



North Dublin Muslim National School June 2019 Newsletter

A Message from Mr. Walsh

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we have already reached the end of the 2018/2019 school year. What an amazing one it has been!

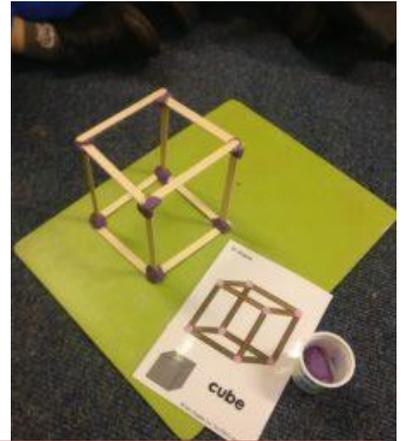
Children have been very busy this term with Eid celebrations (with thanks to the Parents' Association), school tours, Active School Week and standardised tests. This is in addition to all of the wonderful learning which takes place in class each day. This week, we were sad to say goodbye to our Sixth Class, but we wish them the very best on the next part of their adventure and we know they will do NDMNS proud.

On behalf of the school management, I would like to thank everyone who has played such an important role in making this a successful year; our amazing staff, Parents' Association, the wider parent body and the pupils themselves.

We wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable and well-deserved summer break, and look forward to welcoming pupils back for the new school year.

Best Regards,
Eoin

Junior Infants Red



We had a wonderful final term in Junior Infants Red, I cannot believe how grown up the children have gotten in the year. We have achieved so much this term, and had such fun while doing so.

English: We have now learned all of our sounds, and the children have been doing such a wonderful job blending them together to read all our words. They have been doing wonderful reading of the class readers and even have even done some independent reading in class.

Maths: Maths has been super hands-on this term, and the children have had lots of fun covering a range of different topics. We have covered; number, 3D shapes and weight in measurement.

Intercultural Fortnight:

We went "Down Under" for Intercultural Fortnight and learned all about Australia! The children loved learning about Australia and did some really fabulous art displays of the Sydney Opera House, based on artists Roy Lichtenstein's style of Dotwork paintings. They also took some inspiration from Andy Warhol and created some cool abstract pictures of the Sydney Harbour Bridge! They learned lots of songs and put on the best performance during their assembly for both the school and the parents, which made teacher beam with pride! We even had some tasty Australian treats on Friday before finishing for the holidays and were super lucky to have some Lamington Cake made especially for us! As well as all the Australian fun we were super lucky to attend a drumming workshop, the children had lots of fun playing the drums!

Active Schools Week: We had a blast during Active Schools Week, the children loved every minute of it and never seemed to run out of energy! They had the best fun on sports day, and particularly enjoyed trying to beat Mr. Walsh at one of the stations.

I had a wonderful year teaching this class of amazing children and I wish them all the best in the next year!

Ms O'Hara

Junior and Senior Infants Yellow

We have had a wonderful last term in Junior and Senior Infants Yellow!

There have been so many fun activities and the class have worked so hard. In maths, we worked on capacity and got to go outside and use water to investigate. The class learned all about 2D and 3D shapes, as well as beginning to learn how to tell the time. They have been working on addition all year and they are getting so good at it.

In Junior Infants, we finished the second literacy reader, 'The Lost Ball', and the class loved this. In Senior Infants, we read two class readers! They have all gotten so good at blending sounds and reading this year. The class spent this last term revising all the sounds they have learned in Jolly Phonics and practicing writing all their letters. They all improved so much in the last few weeks.

In the last term, we did the Garden Centre and the Travel Agent in Aistear. The class loved getting to plant their own seeds, look after them and watch them grow and plan a holiday.

We had an exciting Active Schools Week in June. The boys and girls got to take part in so many different activities throughout the week. They loved the obstacle course and had such a fun time at Sports Day.

The highlight of this term for the children and their teacher has to be the school tour! We went to Glenroe Farm and the children had an amazing day. They loved getting to hold and pet all the animals.

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching all the boys and girls in Junior and Senior Infants Yellow this year and they have done so well and improved so much. I am very proud of each and every one of them! I hope they have all had a great year of school and have a lovely summer!

Ms. Adams



Senior Infants Pink

Term three has been wonderful in Senior Infants Pink! We were able to do more of our work outside with the good weather and we used the school iPads for the first time to record animals, plants and other natural things in the school grounds.

The children had a fantastic time outside planting seeds with Ms McKay during Aistear time. They learnt lots about how plants grow and it was really exciting to see the seeds begin to sprout. The children also made some beautiful painting of flowers, plants and trees during May.

Senior Infants Pink did a lot of fun drama work this month. We used games, mime and discussion to explore the stories 'Dirty Bertie' and 'The Seals on the Bus'. The children have also been learning about percussion instruments and did a brilliant job playing rhythms and keeping a steady beat.

We loved all of the active week activities; especially Sports Day and the bouncy castle the Parents' Association kindly organised for us. We still have our school tour to Glenroe Open Farm, 6th Class' graduation assembly and a visitor coming to talk to us about Dublin since 1939 to look forward to! It's been very busy, but we've had so much fun in term 3!

Ms. Brennan

1st Class Green

It was a pleasure to teach First Class this year and it has been an eventful year. We have been working very hard since spring break and have had a lot of fun. We have concluded a lot of our books and worked on fantastic projects.

We enjoyed preparing for Eid and learned a lot of new songs. We did a lot of art work for Eid also. In English, we have been working hard on our phonics and spellings and we have been studying hard for our end of term tests. Everyone did so well.

We have been working on capital letters, full stops and writing very neatly. We learned what social writing is. We learned what syllables are and we participated in paired reading. We have been revising all our phonics sounds and learning some new ones too to help us with our writing. We learned how to complete comprehensions and practiced station reading which all of the class really benefited from. On Thursdays we got to play some educational games on the iPads which the class really enjoyed.

We have been exploring the theme of 'Sa Bhaile' in Gaeilge. We learned to name rooms in a house and we can name different rooms that are upstairs and downstairs. We learned about place value, 3d shapes, time and regrouping in Maths.

We really enjoyed Active School week where we took part in a lot of games and activities. We loved the obstacle course and the trip to the local park where we got to have a picnic. That was a really sunny day too! We got to play in the playground. Active School week was really enjoyed by all.

It was a pleasure to teach the children in First Class and I wish them all the best in Second Class. I hope they enjoy the summer holidays.

A big Masalama from Ms Clarke.

1st and 2nd Class Purple

What a fantastic and fast year we have had in First & Second Class Purple! This is our last newsletter of the year and I can't wait to tell you all about our busy term. We participated in Active School Week and enjoyed our trips to the park and astro turf. We had so much fun on Sports Day and loved the different stations.

We have been working so hard in English. 2nd class finished their reader 'The Green Genie'. 1st class were very excited to finish 'The Golden Goose'. We have been working on writing to socialise and wrote our first postcards. We explored the poem 'I met my Teacher on a Saturday' and created role plays of what we would say to teacher on the weekends.

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In maths we explored the topic of capacity and 3D shapes. We had lots of fun measuring our litres and ml into cups and jugs. We also learned all about 3D shapes and their characteristics. We made 3D shapes using cocktail sticks and blu tack. 2nd class were learning about symmetry and made symmetrical shapes.

In SESE we were learning about the importance of water and how some countries don't have lots of clean water. We realised that we are very lucky in Ireland! We also have enjoyed listening to legends. We really enjoyed the story of Diarmuid and Grainne.

In May, we had our Simga and Micra-T tests. The boys and girls did so well and all their hard work during the year paid off. Well done to all! In art, we were learning about Claude Monet, a French impressionist artist. We created Japanese bridges just like him!

We had a brilliant school tour to Pine Forest where we had lots of fun with different art activities and a nature walk. I am so happy and proud to have taught such a lovely class this year. I will miss you all dearly. Have a fantastic Summer filled with lots of fun, sunshine and rest!

Ms. Broderick



2nd Class Orange

A big hello from Second Class Orange. This term went super fast and an incredible year in 2nd Class Orange is over now. I am super proud of all the hard work all the boys and girls have done throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to see everyone in the class progress and become even more wonderful with each passing day.

In English, we worked on learning to write emails, continued our comprehension work and developed our drama and poetry skills. We also completed our standardised tests in English and Maths. Even though these tests were hard going, we all completed them and did our very best.

In Maths, we did loads of revision and worked on area, capacity, operations and word problems. We wanted to do lots of revision to be ready and prepared for our move to 3rd Class.

In our Gaeilge lessons, we focused on Caitheamh Aimsire, An Aimsir and revised different topics in our stations. A big focus has been on using our Irish in enjoyable ways and throughout the day!

This term in SESE we focused on a major project: creating our towns. In our table groups, we had to plan a perfect town for a community. We created plans and then build 3D models. It was hard work but great fun. Plus we learned what a community really needs. In history, we focused on chronology in stories and in history. We also compared objects from our time and our grandparents time. We even went on a history hunt around the school.

In PE, we worked on orienteering and teamwork skills. We learned that good teamwork requires listening, leadership and a common goal. In music we learned about putting on a performance. We worked on keeping a beat or tempo and understanding what dynamics to use when performing. We also learned about traditional Irish music instruments, such as the bodhran and the fiddle. We also learned about the Irish reel and jig, including their different time signatures. In Art, we focused on creating our towns in a 3D model. This included construction, working with clay, drawing and painting. We also worked on silhouettes and created some pictures based on a mosque at sunset.

We would love to stay and tell you more but we would be here all day long. It was a pleasure to teach all the boys and girls in 2nd class Orange and to get to know their fantastic personalities. I have loved every moment with this class. A big thank you to all the teachers and school staff that worked in our class and to all the wonderful parents in 2nd Class Orange. Have a wonderful, restful summer and best of luck on your next adventure in 3rd Class.

Ms. Flanagan

3rd Class Blue

It is hard to believe this newsletter brings the curtain down on our term in 3rd class. We have all achieved so much this year and can be proud of our accomplishments. We have done a lot of great work inside the classroom, as well as getting some opportunities to get out and about around the school grounds.

We were fortunate to escape the confines of the classroom on more than one occasion this term. We went to the local park and availed of the swings and wide spaces to play soccer. It was a nice treat to go there.

We have also got a chance to use the AstroTurf at the local gym for a soccer blitz amongst our own classmates. Egypt was one country we really zoned in on in our SESE lessons this term. It captured our imaginations so much that we created fabulous projects about this country as a result. Hard work does pay off, as it was evident who had spent a long time doing their projects and how much it meant to some students.

We celebrated Ramadan in our classroom through the Arabic/Religion lessons, but also through some lovely art work. The students demonstrated what Eid meant to them through the drawings of stars, moon, mosques etc. They were truly delightful and they are adorning our hall way at present.

Assembly this term was important for our class as we got the chance to perform during the month of May. We relished this opportunity as it showcased the students' drama, singing and collaborative endeavours. They worked very well and I was truly proud of them.

As always, there were plenty of stories read, questions answered and discussions observed, regarding our other subjects. It is great to see the friendships that have developed and strengthened this year also.

It was a fast year and no doubt it will be an even faster summer before we are back again.

We wish everyone a safe and peaceful summer, from Ms. Nugent and 3rd Class Blue. Beirigí uile bua agus beannacht!



4th Class Silver

Greetings from 4th Class Silver. We had a great start to May, partaking in the Garda Sports Day, for all local 4th Class pupils. It was a super day and everyone had a great time playing fun games in the glorious sunshine.

Also we've had a wonderful June, enjoying Active Week and Sports Day, a school tour and the 6th Class Graduation.

We did very well in our summer exams and are happy with our end of year reports. We sang three songs beautifully at the Sixth Class Graduation Assembly, "We Are Gonna Be Friends, History and On Top of the World."

Congratulations 4th Class on all your hard work this year. Well done! Enjoy your holidays!

Mr Kelly



4th Class Violet

It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3 already. The boys and girls in Fourth Violet have continued to put a tremendous amount of effort into their work.

We celebrated Poetry Day on May 02nd. We were very lucky to have the opportunity to travel to Poetry Ireland on Parnell Square for a poetry workshop. We were all in awe with the room we were working in. The antique furniture reminded us of a banquet hall. There, we wrote a shared poem based on the topics of animals. The pattern we followed was 'I am...'. We used our knowledge of adjectives and adverbs to create interesting and vivid lines. We also learned about cinquain poems. This follows a particular rhythm and had to count the syllables in each line. In class, we wrote our own Haiku poem and Kennings poems.

We continued to work on our fluency and expression in reading. Our First Steps genre for this term was 'Writing to Socialise'. We examined examples of letters, notes, texts, emails and invitations. As we became confident in the feature of Writing to Socialise, we progressed to writing our own invitations, formal letters and informal letters.

In Maths, we covered a number of topics. In Capacity, we estimated and measured in litres and millilitres. We also studied Weight and Length. We now are confident in finding the area of regular and irregular shapes. We also identified 3D shapes. The boys and girls were highly competent in recognising 3D shapes in the environment.

Our Themes this term in Gaeilge were 'Caitheamh Aimsire' and 'An Teilifís'. We focused this term on our independent sentence writing, using correct verbs and tenses. We continued to develop our oral language on these topics.

SESE allowed us to explore a number of topics. In Geography, we studied the natural landscapes in Ireland, namely, the rivers of Ireland and boglands/peatlands. This led us to debate on the area of exploitation and preserving bogs and caring for the environment. In History, we explored the Irish legend, 'The Salmon of Knowledge', the lives of Native Americans, the development of the GAA, and toys in the past. We examined the materials used to make toys in the past and compared them with the toys we have now. In Science, we investigated the push and pull forces on objects. We then explored friction on objects and how it can be an advantage to some objects but a disadvantage to others.

We made Dream Catchers in Art, inspired by the Native American culture. Native Americans believe that bad dreams are caught in the web of the dream catcher, are filtered, and a good dream is released. We celebrated Ramadan and Eid in our Art activities. We also began to get summer ready by painting a beach scene. We used salt in our painting to create the sand effect.

We had our Standardised Tests. The most anticipated day of the year, Sports Day, was a huge success. Our final week of school is our school tour to Trinity Sports Centre.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer. I wish the boys and girls all the best for 5th Class.

Ms. Lee



5th Class Amber



The boys and girls in Ms Wehrly's 5th class cannot believe that the school year is drawing to a close. They have all worked incredibly hard but have had a fun-filled term too.

We very much enjoyed having Ms. Campbell teach us during May and we learned lots about the themes of Titanic, Friendship and Earth Day.

We finished our class novel "Holes" recently, with everyone agreeing that it was a really fascinating read and a definite page turner. In Science, we chose animals from a range of habitats to create projects on. The boys and girls presented their PowerPoints to the class, sharing some fascinating facts and teaching Ms. Wehrly a thing or two. In Geography, we explored a range of countries in Africa discussing the challenges they face and we put our knowledge into action during our visit to Irish Aid when we participated in different activities based on the Sustainable Development Goals. We also learned to speak some Swahili during this workshop and had great fun drumming some African beats. We enjoyed another trip out when we attended a poetry workshop to celebrate Poetry Day Ireland. We enjoyed listening to the poet Lucinda Jacob share and discuss her writing and she went on to help us write our own poems too.

All the boys and girls really enjoyed Active School Week and Sports Day and displayed great athletic ability in the races and super co-operation in the team activities on Sports Day. Many boys and girls in 5th Class participated in our annual inter school soccer blitz during Active School Week, with some serious skills on display throughout the matches.

We have our fingers crossed that the sun will shine for our school tour to Tayto Park but know that we will have a super time whatever the weather. We are currently preparing for our goodbye performance at the 6th Class Graduation. We are looking forward to becoming next year's 6th Class but will miss all our friends in the current 6th Class.

Ms. Wehrly would like to wish all the boys and girls and their families a very happy and fun-filled summer whether in Ireland or abroad. It has been a real pleasure teaching this year's 5th Class due to their enthusiasm, sense of humour and sheer determination. You will make a great 6th Class next year!

6th Class Turquoise

What a year it has been in 6th Class!

It seems to have flown by in a flash and already the boys and girls are prepped and ready for their new adventure in secondary school! Without a doubt, it has been a busy year full of fun activities, learning and projects.

In term three, Sixth Class studied poetry about the theme of graduating and new chapters. They read and discussed the poem, "Movin' On", considering the pros and cons of leaving primary school. The class then participated in group poetry boards. These were funny and random, proving the fun we can have with writing in literacy. Micra T testing took place in June and the children were very comfortable with the challenge! As our last ever spellings test, the class chose words relevant to their lives at the moment. That was fun and of course everyone tried their best!

In maths, the children worked extremely hard and were so focused. We finished weight and capacity, looked briefly at capacity and tackled tricky word problems as well as even trickier problem solving! The boys and girls had to think outside the box with them! The Sigma T testing took place in June so the children were determined to do well in these. Their hard work and persistence really paid off and teacher is really proud of everyone!

In Gaeilge, the children looked at Ócáidí Speisialta (Special Occasions) and in particular, school tours. We also said goodbye to our favourite characters in our Irish reader, 'Béal Beo'.

In SESE, the class looked at recycling, reducing, waste materials and environmental awareness. It was a bit shocking to read and observe the effects of climate change for animals and on the weather! The class found it relevant though and are very aware of the little changes they can make in their own homes and everyday environments which all helps to make our future planet a more sustainable and habitable place!



6th Class Turquoise (pt. 2)

The class celebrated Eid at the beginning of June. This was after much dedication and commitment to Ramadan so it was lovely to see everyone relax and celebrate Eid with a week off from school. We were very lucky during Active Week as June started off wet and miserable! Active Week welcomed the sun back and 6th Class made history in NDMNS as they beat the teachers in the annual game of rounders. The teachers were so shocked and gutted! It was a brilliant game though and the students in Sixth Class were the most gracious winners ever!! The annual soccer blitz was a great success with 5 schools participating. The rain held off until the very last minutes which we were all so grateful for. The games were edge-of-your-seat entertainment with superb skill shown by absolutely everyone on the squad. It was lovely to see some quieter students shine on the day! Sports Day was fantastic and we had Sixth Class winners in the boys and girls 5k races which were organised by the school's Student Council. Well done to everyone!

As the days wind down to summer, the students in 6th Class were busy helping teachers and Mr. Walsh. They made a memorable DVD which they are excited to watch and which everyone will get to see at graduation. Hats have been made, performances are perfected, rhythmic, melodious and unbelievably spine chilling with the harmonies!

Ms. Faughnan would like to thank every 6th Class student and their parents for being so wonderful. It saddens me to say goodbye to such a memorable, unique and incredible bunch of students. I will never forget you and I wish you all the very best in life. It has been an amazing adventure with you all and I am excited to see you all grow up to be fantastic people.



Support Team

It has been a very busy final term here with the support team and we want to say a huge well done to all the boys and girls for all their hard work this year. Ms Feeney, Ms. Mc Kay, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Cullen and Ms. Mc Kiernan have all really enjoyed working with children from lots of classes this year. We want to wish all the sixth class pupils the very best for secondary school. We hope that all the rest of the boys and girls have a well-deserved rest over the summer and come back in September ready for lots of new learning!

Ms. Feeney says, "It has been so lovely working with all the children in Junior Infants Red and Junior & Senior Infants Yellow this year. They have been working so hard with their Phonics and are doing so well now at their reading. They have also been working really hard in Maths and it is great to see their progress since the start of the year. I have also thoroughly enjoyed working with small groups and individuals this year and it is fantastic to see how much their work has improved. Well done everyone and enjoy the summer holidays!".

Ms. Mc Kay says "I can't believe it is the end of the year already! What a busy few weeks we have all had. Senior Infants pink have been working so hard on their writing and with counting, forwards AND backwards! It is getting too hard to trick them. Junior and Senior Infants yellow have been doing great reading and have really improved. Sixth class have worked well with me revising for their big tests both in English and Maths. They all made me very proud with their efforts. It will be a sad day when we have to say goodbye to them next week! I hope everyone has a lovely summer break. See you in September!".

Mr. Kenny says, "The girls and boys in First and Second Class have been working extremely hard with me all year. All the children that attended my withdrawn classes have improved considerably in their Numeracy and Literacy skills and they should feel very proud of their progress this year. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow as they progressed through the year. Also, all children have shown lovely manners and a positive attitude during the year and this must be commended. I wish all students a very happy holiday ahead!".

Ms. Mc Kiernan says, "The children have worked very hard over the last term, both in their groups and individually. Fifth class have been working on different topics in English, along with grammar activities and comprehensions. They have enjoyed playing Literacy games which have helped to develop their oral language skills. In Maths, the children have worked hard in a range of topics and activities. It has been a pleasure to teach the children and watch them grow and learn. I have enjoyed working with them and wish them the best for next year".

Rainbow Class

The Rainbow Class have had an exciting last term. Our theme for the month was Summer and we enjoyed water and sand play during this term.

We started Equine Therapy with Childvision. The pupils were so interested to learn about the horses and how to command them. They also enjoyed the calming effect of riding a horse.

We started swimming lessons with our swimming teacher Aoife. All the pupils learned how to blow bubbles under the water and kick their long legs. Everyone had so much fun during this experience.

We are very lucky to be in walking distance of a fabulous park and playground. As we had some sunny days we were able to enjoy a few visits to the playground. The swings and slide were everyone's favourite choice.

Our school trip was to Go Kids Go in Blanchardstown. We got to go in a giant ball pool, go down big slides and run around the soft play area. We had a fantastic time.

I hope everyone has a fun filled Summer and I will be look forward to seeing everyone in September.

