



# North Dublin Muslim National School

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Newsletter



# A Message from Mr. Walsh

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your families are all continuing to keep well through these unusual times.

As you know, we put together a newsletter at the end of each term to acknowledge and share the work of children and staff at the school. Although we find ourselves in very different circumstances to what we would have imagined, we have a huge amount to celebrate as a school community at the end of term two.

This term we celebrated some of our annual whole-school initiatives. Literacy Week took place in March and saw our children visiting the local library and Easons, dressing up as their favourite book character for World Book Day, and taking part in many other activities. Intercultural Fortnight gave children the opportunity to explore the history, geography and culture of countries from around the globe in creative ways. We were delighted to welcome so many of you in to our assemblies to be a part of what is always a fantastic occasion.

Added to this, term two saw sporting success as children continued with swimming lessons and 6<sup>th</sup> Class took part in a series of boxing lessons. The Green Schools committee led a fantastic school effort to earn our fourth green flag, which we have since been awarded! 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Blue and 6<sup>th</sup> Class represented our school superbly at the RDS Science Blast for the very first time .

There is so much more to read in this newsletter and I hope it gives you a flavour of the quality teaching and learning which takes place at our school each day and the additional activities and initiatives which enhance and supplement it. As always, I would like to say a huge thank you to staff, parents, pupils and the wider school community as none of this would be possible without their support.

Teaching and learning in term three looks very different, but your children are doing an amazing job. Please tell them we all say hello and ask them to keep up the good work.

Take Care,  
Eoin Walsh



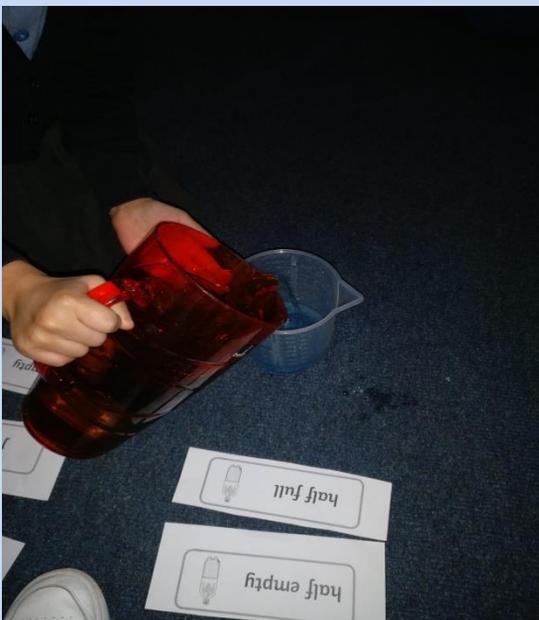
# Junior Infants Red

We had a very busy term in Junior Infants Red. We had lots of fun during Literacy week. It was so exciting taking trips to the local library and book fair. It was brilliant fun dressing up as our favourite book characters and having story time.

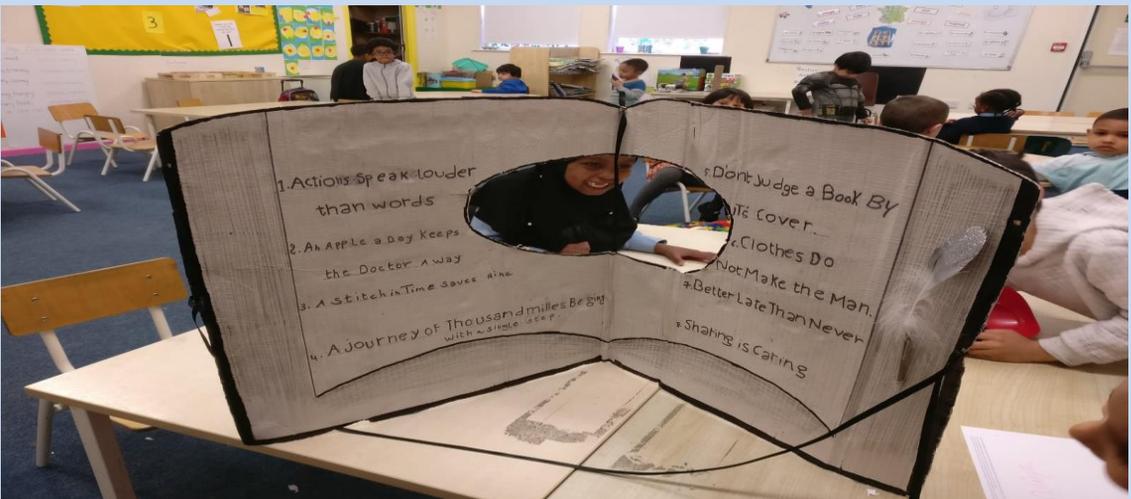
We learned all about France for intercultural fortnight. Our favourite parts of the week was putting on a great show for our parents in our assembly, and getting a special treat of homemade crêpes with chocolate sauce and sprinkles from Ms O'Hara.

We have been doing so well in English and have improved on blending our sounds to read words. We've also been working super well independently at stations. We have been doing an amazing time in Maths too. We really enjoyed experimenting with capacity before school finished up. Ms O'Hara and Ms O'Sullivan allowed us to have free run with measuring the capacity of different jugs and cups. I am excited to see what next term will bring!

Ms. O' Hara



# Junior Infants Red



# Junior & Senior Infants Yellow

What an interesting and fun term we have had! I am so proud of all the boys and girls in Junior and Senior Infants Yellow who worked so hard in school and have adapted so well to learning online using Google Classroom.

The class loved taking part in stations in Maths as part of Ready, Set, Go. Senior infants have been working really hard on making numbers and can add different numbers up to 10. Junior infants have been working on their numbers and have been exploring different number stories up to 5. We have also done lots of fun activities on weight and capacity. The class really enjoyed using balances to find the weight of items and using jugs and containers to measure liquids.

In English, Junior Infants have started writing letters. They had great fun making letters in the air, with play doh and sand before they practiced writing them on whiteboards and their books. They have also started blending all their sounds together to make new words. Senior infants have been doing great reading with their class reader 'The Big Horse'. They have been using all their diagraphs and sounds they learned in term 1 to help them read. Senior Infants have also been working so hard on their handwriting. They are really improving and teacher is so proud of your neat news writing!

In Aistear we have explored two different themes this term- Winter and the Vets. The children love getting into character pretending to be different people and animals. We had lots of eskimos, skiers, polar bears, penguins, vets, receptionists, and surgeons in our room this term. They made some great art work in Aistear including snowmen, snowflakes, goldfish and bones.

We also celebrated Intercultural Fortnight this term. The class learned all about America and had their first assembly for their parents and school. The boys and girls sang the songs Yankee Doodle and Take me Out to the Ball Game, they made art pieces all about America and even learned about animals in America. Everyone did fantastic work and should be very proud of their efforts. Well done everyone!



# Junior & Senior Infants Yellow

We also celebrated Word Book Day this term. This was great fun as we all dressed up as our favourite characters from books. Look at all our costumes! We also got to visit the library again and listen to some stories.

I have really enjoyed the second term with Junior and Senior Infants. It is hard to believe it came to such an abrupt end! I look forward to hopefully seeing you all soon safe and well.

Ms. Broderick



# Senior Infants Pink

We had another lovely term in Senior Infants Pink. I am very proud of all the boys' and girls' amazing work, especially now that our learning has changed to online.

For maths, we have been learning about counting and adding all numbers up to 10! The children enjoyed playing maths games in groups or with a partner, sharing and taking turns. We also learned about time, weight and capacity. We made another trip to the Maths Board in the school hall where the children used the materials to create shapes!

English was super fun this term with Literacy week. We visited Cabra library where we listened to stories and browsed bookshelves. Many children dressed up as their favourite book character and told the class about them. Senior infants have been working hard on their sounds, handwriting and reading and continue this on the online classroom. They started their reader this term, everyone's reading continues to improve all the time and we love discussing the pictures and characters from the story!

Our Aistear themes were at the Doctors and at the Supermarket. The boys and girls love playing and learning together with their friends during Aistear. They created wonderful artwork including stethoscopes made with pipe cleaners and handprint corn. The children used iPads to photograph themselves acting out parts of a story about the supermarket. We also went on a winter walk at the beginning of this term, we saw frost on the ground and no leaves on the trees!

Senior infants were busy rehearsing two special performances. The first was our assembly performance. The children sang and acted both songs beautifully. Even more hard work went into creating our intercultural fortnight show. The children did incredible singing and acting on the day and showed some of their amazing artwork all about Italy.



# Senior Infants Pink

I hope everyone is safe and well during this time away from school and continues to enjoy learning on the Google classroom! I am looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Ms. Culleton



# 1<sup>st</sup> Class Green

First Class Green had a great start to the second term during January, February and the start of March. I am so impressed with the effort and participation that all of the girls and boys in First Class Green have shown in our online classroom since our school closed. By logging on you are all making an amazing effort and you're making everyone at school so proud. We are going to look back at some of the fun learning experiences we had since the winter break, and we hope that we will all see each other again very soon!

We started off this term learning about narrative writing in English. Everyone showed great writing skills as we learned how to write stories. There was a tremendous improvement in handwriting, the use of full stops and capital letters across the class. In Maths, we learned about weight and had some really fun lessons estimating one kilogram of pasta. We also started to look at patterns in numbers. All of First Class showed us how excellent they are at odd and even numbers! In Gaeilge, we learned how to talk about our clothes and our homes. We also started learning about going shopping, 'ag siopadóireacht', and had some fun playing shopkeeper and customer.

In Geography, we were learning about people who help us in our local community. We were so lucky that Ms. Lawlor was able to invite a real firefighter to visit our class! He told us all about his job helping people around Dublin. Most importantly he told us the fire safety rules. He also let us try on his special uniform! We learned how it is specially designed to protect firefighters.

For Intercultural Fortnight we learned all about India. We made Indian flag art, learned how to say hello in different parts of India and we even tried some delicious Indian food! Everyone in First Class Green made such a great effort practising for our assembly. We were all feeling a bit nervous but the performance was very impressive! For Literacy week, we really enjoyed our trip to Eason's and the local Cabra library. There was a great effort by everyone to take part in some way in the dress-up as a book character day. We also created cool bookmarks and some of us got to present our favourite books.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Class Green

Since our school closed, we have been recapping on things we did in school this year in our online classroom. It's great to see First Class boys and girls making an effort at home to continue their school work. Every little bit helps you to make progress in your learning. A big thank you to everyone at home who is helping out with the school work. It is so nice to hear from all of you online, it really makes my day! Hoping that everyone in First Class is doing well at home and that your families are keeping safe and well.

Ms. Lydon



# 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Purple

It has been another very busy second term here in First and Second Class Purple! Everyone has been getting along nicely and are enjoying their time in class together. All the children have made brilliant progress this term in all areas of the Curriculum and it is so lovely to see everyone trying their best everyday. I am so proud of all their hard work and achievements this term.

In English, First Class have been exploring lots of new things. They have been learning about adjectives and adverbs, synonyms and antonyms as well as starting and finishing their class reader called "The Four Friends". Similarly, Second Class have been studying new concepts such as possessive apostrophes, contractions and direct/indirect speech. Both classes have been developing their comprehension skills with the help of graded reading and both have enjoyed learning how to write a narrative story using the 'First Steps' programme.

In Maths, First Class have been working hard on a variety of topics such as subtraction, place value, money and time. Second Class have been learning how to subtract two digit numbers with renaming as well as learning how to tell the time using an analogue and digital clock. Both classes have developed their confidence (with the help of Conor Confidence from our 'You Can Do It' Programme!) when working at their table and are becoming more persistent when completing tasks that are a little tricky!

In Gaeilge, all the children have been enthusiastic to learn about topics such as 'Sa Bhaile' and 'An t-Earrach'. First Class have made really good progress with reading and writing words in Irish. Second Class continue to impress me with their 'Litriú' spelling knowledge every week. All the boys and girls continue to amaze me with their knowledge of words and phrases in Gaeilge and everyone loves listening to stories, rhymes and songs in Irish too!

We have looked at a variety of themes in SESE this term. We have explored various themes such as "The Human Body" and "Antarctica". We also cannot forget about all the hard work that the children did while learning about 'South Africa' as part of Intercultural fortnight! All the children enjoyed making lots of South African themed crafts especially their masks which allowed the children to express their individuality and creativity!

For Literacy Week, both classes visited Easons in Blanchardstown to pick a book of choice using their 'World Book Day' voucher. Everyone impressed Ms. Feeney with their excellent behaviour on the trip and all had great fun! Lots of boys and girls dressed up as a book character for World Book Day too!



# 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Purple

I cannot finish without mentioning our abrupt end to Term 2. For now, we will continue our learning journey online using Google Classroom. All the boys and girls have been putting in a super effort to complete their work online and it is great to see how well everyone has transitioned to this new way of learning.

Stay safe, keep well, and I look forward to the day when we are all back together again.

Ms. Feeney



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Orange

A big hello from Second Class Orange. Even though term 2 was cut short it was jam-packed with great fun and learning. In English, we have been working on Story Writing. We read, explored and examined lots of different stories to help us understand narrative writing. We started a new comprehension book called the Green Genie and started working on silent letters, homophones, antonyms and synonyms in our Grammar lessons.

In Maths, we have explored lots of different topics: Symmetry, Weight, Length, Place Value, Problem Solving and Operations. We have spent this term becoming more confident with adding and subtracting with renaming and regrouping. We have come such a long way but we still need lots of practise to keep our operations skills sharp.

This term we covered a lot of different areas in History, Geography and Science. We even completed a project about an Irish county and presented it to the class. A real highlight was our work for Intercultural Fortnight when we got to explore Hawaii. In groups the class made their own food pyramids which they had to add exercise in as well.

In PE, it was all about games. We played tennis, rounders, hockey and basketball. The class loved getting to take on the role of teacher and teach their own games to small groups. They did a great job!

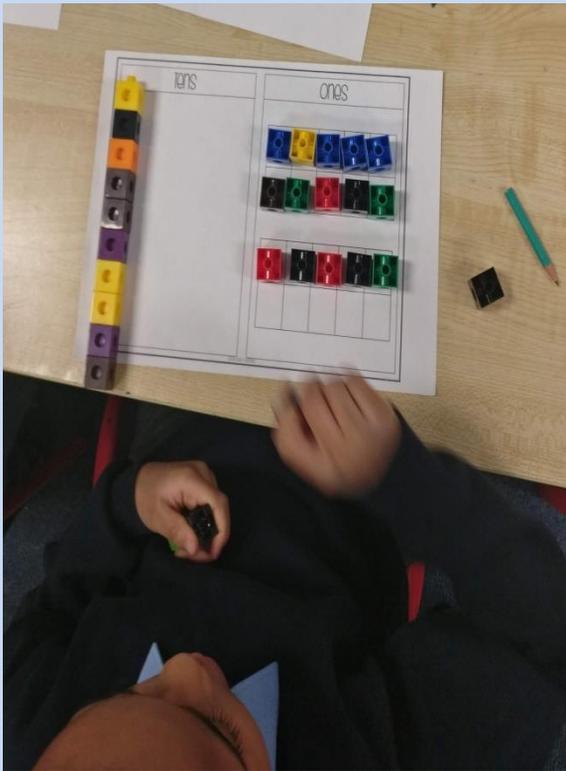
We did lots of different art activities, but the class particularly enjoyed making different origami animals and all the Hawaii art including painting erupting volcanoes.

I hope everyone is keeping well and that we might get back to school before the year is over!

Ms. Adams 😊



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Orange



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Blue

Term two flew by in 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Blue, as the old proverb says 'Time flies when you're having fun'.

One of the highlights of this term was Intercultural week. We spent many weeks learning all about the history and geography of Australia. We learned about the native Australian Aboriginal peoples, the flags, cities and wildlife of Australia. We also discussed the recent bushfire. We loved learning songs, playing instruments and performing for the school, parents and friends.

This year was the first year that NDMNS participated in the Science Blast Competition. Boys and Girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> Blue worked incredibly hard to carry out experiments and investigations to find out 'What happens to our body when we are stressed?'. We discovered that we experience physical stress and emotional stress. We carried out surveys to investigate how children in other classes feel when they are stressed or worried. During PE we measured our heart rates before and after physical stress. We made stress balls in art and constructed stethoscopes from plastic bottles. We really enjoyed our trip to the RDS, explaining our project to other students and judges. We especially enjoyed all the fun experiments and science talks.

In Maths we've been focusing on division tables. We've been learning about fractions too and the connection between fractions and division. We were learning about chance and probability. We especially enjoyed learning about length and weight and measuring objects in the classroom.

In English we have been focusing on Narrative writing. Analysing the genre of narrative writing and writing some narratives of our own. We even designed our own sets and created characters. Hopefully we can continue these projects to create stop motion videos. We love reading Fantastic Mr. Fox, he's such an interesting character. We've been writing character profiles, newspaper articles and wanted posters based on Fantastic Mr. Fox.

In Irish we have been focusing on the themes of the home and the weather. We've started stations on Thursdays and love playing scrabble, roll the die and other board games in Irish as well as reading stories in Irish.

Literacy Week and world book day were great fun; we went on a trip to Easons bookstore in Blanchardstown. We designed book covers, we wrote book reviews of our favourite books, visited the book fair and dressed up as our favourite characters.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Blue

For Engineering Week we were so excited to have engineers come and speak to our class. We participated in a competition to create the tallest tower from pasta and marshmallows. It was so much fun, the hard part was making it stable.

In SPHE we have been learning all about friendship, bullying and strangers. The importance of friendship, kindness and courtesy to family, friends, classmates and teachers. We understand that everyone has a kind heart but that sometimes we just need to remind ourselves and each other to be patient and kind to others as much as we can.

Take care,  
Ms. Lankford.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class Silver

It only seems quite recent that we were finishing term one, so that puts into perspective how quickly our school year is progressing. Our work has been going really well and we have celebrated intercultural fortnight, literacy week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, as well as getting to go on some cool adventures outside the school.

It was great to welcome so many parents and friends to the school for our work on Jamaica for our intercultural assemblies. The students loved performing and demonstrating their knowledge of this country. This term it was also our time to perform at assembly and students outdid themselves with their confidence and enthusiasm.

For Literacy week we visited Easons in Blanchardstown and also had a lovely storyteller- Fiona- who enthralled the students with her tales and riddles. We also had some great outfits for world book day, even surpassing Ms. Nugent's Mickey Mouse outfit! As we had been studying about the Vikings in History we visited Dublinia in the city centre to find out more knowledge about this group of people. This was an interactive tour that was enjoyed by all and aided our study of this period in history. We had a lot of boys and girls engaging in swimming lessons this term too, which was fabulous. Every child enjoyed it thoroughly. I hope they all return next year again.

Tours and trips aside, our class work has been going very well. We are now finished with our novels and the students enjoyed this part of their English lessons each week. We also started the genre of narrative writing which tied in nicely with our novel work. In Gaeilge we have looked at many topics including the home and the aimsir chaite (past tense). In maths we started division, length and shapes. Topics that got the students involved practically and progression can be seen already. We also grew a bone in science which was pretty cool and learnt all about bones, bone marrow and cartilage!



# 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class Silver

We are all trying very hard to engage with walking to school on Thursdays to get our green flag. We have won the award for no homework for getting the best class attendance at this already. Our workshop on Greta Thunberg with Jessica, the travel officer was really beneficial to the students as well. Many of the students in the class had started to take part in afterschool clubs enhancing our skillset again. It's nice to see the students engaging in activities with new friends and learning new talents.

It would be remiss of me not to mention that our term was cut short and we have now adapted to using technology and working through our school work online. Hopefully, we will be back before the end of term 3, provided it is safe to do so. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy and look after one another as well as yourself.

Ms. Nugent



# 4<sup>th</sup> Class Violet

Well done to everyone this term! All the hard work Fourth Class have put in has never failed to amaze me! It was lovely to see all the children wishing each other "Ramadan Mubarak" and helping each other to stay focused or to help others with work they were unsure of. It's great to see everyone pulling together as a community on Google Classroom. I want to highlight and remind us of some of the great things we did while we were at school.

As part of Literacy Week, Fourth Class went to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre. Everyone was so well behaved and we really enjoyed our time in Eason's Bookshop. Some of the other passengers on the bus mentioned how well behaved and mature all the children were. The costumes the children wore were exceptionally creative.

We also had two assemblies this term. These assemblies were of such a high standard due to the phenomenal hard work put in by every single child. For our first assembly, we performed *Amantu Billahi* and *Gran Can You Rap*. For Intercultural Week we performed a Chinese song and an old Chinese proverb teaching the importance of not stealing/lying. All the parents were very interested in the Chinese artwork and projects created by the children.

In SESE, we learned a lot about the environment and we were beginning a project which looked at the different modes of transport on the Navan Road, which we will return to when we are back in school. Many of the children also took part in swimming this term which is a great cardiovascular exercise and a lot of the teachers mentioned that the children made great improvements during their lessons.

Similarly, the work we did in the classroom in other subjects such as Maths, English, Gaeilge, SPHE, Science, P.E, Art and Music was always to a high standard. You should be very proud of the continuous high standard and super work produced on a daily basis. I know Ms Sara and Mr Adil would agree with that statement also.



# 4<sup>th</sup> Class Violet

I am looking forward to us being back in school and hearing all your news. I'm sure some of you have been practising your skills such as football, running, art, writing or reading and I can't wait to hear all about it when we're back in the classroom. Keep up the good work and make sure to help your family at home.

Ms. O'Reilly



# 5<sup>th</sup> Class Turquoise

Even though our second term may have been cut short, we have had an incredibly busy few months here in 5th Class Turquoise. Every student has worked very hard and we have had so much fun along the way. Every boy and girl should be proud of themselves, each of you have contributed in your own unique way to our classroom.

We started back in January with a lot of work on the agenda. In Mathematics, we covered a lot of topics from 2-D shapes, lines and angles to more challenging areas like fractions, decimals and a class favourite....long division. Everyone worked super hard and showed great motivation towards their work. Ms Wehrly and Ms McKay were with us on our Maths journey, they were a great asset to our class and we have learned a lot from them.

This term brought the start of our class novel, Holes. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading this intriguing novel in class and indeed at home. Holes was the basis for a lot of our literacy lessons and we also did some drama around the novel. Drama helped us learn about the characters in the novel and each student did a brilliant job getting into role and expressing their opinions and ideas. We also enjoyed Literacy Week. Our trip to Easons in Blanchardstown was a great success and many of the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. It was great to see such enthusiasm among the children.

I have to say a big well done to everyone in 5th Turquoise for their creativity throughout term two. Every week the students engaged in an art lesson, we learned about graffiti art, the work of different artists and still life drawing. On top of all that, the students paired up to work on paper mache planets as part of our project work on the solar system. Our classroom was looking very bright and colourful because of all the work and effort put in by the children.

One of the highlights of term two was intercultural fortnight. We picked Germany as our focus country and engrossed ourselves in the geography of Germany, the history of Germany and in the language.



# 5<sup>th</sup> Class Turquoise

Our performances at both the school assembly and the parents assembly gave the children a chance to show what they had been learning about throughout intercultural fortnight. I think it is safe to say that everyone loved practicing and performing *99 Red Balloons*, they put on a magnificent show. A big thank you to all the parents for supporting the children throughout this time. It was so lovely to see you at the parents assembly.

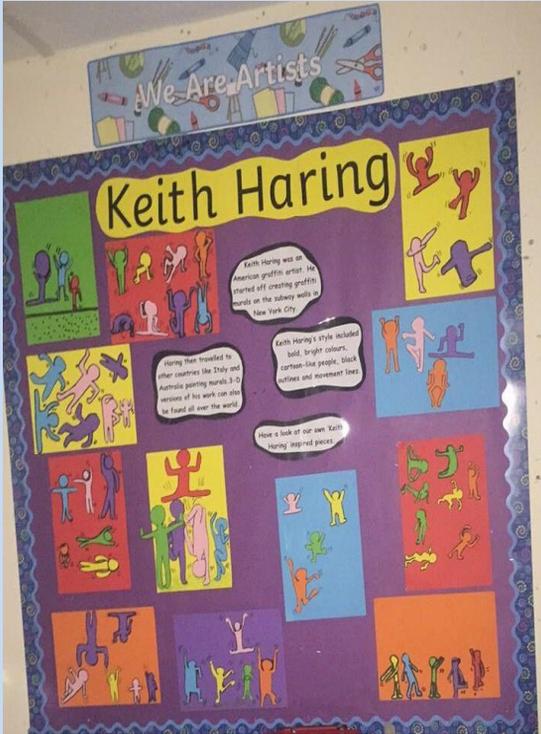
Engineers week also fell in the second term. We had a visit from a team of engineers who gave us a great lesson on all the different aspects of engineering. Myself and the class really learned a lot from this visit. We attempted our own 'design and make' project later in the term. The children paired up to make parachutes while learning about air resistance. They made and tested their parachutes. Everyone did an amazing job and I'm certain there are a few future engineers in 5th Turquoise!

Unfortunately we had to cut our time in the classroom short, however, all the hard work throughout the year is something to be proud of. Of course our Google Classroom is going great and everyone is still committed to their school work which is fantastic to see. I'd like to thank each and everyone of the boys and girls in 5th Class Turquoise for making my year as a teacher, really memorable. You will all get on amazing in 6th Class! I wish all of you the very best and I will see you soon!

Slán agus beannacht,  
Ms. Roe



# 5<sup>th</sup> Class Turquoise



# 5<sup>th</sup> Class Amber

Fifth Class Amber focused their English language studies on plot, descriptive vocabulary and narrative writing. A drama about human rights set in Pakistan (for Intercultural Fortnight) was written by one of the students and performed for the school and parents. The online English lessons are fun, easy to do and informative. The children are surprising us daily with their creativity, increased vocabulary and reading skills on Google Classrooms - very much thanks to you!

Pakistan proved to be an interesting study for Intercultural Fortnight - especially when we got to taste the delicious food made by parents and play cricket! We also learnt about ancient Ireland, megalithic, Neolithic monuments and the Celts. Their projects on both were very detailed. The children did interviews with parents and grandparents about the changes in communications technology over their lifetime so far, and some of them translated from English to Arabic and other languages.

Irish lessons focused on vocabulary and verbs. If you are able, watching 'RTE Home School Hub' online or on TV at 11 am will help to keep up some of their Irish skills.

In maths, Fifth Class learnt all about angles, the addition of fractions, multiplying decimals, describing complex 2-D shapes and the much anticipated..... long division. Keep an eye out for a follow-up long division lesson on Google Classrooms soon. They are currently revising fractions, decimals and operations.

An athletics coach from Dublin City Council arrived to help inspire the children to improve their athletic skills. Everybody put in great effort and I hope that they are still getting to jog and run around the park from time to time!

In SPHE, we focused mainly on the UN Rights of the Child, bullying, cyber-bullying, online safety, and how not to share personal data publicly or with strangers.

The Texaco Art competition was a big focus for many throughout February with amazing pieces of art being produced in the evenings at home. See the photos below for some examples (I did not teach them how to do this!). Obviously, these children are talented artists who now have plenty of time to enjoy painting and drawing.



# 5<sup>th</sup> Class Amber

Finally, I want to say that the children have handled the huge change in their education and lives extremely well. I am so proud of each and every one of them for their positivity and enthusiasm on Google Classrooms, and thank you for encouraging them in their learning through this time in whatever way is right for your family. Most importantly, wishing you all peace and good health. Ramadan Mubarak.

Ms. Delaney



My hopes and goals  
2020

I hope this world will be peaceful and Relaxing and live my life. And be happy for the rest of my life.



# 6<sup>th</sup> Class Gold

What a busy term we have had in 6th class. As soon as we returned from winter break Ms. Penston could see we were well rested and ready for all the exciting things we would be doing this term.

In English, we began our novel Benny and Omar, written by Eoin Colfer. It is about a boy from Wexford who moves with his family to Tunisia. The book even has some Arabic words in it which allowed us to test Ms. Penston's knowledge. We also began story writing using the structure of a story mountain to ensure that we had all the elements of a great story. Ms. Penston was so impressed by our creativity and the improvement in our vocabulary. She couldn't wait to read all of our stories. To link with our story writing we also attended a workshop called 'Fighting Words'. This allowed us to work together to write our own book. We even had our own illustrator to draw the pictures to accompany our story. In English, we have also been debating and Ms. Penston is sure that we have some future leaders in 6th class!

In Maths, we worked extremely well in terms of grasping some difficult concepts such as percentages, decimals, 3D shapes and fractions. We also became teachers in order to teach mini lessons to our classmates. We created activities to teach concepts to our friends. Ms. Penston was super impressed about our teaching skills and creativity when it came to Maths class. Remember it is important to continue to practice tables every single night!

In Irish, we focused a lot on our reading comprehensions, picking out key words and making sure we understand the questions. We have also been building up our vocabulary by having our focloir game at the beginning of each lesson. Ms. Penston can see a big improvement in our vocabulary which really helps when it comes to reading and writing during Irish time.

In SESE we looked at the wonders of the world. We debated as to whether such wonders should be deemed as wonders. We then worked in small groups to create a new wonder of the world. We built a model of the wonder and also explained as to why it should be a wonder.



# 6<sup>th</sup> Class Gold

In Science we continued to explore and question the world around us with the highlight being our participation in Science Blast. We had lots of attention at our stand with our interactive experiment. Our question 'Do your shoes affect your sporting ability?' got lots of attention from the judges and other schools. We got amazing feedback and had a fantastic day, looking at other projects and watching some live science shows.

For intercultural fortnight we picked the UAE as our country to focus on. We explored the geography and history of all seven states. We looked at the leaders, food, climate, currency and traditions. The girls filmed an episode called 'Emirati Kitchen' in which they made hummus and fattoush. The boys learned a war dance which was performed as part of our assembly. We also composed our own lyrics to the tune of 'Old Town Road, to educate everyone on what we had learned about the UAE.

We have been working lots on our drama skills this term, with performance being a big focus. Ms. Penston asked us to design the success criteria in the form of a rubric in order for us to know what it is we were focusing on. Some children were then asked to be the judges and score the small groups using the rubric. We really enjoyed this and we realised some of our classmates are tough critics! We then used the feedback to improve for the following performance.

We continued with our boxing lessons, with some boys and girls picked to represent our school in the National Stadium, how exciting!

Overall we have had a fantastic term. Ms. Penston is so proud of us all and cannot wait to return to NDMNS as soon as possible. Each and every day is an adventure with 6th class. Our adventure continues on Google classroom and the children are working so well with it. You should be so proud of yourself 6th class. Keep being great and I cannot wait to have lots more adventures.

Be kind, take care.  
Ms. Penston



# 6<sup>th</sup> Class Gold



# Rainbow Class

During term 2, in the Rainbow Class, we started our music lessons with our music teacher Laura. The children really enjoyed this experience and learned to use a variety of percussion instruments. We learned the correct names of each instrument and how we should hold them when we are playing them. We also learned lots of new songs to sing together. We hope to continue music with Laura in the next school year.

Our themes during term 2 were Transport and Spring. During our transport theme we learned all about The Safe Cross Code. We used a set of traffic lights in our classroom to practice safely crossing the road. All the children really enjoyed learning The Safe Cross Code and waiting for the green man. Our play theme was minibeasts. The children learned about different insects and read The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We also learned all about the life cycle of a caterpillar.

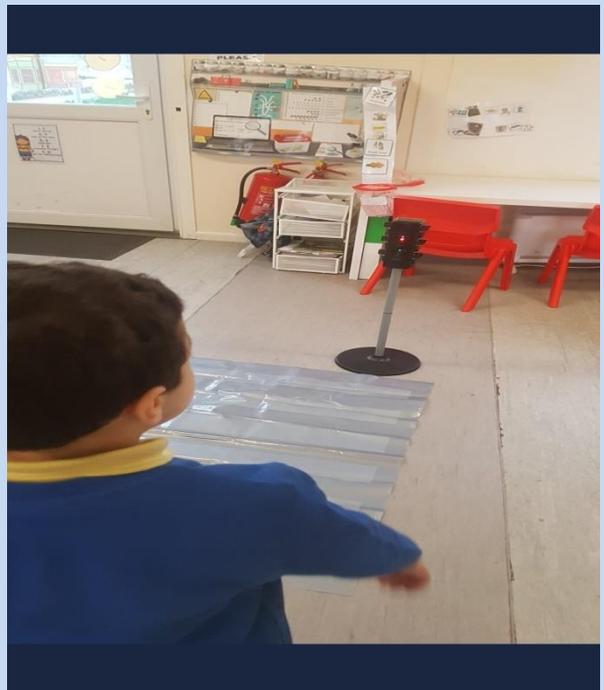
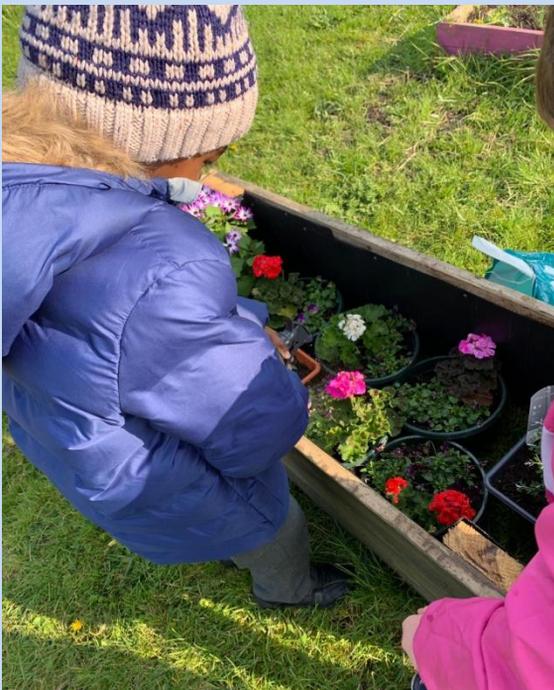
For our Spring theme we learnt about the life cycle of a plant for Science and had to sequence the events in the correct order. Our play theme for this month was The Garden, the children planted seeds, watered plants and went looking at different kinds of plants. We discussed how these plants had similarities and how they looked different from each other.

Unfortunately, for some of term 2 we could not be in school together. I look forward to when we can be back in the Rainbow Class, learning. Until then we have lots of fun activities to send home to our students. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Ms. Ward



# Rainbow Class



# Special Education Team

Term Two was a very busy one for all the Support Team. Ms Ryan, Ms O'Sullivan, Ms McKay, Ms Wehrly, Ms Morrissey and Mr Morrin have very much enjoyed working in-class and with their withdrawal groups.

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 Easons and Science Blast and seeing their fantastic performances during Intercultural Fortnight. Our Literacy, Numeracy and EAL groups have all made super progress during Term Two and we are so proud of you all. We miss you terribly at the moment, but are enjoying interacting with you on Google Classroom. We hope you and your families are safe and well and supporting each other with kindness. Ramadan Mubarak!"

Ms. Ryan says "Asailam Alykum. I would like to say Jazzakhallahu Khairan to all of the students for working so hard this term. I have had so much fun working with the students in Junior and Senior Infants Yellow, Senior Infants Pink, the EAL groups and my withdrawal groups. I have seen fantastic progress in all of the students in these classes throughout this term and it is wonderful to see. I had the pleasure of accompanying Junior and Senior Infants Yellow and Senior Infants Pink to Cabra library during literacy week where we got to listen to lovely stories read by the librarian. The intercultural fortnight assemblies that were performed by these classes were absolutely amazing to watch and I was so fortunate to be able to see their hard work pay off. I miss all of the students so much and I hope that you are all having a blessed Ramadan In Shaa Allah. Asailam Alykum."



# Special Education Team

Ms. O' Sullivan says "What another wonderful term at NDMNS. The children are continuing to work hard and the progress they are making is superb to see. Graded reading has been running now in all classes and has been a very enjoyable learning experience- the children have gained so much fluency and confidence surrounding reading- I am so proud. We love the non-fiction books as we are learning so many facts about the world. The whole school initiatives this term have been so much fun. Literacy week was very enjoyable and, as a whole school, we engaged in so many reading opportunities- I loved dressing up as 'Little Miss Fun' on World Book Day. I can't wait to see what the Summer term has to bring!"

Ms. Morrissey says "This term all the children have been working so hard and I was so impressed by the big effort that everyone has put in. I had an excellent time on the trips I accompanied both Ms Nugent's and Ms Lankford's classes on. In both 3rd class blue and 3rd class silver we started the novel Fantastic Mr Fox which we had a great time reading and writing all about. All the children were very creative when they did activities based on the novel. In both classes we had fun learning about two hands on topics weight and length. I would like to say well done to the children that I work with in groups for putting in so much effort in all the work we do. I really enjoyed term two at NDMNS. I would like to Thank all the children for putting in so much effort with their school work at home at this difficult time."



# Green Schools Committee

The Green Schools committee and staff have been working hard this term to achieve our fourth flag. We have had lots of children and families turn up in all kinds of weather for No Car Thursday. Thank you to everyone who has joined us! We also had a visit from Jessica our Travel Officer this term. She provided us with workshops on Greta Thunberg, an environmental activist! Although school came to an unexpected end, we are hopeful that we can get back to NCT days soon and get the flag we have worked so hard for!

