

NDMNS Newsletter



2021 - 2022

A Note from Mr Walsh

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the school year. 2021-2022 has been an exciting and busy year for the school. We are well settled in to our new school building after what was a bustling start to the year. Our new surroundings have allowed us to continue to grow as a community, and we have been delighted to welcome over 110 new pupils to the school this year.

This year has seen a return to some activities which had been missing since Covid restrictions were introduced. We have been delighted to take part in various inter-school sports competitions throughout the year, and are extremely proud of how our pupils have represented the school. Our school has also been represented at Bloom by two of our classes (and even got to meet the President!)

As the doors reopen post-Covid restrictions, we have hosted our first parent coffee morning this term. We hope that this can become a more regular occurrence next year, and aim to further increase parental involvement next year through volunteering opportunities and the re-establishment of our Parents' Association, which has played a vital role in our school in the past. Your support in this would be much appreciated.

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.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 29th August.

Take Care,
Eoin Walsh

Rainbow Class

The Rainbow Class have had an exciting year. 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. We were very fortunate to get bikes and scooters for our yard and the children delighted in racing each other at lunch time.



We started the Handwriting without Tears Programme this school year in the Rainbow Class. Handwriting without Tears aims to make legible and fluent handwriting a skill that students can master easily. We also started the Con Tutti Music Programme.

The class was very excited to have a lesson of taekwondo from our very own Mr. Donoghue. Every child became truly involved in this lesson and loved completing each exercise.



Rainbow Class

We used the maths resource Numicon, to help have a deeper understanding of the value of money; we then used these skills on our outings. We also practiced our road safety on these outings. We had to check the price of an item and find the correct coins to pay; this is a skill that is very practical and is useful for the children to use on a regular basis. We had several outings this year, to McDonalds, to the park, bowling and travelling on Dublin Bus. We also practiced our road safety on these outings.



Our school trip is to Leisureplex in Blanchardstown. The class have a choice between the soft play area and playing a round of bowling. We will have so much fun!

I hope everyone has a fun filled summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in September



Junior Infants Red

Students have settled into school so well and we have had the best time this year. We have learned so much and had lots of fun while doing so! We have made great friends and everyone is working so hard to be kind and caring to one another. The boys and girls have been practicing super hard at being a good friend.

We have learned all of our sounds and have been working extra hard at reading independently. Students have enjoyed reading lots of stories throughout the year. Our favourite books to read were Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Five Minutes Peace. The boys and girls have made excellent progress with their handwriting and everyone has tried their very best to complete their work with beautiful writing.



We have been practicing working with numbers this year and students have become very confident at counting aloud. Students explored capacity with water, 2D and 3D shapes and weighed and measured lots of different things during maths lessons.



Junior Infants Red

We spent a lot of time learning through play this year. We became chefs when we learned about the restaurant, vets and nurses when we looked after animals, farmers who worked with animals on the farm and even astronauts who blasted off into space.

The boys and girls loved playtime and were excellent at building with the blocks, playing with the dolls and became train drivers and build train tracks. Our favourite part of play time was learning about the Post Office. We wrote some letters and posted them to our homes.

In the final term of school, we're going to Ship Shape for our school tour. The boys and girls had the best time! We enjoyed Active Schools Week and Sports Day and had lots of fun together!

The boys and girls in Junior Infants Red have been super this year. We have had so much fun together and we learned so many new things. I hope everyone has a lovely sun filled summer and I can't wait to see all the boys and girls again in September. They are going to be super Senior Infants!



Junior Infants Yellow

Well.... I can't believe I am writing the end of year piece. What a quick year it has been. And what a great year it has been. From worried faces and tears, clingy newbies and nervous mummies, masks and covid tests, chickenpox and more absences than ever before we have made it to June. (Summer in Ireland, queue the rain, raincoats and suncream)

I have thoroughly enjoyed working in Junior Infants this year and all of the children have made fantastic progress. They settled in very quickly, adjusted to the routine, built friendships and found their way with a smile on their faces (mostly.)



We have built the foundations on which they will progress through the years at North Dublin Muslim National School. I am grateful that I was here to witness them as the youngest and I'll hopefully see them all the way through to 6th class at NDMNS.



Junior Infants Yellow

I would like to make a special mention to Ms. Kelly our brilliant in class Special Education teacher who has worked with us all year. Ms Kelly has been fantastic and has given so much support to all of our pupils this year. The children have built a great relationship with her and that is clear to see. Thank you Ms. Kelly for everything you have done for us

I would also like to thank our amazing SNA, Ms. Lawlor. Ms. Lawlor has been with us everyday and has been my second pair of hands on many occasions. Thank you Ms. Lawlor for all of the children in Junior Infants Yellow for always being on hand to guide and support those in need



I wish the children all the very best in Senior Infants and have a lovely safe summer. I will most definitely be shedding a few tears on the last day as I have truly thought of the children in my class as my 'other babies'.

Bye for now
Ms. Mc Kay



Senior Infants Pink

We have had a fantastic year in Senior Infants Pink. The children have worked really hard and have had a lot of fun along the way. I am so proud of each and every one of them. We had a big focus on literacy this year. Our reading and writing has come a long way since starting in September. The highlight in literacy was definitely the beautiful story copies that the children have created from scratch. In these copies the progress the children have made throughout the year is obvious. You can also see some future authors and illustrators through the amazing writing and creative pictures.



We took part in lots of maths games and stations this year. We took a fun spin on learning number through play and games. The children have learned to work in teams and they've enjoyed every minute of their learning journey.



Senior Infants Pink

We had a lot of fun in science this year. The children designed and made a worm hotel while doing a case study on worms. We learned all about the anatomy of the earthworm and created cosy homes for the little creatures to live in. As well as this we also made umbrellas for our Teddy Bears and built farms as part of a STEM challenge. I have to acknowledge the beautiful art pieces the children have created this year. We have practised lots of painting, printing, drawing, cutting and sticking. Our art pieces have decorated the infant corridors all year for everyone to enjoy.



Our trip to the park is also worth a mention. The children were rewarded for their great behaviour with a trip to the playground. We had lots of fun!

- Ms Roe



Senior Infants Green

This year in Senior Infants Green we had so much fun learning about new things and going to new places. In our literacy we learned new letters and sounds and we are now able to write our own news and create our own sentences. We wrote about autumn, winter, spring, summer, the farm, space and our school tour. We even wrote letters and got to post them to our families. In senior infants we really progressed in our reading. We are able to read so many stories independently. We also really enjoyed story time before we packed up for home time, especially when we got to read stories outside in the sunshine.



In maths we really enjoyed playing number games, learning about 2D and 3D shapes, measuring different lengths, exploring capacity and weight and we recently learned about time. We are also super at counting from 1-20 and we have done super maths work in addition and even subtraction.



Senior Infants Green

In playtime and SESE and Aistear we had lots of fun playing and learning about the farm, the space station, the veterinary clinic, the post office, the restaurant, an igloo and at the dentist. We loved creating buildings with our magnets and blocks and we got to use a fun app called stop motion go to create our own stories. In Pe we got to play many different games such as ship sea shore, duck duck goose and stuck in the mud. We also practised races, relays and jumping which came in handy for sports day. In senior infants green we really enjoyed circle time and talking about how we feel each day. We enjoyed telling our news to our friends and telling them about the fun things we did at the weekend.

Apart from all the work we got to do lots of fun things. For working really hard we got to go to the playground, We made rice krispie buns, had an ice cream party, we had a popcorn party, a pyjama day, a teddy bear picnic and we got to bring our favourite toys to school. We also completed lots of beautiful art that we displayed in our classroom and our school. We also went on our school tour to Jungle Den where we had the best time playing and making our own teddy bear.

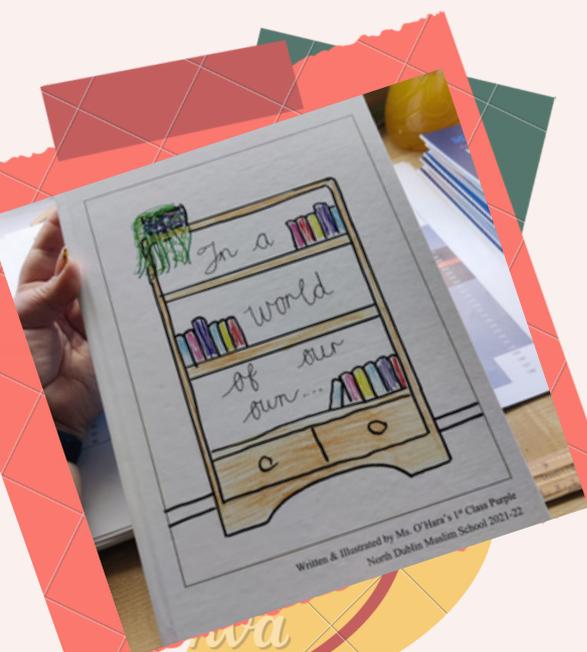
Ms. Craven is so proud of all the work senior infants green has completed this year. I am going to miss everyone so much and I wish everyone the best of luck heading into first class.



First Class Purple

What an amazing year it has been in 1st Class Purple. I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone, it was so lovely to once again teach some familiar faces as well as meeting some new children. We have had so much fun learning together with Ms Bryant, Ms Rehman and Ms Ban. Our greatest achievement by far was creating, editing, and publishing a class book of all of our stories, I mean, can you believe it? Published Authors/Illustrators in 1st class? We absolutely LOVE PE here in 1st Class Purple, a keen favourite game of ours is a relay racing game we made up called Tables!

We explored maths this year, by really concentrating on the maths skills that are needed in addition and subtraction, and have done particularly well in studying Data and Tens and Units. In SESE, we had lots of fun learning about many different topics from Australia to Bio-Diversity. We had trips to the playground, nature walks and lots more. As well as that we had a lot of fun exploring STEM this year, it was definitely our favourite. From building bridges, to making pizzas and playing with BeeBots.



First Class Purple

Of course, we cannot forget our class pet, Goldie the Goldfish. We have shown so much responsibility and care for Goldie by taking turns to feed him, helping Ms. O'Hara to ensure his tank is clean and of course to say Hi to him every morning, and not being too loud in class near his tank as we know that could scare him.



It has been absolutely lovely being a teacher to 1st Class Purple this year, and I am definitely going to miss all my little pals next year but will look forward to seeing them around the school.

Stay Awesome!
Ms O'Hara



First Class Orange

What a great year we have had in 1 st Class Orange! I am so very proud of all the boys and girls and their hard work throughout the year. There have been many highlights and it has been difficult to choose just a few! In English, all the children have improved their reading fluency and understanding of what they are reading. We really enjoyed following the procedural writing we did as a whole class to make delicious pizzas. We wrote the steps together and then used them to make and cook our very own pizza.



We also followed our own procedure to make colourful slime, it was messy and so so fun. Our favourite book to read together is still 'The Book With No Pictures. It makes us laugh every time. All the children have made such a great effort with their handwriting too, keep it up next year. Something else we liked to do this year tongue twisters to help our pronunciation.



First Class Orange

In maths, we worked hard at counting, adding, subtracting, and many other topics. We practiced counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s which really helped when we were learning about money. We enjoyed playing maths games and learning our tables. We went outside to measure in metres when we were learning about length. A real highlight from the year was learning about bridges. The children designed and made bridges and then we visited the green bridge in Ashtown to see how it was built and compare it with the old stone bridge nearby. We also had two fun trips to the playground and were very lucky with the sunshine on both days. The children loved wearing their beautiful Eid clothes and their pyjamas in December. The class also did great singing of the song 'Léim Isteach sa Ghluastáin' which we practiced many times and will sing at the 6 th class graduation.

Of course, the school tour was a fantastic day and it was the first school tour this class had ever been on! We adventured through the forest and then made lots of lovely artwork. It was a day we will not forget.

It has been such a pleasure teaching 1 st Class Orange this year. I will miss everyone next year and wish all the boys and girls the best. I hope you all have an amazing summer

Ms Culleton



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Second Class Blue

What a fantastic year we had in 2nd Class Blue! This year we were very busy learning lots of new things. We had lots of fun participating in Agri Aware's Incredible Edibles. As part of the programme we learned lots about food origin, identifying Irish products using the Bord Bia Quality mark, growing fruits and vegetables, preparing and cooking fruit and vegetables and healthy eating. We really enjoyed taking part in the programme. We learned lots of new skills from it. The boys and girls especially enjoyed planting the potatoes, strawberries and other seeds. It was lots of fun to watch them grow too.



We have been working so hard in maths this year. We loved playing Hit the Button and King and Queen of the Tables. It was great to see all the children improving their recall skills when playing these games. The boys and girls in 2nd Class Blue love playing games in class. They have all been getting very good at King and Queen of the Tables. It is clear they all made an excellent effort to learn their tables this year and they should be proud of themselves. We loved taking part in challenges during STEM week and even made creative maths hats too.



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Second Class Blue

In English this year we read lots of interesting books in our reading stations and from our own library too. To help our writing we read lots of texts from a variety of genres in our Starlight books. Then we worked very hard when writing our own recounts, procedures, stories and persuasive speeches. We especially enjoyed our English stations with Ms Butler on Fridays. During intercultural week we learned all about the country Egypt. We read lots of facts about Egypt. We learned how to write using Hieroglyphics. We really enjoyed doing a Kahoot quiz at the end of the week.



In PE this year we tried out lots of different sports. We really enjoyed learning about football and Athletics. There are some excellent athletes in 2nd Class Blue.



Second Class Blue

We loved learning the songs in our Gaeilge lessons. We always loved to play Taispeáin dom during Irish lessons. This term we learned about An Teilifís and Sa Bhaile. All of the boys and girls have made an excellent effort to learn words and phrases. There are lots of creative artists in 2nd Class Blue. They have been showing their talents for painting, drawing, using clay and lots more.

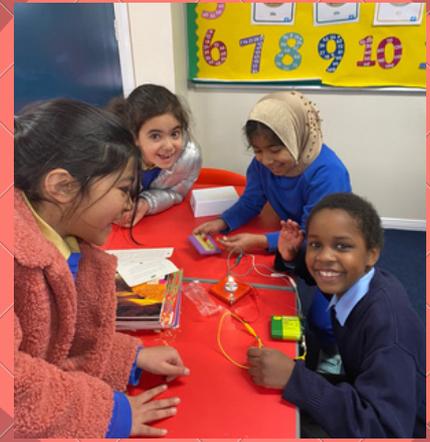
I am so happy and proud to have taught such a lovely class this year. I will miss you all dearly. A big thank you to all the teachers and school staff that worked in our class and to all the wonderful parents in 2nd Class Blue. Have a fantastic Summer filled with lots of fun, sunshine and rest!

Ms Morrissey



Second Class Gold

2nd class gold had a golden year! From exploring the Titanic through drama, making circuits to power a lightbulb and baking Rice Krispie buns, it was a great year all round. And of course we learned a lot too!



We enjoyed using technology this year. We made some amazing stop motion videos using the tablets and did virtual tours of old houses for history. We created our own floor maps and coded the BeeBots to travel around them.

Our class's favourite subject is P.E! We tried a lot of different sports this year and learned new games, we love Sprout the most.

A Bohemians player Ally Cahill (Ms. Cahill's sister) spent an afternoon with our class and told us all about playing soccer and Gaelic. We got to try on her medals and even shoot some goals against her



Second Class Gold

In literacy we wrote in lots of different genres. We made rice Krispy buns and wrote up the procedure.

One of our biggest achievements this year was every child in our class publishing their own book. We wrote many drafts and then chose our very best version to write up. We had a publishing party and got to read every author's book.

The stories ranged from space adventures, jungle explorations and fairy tales!



We had a great year and we are looking forward to working hard alongside each other in 3rd class.



Third Class Dearg

What an incredible year of learning in 3rd class dearg. Ms. Penston has been blown away by the fantastic attitude and commitment to learning. We have had lots of fun this year and have worked incredibly hard. The growth has been amazing to see and Ms. Penston has been so excited to see us all improve and become more knowledgeable each and every day. We have experienced lots of hands on learning this year. We have used lots of materials to help us visualize maths concepts. We have conquered our tables but we need to keep practicing so we don't forget. We have really enjoyed our Friday Kahoots to help us revise over tricky Maths concepts.



We have explored lots of genres of writing, even getting to creating our own story as part of our narrative writing and convincing Mr. Walsh to let us have an ice cream party during our persuasive writing unit. We have explored the world of Roald Dahl, reading three different novels and drawing comparisons between books and movies.



Third Class Dearg

Our Irish vocabulary has expanded and that has certainly helped with our class mascot Séamus who helped us form sentences when we may have been struggling. We became keen gardeners and learned all about how our food comes from farm to plate as part of our Incredible Edibles project. As part of this project we won a trip to Bloom and had the honour of meeting President Michael D Higgins. We explored our scientific sides by taking part in STEPS engineering project, getting us to think about how we can improve designs and make the future a cleaner and greener space. We explored 18th century Ireland, the Great Famine, Schools and Games in the Past and lots of stories from the past which really showed us how much lives have changed.



We embraced technology and made mini movies using Stop Motion Go, we had a movie premiere to showcase our creations! We have tried a variety of sports ranging from athletics, gymnastic, Gaelic Football and rounders. We showed how creative we are, by co-writing our own drama 'The Adventures in Cotton Canyland' and performed it for the whole school.

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Third Class Dearg

We enjoyed art and music and really showed Ms. Penston how we can think outside of the box to create masterpieces. This is only a snippet of what has happened this year! It's been a busy year with lots of fun and excitement. Each and every day 3rd class dearg have showed up with smiles on their faces, energy levels high and commitment to improving. 3rd class dearg have shown kindness to each other and have been absolute superstars from start to finish. Ms. Penston is so happy that she was our teacher this year. She is proud of each and everyone of us.



Third Class Buí

The school year absolutely flew by in 3rd class buí. It doesn't seem that long ago that Ms. Faughnan was teaching both 3rd class buí and 4th class. Many new pupils have joined our class since then and they have fit in brilliantly with their classmates. At the beginning of the year the students took part in STEM engineering competition along with 4th class. They were tasked with creating a project with used recycled materials and the students made some excellent projects. Everybody really enjoyed the competition greatly and Sama even won a prize for her efforts!



One of the highlights of our school year was Intercultural week. This year 3rd class buí learned about China. We learned all about the history and geography of China. We learned about Shaolin, a place in China where Kung Fu originated, and where children go to study and train to become shaolin monks. We also looked at some of their famous festivals such as Chinese New Year.



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Third Class Buí

We carried out an investigation as part of our Discovery Primary science award. We examined how a wide range of materials can be changed by mixing and we created our own lava lamp. We learned that when some materials mix, they can chemically react and release energy. The students all did great work in creating a working lava lamp. Another investigation which we loved to do was investigating which mixtures of liquids could inflate a balloon the quickest. The students were allowed to create their own mixtures. The students all loved carrying out science experiments and I am sure we have some future scientists in the making!



In Maths, we worked extremely hard all year. From our daily, morning countdown games to our timestables games and tests, the students have worked very hard to improve their maths skills. We learned about fractions, multiplication, division, weight, length and lots of other fun and interesting topics. We also carried out surveys and created our own graphs from these. Remember to practice tables every night!.



Third Class Buí

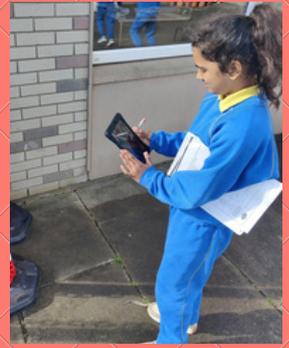
In English, we read our novel 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl and wrote some very interesting pieces of writing based on the story. We also looked at narrative and persuasive writing and the students created some excellent pieces. Mr. McCormack was very impressed by the creativity and vocabulary used by the students in all of their stories. In Irish, we focused a lot on reading comprehensions, making sure we could understand the questions and pick out key words to help us find the answer. We have continued to improve our vocabulary in each different topic. Mr. McCormack has seen a great improvement in our reading and writing throughout the year.

We created some excellent piece of Art this year. Mr. McCormack has been extremely impressed by the levels of creativity and skill shown by the students in Art lessons. We especially enjoyed making our Chinese lanterns during Intercultural week and our tie-dye t-shirts.

Overall, we had a fantastic year in 3rd class buí. We have welcomed many new people to our classroom and they have all fit into our NDMNS community very well. Mr. McCormack is very proud of the effort made by all student in 3rd class buí and I hope you all have a brilliant Summer. See you in September!

Fourth Class Bándearg

The boys and girls in Ms. Vaughan's 4th class cannot believe that the school year is ending. They have all worked incredibly hard but have had a fun-filled year too. We can all be proud of our accomplishments. Way back in September, our class took part in the First Steps engineering competition. This involved observing the environment and finding something that we wanted to improve. We had some wonderful ideas in our class. These ideas included creating a bridge and tunnel to help solve our traffic issue at our own school. We designed a new gadget to clean our phones. We also even had a robotic desk organiser to help us be better organised in our class. Some super ideas guys. I'm sure there will be a few engineers in our class in the future.



In term two, we were very excited to have the amazing Juliet teach us how to play tag rugby. We had great fun with these lessons. We also had a trip to Bogies park, as a reward for our good behaviour. We played football and got to spend time in the play park too. We all climbed to the top of the rocket, even Ms. Vaughan.



Fourth Class Bándearg



In term three, we were very lucky to have Mr Duffy come in on Thursday afternoons to teach us sign language. We had learned the alphabet from Ms. Vaughan during Language week, but we learned so much more. We can now say our names and talk about our families. We can't wait to learn lots of new languages to put them in our language passports as we get older. During language week we dressed up as our favourite characters from our favourite books and we were very lucky to have a storyteller visit our school. During Intercultural week we learnt about Egypt. We loved learning about the River Nile in Geography and about Ancient Egypt in History. We created acrostic poems in English and read the book, 'We're sailing down the Nile', to the infant classes. It was great fun.

We had lots of fun art lessons this year. The boys and girls in the class have a great flair for art and are very creative. We recreated the northern lights that we had been learning about in Geography. We used chalk pastels to do this. We also learned how to use water colours when we were creating our Martin Luther King Jr. Portraits. We celebrated Ramadan and Éid in our art activities, decorating our classroom and designing our own prayer mats using printing ink, Styrofoam and rollers.



Fourth Class Bándearg

We had an amazing day at Navan Adventure Centre, on our school tour. We got to make slime, play mini-golf, jump on the castles and go to a science show. We are really looking forward to active week and sports day. We are super sporty and competitive in this classroom. Fingers crossed for a super sunny day.



We all did very well in our standardised summer tests. Congratulations on all your hard work this year. I am so happy and proud to have taught such a lovely class this year. I will miss you all dearly.

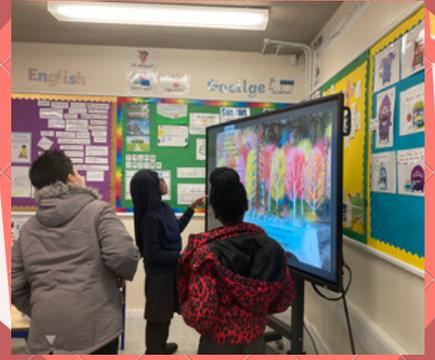
Have a fantastic summer filled with lots of fun, sunshine, and rest.

Ms Vaughan.



Fourth Class Glas

What a wonderful year it has been for 4th Class Glas! We started the year as a mixed class with 3rd Class Buí but we said goodbye to them in December and went solo from January onwards. In Term 1, we learned about recount writing in English and we visited the Pheonix Park centre to see the autumnal trees. We entered the First Steps Engineering Programme and found this to be a really fun way to learn about STEM as we got to create different things and work with our friends at the same time. In drama, we acted as knights trying to help get a lost dragon egg back to its mother and we faced the mysterious Dr. Xavier in a thrilling adventure.



In Term 2, we learned about homes and buildings from the past in SESE. This was fun as we got to construct buildings in art reflecting any time in history (and the present and future!) that we wanted to. We later learned about the Vikings which was really interesting. We did gymnastics in the school hall and learned how to play Gaelic football. We were very lucky to have Mr. Clancy teaching us for a few weeks and he introduced us to persuasive writing and debates. He taught us soccer and played fun games with us in Irish.



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Fourth Class Glas

We learned how to play tag rugby from an Irish rugby member who was really nice and funny. In English, we wrote some funny, spooky and intriguing stories as part of our narrative genre. We learned how to do long multiplication and how to divide with bigger numbers. Maths was tough but we worked really hard and it paid off! We planted seeds for germination and thanks to Mahadi, who watered them daily, they grew very tall! Ms. Gogarty kindly planted them in preparation for the school garden. We began to start our Stop Motion projects. These were really fun and surprisingly a lot of work, but the outcome was worth it.

We started Term 3 with Intercultural Week. We enjoyed learning lots about Spain: the people, the culture, history, art, food and even some of the language! We had a week off for Eid and afterwards we were treated to icecream and the girls were treated to Henna. In P.E we did orienteering and then learned how to play rounders. We learned about the Normans in Ireland and medieval times. Ms. Faughnan then organised a trip to Dublin Castle where the tour guide Noreen took us on a journey throughout the grounds. We learned that Bram Stoker had work in Dublin Castle and this was really cool because we had learned a little bit about him earlier in Term 1 so it was nice to make this connection.



Fourth Class Glas

We got our photo taken under the Irish flag where the presidents of Ireland get inaugurated, who knows who might be back in that same spot in years to come! We made coil pots and our own structures with clay in art. We learned how to do Irish Sign Language from the wonderful and calm Mr. Duffy. Many of us picked up the signs very quickly and were able to communicate a few phrases very well. Something a lot of us hope to learn more about in future. We went on our school tour to Navan Adventure Centre. This was so much fun and the weather was on our side that day!



We participated in Food Dudes and many of us made a bigger effort to eat healthily thanks to the programme. We also got some cool rewards which was a bonus! We had an amazing Active School Week which involved lots of sports and fun activities to help keep us active. It's hard to believe that the year has come to a close already. It really has flown by! Ms. Faughnan is very proud of the boys and girls in 4th Class Glas and wishes them all the best this summer. She hopes that everyone enjoys the outdoors as much as possible and safe travels to anyone getting to see their families abroad after such a long time!

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Fifth Class Corcra

What a year we have had in 5th class Corcra this year. We have completed some amazing work that we should all be extremely proud of, Wahooo. We created some wonderful projects in SESE this year on topics such as New Zealand and Portugal, we all made sure to use referencing and presented our projects to our class.

We had the amazing opportunity to work alongside Fighting Words and take part in their stories seeds programme in term 1. This is when a number of schools write a chapter to create their own book. In April the staff from Fighting Words paid a visit to our class presenting us with our very own book. Now the students in 5th class Corcra are published authors.

We have made a large effort in all of Gaeilge and Maths lessons this year, it is great to hear the class greet all visitors to our classroom as Gaeilge each day. In 5th class we have covered some “tricky” topics in Maths but we have all tried our hardest with them. In Music we enjoyed song-singing in particular, with songs such as Ní neart go cur le cheile and the climb which we are currently learning.

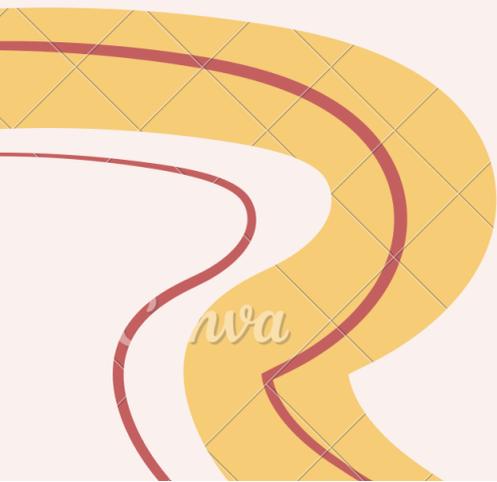


Fifth Class Corcra



For Intercultural week this year we studied the country of Portugal, we were all given the task of researching a famous Portuguese person to complete a project on. Many of the class chose either Vasco De Gama, a famous Portuguese explorer or Cristiano Ronaldo a famous football player. The students were delighted to wear their Ronaldo masks in school that week.

We had many class trips and days out this year for sports in particular. We have gone to the Phoenix Park to learn about the trees and plants found there in term 1, we have taken trips to the Boogies Park to enjoy the playground and to play pickleball. We have gone to the Deaf Village to cheer our classmates on in football blitzes, again to the Phoenix Park to enjoy lessons on cricket. We also had our school tour this year to zipit and all of the boys and girls in the class were so brave going on the ziplines and it looked like everyone had an amazing time



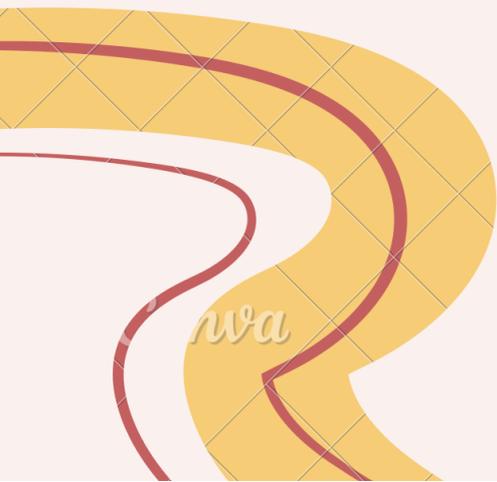
Fifth Class Corcra



This term we finished reading our class novel *Holes*, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Once we have completed our book reviews we will be watching the film and making some comparisons. The students have made great progress this term and have earned themselves a pizza party whilst watching the film, well done boys and girls.

This month the students will be completing their final projects, which is “teach the teacher”. The students will have the opportunity to create their own mini lesson on whichever topic they like, making sure to teach the class teacher and their peers a new skill or two. I cannot wait to see the students teach their lessons.

- Ms Kelly



Fifth & Sixth Class Oráiste

It has been an incredible year for this bunch of hard working students. We have moved school this January, settling into our new surrounds on the Dominican Campus without any fuss. We also greeted several new students to our class and everyone was made feel welcome and part of our class community.

We took part in Marathon Kids- a programme involving athletics, Cricket availing of the grounds in the Phoenix Park, we also went on guided trips to the Visitor Centre to learn about animals in the Phoenix Park and the flora and fauna that surrounds it. We have availed of the Bogies Park also to mark our class winning the intercultural competition based on geography- a subject we are all very passionate about.

We took part in zooms with the author David Walliams, Prof John Newell: a Data Scientist, as well as learning about maths in the past with Dr. Ciarán Mac an Bhaird- all through the medium of zoom. We also took part in a hands-on science workshop with the Rediscovery Centre based on transport and sustainability. These science lessons followed on from our own hands-on work in science making volcanoes and baking treats.



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We love being active in the classroom and many of us were selected to represent the school at athletic and soccer events of which luckily there was many this year. We will be taking part in Pickleball and some students will avail of coaching with the FAI in soccer later this month- so plenty to look forward to. We were fortunate to attend Bloom in the Phoenix Park recently and this was a great highlight of the year for this group. We had an absolute ball and it was an educational and fun day rolled into one. Of course we have been busy with our studies and completed two novels, graded reading, underwent our standardised tests

. We took part in Quran competitions and Spelling Bees and are currently undertaking the Food Dudes programme to aid our study of nutrition. We also had penpals with a school in Laois which was fun!



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It is now the final countdown to our 6th class leaving. They have shown great taste in the design of their class hoody this year. Our eagerly anticipated school tour to Zipit on Friday- their last tour! - was incredible fun and a day they will cherish forever. We may have possibly a few more surprises before we finish up most notably graduation and our intercultural food day to look forward too.

The students have worked hard, had fun and applied themselves 100% all year and I am so proud of them!

Ms. Nugent



Sixth Class Gorm

A FANTASTIC YEAR FROM 6 TH GORM. We spent the year preparing for different transitions in many ways. We said goodbye to our old school in December and entered our brand-new classroom in January, and now we are saying goodbye to the school community as we move on to separate journeys. Our journey from September to now has left us with so many memories. We worked on team-building in our lessons by playing games and activities that involved getting to know each other. In drama, we played "Mafia", which is a game where the class must work together to find the classmates who are trying to sabotage the game.

In art, we made an Autumn themed village using fabulous colours from the seasonal's colour pallet. We assembled the village using measurements learned in our math's lessons. These measurements made sure our buildings were in correct proportion to each other. We then concentrated on making winter prints of hibernating animals, famous for disappearing in the cold months.



Sixth Class Gorm

In January we moved into our new school and got a chance to redecorate our classroom. Along with saying hello to our old friends, we made new friends in some new classmates. We set up a quiet space in the back of the classroom with a carpet. We used this area to sit and relax while reading our novel *Benny & Omar*, doing early-finishing work, and when we wanted quiet time in between our lessons. We used the school's Tablets to make stop-motion videos. In art, we designed characters, backgrounds and sets to film our story. We wrote narrative writing pieces based on our movies to supplement the story, and have a written idea.



A girls' football team and a boys' football team were formed to compete against other schools. They competed against other schools in a multitude of competitions. The venues included the deaf village astro pitches, Gaelscoil Bharra, and the DIT campus at Grangegorman. They represented the school excellently and several pupils have won medals and a trophy. We took cricket and pickle ball lessons as well with some fantastic trainers.



Sixth Class Gorm

For Intercultural week, we chose to learn about Saudi Arabia. After doing a history and geography lesson in the class, we broke up into groups. Each group was tasked with teaching this information to younger classes. After designing some posters and pictures for use in the presentations, the groups spread across the school and received great compliments for their hard work.



June has been a sad and happy month for us. Some pupils have left already while others are leaving before graduation. I want to wish everyone the best for their new beginnings next year, and to thank the parents and students for all their hard work this year.

All the best,
Mr. Farrell.



Special Education Team

This past year was a very busy one for all the Support Team. It has been fantastic to have such a large support team who have been able to assist a greater number of children in our growing school population. Ms McAuley, Ms Wehrly, Ms Butler, Ms Farren, Mr O'Donoghue, Ms Kelly, Ms Bryant, Mr Kelly and Ms Ryan have very much enjoyed working in-class and with their withdrawal groups.

It has been such a pleasure to work with the fantastic mainstream class teachers at NDMNS and to see so many children make progress this year in many areas of their learning. We have had a number of new children join our school with very little English, from many parts of the world, and it is a joy to see the fantastic progress they have all made.

Ms Wehrly and Mr Kelly are particularly sad to say goodbye to the 6 th Class children who they have been working with this year, but we know that they will move on to secondary school proudly representing NDMNS.





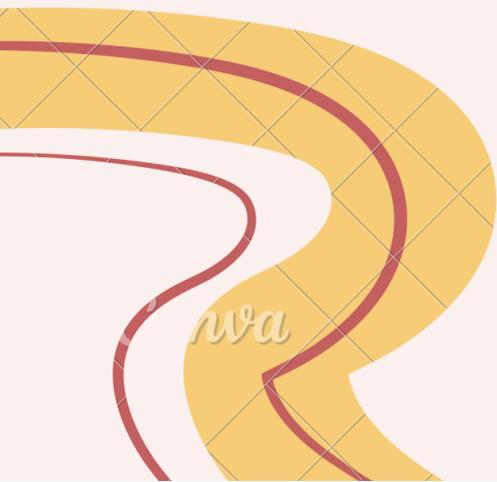
Special Achievements

Discover Primary Science and Maths Award

Our school was recently bestowed with a plaque of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). This achievement was in recognition of the STEM work carried out in our school on a daily basis. Our entry was deemed, 'well organised and our presented log showed learners engaging enthusiastically with hands on investigations'. The committee thought it was wonderful to see the learners developing their skills through a variety of STEM activities using the framework for inquiry including: creating stop motion videos, bridges, circuits and lava lamps to name but a few. They were very impressed with the creativity the learners showed in the designing of sustainable models of transport! By participating in webinars such as the START Meet the Scientist programme, the school is providing opportunities for learners to see the relevance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths to our everyday lives, and access STEM through fun, interactive experiences. They saw great potential in our learners to become scientists and engineers!

Well done to all students and
the staff involved in this project!

Ms. Nugent



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Special Achievements

Athletics

Students from 4th, 5th and 6th classes represented the school at athletic events in Pope John Paul II Park and Albert College Park this year. We had medal winners at both events: Hamza Omeragic and Manar Ghrouda (both 6th class) performing very well to get in the top 3 finishers. All our athletes were all scoring in the top 20 in big fields of athletes. 5th and 6th Oráiste also took part in the Marathon Kids Programme running the equivalent of a marathon over several weeks.

Soccer

The students took part in a few soccer events this year. They played Gaelscoil Bharra in a local match in April losing out in the narrowest of margins. We then hosted a soccer event for schools in the D7 area in May- the girls won this event beating the Gaelscoil. Our boys lost out to the Gaelscoil in their final. We also played St. Gabriels and Mary Help of Christians. We took part in the Blackhall Cup in May as well and again our girls showed great fight to make the final losing out to a very strong D7 ETNS. The boys won their shield final to St Gabriel's on penalties coming 3rd overall on the day. We are taking part in a soccer blitz at DIT Grangegorman on June 16th. This event is just for 6th class students and we wish them all the best of luck. Later this month we will avail of a lesson from the local FAI. This will encourage the students to keep up their skills over the summer and encourage them to join their local team or a summer camp.



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