teachers and SNAs who volunteered their time to make these activities possible.

Our Green Schools committee have been working very hard to earn our Transport flag this year and they have included an update in our newsletter. Thank you to all involved, and our parents and staff who are supporting *No Car Thursday*. Our Student Council will be electing new representatives in January.

Our parent coffee mornings have continued this year and we look forward to welcoming parents back after the break. These mornings give parents an opportunity to get to know each other, but also to learn more about what is happening at the school and to get involved.

All of this was in addition to the amazing work that happens in classes every day of the week. We hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of what has been happening at the school this term. Don't forget to keep up-to-date with what is happening at the school by following us on Twitter, @NDMNS.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 6th January for term 2.



Junior Infants Red

The first term here in Junior Infants Red has flown by! We have been having lots of fun getting to know each other and settling into life at school. The boys and girls have settled in so well and have made lots of friends.

The class have been working very hard at maths and have made such an improvement since September. They have been enjoying Ready, Set, Go maths games, and found it to be a fun way of learning about 2D and 3D shapes and all about patterns and length.

As a class they have been working very hard on learning lots of sounds and have begun blending the sounds to read words. They have been improving at this daily. They have also been learning to write their newly learnt sounds, and are all doing a fantastic job. We have also been reading lots of stories in class! They really enjoyed our task of reacting to stories by completing a Book Review.

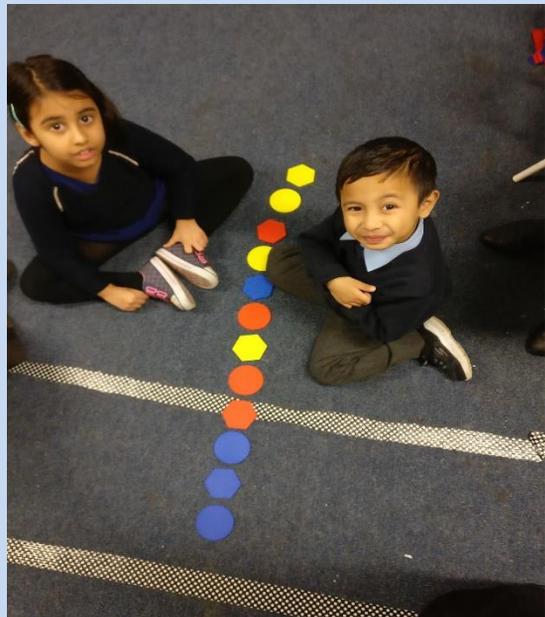
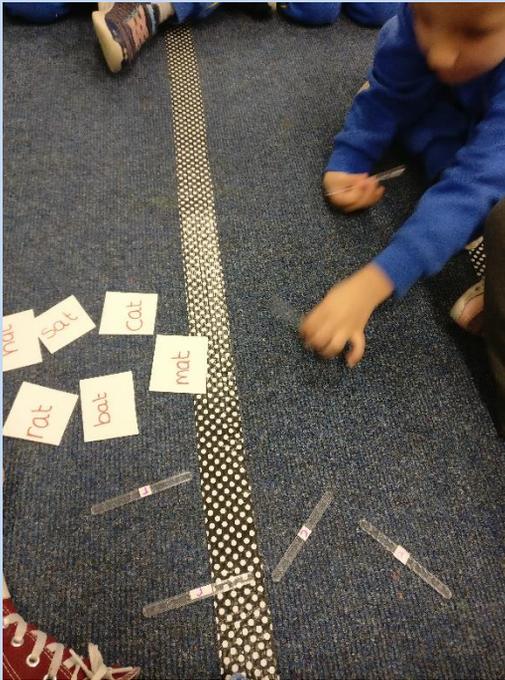
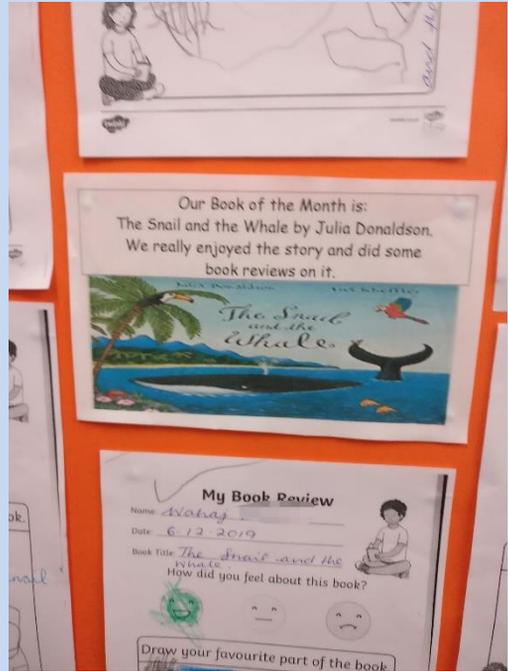
In Aistear we did the themes: At the Vets and At the Hospital. The children have been having lots of fun learning all about how to be a doctor or vet, and how important those people are in our society. We have covered some interesting topics in geography, history and science this term. The children especially enjoyed our nature walks on the school grounds to observe the seasonal changes. We also learned about all of the people who help us both our school and local communities.

Term one has been a great start to what I imagine will be a wonderful year in Junior Infants Red, and I am looking forward to seeing what the rest of the school year brings!

Ms. O'Hara



Junior Infants Red



Junior & Senior Infants Yellow

It's hard to believe the first term of school has come to an end! I am so proud of all the boys and girls in Junior and Senior Infants Yellow. They have settled in so well and really enjoy everyday in school!

The class are doing well in maths and love the different games as part of Ready, Set, Go. We all particularly enjoy stations and have learned so much since September. Senior infants have been working really hard on making numbers and can add different numbers up to 8. Junior infants have been working on their counting and recognising different amounts of numbers. We have also done lots of fun activities on 2D shapes, 3D shapes and length.

In English, Junior infants have been learning lots of sounds and have been using these sounds to blend words. They have also been working on pre-writing activities which has really helped them in drawing pictures. Senior infants had been revising initial sounds and are now learning diagraphs which is helping them read lots of new words. They are also working really hard on their handwriting and we have seen great improvements so far.

The boys and girls love Aistear. It is definitely the favourite part of our day in our room! We have explored two different themes- the supermarket and the jungle and minibeasts. The children love getting into character pretending to be different people and animals. They have made some great art work in Aistear including food prints, shopping trolleys, spiders, monkeys and snails.

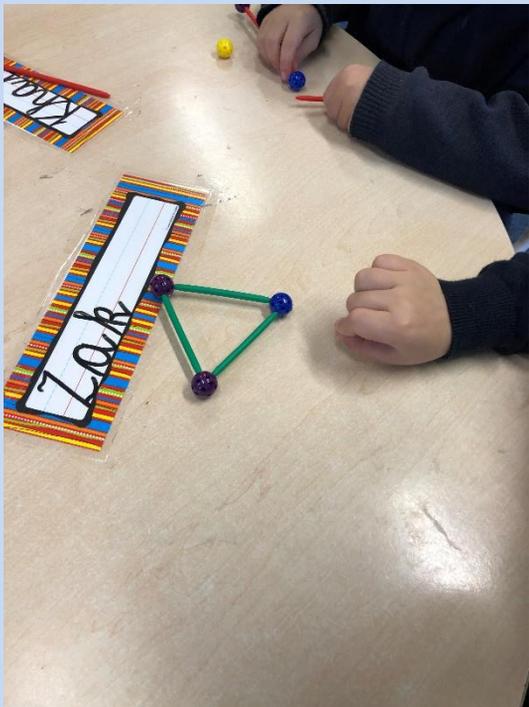
Junior and Senior Infants yellow also had their first visit to the library this month. We were so lucky to get two different stories read to us by the librarian and we also got to look at some of the interesting books in the library. We cannot wait to go back again soon.

I have really enjoyed the first term with my lovely class and I look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year. Wishing everyone a happy and safe Winter Break.

Ms Broderick



Junior & Senior Infants Yellow



Senior Infants Pink

Term 1 has been great in Senior Infants Pink, full of learning and fun! Everyone has been working very hard, especially in English and Maths but also at getting along and being kind.

In maths, we played lots of games and used bears and cubes to count. We have now learned addition up to 8. We have also learned about 3D Shapes, 2D Shapes and length. Two children created amazing maths hats for maths week, we loved talking about the numbers and shapes on them!

There has been improvement in all the children's handwriting this term, we have practiced finger spaces between words and writing on the line. The children have revised all of their letter sounds and are practicing new digraphs like 'ee' and 'ie'. The children in 4th class read stories to senior infants, this was very exciting and everyone got to read many new books!

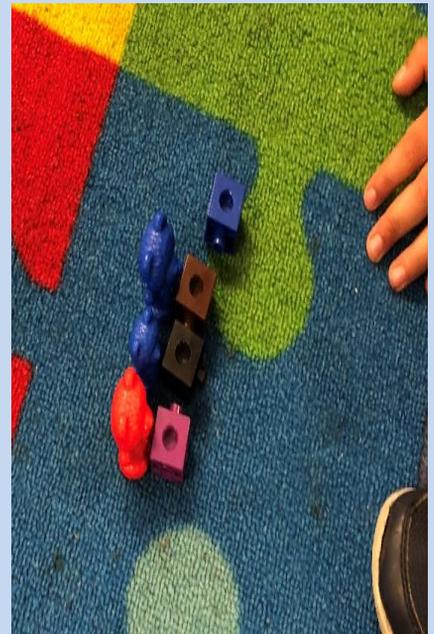
Our Aistear themes were 'Jungle and Minibeasts' and 'Winter'. Aistear has been really enjoyable, the boys and girls were fantastic at pretending to be explorers and travel agents! We created different art work based on the themes including parrots, snake collages, snowflakes, woolly hats and clay snowmen. The jungle theme linked with the visit from the zoo for science week. The children learned so much about zoo animals, such as African and Asian elephants. We have discussed the different seasons, packed for an imaginary journey to Alaska and discovered the lifecycle of a spider, to name a few, in our S.E.S.E. lessons.

I hope you all have a lovely winter break and I am excited to see all the boys and girls in January for the rest of the school year!

Ms. Culleton



Senior Infants Pink



1st Class Green

First Class Green has had a great first term and everyone in our class has been working so hard! In Maths we looked at length and had fun describing who is shorter and who is taller in our class. We also learned about the metre stick and how it can be used to measure length in our classroom. Most recently we have been studying 2D shapes and have had exciting station lessons exploring these shapes!

In English we've been working hard on using capital letters, full stops and neat handwriting. We learned about nouns, verbs and different tenses. We put all of this learning to great use as we studied recount writing. We learned how to write clear recounts of fun school activities such as our visit from Dublin Zoo.

We've covered a lot of new topics in Gaeilge, including 'Caitheamh Aimsire'. We learned how to describe our favourite toys and activities as Gaeilge, and even learned about our national sport, hurling - iománaíocht. We've really been enjoying science this term. We especially enjoyed Science Week in November, when we had the opportunity to design paper planes and see how far they could fly. Some planes got all the way across the yard! We have also been learning about electricity and had a lot of fun exploring static electricity with balloons.

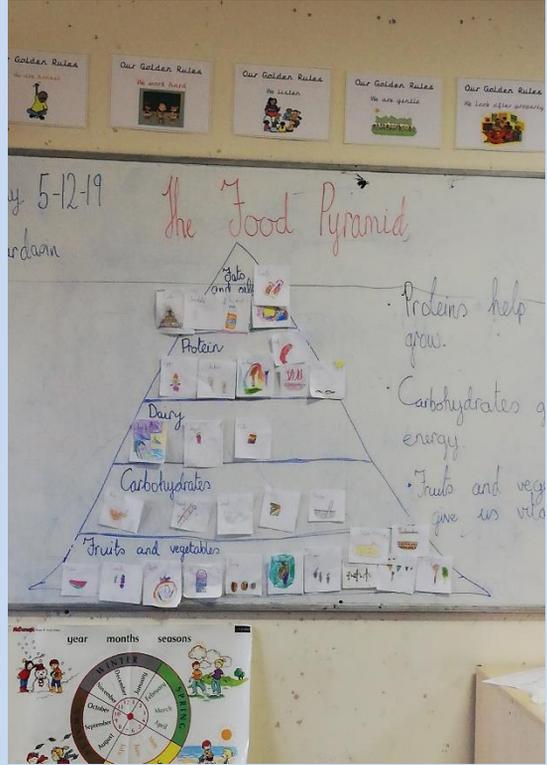
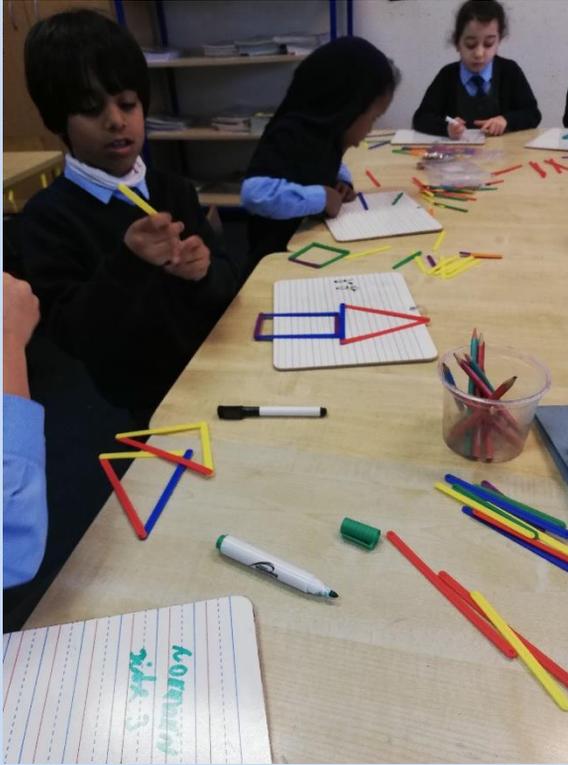
In SPHE we learned about how we can keep our bodies healthy, including studying food groups and the food pyramid. We've also been enjoying story time at the end of the day, reading books about people from all around the world.

Everyone in First Class Green has shown incredible progress this term. I am looking forward to the rest of the year and wishing everyone a happy winter break!

Ms. Lydon



1st Class Green



1st & 2nd Class Purple

What a very busy first term we have had here in First and Second Class Purple! All the boys and girls have settled in so well to their new multi-grade class and have developed some really good friendship circles this term. All the children have made excellent progress this term and it is so nice to see everyone trying their best everyday. I am very proud of all their hard work and achievements this term.

In English, First Class have been exploring lots of new things such as learning about verbs and nouns, identifying and using correct punctuation and also developing their writing skills. Similarly, Second Class have been studying new concepts such as adverbs, adjectives, pronouns and common nouns. They have also been developing their comprehension skills with the help of the new graded reading programme and discovering writing genres such as recount and persuasive writing.

In Maths, First Class have been working hard developing good number sense and addition strategies. More recently, they have started exploring 'Place Value' and are developing good understanding in this area. Second Class have delved into a lot of topics across the curriculum such as place value, 2D shapes, money, problem solving and reasoning. Both classes have become very independent when working at their table and have started to become more persistent when completing tasks that are proving difficult for them.

In Irish, all the children have been enthusiastic to learn about topics such as 'Mé Féin', 'An Scoil', 'Bia' and 'An Gheimhreadh'. I am very impressed with how well everyone has been doing with reading and writing in Irish and in particular, First Class have made significant improvements in their ability to read and write words in Irish. Second Class have taken a huge leap in their learning and have started to do Irish spellings too!

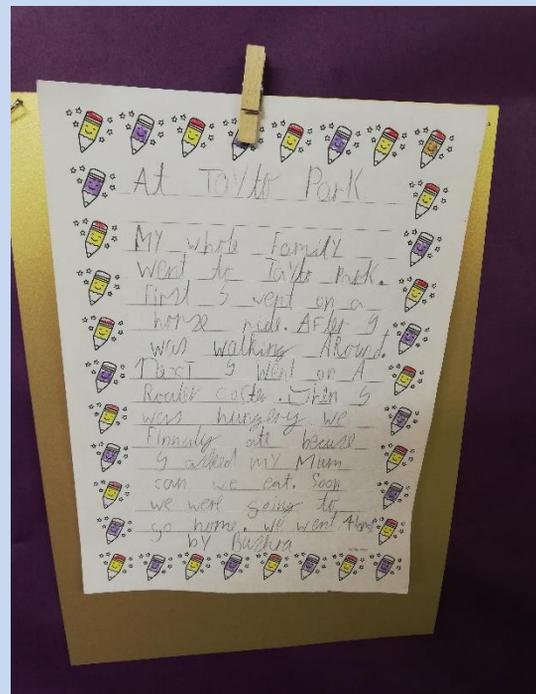
We have looked at a variety of themes in SESE this term. We started with the theme of 'Space' which all the children really enjoyed learning about and even incorporated this learning into their performance at assembly in October. We have explored other themes this term too such as 'Our bodies', 'Autumn', 'The World Around Us' and 'Winter'.

I hope everyone has a great, well deserved Winter Break. I look forward to seeing everyone back to school in the new year, refreshed and ready for lots more learning!

Ms Feeney



1st & 2nd Class Purple



2nd Class Orange

We have had a great start to 2nd Class this term! It was full of great fun and learning.

In English, the class have been making great progress and starting lots of new topics. As part of First Steps we have learned how to do recount and procedural writing. The class had lots of fun making rice Krispie buns and then writing up a procedural account of this. The boys and girls have become really confident at writing now. We have also been improving our reading and comprehension work. When we first started in September, we struggled to read our 'The Grumpy Teaspoon' reader and to get all our questions done, but now we are writing full sentences with capital letters, full stops and lovely handwriting.

In Maths, we have explored lots of different topics including Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Shapes, Time and Sequences and Patterns. Some of these topics have been a bit tricky but the class were very persistent and never gave up.

This term we covered a lot of different areas in History, Geography and Science. We even completed two big projects about the counties of Ireland and People Who Help Us in Our Community. We also explored the topics of homes, the people who help us in our school, communication in the past, clothes in the past and our area in the past.

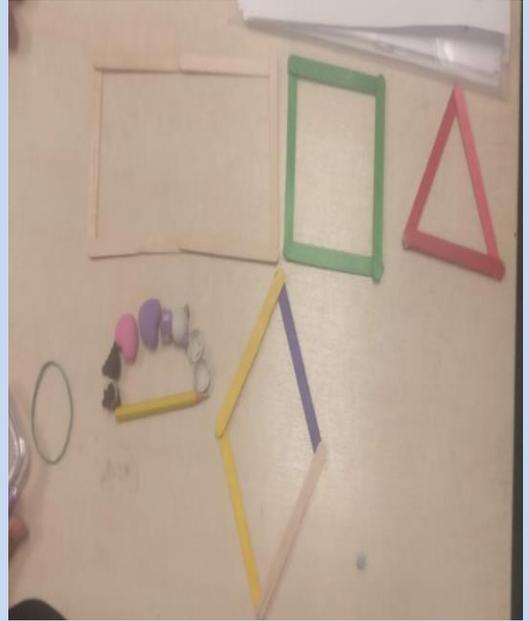
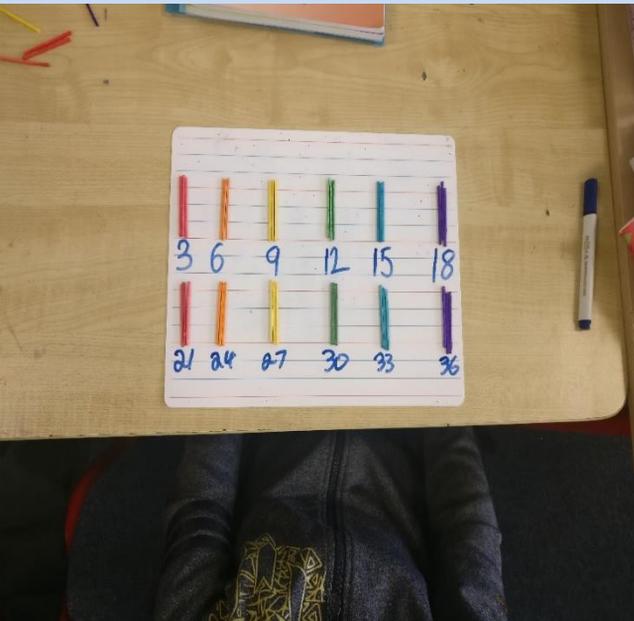
A real highlight of the term was Science Week when we had a visitor from Dublin Zoo, took part in a messy oobleck experiment, visited a fantastic Science Fair in 6th Class and had a Science Fancy Dress Day. We were lucky enough to perform first this year for assembly and the boys and girls did an amazing job performing their two songs. In Art, we created work in air dough, beautiful space pictures and many more.

Have a restful winter break everyone and see you all in the new year!

Ms. Adams



2nd Class Orange



3rd Class Blue

The first term in 3rd Class Blue has been so exciting we can't wait to see what fun adventures await next term. It has been so enjoyable to spend time with such friendly, inquisitive, kind and caring boys and girls. We love the extra responsibility that comes with being part of the senior end of school, especially reading with Junior Infants Red.

In Maths we have been working especially hard. We're learning a lot of multiplication and division tables for the first time. We especially love maths stations with Ms. Morrissy Wednesdays and Thursdays.

In English our First Steps genres for this term were Recount writing and Persuasive writing. We particularly enjoyed writing persuasive letters and factual recounts about sporting events. Writing poetry is very enjoyable as it gives us an opportunity to be creative and funny. This term we focused on writing Acrostic poems and Haikus.

We worked hard in all areas of the curriculum, particularly SESE. We love conducting experiments. We investigated the properties of light and magnets. We created lava lamps, conducted a dancing raisins experiment and compared the absorbent properties of different types of paper. This year we had our very own class pets for 8 weeks! It was amazing watching caterpillars turn into chrysalises and then metamorphosing into butterflies. We were sad to say goodbye to the butterflies, but it was lovely to set them free. In history we loved working in pairs on the school iPads, researching prehistoric peoples of the Stone Age and Bronze Age.

In Irish we love singing, playing Simon Says and Bingo. We also like using our puppets to read aloud and act out dramas. We made clay pots, examined different types of Islamic art, created trees from popcorn and much more. We especially enjoyed sewing our own puppets. PE was great fun this term. Even though we love football, it was also great to learn some basketball, hockey and tennis skills this term. Recently we've been focusing on different areas of athletics such as Javelin, Shot Put, Relay and Hurdles.

We were very lucky to go on two exciting trips this term. Our first trip was to the Botanical Gardens during science week. Just recently we engaged in the Zoom project in the Hugh Lane Gallery. Wishing everyone a fun filled winter break!

Ms. Lankford.



3rd Class Blue



3rd & 4th Class Silver

It has been a whirlwind of adventure in 3rd and 4th Class Silver the past four months. We have achieved a great deal in our subjects and are progressing at a great speed. We also have been busy bees with lots of cool outings, taking part in exciting projects and representing our school in soccer.

We have been regular visitors to the library this month and it is great to see so many reading books and taking part in the MS Readathon programme we had. We got to visit and take books out from the library, as well as create new memberships. We also took part in a workshop, building Lego into electric wind turbines. This was great fun and tied in with renewable energy in science. We celebrated maths and science weeks and had the opportunity to do cool experiments like getting heavy objects to stand on just paper and tape! We also had a great day in Glasnevin visiting the Botanic Gardens.

Our third class was treated to an art exhibition and talk in the Hugh Lane gallery this past month. This was great fun and as a bonus we got to create art pieces and take them home.

We also had some participants in the FAI Futsal soccer competition. There were some great goals scored by the class, as well as top defending. We won this competition out for the boys and came in 4th place in the girls' section.

We took part in an engineering project recently and got an excellent engineer to talk and work with the class as well. We have many budding engineers in the classroom and this project and meeting the engineer was fantastic for them. The students had to create a project, build a prototype and present it to the engineer. We also made our own windmills and created engineering villages/towns.

A lot of us have taken part in after schools and we also have four members of the class on our Green Schools' Committee. We all helped raise money for new PE equipment through the cake sale also.

It has been a fast and fun filled few months overall, so this break will be great to recharge and start a fresh in the New Year. On behalf of the class we wish everyone a safe break and happy holidays.

Ms. Nugent



3rd & 4th Class Silver



4th Class Violet

We have worked very hard in 4th Class Violet this term.

In Maths, we are making a lot of progress and have been learning about place value, addition, time, lines and angles and much more! We are trying so hard with our multiplication and division tables and are getting much quicker and more accurate recalling them.

In Gaeilge, we have been exploring the themes of Mé Féin, Bia, Ag Siopadóireacht and Éadaí. Our confidence reading aloud has improved greatly and we are having fantastic conversations with each other.

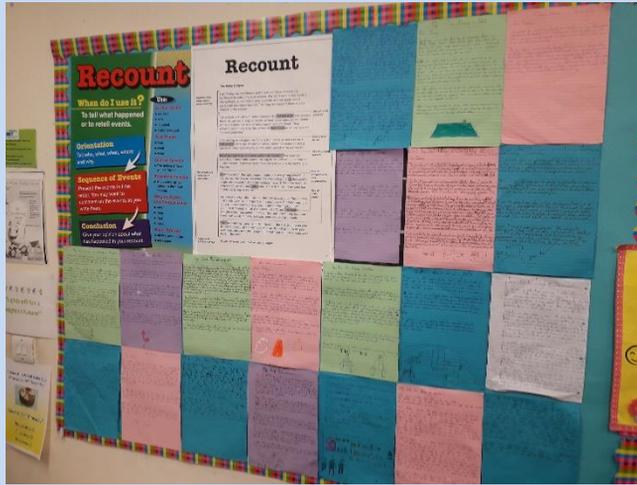
In English, we have really enjoyed report and procedural writing and we love reading and are becoming increasingly more confident in our abilities. We are especially pleased with our book reviews, acrostic poems and comprehension work this term. Well done to all of the boy and girls who are reading their Oxford Readers at home and changing them regularly.

We have made our classroom bright and colourful by displaying all our excellent artwork using paint, pastels, and other forms. Our interactive whiteboard is used to help us explore Geography, to become historians, experiment in Science and to play Maths games.

We have loved all the science experiments that we undertook during Science Week, and especially enjoyed our trip to the Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin where we learned about plant life. Term one has been a great success but we can't wait for an even better second term. Have a great and well deserved break!



4th Class Violet



5th Class Turquoise

5th Class Turquoise have had a fantastic first term. Everyone has worked extremely hard and enjoyed themselves along the way.

It has been a bus term here in 5th Turquoise. The boys and girls got the opportunity to perform at the October monthly assembly. The children sang a song they had been learning in class which motivated them to make goals for the year ahead. They put on an excellent show. They also were awarded Class of the Month at the November monthly assembly for their great behaviour on yard and the excellent example they set for other pupils.

In November, we participated in a debating workshop hosted by Concern, an Irish charity. We took part in many fun activities which helped us with our persuasive language skills. The boys and girls then used these skills to write a speech on something they feel very passionate about. It was a great way for the boys and girls to share their opinions and argue their points of view on a huge range of interesting topics.

The boys and girls did two major projects this term. The first was on earthworms, the boys and girls observed and analysed the body of earthworms and conducted research in groups. For the month of November we studied Africa and in detail, Ethiopia. The children completed individual projects on African animals which were amazing. Their hard work, motivation and creativity was obvious in their research and finished presentations.

Fifth Turquoise also participated in Science Week. The inner scientists of the boys and girls came to light early in the year when we explored the human ear and created a model digestive system out of recyclable materials following research on the topic. Science week came around and everyone took part in a design and make experiment and others made a huge effort with their science themed dress up. We also visited the Irish Natural History Museum which was a valuable learning experience. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

We also celebrated Maths Week in October. The students visited Dublin City Hall where they engaged in a great variety of games, puzzles and active workshops. It was a great way for the boys and girls to put their mathematical skills to work.

I, Ms. Roe, would like to congratulate everyone on their magnificent work throughout the term. I hope all the boys and girls have a lovely winter break and that you are ready to continue the hard work in January.

Ms. Roe



5th Class Turquoise



5th Class Amber

It has been a wonderfully wisdom-gaining winter term for Fifth Class Amber. Much has been accomplished, achieved and presented at the table of knowledge.

In English, finely produced and richly seasoned pieces of literature have been edited, redrafted and published - namely persuasive letters to the Government respectfully asking for something to be done about the homelessness crisis in Dublin, requesting safer cycling facilities or helpfully suggesting that an abandoned site be used as a football pitch for the local community! Some children even made films, documentaries and slideshow versions of their written biographies and recounts back in October, thanks to Mr. Walsh's Spark Adobe tutorial.

In Irish, we have been learning how to use our language to communicate with the wider world, sending letters to a fifth class in Newbridge all about our hobbies, our lives, the subjects we enjoy etc. We have been speaking and talking and writing about the things that are important to us, describing the delicious spicy potatoes made by parents which we ate and shared during Irish classes on 'Bia' and watching TG4 sports programmes as part of our study of 'Teilifís.'

Mathematical mysteries have been solved as the children have sailed through the roller-coaster of fifth class fractions with ease, dedication, persistence and enthusiasm. Next up, long-division after the winter break.

SESE has brought us through Dublin's past into 1916 at Collins' Barracks, where we not only received a letter of overwhelming praise from the tour-guide for the children's encyclopaedic knowledge and enthusiasm on the tour, but we discovered that one way to measure the 1km perimeter of the court-yard was to run laps of it before the bus back to school! September's Science was all about turning old fruit and vegetables into edible plants, re-growing seeds and sprouting leftovers into salad.

We have most recently been learning about electro-magnetism, motors, materials, recycling, climate / climate change and the endlessly interesting history and Geography of Africa.

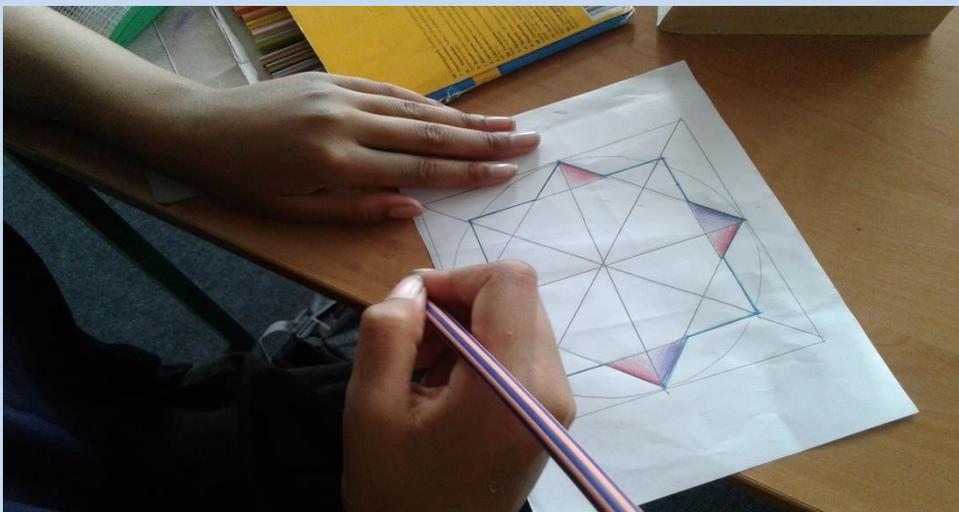
In SPHE, we have been learning how to make group decisions kindly, respectfully, efficiently and fairly, how to express our opinions and how to resolve issues democratically for the greater good of all. In PE, our football and hockey stars have been taking the field by storm. Aesop's Fables have made their way into our drama lessons, being creatively (and sometimes comically) re-enacted to emphasize the moral of the story. And lastly, in art, we have learnt how to sew, so we can repair torn trousers and socks from PE lessons all by ourselves!

Thank you to all of the parents for attending parent-teacher meetings. It was so great to meet you all, and to see where the children's happiness and enthusiasm for learning comes from.ps. apologies for the muddy trousers and shoes!

Ms. Delaney



5th Class Amber



6th Class Gold

We have had a superb start to 6th class. The first term seems to have flown by and we have had lots of fun. We have been working hard to make sure our last year in NDMNS is the best one yet.

In English, we have focused on recount and procedure writing. We wrote diary entries from the perspective of the Dublin football team and biographies of famous people. We got to put our writing into practice with our procedures and made some delicious brownies in a mug and even devised our own board games. We are trying to read more and ensure that we are reading a variety of genres. We are expanding our vocabulary with our word of the day. Our debates are always lively and we have lots of opinions and views to share.

In Irish, we have been working hard at conquering grammar and preparing ourselves for secondary school. We have been going out to yard to complete chalk relays and we can see an improvement in our verb knowledge.

In Maths, we have covered a wide range of topics, place value, length, fractions, multiplication, lines and angles etc. We have been using lots of hands on materials and challenging ourselves to think more mathematically about the world around us. As part of Maths week we teamed up with 3rd class Blue to complete a scavenger hunt which was lots of fun.

For SESE, we have become inquirers, we are questioning and challenging the world around us. As part of our Geography lessons, we took action and staged a protest around the school about climate change. Our chant '1234, tell me what you're waiting for. 5678, act now before it's too late!' really grabbed the attention of staff and students. We then held games and story time for the younger classes to help them understand what they can do to make one small change.

In Science, we have been completing lots of experiments. We are creating questions and solving problems. In 6th class, we are deciding how to solve the hypothesis and coming up with solutions to problems. We made our own water filters, tested the properties of coffee cups, examined conductors of electricity, tested reaction speeds, made Rube Goldberg machines, researched and tested the lotus effect to name but a few. We also completed a module on nanoscience, which was so interesting and new to us all.



6th Class Gold

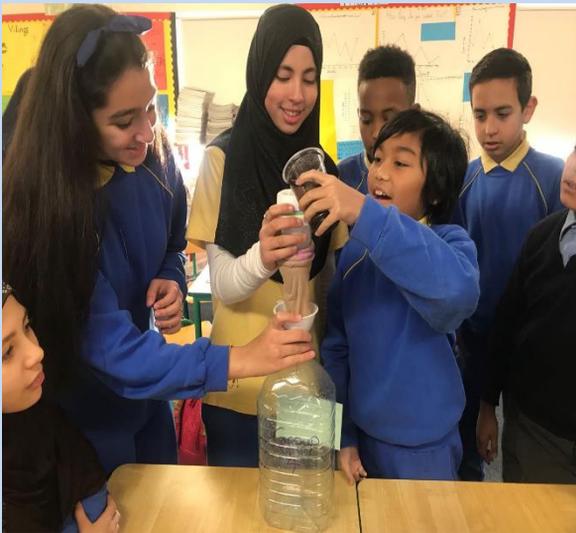
In History, we examined the use of timelines in relation to transport and the foundation of the GAA. We learned about Vikings and identified any traces in Ireland which show Viking roots. We researched and presented on polar explorers too.

In PE we have experienced lots of new sports. We tried tag rugby, dodgeball, hockey and soccer. We even started to learn some boxing skills. We also participated in some HIIT classes, where we dreaded the word squats! We definitely used lots of energy while at the same time developed our teamwork!

Overall we are developing a culture of kindness in our classroom, where we are trying to complete acts of kindness as often as we can. 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind.' This is our motto and we are trying to cultivate kindness every day in 6th class.

This is only a glimpse into what has been happening so far in 6th class. The students have been working hard and are dedicated to improving everyday. I am extremely proud of them and it is a pleasure to have each and everyone one of them in my class. I wish all the families in 6th class a happy and healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Ms. Penston



Rainbow Class

This term we had lots of fun in the Rainbow Class. We started the term going weekly to Equine Therapy with Childvision in Drumcondra. The class really enjoyed this experience and became so confident in controlling and commanding the horses. The children played games while on the horses, learned to trot on the horses and completed academic activities while horse riding. The benefits of Equine Therapy include increased attention span, building confidence and self-esteem as well as being good physical exercise.

Our theme in November was The Zoo. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the zoo staff to our school but also, we got to go to The Zoo for a day. We went on a scavenger hunt looking for the animals we had learned about in class. We had a fantastic day and were even fortunate enough to not have any rain.

Our theme for December is winter. Our story this month is The Penguin who Learned to Swim. In this story we learn about feeling nervous and how the little penguin still learned a new skill even though he was worried about failing. We have been discussing when each child might feel worried or nervous and how we can overcome these feelings or help them go away.

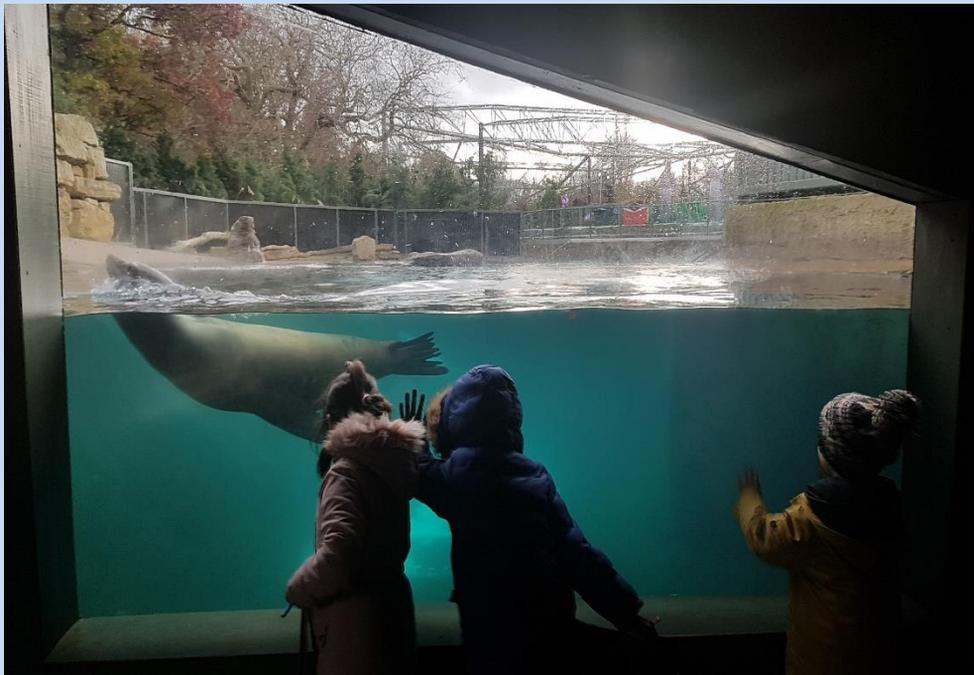
During our last week of school, we will be celebrating friendship with friendship week. We have been talking about what friendly and not friendly behaviours look like and how we should treat our friends.

We have also been focusing on lining up and walking nicely in our line to the yard, making sure we have a quiet voice and hands by our sides. The children have been working hard on this activity and are doing very well at going out to yard in a nice line. Well done Rainbow Class! I hope everyone has a lovely winter break. We had a great start to the year, and I am looking forward to what the rest of the school year will bring!

Ms. Ward



Rainbow Class



Support Team

The first term has been a very busy one for all the Support Team. Ms Ryan, Ms O'Sullivan, Ms O'Reilly, Ms McKay, Ms Wehrly, Ms Morrissey and Mr Morrin have very much enjoyed working in-class and with their withdrawal groups. We would like to wish all the children and their families a very peaceful and relaxed winter break and we look forward to a wonderful term two.

Ms Wehrly and Ms McKay say, "Thank you to all the children for all their hard work this term. We have greatly enjoyed our in-class work in 5th Class Amber, 5th Class Turquoise and 6th Class Gold and are thankful for how welcome we have been made feel by class teachers and children alike. We enjoyed accompanying these classes on trips to Collins' Barracks, The Phoenix Park and The National History Museum. Our Literacy, Numeracy and EAL groups have all progressed well this term thanks to their hard work and positive attitude. We look forward to even more hard work and fun in term two, so make sure you get lots of rest and relaxation over the Winter Break".

Ms O' Reilly says "I've really enjoyed working with 3rd, 4th and 6th Class this term. The children in these classes, but also throughout the school, have given me such a warm welcome during my first term in the school. I am constantly surprised and impressed by the positive attitude and hard work produced by these classes. I want to wish all the children a pleasant winter break and to return after the break fully rested and ready to return back to work. I'm sure term 2 will be even better!"

Ms O'Sullivan says "Whata wonderful first term at NDMNS. The whole school community have made me feel so welcome. I have learned so much from the children, and I can see they are working so hard. The progress they are making is terrific to see. I am lucky enough to work in so many of the junior classes, where I am always greeted with smiles and good humour. I was on the science team for Science Week which was so successful due to the whole school's engagement. I am learning so much from the Ready Set Go maths programme in the Infant classes, and very much enjoying guided reading in the First and Second classes. I can't wait to see what the Spring term has to bring!"



Support Team

Ms Morrissey says "It has been a pleasure to work in NDMNS so far. I have enjoyed working with miss Nugent and miss Lankford's class. It has been lovely getting to know all the children. The children in my withdrawal groups have been working so hard. Keep up the good work everyone".

Ms. Ryan says "I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term in NDMNS. The students and staff are an absolute pleasure to work with and it has been wonderful getting to know everyone. I am so impressed with all of the hard work that the students from Ms. Broderick's and Ms. Culleton's classes have done this term, as well as the students that I take for withdrawal. They have all come such a long way and I hope they all have a fantastic break".

Mr. Morrin says, "It's been a great first term in my first year working at the school. I am really enjoying working as part of the SET team here in NDMNS. The school has a lovely atmosphere that is both warm and dynamic. I am always impressed at how hard working and positive all the children are in the school whether I am supporting students in class or working with withdrawn literacy and numeracy support groups. "

Green Schools Committee

The Green Schools committee and staff are very excited to be working towards our fourth flag. We want to say a big thank you and well done to all the boys and girls and families who have joined us on the cold, dark mornings for No Car Thursday. It is great to see such a turn out every week. We will continue with these weekly walks in January and hope to see the continued support in the new year. Enjoy the Winter break. See you all next year!

