

North Dublin Muslim National School



A few words from the Principal: Mr. Walsh

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the second term. It has been an extremely busy one at North Dublin Muslim National School with children working so hard in class and making great progress.

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge in January, with children taking part in many different Irish activities. February and March saw our annual Book Week, with children completing many different activities, dressing as their favourite book character and taking trips to Easons in Blanchardstown.

Over the past two weeks we have been celebrating Intercultural Fortnight at the school. Each class studied a different country and took part in activities and lessons based on their chosen country. I'd like to thank all of the parents who made it along to our Intercultural assemblies on Thursday; we hope that you enjoyed them and that they gave you a flavour of the work that has been happening in school over the past two weeks. I'd also like to thank the Parents' Association for organising a hugely successful bake-sale last week. Funds raised will be used for the schools' Eid celebrations later in the year.

Our second term has also been a hugely successful one outside the classroom. Teams from 4th, 5th and 6th Class represented the school at Boys and Girls FAI football blitzes and finished third in their group in each competition. Children also took part in the annual cross country racing competition in our local park and performed fantastically. We were also delighted to win the Concern Debating Cup this week after winning three debates, including the final in Drumcondra Education Centre. Well done to all involved!

None of the learning which takes place, the events in the school or the extra-curricular activities the school engages in would be possible without the hard work and support of our staff and I would like to thank them again for their continued dedication to the school.

I would like to wish all families a peaceful break and look forward to seeing you all back on 9th April 2018.

Eoin Walsh



Junior Infants Red



This term all the boys and girls have been working very hard and they enjoy learning new things every day.

In Maths the children have been working hard on their numbers. They love learning the rhymes that go with the numbers and they are now able to write the above numbers independently. All the children's counting has really improved and they love playing Maths games on the interactive white board. We have also learnt all about money and they loved having a pretend shop in the class.

The children have been working very hard learning on all their Jolly Phonics sounds and they have now learnt set 1, 2, 3 and 4 sounds. They really enjoy learning the song that goes with the rhyme. Everyone has also been working hard on their blending and they now can blend some of sets 1, 2, 3 and 4 sounds together to make a word. We are going to work very hard with our blending next term. The children have also been trying very hard with their writing. They are enjoying writing the news from the board every week.

All the children have really enjoyed learning about Australia for Intercultural Fortnight. They loved all the art activities and they all made lovely wombats, Sydney Opera Houses, flags, kangaroos and even tried dot painting just like the Aboriginal People.

Well done again to all the boys and girls in Junior Infants Red for all their hard work this term and I hope they all have a well-deserved break. See you all after spring break!

Junior Infants Yellow

It is hard to believe that we have done two terms in Junior Infants Yellow. The boys and girls have come on so much since September and it is fantastic seeing their progress. The class have been working so hard at maths and have learned a lot so far. We have started lots of new topics this term and are doing super work. The class have done up to number five and are beginning to learn all the ways to make five. We have looked at weight, length, height and were recently working with money. The boys and girls love playing games in maths.

In English the boys and girls have learned all their Jolly Phonics sounds. They are reading lots of words and beginning to write sentences which they are finding so exciting! We also finished our first ever class reader called 'Look Out Teddy'.

We have done two different Aistear themes this term: the Supermarket and Home Corner. The class have completed a lot of art activities through Aistear, including making faces out of fruit and vegetables, making shopping trollies filled with healthy food, painting their houses, drawing their families, and much more.

As a school we had Seachtain na Gaeilge, Water Week and Literacy week. Junior Infants Yellow loved all the activities that went along with these weeks and look forward to lots more fun and learning in term three!

Senior Infants Pink

It has been a very busy second term here in Senior Infants Pink Class! In English, we have all developed good confidence when reading aloud and have become great readers. We have already finished our first class reader called 'The Big Horse'. We have learned all of our new digraph sounds and are going to keep practising them over the next few months. We have also been learning lots of new Dolch words and are getting better at recognising them in our reading every week. In Maths, we have worked really hard and have had lots of fun exploring different ways to do addition using various manipulatives such as cubes, counters, beads and number lines. We also explored the topics of length, weight, capacity and patterns. In SESE, we have learned all about Spring time and the changes that happen to plants and animals in this wonderful season.

In Aistear this term, we have explored two different themes. The first theme we explored was 'The Hospital'. We really enjoyed acting in role as doctors and nurses in the roleplay area and making x-ray crafts in the Art area during this time. The second theme we explored was 'The Garden Centre'. We loved making tulip crafts for this theme using coloured paper and we also really enjoyed making flowers and garden models in the construction area.

Well done to all the boys and girls in Senior Infants Pink Class for all their hard work this term, I am very proud of you all. I hope everyone has a super Spring break and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school in April ready for more learning, fun and adventure!



Senior Infants / First Class Green

A big hello from Senior Infants and First Class Green! This term has been a busy one with Seachtain na Gaeilge, Water Week and Intercultural Fortnight. These past months, we have been working hard on improving and extending our independent writing skills in both classes. Both classes have finished their first reader and are working away on their second reader. We have, also, been working on rhymes and expanding our vocabulary through nursery rhymes, show and tell and drama games. We have really enjoyed this work in English and we are looking forward to exploring new books and genres next term.

In Maths, we have become number-line and addition masters. We have explored loads of other Maths topics in both classes including problem-solving, data, place value, money, number work and shapes. We love doing Gaeilge lessons every morning. This term we have covered the topics of Caitheamh Aimsire, Ag Siopadóireacht and An Aimsir. We learned songs and rhymes in Irish and played a variety of games such as Bingo, Cluiche Kim and many more. We have also been doing lots of listening in Gaeilge including watching animations and stories on TG4.

This term we have worked so hard especially in History, Geography and Science. We explored the topics of Brazil, water in our world, the doctor's surgery, the post office, people who help us, the titanic, spring and plants. We really enjoyed this work, especially when we got to use these topics in our Art and Drama work. We created spring collages, lily pads, Brazilian pop art pictures, carnavalesque masks and thank you cards for our families. In Music and Drama, we explored the above topics by creating rainforest and water compositions and retelling stories in drama in different ways. You can see some of these on our website each month.

We would love to stay and tell you more but we would be here all day long. If you want to catch up with all our work, check out our website page or ask any of our Senior Infants and 1st Class children about our work this term! See you next term for more fun in Senior infants and 1st Class Green.

First Class Purple

The boys and girls in 1st class Purple have had a very busy Term 2. We finished our reader "Finn's Dream" and really enjoyed all the writing activities that we did based on them. We took part in Literacy Week, looking and reading some of our favourite books. We visited Easons and got to pick a book to bring home with us. We had a super World Book Day, dressing up as our favourite characters and visiting our school Book Fair.

We took part in 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' this term, which was great fun. We were practising our Gaeilge and even received pointí glas during the week and received Gaeilge prizes. Sixth Class read Gaeilge stories to us and asked us many ceisteanna. We have been working on the topic of Subtraction in Maths. The children have learnt that the bigger number always comes first and we also practiced our number work on the I-Pads.

Water Week was held this term too. We created a display, giving tips on how to save water and also learned all about the water cycle. We learned 3 important words associated with this- condensation, precipitation and evaporation. If you ask us, we will be able to tell you!

We have learned lots about Italy for Intercultural Week and can even say a few words in Italian! We have created our own pizzas, Venetian masks and even volcanos! We have learnt new Italian songs and can't wait to perform them in Assembly.

We were very lucky that we got to lift two very special cups that visited our school. They are called the Sam Maguire and the Brendan Martin cup. They are given to the winning teams of the Men's and Ladies GAA Football Finals. Although Ms. Lenihan hopes the Sam Maguire will return to Kerry this year!!

Huge well done to all the boys and girls in First Class Purple for all their hard work. I hope everyone has a lovely Spring Break!

2nd Class Orange

What a busy, productive term it has been! We had lots of different activities during Term 2 that all the boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed. After the unexpected snow days, we had Literacy Week. Everyone was so enthusiastic and there was a great atmosphere in the school during Book Week. The boys and girls loved visiting the book fair and picking out new books to read. There were lots of different competitions during the week. Well done to Roma who got a prize for creating a beautiful book cover. It would definitely entice you to read! The highlight of the week was our trip to Easons in Blanchardstown where the boys and girls picked out a book using their World Book Day vouchers. Everyone also had the opportunity to dress up as a character of their choice from their favourite book!

The boys and girls have been working so hard in English. We have been busy editing and re-writing our first stories about a cheetah that lost its tail. We are really proud to have finished our first reader and activity book. We are now onto 'The Green Genie' and are so excited for all the interesting stories to come.

Maths has been all about fractions and weight. We had great fun cutting pizzas into halves and quarters. The boys and girls really enjoyed this lesson as they had a nice treat at the end! We have also been learning about weight. You should ask the boys and girls about the different things we weigh and how many grams are in a kilogram. I'm sure you will be impressed!

We have also been super busy during March celebrating Intercultural Fortnight. Second Class have really enjoyed learning all about Thailand. We read a story about the King of Thailand and learned about the festival Songkran and why it is so important. We created lanterns in art because Loi Krathong is a festival in Thailand which releases lanterns into the sky to celebrate a new year. We created really interesting acrostic poems in English and included significant facts about the country. We really enjoyed creating a performance for our parents and the rest of the school to see. Ms Broderick is so proud of how hard everyone worked during Intercultural Fortnight.

I wish all the boys and girls and their families a happy, well deserved spring break and look forward to seeing you all back in school in April.



Third Class Blue

It has been a very busy second term for all the boys and girls in Third Class Blue!

Our wonderful library is packed with exciting and adventure-filled books which are loved by all the children in the class. We have been working hard in Maths and have been busy practising our multiplication tables. Our walls are covered in spectacular art ranging from 3-D spiders, colourful crayon-scraped name art to Edvard Munch! As part of Intercultural Fortnight, the class learned all about New Zealand and performed a wonderful rendition of the famous 'Haka' of the Maori people, even in Irish!

Mr. Kelly wishes all the boys and girls a pleasant Spring Break and is looking forward to another jam-packed term when we return in April!



3rd Class Silver

We have had a busy, fun filled few months in our classroom. This has resulted in great work been achieved by the students in all their curricular subjects.

The past few months we have had a lot of events in the school. We celebrated Literacy week and were fortunate to get a great story teller in to the students, who provided us with two great stories. We also got to go to Blanchardstown to pick up our free books in Easons. The students also put in a great effort to take on the persona of several book characters for World Book Day. We all engaged excitedly with a new guided reading programme in English which was relished thoroughly by all the book worms in the class. We all entirely had great praise for Michael Morpurgo and Roald Dahl, as their novels were very pleasurable to read; as a result many students bought more of their books at the book fair in the school.

We celebrated Intercultural Fortnight which was great fun. The students put in tremendous effort to work on their country- Austria. We have many talented artists, musicians, presenters, researchers, translators and writers in our classroom, as was evident from the beautiful work and presentations the students did. The students really did themselves proud!

This term we had some visitors- the Sam Maguire and Brendan Martin cups that the Dublin Gaelic men's and ladies' teams won last September. We also got a visit from a lifeguard from the local swimming pool. This visit was quite apt as the boys had their swimming lessons this term. The boys are now all safely able to swim and be safe in and around water. The parents association visited us also for World Hijab day for a very insightful talk that the class really enjoyed. Furthermore we were treated to a second bake sale courtesy of the parents association. Our class really appreciated all the baked goodies.

We worked hard learning about diverse topics such as Ancient Greece, the concept of area, symmetry and division in maths and the causes of World War One amongst many other topics. The students made use of ICT to assist their learning and approached their work in a jovial, good humoured fashion and all had an earnest approach in their work.

As we approach the last term we wish you all a safe and enjoyable spring break. We endeavour the students will return refreshed and eager to learn for their last term as 3rd class students. Go dté tú slán!

4th Class

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of our second jam-packed term. We have covered so much in the last few weeks! We were no sooner back to school after the winter break when we were celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge. We particularly enjoyed the tráth na gceist (table quiz) which tested our general knowledge and Lá Glas (Green Day) where we were clothed head to toe in green.

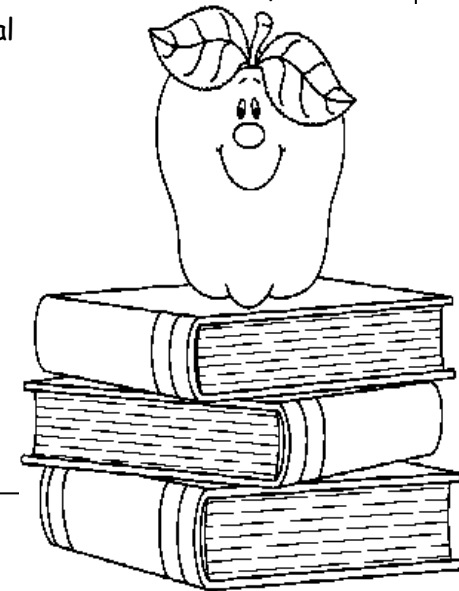
We had two special visits shortly after, the first from the Sam Maguire cup which we loved holding. This cup marks Dublin's second year in a row being crowned Gaelic Football champions of Ireland! The second special visit was to mark World Hijab Day and the playground was beautiful and colourful with all the fabulous hijabs worn for this fantastic occasion.

Next we were busy preparing for our Green School inspection. We have spent the last few months monitoring and reducing our water usage in the school in the hope of being awarded our Water Flag. We have been recycling rainwater for usage throughout the school and holding regular 'no water hours'. This proved our dependence on water as it highlighted the many ways we use water.

With all the disruption due to the 'Beast from the East' we managed to extend Literacy Week into two weeks and enjoyed many activities from animated story tellers to exhibitions to Easons. We are all delighted with our new books and loved doing 'show and tell' to share some of our favourite books with one another. This has given us lots of new ideas for our next read!

We are currently coming to the end of our Intercultural Fortnight. This has included an array of events with more to come. We are now competent in drumming having partaken in a lively African drumming workshop and have become experts on Norway as our chosen country to study. These studies have led us to creating our own aurora masterpieces using oil pastel and chalk, making traditional Norwegian dishes involving reindeer meat and perfecting songs based on the five Norwegian regions. We have performed for one assembly so far this term and are hoping to out-do ourselves in our second opportunity! We are also looking forward to our end of term party 😊

Wishing everyone a wonderful, well deserved spring break and looking forward to seeing you all fully refreshed and ready to get stuck into term three!



5th Class

The boys and girls in 5th class have had a very busy and productive Term 2. We really enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge and made a big effort to speak Irish throughout the week. During Water Week we really enjoyed our Science experiments filtering water and our study of water scarcity in different parts of the world. We had a super World Book Day and Literacy Week which turned into Literacy Fortnight thanks to the snow days. We all agreed that the storyteller visit and our visit to Easons was a highlight.

Some boys and girls represented the school in the Spar Football Tournament and we are very proud of their achievements and all the training they did in preparation. We also had some boys and girls representing the school in Athletics in the last week of term. All returned happy and tired with medals in hand! Not to mention our super debater Maryam, who represented the school along with Rana and Sarah A in 6th class in the final of the Concern Primary Debating competition. We are ever so proud of their achievements given that this is the very first time NDMNS have had a debating team. The NDMNS debaters returned from the final as champions! It is worth mentioning too that Maryam might have been the one in the hot seat, but Ms Wehrly would also like to acknowledge the hard work all the children in 5th Class put in during our preparations for the debates. It's this team work that has aided our team's success. Masha Allah!

We have done lots of project work this term, including projects on the Celts and World War One. We are currently exploring Spain for Intercultural Fortnight and our projects are coming along nicely. We have even learned a few Spanish phrases and we can't wait to share all our learning with our parents.

Seeing as we have been so busy, we are looking forward to Spring Break and Ms Wehrly hopes that all the boys and girls have a good rest and enjoy lots of fun experiences; so that they will be ready to return to school full of energy for Term 3.



6th Class

Term two in 6th Class has been a busy and exciting one. In English, we completed the novel 'Benny and Omar' by Eoin Colfer. It was very enjoyable and a lot of excellent oral and written work was completed based on it. In Irish, we have examined the topics of Sa Bhaile and An Aimsir (weather) - a very relevant topic considering the absurd weather we experienced in February!

In maths, the children have worked hard to improve the speed of our mental calculations by completing 'Big Maths' quizzes each week. Children have worked on the topics of fractions, decimals and time, speed and distance, and have gained experience of negative numbers and working with time zones.

6th Class have worked extremely hard on projects for Intercultural Fortnight. Integrating all the curricular subjects, the children researched all things associated with South Africa and the continent Africa! This included a visit from a Cricket Ireland representative and exploring African drums and rhythms during the music workshop. In Science the children researched information on Living Things such as plants like the Clivia and safari animals such as the African elephant, leopard and rhino! The boys and girls learned lots about the life of Nobel Peace Prize winner, Nelson Mandela.

A huge well done to all of the boys and girls in 6th Class for their hard work and efforts this term. There has been lots of extra-curricular activities going on this term, such as debating and athletics. Rana and Sarah represented NMDNS along with Maryam in 5th Class - returning victorious from the final of the Concern Primary Debating Competition - Ms. Faughnan and the girls' classmates are all super proud of their achievements! Many of the boys and girls returned as medal winners from the Athletics Cross Country event in the last week of Term 2 as well. Congratulations to all!

I hope you all have a lovely spring break and we will see you in the new (and final) term! It's surely going to be a memorable and emotional one for all!

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Support Classes

The Support teachers have had a wonderful term and we want to thank all the boys and girls for their hard work and dedication this term.

Ms O'Reilly says 'I absolutely love teaching in the various classes every day. We are so lucky in NDMNS to have such fantastic hard working class teachers and it is a privilege to teach with them every day. As for our lovely pupils - what can I say? Thank you for your hard work and putting a smile on my face every day. Keep up the good work and best wishes for third term.'

Ms. McKay says 'I have really enjoyed second term in NDMNS. I have really enjoyed working with the boys and girls in English, maths and Aistear. I have gotten to know my withdrawal groups very well and have seen them make progress this term. Enjoy your Spring Break!'

Ms. Brennan says 'I am very lucky to be working with so many wonderful boys and girls this term. I really enjoy working with Ms Adam's Junior Infant Class, Ms Faughnan's Sixth Class and Ms Wehrly's Fifth Class. We have been busy reading lots of different texts in English and have been answering tricky comprehension questions. I love teaching my different groups every day. They are all working extremely hard and there has been some great progress this term. Well done everyone. I look forward to next term with all the amazing boys and girls in NDMNS. Have a safe and happy Spring break!'

Mr O'Séaghdha says 'Have a fantastic Spring break boys and girls and thank you for your hard work this term. We have had a great time over the past few months and I feel we have all learned so much. It has been a pleasure teaching you all this term. Well done to all the boys and girls who represented the school so well in all extra curricular activities this term! We saw lots of goals, great debating and athletics. See you next term!'

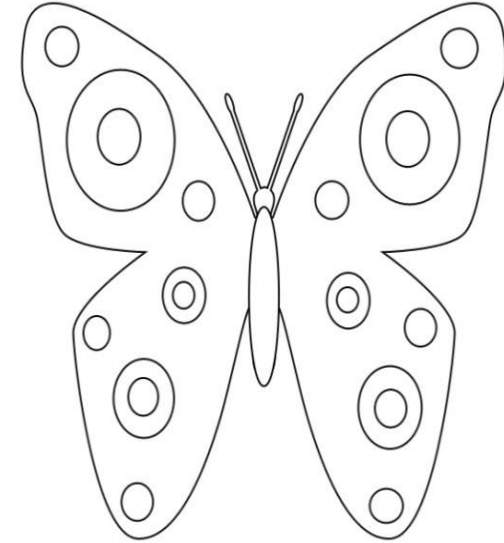
Rainbow Class

We have had a fantastic second term in the Rainbow Room. We were so excited to have a new boy join our class. Ms Diffney has really enjoyed getting to know all of the boys and girls in the rainbow room.

We have been learning all about the supermarket and different types of food. All of the boys and girls in the Rainbow Room are fantastic artists and have painted beautiful pictures and created spring collages of lambs.

We've had lots of fun learning all about shapes and measuring in Maths. We are also amazing singers and have learnt lots of new songs, our favourite song is "wind the bobbin up". We are very creative in the rainbow room and have had lots of fun making calm bottles, playdoh names and moon sand.

Ms Diffney, Ms Lawlor and Ms McRory have been so impressed with all our hard work and we can't wait to see what we will do in term three.



Reminder

The school will reopen on
Monday 9th April 2018 at
08:50.

Religion and Arabic

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه، أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: من سلك طريقا يلتمس فيه علما سهل الله له طريقا الى الجنة. (رواه مسلم)

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, "Allah makes the way to Jannah easy for him who treads the path in search of knowledge." [Muslim]