

# Spring

## NEWSLETTER

### Important dates

- 11.04.2024 - School Reopens
- 12.04.2024 - Eid Celebrations
- 06.05.2024 - School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- 17.05.2024 - School Closed (Staff Training)
- 03.06.2024 - School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- 17-18.06.2024 - School Closed for Eid-al-Adha
- 27.06.2024 - 6th Class Graduation
- 28.06.2024 - End of Term - School closed at 12.00

### This term at NDMNS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had another wonderful term here at NDMNS, with so much happening around the school.

We hope that the newsletter gives an idea of the amazing work that is taking place in classes and around the school. A massive thank you to everyone involved for making all of this possible.

Wishing you all a lovely Spring Break.

Eoin Walsh

# JUNIOR INFANTS RED

## Ms. Broderick

Another busy term in Junior Infants Red. We really enjoyed learning all about the changing seasons and especially focusing on Spring. Junior Infants were thrilled to see the snow surprise at the beginning of March and had lots of fun playing in the snow with Ms Broderick. We also got to be hands-on in the new wellbeing garden within the school, planting lots of vegetables with Ms Gogarty. In Maths we have been busy learning about capacity and money up to 5c.



In Literacy, Larry the Letterpillar has been busy giving us new sounds to learn. He is so proud of Junior Infants Red and the effort they have been putting in to try to sound out and read new words. Junior Infants Red also loved Language Week within the school and dressing up as their favourite characters to celebrate World Book Day! We were very lucky to end the term with a trip to the playpark on this beautiful Spring day. Junior Infants Red can't wait to start  
**Term 3!**

# JUNIOR INFANTS YELLOW

**Ms. O Hara**

We had another fun filled term in Junior Infants Yellow. The boys and girls have been working super hard and have been learning about many different topics. In Aistear we have been learning about the Post Office and everything that happens there. We made our own stamps and postal uniforms and even drew some postcards.

Our reading and literacy skills have been improving with each day and we had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day where we had lots of fun all day laughing at Ms O'Hara dressed up as a Donut!

In numeracy we have been working hard on partitioning and combining numbers and have even had a go at challenging ourselves with working beyond the number 5.





In Art we have been learning about different artists. The ones we have focused on were Pablo Picasso, Georges Seurat and Wassily Kandinsky and we made a beautiful display for the infant corridor.

We have been learning all about plants and got the chance to help Ms Gogarty get some planting boxes to move to our school garden. Our term ended with a trip to the local playground on this beautiful Spring day!

We are so excited to see what Term 3 has to offer.



# SENIOR INFANTS PINK

## Ms. Smith

This term in Senior Infants Pink we have been continuing to work very hard in all areas of learning. We have had a few new students this term, and I am very proud of

how kind the

students have been to one another. They made sure everyone had someone to play with and that everyone felt happy in our class. This term we enjoyed Seachtain na

Gaeilge, World

Book Day and we even had a fun day at school, playing in the snow.

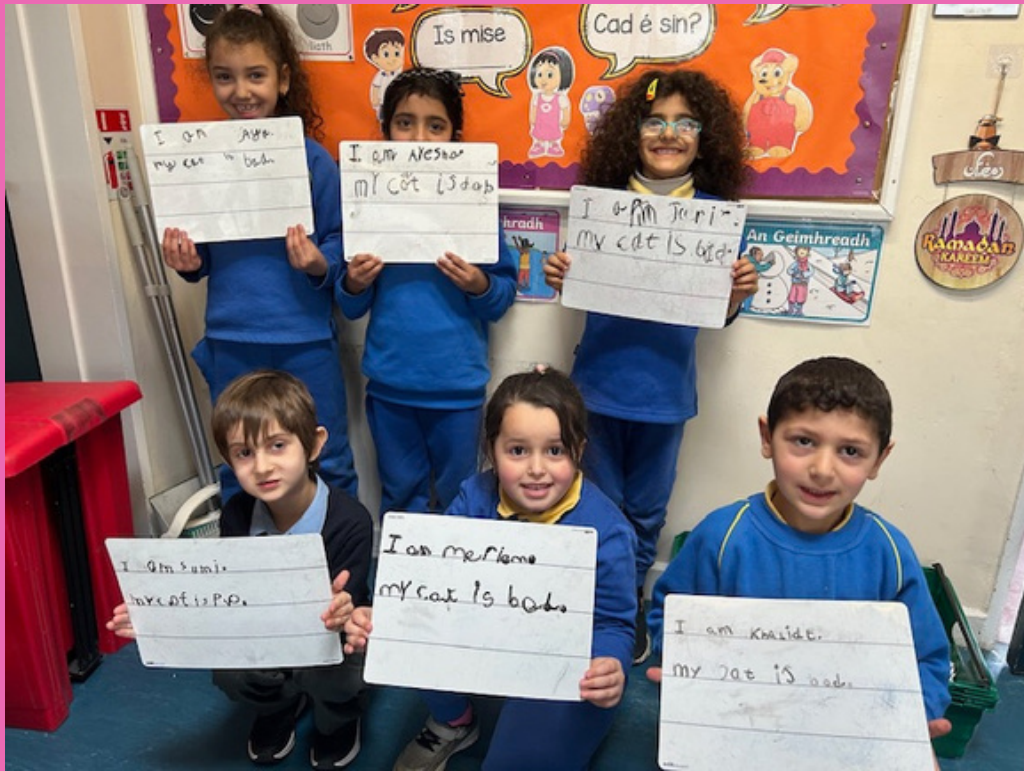
The children are extremely excited to show off their new vocabulary 'as Gaeilge,' they

have been discussing the weather and clothes that they wear each season. They are also able to greet each other and ask

some questions now. In Math, the children have been continuing number stories up to 10. We have been practicing weighing items and finding new ways to partition numbers.

We had a lot of fun using balance scales!





The children have been very impressive in Reading lessons, and everyone is now able to read a range of sight words and new digraphs. We have shown huge progress in our cursive writing also this term. On World Book Day we enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters too. It has been an excellent term in Senior Infants Pink. I wish you all a blessed Ramadan and a lovely and relaxing Eid holiday. I look really forward to seeing all of the children again after the holidays!

# SENIOR INFANTS GREEN

**Ms. McKay**

Senior Infants green have had a fabulous term 2. We were so lucky to have Ms Baker teaching us for a number of weeks. We learnt so much, and had so much fun! We completed some amazing art, had a visit from Daisy the cow, and even had popcorn and movie parties for all of our hard work.

In senior infants we have made great progress in our reading and writing these past few months. Children are really trying to work independently and are becoming confident readers and writers. We have some confident Irish speakers in our classroom too which is fantastic to see!





What I love to see most is the children's relationships continuing to develop both with myself and with each other. They are kind, encouraging, helpful, playful and are happy at school everyday. I want to wish everyone a lovely spring break and Eid Mubarak :)

Ms. Mc Kay





# 1ST CLASS PURPLE

**Ms. Kelly**

First Class Purple have enjoyed a great second term. They learned lots of new phonics sounds, read lots of new stories and put a huge effort into their maths work. Their favourite topic in maths was capacity. Children learned new phrases as Gaeilge also. We learned about spring and how things grow.

They really enjoyed helping Ms Geogarty to plant some vegetables in our new well-being garden. 1st Class Purple also enjoyed visiting Cabra Library, going on a spring nature walk and of course to the playground! We had some surprising weather on the 1st of March and children really enjoyed playing in the snow!





We have also learned some new traditional Irish songs, our favourite was 'Rattlin bog' and we sang this during our assembly. First Class Purple would like to thank Ms Lydon for teaching them lots this term, we would also like to thank Ms Geogarty and Ms Lawlor for all of their help. It has been a great term and I hope everyone has a great spring break.

-Ms Kelly



# 1ST CLASS ORANGE

## Ms. Byrne



1st Orange have been working incredibly hard this term. Although they've been missing Ms Culleton a lot, they have made their new teacher Ms Byrne feel so welcome. We have been working on Data in Maths and they have enjoyed making their own data graphs in class.

We read a lot during Language Week and the children spoke about their favourite books. The children embraced the Irish language even more so on La Glas and they enjoyed learning the An Dreolin dance. Last week the class accompanied Akif and Joory (Well Being Committee) as they planted an apple tree with Mr Walsh in the Well Being Garden for our class.



# 2ND CLASS GOLD

## Mr. O Donoghue

We have had another golden term in 2nd class Gold. We have worked really hard throughout the term. This term has gone so fast with lots of learning and activities.

In English we have focused on writing interesting stories. We have worked hard on creating characters and exciting settings for our stories. We have continued to work on phonics and grammar. The children have enjoyed working on their new novel with Ms. O Keeney. The children have explored lots of interesting language when discussing topics in groups.



In Gaeilge we have learned so many new words and about so many topics. We have been working on describing out clothes, food, school and pastimes.

We have continued to show enthusiasm for Maths whizz this term with so much new learning taking place. We have enjoyed learning about shapes, time, data and measures in the classroom. Children have loved doing lots of practical activities, making learning fun.



In SESE, children have learned so much about new topics such as space and festivals. We have enjoyed Ms O Keeney's lessons on sinking, floating and lots of interesting facts about the Titanic. Of course, we cannot forget all the skills and activities we have completed in PE. We have loved working as part of a team and in small groups as well as stretching and gymnastic moves.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Spring break. I look forward to seeing all the children in term 3.

Mr O Donoghue.



# 2ND CLASS INDIGO

## Ms. Dobie



We have had a great term here in second class indigo. We have worked so hard since returning back to school in January and we are looking forward to our well deserved spring

break. In English, we have been exploring narrative writing. This has been our favourite genre so far because love stories in second class indigo! We

have even written our own story called "Lazer Girl vs Worm Man." We learned how to plan, draft, edit and write a narrative text. We have been

learning about some really interesting topics such as telling the time, collecting and using data and finding different kinds of angles. We have also been working on our Maths Whizz. We hope that next term, we can all become superstars in Maths Whizz. In Gaeilge, we really enjoyed exploring narrative writing, especially during Seachtain

na Gaeilge! We have many future astronauts here in second class as we discovered there are many space experts among us. We learned so much about the solar system and the different planets in it. We have also really enjoyed learning all about the Titanic! Some of the children attended the Bohemians vs Athlone Town match in Dalymount Park. This was their highlight of the term! Well done to everyone in second class indigo! You have all worked so hard and we look forward to seeing you again in April!

# 2ND CLASS BLUE

## Ms. Merrigan

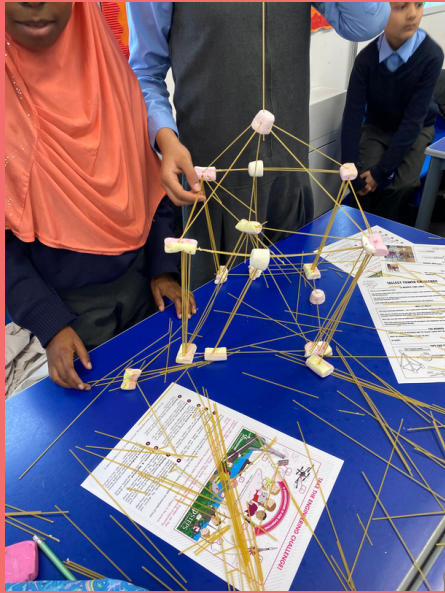
This term was a fun term in second class blue. We learnt about time and fractions during our maths lessons. We even started reading the novel "James and the Giant Peach". We also had a snow day in Dublin and the children got the chance to enjoy time outside in the snow.

I would just like to congratulate everyone in second class blue for their hard work this term. I hope they have a lovely Spring break and come back ready for our last term together in April.



# 3RD CLASS DEARG

## Ms. Beatty



What a second term we have had here in 3rd class dearg! Each student in 3rd class dearg has worked so hard and made fantastic progress. Ms. Beatty is so proud of our achievements this term. In particular, we have been working on being persistent and trying our best.

We worked really hard on narrative writing and produced some fantastic stories. We definitely have a few future authors in the class! 3rd class loved reading our class novel "the BFG". We have had a great laugh while reading it!

3rd class dearg have become fantastic mathematicians. They even know how to do division now!

We have been really lucky to have Ms. Shaeib teaching us over the past few weeks. We have learned about some really interesting topics like the Vikings, symmetry and Denmark.



We had lots of fun during language week. We had a visit to Cabra library and some engineers from Engineer's Ireland called in to do an engineering workshop with us. Last week, we had players from Bohemians FC come in for a training session. They were blown away by the talent of the students in the class!



It's hard to believe that we only have one term left in third class but we are really looking forward to it. Hopefully it is filled with as much fun as term 1 & 2.



Looking forward to seeing you all again next term!  
Ms. Beatty :)



# 3RD CLASS BUÍ

**Ms. Ryan**

Hello from 3rd class Buí! We are delighted to share the remarkable achievements and adventures of our third-class children. Throughout the term, the children embarked on a journey of discovery, creativity, and growth. We were lucky enough to have taken a trip to the local library and dress up as characters for world book day! I was so proud of how they behaved on their walk down to the library and how polite they were. Our third-class students have shown immense enthusiasm and dedication and have learned lots about decimals, symmetry and shapes in maths. We have been reading the BFG and have really been enjoying it. Our literacy skills and writing has really improved this term. Here's to a new term filled with learning, laughter, and endless possibilities!

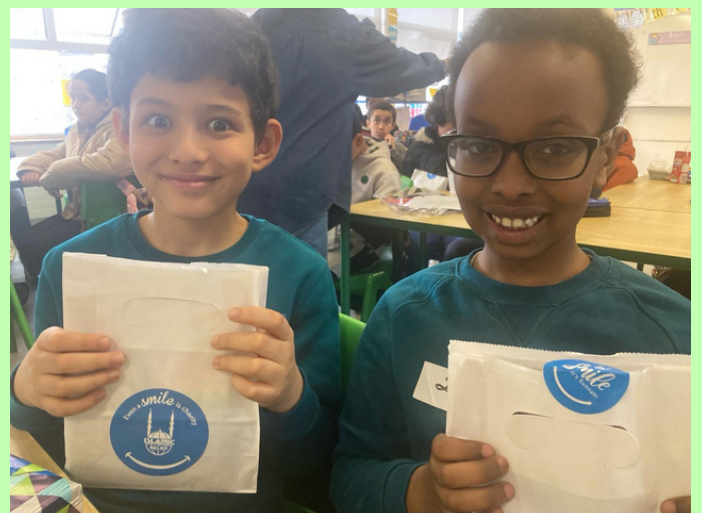


# 4TH CLASS GLAS

## Ms. Faughnan



4th Class Glas had a very busy second term! In January, the boys and girls constructed houses as part of art and their learning about homes and houses in the past. The houses were fantastic and attention to detail was admirable! In February, we began reading our class novel, 'The Butterfly Lion', by Michael Morpurgo. The boys and girls showed a huge interest in this wonderful book with themes of friendship, loss and war. In science, the boys and girls learned about forces and had great fun investigating air resistance with their group-made parachutes. In March, the class welcomed Ms. McGee who has been teaching the boys and girls lots of fun and interesting new topics, such as France, merveilleux! Ms. Faughnan would like to wish all the boys and girls in 4th Class Glas a wonderful spring break!



# 4TH CLASS BÁNDEARG

## Mr. Gleeson



We had a fantastic term in 4th Class Bándearg and we were busy working hard. We started narrative writing this term and worked really hard plotting, editing and publishing stories. The students made wonderful stories about an accident as well as a fiction story. In maths we worked on 2D Shapes, 3D Shapes, division, multiplication, decimals, weight and time.

In Gaeilge we covered the topic of Éadaí and An Aimsir and we read stories about Ramadan as gaeilge. We learnt a lot in history about the Normans and also about China. We created our very own Terracotta army out of clay. We also made some brilliant lanterns and paintings for Ramadan. I hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for our final term in 4th Class.



# 5TH CLASS ORÁISTE

**Ms. Roe**

We have had a super term here in 5th Class Oráiste. We started back in January with a trip to the Fighting Words workshop which everyone really enjoyed. The workshop gave us lots of inspiration for our narrative writing which we have also worked hard on this term. We continued our creative writing in Gaeilge, we read lots of stories and fairytales and even created an ebook on our favourite hobbies. We also had a charity table quiz with other senior classes in aid of Pieta House. It was very competitive and great fun. We finished the term by celebrating National Tree Week and planted an apple tree in our wellbeing garden. We are really excited to continue to work on the garden after the break. Well done to all the boys and girls and I wish everyone a happy and relaxing break.

Ms. Roe



# 5TH CLASS CORCRA

**Ms. Fullam**

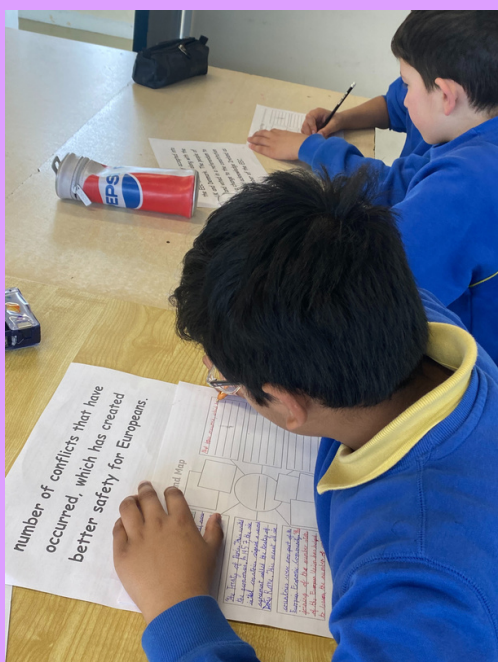
The boys and girls in 5th class Corcra have had a very busy and productive Term 2 - here is a small snapshot of what we covered! The children worked exceptionally hard at exploring and developing aspects of Narrative writing. We focused on creating interesting sentences and story starters to grip the reader, and then used our story mountain to create a problem and a solution. We have been gathering, creating and assembling information about Ireland and the European Union. We used stations to collect information on our mind map frameworks, then we used this information to create newsletters. We learned all about Éadaí (clothes), Siopadóireacht (Shopping) and Caitheamh Aimsire (Hobbies) in Irish. We have been integrating this with our Morning Meetings and our Feelings check in. Each morning we also do a 'One word Whizz', this helps us to think on the spot and develops our creativity and sportsmanship.



In art, we have been working on a very challenging project! We decided to create our narrative writing characters out of fabrics and fibre. We learned how to sew, thread a needle, tie knots, create patterns and use templates to create different shaped 'bodies' for our characters. We brainstormed materials we would use, how we would join them together and we are now creating clothes for them! We have worked hard this month at positive self talk and developing our confidence. Drama has also been a topic the children have really enjoyed. Techniques such as getting into a

role, improvising, impersonating and elaborating, have all been skills we have been able to develop in these lessons. In music, we have been learning about the different notes, their value and how to write small pieces of sheet music. We used the instruments to create

different beats and experimented with different tempos. Fantastic work to all the boys and girls in fifth class Corcra!



# 6TH CLASS GORM

We have had a great term in 6th class- we have celebrated World Book Day by dressing up, drawing comic strips and having a fun trip to our local library.

As it is the holy month of Ramadan we are fasting and working hard at improving ourselves and our work. We were lucky to get a meet and greet with some players from Bohemians FC. It was great to interview a practising Muslim who is fasting and ask him how he finds training etc. at this blessed time.

We also have worked hard for Seachtain na Gaeilge and have created great Seanfhocail posters- we are very talented at art in our room.

We are doing lots of great activities learning about Africa and continuing our Harry Potter novel. We have also been on days out playing soccer with the FAI and we look forward to more days out next month with athletics and soccer matches.

Eid Mubbark- Ms. Nugent and 6th Gorm





# 6TH CLASS ÓIR

This term in 6th class Oir, we have had many engaging and enriching activities across the curriculum. In SESE, students delved into project work, fostering critical thinking, research and presentation skills. In addition, STEM activities encouraged hands-on problem solving and creativity.

This term we continued to work on our Irish oral proficiency through various interactive board games, making language learning enjoyable and interactive. In English, we worked extremely hard on our narrative stories through imaginative storytelling exercises, allowing students to express themselves creatively. Additionally, math skills were reinforced through fun station activities, providing practical applications and fostering a deeper understanding of mathematical principles.

Overall, this term has been dynamic and engaging with every pupil making a great effort to work as part of a team.

Maith sibh guys!



# Rainbow class

The children in the rainbow room have had a wonderful time in Term 2. We said goodbye to Ms. Craven as she went to Australia and the children were so wonderful welcoming Ms. Ronan as their new teacher. We learned all about Spring, the weather and animals / flowers we see at this time of year. We explored the life cycles of butterflies, frogs and chickens.

The children have made such wonderful progress during Gaeilge lessons and we introduced the topics of 'An Teilifís' and 'An Zú'. We have been learning all about measuring items and capacity in maths.

The children have been working so hard at building on the skill of working independently. They've really been trying their very best to figure out problems for themselves. We have had lots of lovely treats and special activities, with a pancake afternoon, a Spring party and a wonderful trip to the cafe to finish off the term. Well done to all the boys and girls!

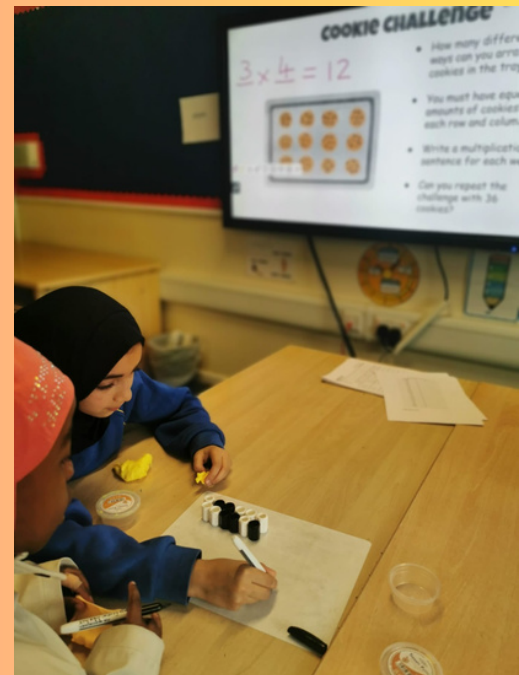


# AENT

It has been a super busy term for the Additional Education Needs Team and we have thoroughly enjoyed working with all our pupils. Ms Wehrly has been doing lots of hands-on Maths activities with both 3rd classes and all the children are gaining confidence in sharing and justifying their strategies.

In our small group literacy intervention, all the pupils in 3rd Dearg and 3rd Buí have been working so hard and are developing their reading and spelling skills.

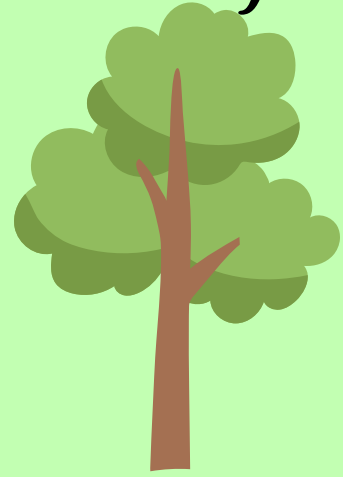
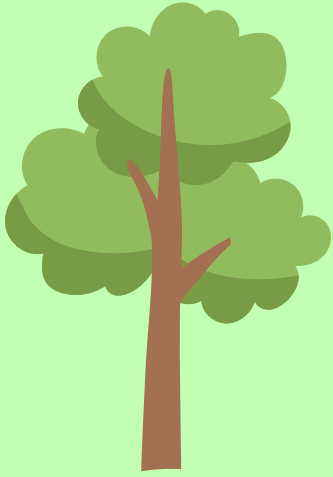
Here are a few pictures of just some of the work we have been doing.



# OUR SUPER SPORTS TEAMS!



# OUR NEW WELLBEING GARDEN



Our Wellbeing garden has started to bloom this term with help from lots of people within our school community.

Earlier in the term the Wellbeing Committee sat down with Mr. Walsh and discussed what they envisioned the wellbeing garden would look like and what features it would have. Parents offered their help to paint the walls and construct some flower beds. We are grateful for their continued support.

We also celebrated International Tree Day in which every class planted lots of different trees and shrubs.

The Wellbeing Committee are continuing to brainstorm ideas for the garden and we are hoping to develop it further in term three.

