

NDMNS NEWS

Mr Walsh



As we approach the end of term one, it gives us a great opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the successes and achievements we have seen across the school.

We were delighted to welcome new pupils to Junior Infants this term and they have settled in so well. We have also welcomed families to other classes across the school and they have already become an important part of our school community.

Throughout the term, children have been working extremely hard and enjoyed themed weeks for maths and science. We are also celebrating Friendship & Anti-Bullying Week this week, and we were delighted to raise our Cineáltas flag which recognises the efforts we make to be a kind, caring and inclusive community. Children have taken part in after school activities this term, which continue to be a great success. A massive thank you to everyone who has made all of these activities possible.

With this newsletter, we hope to share some of the great work that is happening in classrooms and across the school. On behalf of all of the staff here at NDMNS, I'd like to wish you all a pleasant and relaxing break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 8th January.

Eoin Walsh

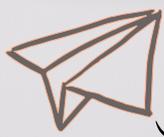


Important Dates

- School Re-Open: 8th January 2024

Coffee Mornings:

- Monday 15th January
- Tuesday 13th February
- Wednesday 6th March



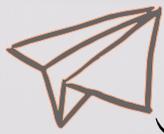
JUNIOR INFANTS RED

Ms Broderick



Hello from Junior Infants Red. It has been such a busy term in our classroom. The boys and girls in our class have settled in great since September. We have been working so hard on our fine motor skills through lots of fun activities to help us with our handwriting. We have also started phonics in our classroom and we love when the Letterpillar brings us a new letter, everybody gets so excited! Junior Infants Red love numbers. We have been working so hard on number formation, number order, and sets of numbers. We have learned how to create our own two and three-subject patterns. We have been learning about length by measuring lots of different things in our classroom. The children in our class have enjoyed lots of fun activities through different themes like the restaurant, winter, autumn, space, and the home corner which we study during Aistear time. The children have been so lucky as they have had the opportunity to get to know children in older classes.





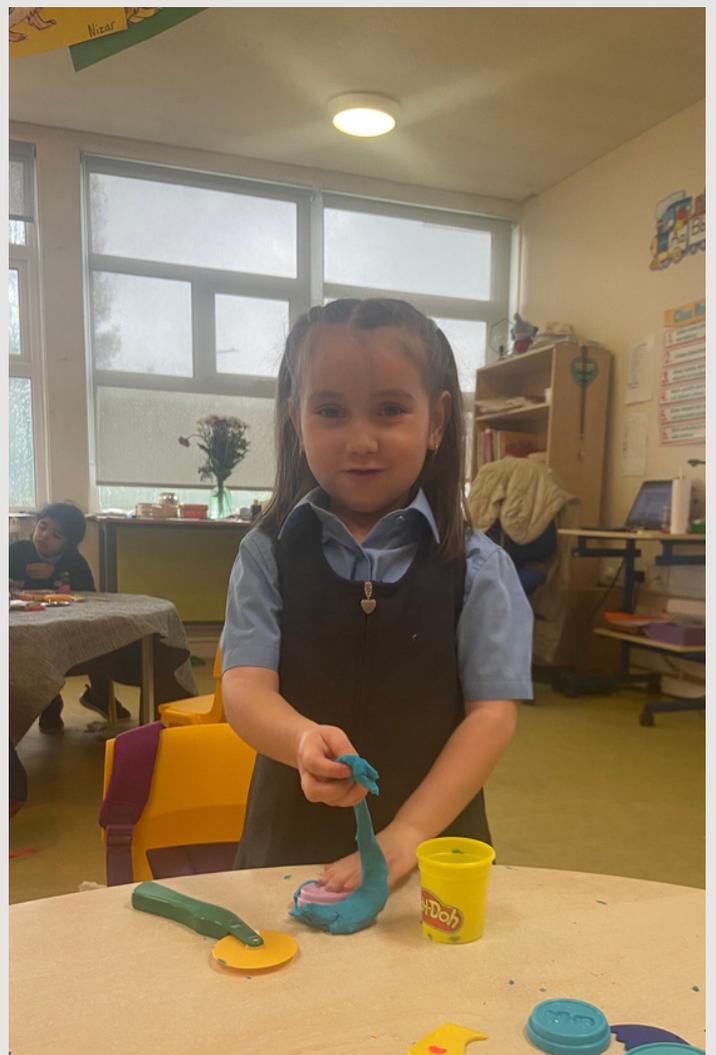
JUNIOR INFANTS RED

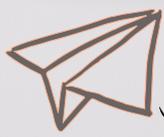
Ms Broderick



Our class carried out science experiments with 3rd class made friendship bracelets and had peer reading with 6th class. We had so much fun! It has been a fantastic term and I am enjoying getting to know all of the children in our class.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Winter break and I will see you all in the new year.





JUNIOR INFANTS YELLOW

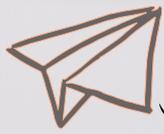
Ms O'Hara



Term 1 in Junior Infants Yellow was amazing, I was so excited to greet all of the boys and girls to school this term. They have done an amazing job settling into school, and have been working hard all term. We have been getting super hands-on in stationed activities building their fine motor skill development and maths games. We have learned set 1 of our phonics sounds, and have even started to blend them to read words.

The children are huge fans of Aistear time and we have explored many different themes so far including: At Home, In the Restaurant, Autumn, Space, and Winter. During this time the children have been developing social skills, as well as teamwork skills. They have also made some beautiful art pieces.





JUNIOR INFANTS YELLOW

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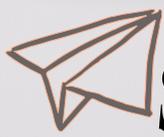
Last week we were so lucky to finish up term 1 with a trip to the local library! I was so proud of how they behaved on their walk down to the library and how polite they were when they took part in the workshop that was done by The Ark.

This week in school was friendship week, we were so lucky to be paired with 6th Class Óir who visited us twice and helped us to make friendship bracelets as well as read us some lovely stories.

I cannot wait to see what term 2 has in store for us! See you all in the new year!

Ms O'Hara





SENIOR INFANTS PINK

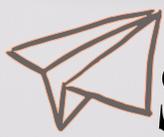
Ms Smith



It has been an extremely successful and busy first term in Senior Infants Pink. The children have settled back into school really well and I am very proud of their efforts this term. The children are continuing to be good listeners, hard workers and persistent in their efforts. They have also been trying hard to be kind friends and show respect to one another.

In English this term we have been revising letter sounds as well as learning new digraphs. The children have been trying hard to learn new letter joins and use these when writing sight words. We have been reading our stories in a reading group and learning actions to help us remember new sight words. We are now able to read a lot of words independently and our teacher is very impressed with our efforts!





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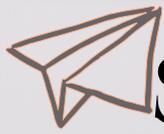
Ms Smith



In Math, we have been making number stories up to 10. The children have used lots of practical, hands-on activities to match, sort, and create patterns. We loved learning about 2D and 3D Shapes. We even got to make some shapes using pegboards and playdough. More recently, we have been learning about positional language using first, second, third, and last.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents for your help in supporting the children with their homework this term, particularly for encouraging reading at home. I am very proud of all the children in our class, they have worked so hard this term. I wish you all a safe and happy Winter holiday. Please enjoy the well-earned rest and I look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year!





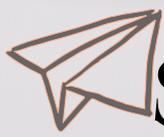
SENIOR INFANTS GREEN

Ms McKay



We are finished with term one for Senior Infants. The children have progressed well these past few months and are becoming more confident with their reading and writing. I hope they continue reading over winter break and can tell me all about their books when we are back in January. Our class are all great friends and love working together in groups and during playtime. They have grown up so much this year and I have enjoyed watching them grow from those little shy junior infants into the strong, confident, chatty, and friendly pupils they have become. We have some amazing artists and actors, some brilliant builders, and some future teachers and storytellers in our classroom. They are a wonderful bunch to teach and are happy to come in the door each morning.





SENIOR INFANTS GREEN

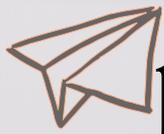
Ms McKay



They have worked hard in maths learning about number stories, length, time and the seasons, 2D and 3D shapes. Our counting skills and number awareness are developing all of the time. The boys and girls are expanding their Irish vocabulary all the time and love to get involved with songs, and games and recently we had a mini-drama in Irish about 'Little Red Riding Hood'. They had a great laugh at each other. We have learned about space, and Neil Armstrong, and had some visitors from 5th class reading to us during Friendship Week which was lovely.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Winter break and look forward to welcoming the children back in the new year.





1ST CLASS ORANGE

Ms Culleton

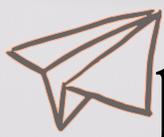


We have had a fantastic term in 1st Class Orange. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all the girls and boys. You are all super and I am very proud of your hard work so far!

In literacy, we have been practicing reading and writing. I have seen great progress from all at the reading stations, where we do lots of work on blending, fluency and comprehension. We looked at both recount and procedural writing this term. We enjoyed writing the procedure for making hot chocolate, but drinking it was even better! Spellings for Me was new for everyone this year and it has been wonderful to see the effort the children are making with learning their spellings and making sentences. This has also helped us to remember those important capital letters and full stops!

We always have fun in maths using different materials like cubes, number lines, metre sticks and shapes. The boys and girls enjoy choosing the materials they need to help them figure out how to

find the answer. The children have worked on addition and focused on numbers up to 18. Other topics we have learned about include shapes, data, place value and length. We also made some cool 2D shapes pictures. The maths trail outside during STEM week is definitely a highlight of this term along with using metre sticks to measure the length and width of the hall.



1ST CLASS ORANGE

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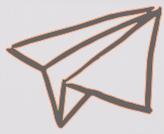


Everyone participates well in Gaeilge. We practice using different words and sentences as Gaeilg throughout the day. A class favourite game is Biongó!

Art and P.E. are two of 1st Class Orange's favourite subjects. We have enjoyed exploring different areas of visual art including print, painting, cutting and clay. Some very creative pieces have been made. We have worked on developing our coordination and movement skills in P.E. The boys and girls have practiced dribbling, throwing, and catching using basketballs and learned all about relay races. We were lucky to have a coach teach us some tennis too! Other highlights include planting a flower outside with the help of Ms Gogarty and graphing Smarties chocolates for maths. We ended a great term with a Winter Walk to the new and improved playground!

I hope everyone has a fun and safe Winter Break. I look forward to seeing you all again in January!





1ST CLASS PURPLE

Ms Kelly

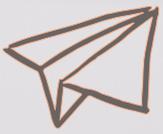


First Class Purple have had a term full of fun and excitement! Everyone in first class Purple is working so hard, we use the Class Dojo system in our class and children have been doing so well and are earning lots of points!

In English, we have been working hard on our phonics, using capital letters and full stops, learning new Dolch words, Spellings for me words and we are working really hard on our reading both in school and at home! We have learned about procedural writing, and we even made hot chocolate!. I have noticed a huge improvement in everyone's writing this term which shows how hard everyone is working. In maths, we learned about 3D shapes and 2D shapes and children created 3D shapes using lollipop sticks! We have also learned about length, number up to 20 and place value and children are doing great in their weekly tables test.

In Irish we have learned about past times and children learned and wrote about some of their favourite past times. We are also learning about the weather, and children love to tell me what the weather is like as Gaeilge!! We even went on a winter walk this term. We have also learned some songs as Gaeilge!





1ST CLASS PURPLE

Ms Kelly

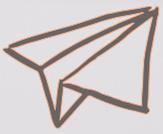


In SESE we have studied the clothes of the past and houses of the past and more recently we have studied some old Irish stories. We have looked at human environments for Geography which fitted in nicely with our history! We used Ipads to research human environments of the past. We also learned how to play some percussion instruments for music this term, for science we looked at different materials and their properties and for PE we had great fun playing tennis and the Tennis Ireland coach came in to help us! Finally, as part of Friendship week 1st class enjoyed a breakfast morning where they got to eat breakfast in school and chat to their friends!

First class purple would like to thank Ms Lydon, our AENT for all her help with Maths and English this term! We would also like to thank Ms Gogarty and Ms Lawlor for all their help this term. We are so lucky to have so many adults to help us!

First class Purple have had a great, busy term and we are so excited for the next term to begin! I hope everyone has a nice winter break and I will see you all in January! Ms Kelly





2ND CLASS BLUE

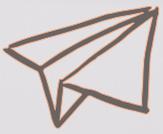
Ms Merrigan



As we bid farewell to the first term in Second Class Blue and commence our Winter Break, it is important to reflect on the journey we embarked on together this year. In English, everyone worked really hard on researching and writing their procedural writing pieces. It was great to see the diverse range of topics explored within the classroom from making a chocolate cake to building a robot and even writing instructions on how to draw the perfect Sonic! We also had many opportunities to read in pairs, and it was particularly enjoyable to have a visit from the children in 4th class for some peer reading together.

In Maths, we had fun exploring topics such as money, tens and units, symmetry, subtraction and addition. Using concrete resources such as blocks, interactive games, money and calendars allowed the class to become more confident in solving their calculations. It is also great to see everyone's continued enthusiasm to engage with Maths Whizz and work towards collecting their three gems every week.





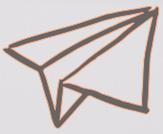
2ND CLASS BLUE

Ms Merrigan



In November Second Class Blue also had the pleasure of attending a fairytale event held at Cabra library. During this event, we had a lot of fun discussing the various fairytales that we all know and love. We even had the opportunity to draw pictures inspired by the story of 'Snow White' with the guidance of an illustrator. It was particularly enjoyable to retell the story of 'Snow White' from the perspective of all the animals living in the woods. We hope to have the chance to visit the library again sometime next year. I would just like to thank all of the children in Second Class Blue for their hard work this year and hope they have a lovely Winter Break. A special thanks must also be given to Ms Davidson for working with the children during our English lessons every day.





2ND CLASS GOLD

Mr O'Donoghue



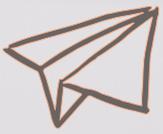
We had a fantastic term in 2nd class Gold. We have been working hard since returning in September. Every day we have been eager to learn and improve. We are already looking forward to term 2 and all the positive changes and learning that will take place.

In English, we have worked hard on reading, oral language and writing. We have written recipes and recounts. We have started working on our book creator apps and some marvellous creations have been displayed.

In Gaeilge we have enjoyed playing lots of games, reading stories and learning lots of new phrases. We have learning about the topics of Myself, School, Autumn, Winter and food. We look forward to learning lots more language in term 2.

2nd Class have been so lucky to get Maths whizz for another term. Children have been working hard to improve their Maths age and achieve their three gems each week. Children have worked hard at home and at school and we have nearly got to superstar.





2ND CLASS GOLD

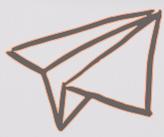
Mr O'Donoghue



In SESE the children have learned so much about lots of different topics. From Autumn to learning about games around the world to having fun with magnets. All children have enjoyed our games in PE, our drawing and painting in art. We have completed some wonderful paintings and shown our excellent drama skills entertaining our friends and teacher. All the boys and girls of 2 nd Class Gold have been working so hard this term. I think we all deserve a well-earned winter break. Enjoy the break everyone and we will all see each other again in January.

Mr O Donoghue



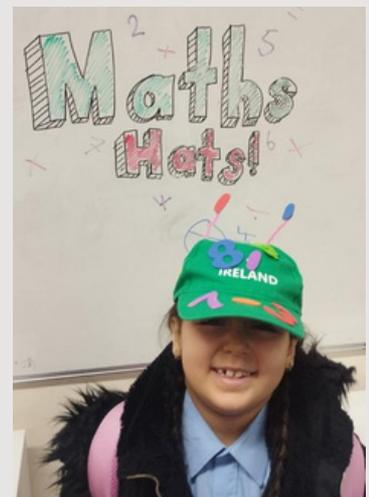
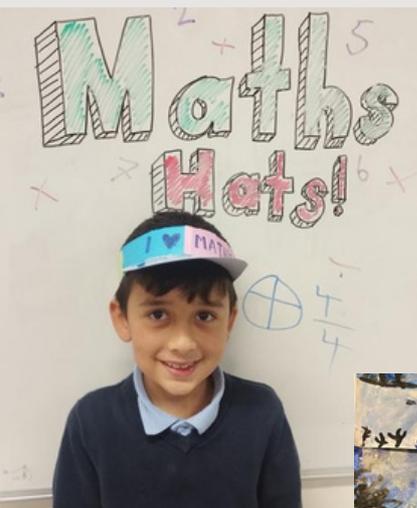


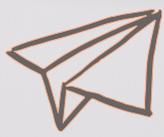
2ND CLASS INDIGO

Ms Dobie



Second class indigo have had a great first term at NDMNS. One of our favourite moments from the year so far was our amazing Maths hats. During maths week, we each made a maths hat out of recycled materials. The hats were so fun to make, educational and stylish too! We had tall hats, small hats, antennae hats and princess hats. We have also really enjoyed art, and we love to do our art in a big group. We have created some amazing art including making colourful leaf prints and snowy aurora landscapes.





3RD CLASS DEAR

Ms Beatty

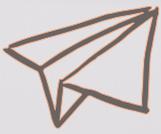


At the beginning of the term, we learned all about the life cycle of earthworms in Science. We somehow convinced Mr. Walsh to let us dig up the soil in the school garden to look for earthworms. We found three earthworms and used our magnifying glass to identify all of the different parts of the earthworm. We learned all about heat & made “cup cosies” to keep our hot chocolate warm. We carried out loads of fantastic experiments & maths challenges during STEM week. We were delighted to have junior infants red join us for some of these experiments.

We have tried lots of different sports in PE including GAA, basketball, orienteering, athletics and tennis! We created some excellent art pieces, some of which we are still working on. We created some fantastic projects on a few very interesting topics.

Overall, we have had a fantastic first term. We have learned loads, made lots of friends and we are looking forward to all of the hard work and fun ahead in term 2!





3RD CLASS BUÍ

Ms Ryan

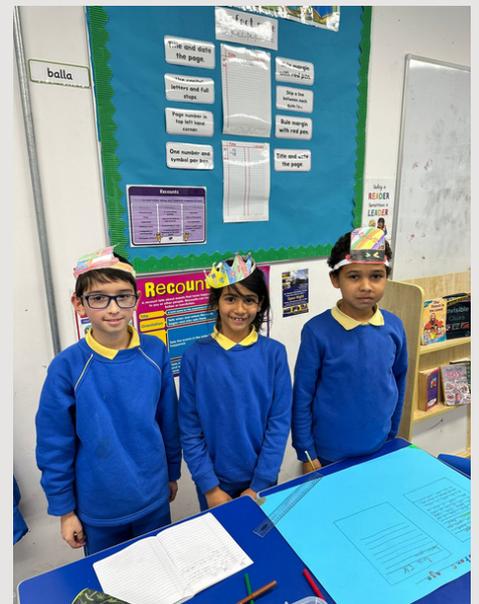


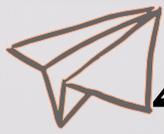
I'm delighted to bring you the latest news and updates from Third Class Buí. This month has been filled with exciting learning adventures as we have been diving into various subjects with enthusiasm and curiosity. From discovering the wonders of science experiments such as making lava lamps to exploring the magic of storytelling in SESE.

In mathematics, we've been mastering new concepts such as fractions and multiplication through interactive games and collaborative activities. We also engaged in Maths hatters day in which we created wonderful hats and we had great fun.~

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's educational journey. Together, we are building a foundation for a bright and successful future!

Warm regards, Ms. Ryan Third Class Buí.





4TH CLASS BÁNDEARG

Mr Gleeson



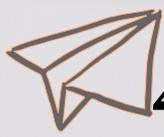
We have had a wonderful year so far this year in 4th Class Bándearg. We have learnt lots of interesting things, created some fantastic pieces of work and have had many laughs along the way. Everybody in 4th Class Bándearg has been working extremely hard this year and putting in great effort which hasn't gone unnoticed by their teacher. In particular, the manners of the class has improved immensely from the beginning of the year and it has made a lovely atmosphere in the classroom.

4th Class were lucky to be selected with the opportunity to engage in the Maths Whizz programme. It is very important that parents encourage their children to use Maths Whizz at home and I hope that students will still be using it during the winter break. In the classroom we covered a variety of topics in Maths including Length, Fractions, Decimals, Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Symmetry, Division and Multiplication. Mr. Walsh visited our classroom each morning to do Maths lessons with us

and we were delighted to be taught by the principal and we were grateful for all of his help throughout the term.

In English we covered both recount and procedural writing and we wrote some fantastic pieces of work.

In Gaeilge we covered the topics of Mé Féin, Bia, Siopadóireacht and Éadaí and I can see brilliant progress in everyone's Gaeilge. We learnt a lot of verbs this term and also grammar, so the students should be very proud of their efforts.



4TH CLASS BÁNDEARG

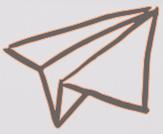
Mr Gleeson



In Pe, 4th Class Bándearg showed some fantastic athletic skills when we explored different athletic events. We are a very competitive class and this makes our PE lessons very intense and enjoyable. We have explored a variety of different games this year such as Olympic Handball, Ultimate Frisbee, Danish Longball, Pilolo, Soccer, Basketball, Hockey and Rounders. It is fantastic to see everyone fully participate in all of the games and they were brilliant for developing our fundamental movement skills.

Overall we have had a great year so far and I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back in January. Everyone has worked so hard and deserves to enjoy their break. I hope that everyone has a lovely Winter Break!



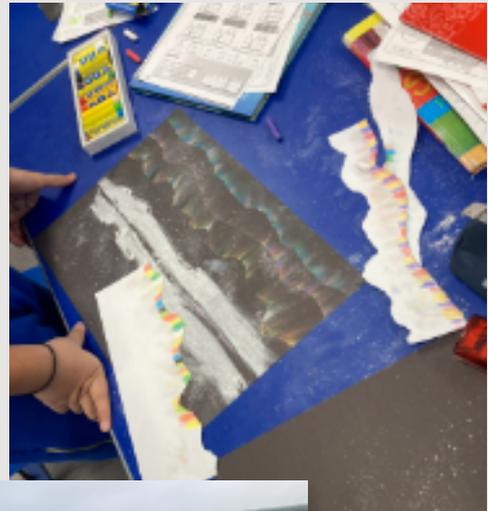


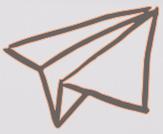
4TH CLASS GLAS

Ms Faughnan



It has been a long term but it has flown by in 4th Class Glas! After settling into 4th Class, the boys and girls began working really hard. The class looked at recount writing, procedural writing, poetry and they developed their spellings strategies in English. They particularly enjoyed making pizzas and Rice Krispie buns! In Gaeilge, the boys and girls learned about different themes such as myself, shopping and the weather. The class visited the Phoenix Park to learn lots about trees. The boys and girls investigated circuits as part of their learning about electricity and energy. In geography, the boys and girls learned about rivers and the counties of Ireland. The boys and girls made a weather station to investigate the change of weather over time.





4TH CLASS GLAS

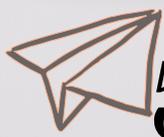
Ms Faughnan



They learned lots in maths with plenty of challenging topics, such as multiplication with bigger numbers and division with remainders! The class visited the local library to connect with older people in the community. In history, the class explored and researched the Native Americans and The Ancient Romans which they really enjoyed. In PE, the class learned some new playground games and practised their skills in basketball, soccer, athletics and gymnastics. In art, the boys and girls learned lots about mixing colours, how to weave with their Picasso inspired dog creations, and created winter landscapes inspired by the aurora borealis.

Ms. Faughnan would like to wish the boys and girls a wonderful winter break and looks forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for more fun and learning in 2024.





5TH CLASS ORÁISTE

Ms Roe



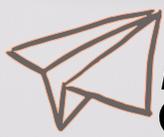
Fifth Class Oráiste had a wonderful first term. Everyone has worked very hard and made great progress since returning from the summer holidays back in September.

In Literacy we have published some great pieces of writing. A highlight for us was typing blogs of exciting events in our lives. We also wrote lots of different recipes to practice our procedural writing. We made smoothies and homemade butter and enjoyed creating our own original recipes using book creator online.

It was a busy term in maths. We enjoyed learning about fractions, decimals and multiplication through a lot of hands-on activities. We also had Mr. Kelly help us with some exciting maths stations. We enjoyed learning all about our amazing bodies and how they fight disease. We investigated how our immune system works and looked carefully at the food pyramid to ensure we are fuelling our bodies the correct way. We also got messy during STEAM week and made our own slime, it was great fun.

I wish all the pupils a safe and happy winter break. I will see you all in the new year ready to continue the amazing work!





5TH CLASS CORCRA

Ms Roe



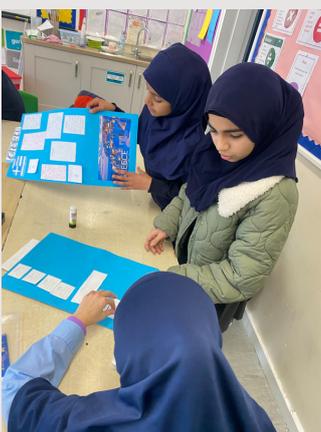
The boys and girls in 5th class Corcra have had a very busy and productive Term 1 - here is a small snapshot of what we covered!

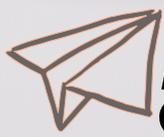
The children worked exceptionally hard at exploring different experiments during STEAM week. We also made pictures using turmeric and lemon and helped 1st Class purple to create their own pictures. The children made very inventive and eye-catching maths hats for STEAM week also.

The children have been working diligently on their procedural and recount writing. We made rice krispie buns and the children then wrote up the method onto our procedural writing template. We have been gathering, creating and assembling our Greece and Renaissance projects and presented these to our classmates.

We learned all about Mé féin (Myself), Bia (Food) and An Scoil (The School) in Irish, agus tá muid ag úsáid níos mo gaeilge inár seomra ranga!

In art, we have been looking at the work of a range of artists - who use very bright and vibrant colors to attract his audiences, as well as mixing colors and how to create textures in our paintings. We have been creating hot air balloons using paper plates, crepe paper and a range of other materials.





5TH CLASS CORCRA

Ms Fullam



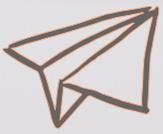
In terms of SPHE, we have been exploring our organisational skills as well as how to take care of our bodies, our long term and short term goals, ways of expressing ourselves, friendship and a range of other topics. We have worked hard this month at staying motivated, completing our work to a high standard and improving our presentation skills.

Drama has also been a topic the children have really enjoyed. Techniques such as getting into role, improvising, impersonating and elaborating, have all been skills we have been able to develop in these lessons. For Friendship Week, 5th Class visited Ms Smith's Senior Infants, they read them stories and created friendship bracelets!

Fifth class are extremely talented at sports and we have been learning about the importance of teamwork and how to support our teammates. We have perfected our basketball dribbling, shooting, and passing. We also did lessons on relay races, hockey, and rounders!

Fantastic work to all the boys and girls in fifth class Corcra!





6TH CLASS GORM

Ms Ronan

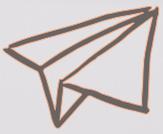


We've had a really wonderful start to the year in 6th Class Gorm. We took part in STEM week, learning about different experiments, sharing them with 2nd class and later in the week made our own maths hats.

We explored the work of archeologists and carefully excavated some biscuits to find precious artefacts. Throughout the term, the students were very fortunate to attend swimming lessons. These were really wonderful experiences and a lot of important safety skills were learned.

We completed our first novel, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. Students really loved the story and we had a lot of important discussions around the treatment of others. We studied World War II, with students completing independent projects on Poland. Students really loved this topic and are already looking forward to our next piece of project work





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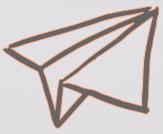
Ms Ronan



During Friendship Week, students enjoyed reading to Junior Infants and making friendship bracelets together. This was a really enjoyable experience and we loved sharing our skills with the younger students.

Term 1 has been very successful, with students trying their best and showing positive attitudes towards their learning. Students are building on their independence skills in preparation for secondary school and have really settled well into the new routines and expectations of 6th class.





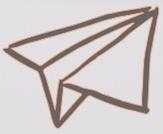
6TH CLASS ÓIR

Mr Ashmore



In Term 1, 6th class Óir students have demonstrated fantastic progress across key subjects. Their proficiency in Gaeilge has notably advanced, showcasing improved fluency and confidence through various language games. In maths, they have showcased excellent mathematical skills to solve complex problems. Additionally, their development in English reflects enhanced reading, writing, and verbal expression skills. Their commitment to learning is further highlighted through outstanding project submissions this term, demonstrating creativity and critical thinking in supporting their studies. Their enthusiastic engagement in STEM activities illustrates their collaborative spirit and problem-solving abilities. Fantastic term and we're all looking forward to another fun and exciting term after the holidays. Inshallah





RAINBOW CLASS

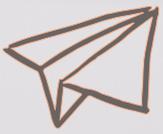
Ms Craven



The Rainbow Class have had a wonderful start to the year. We have learned many wonderful new things and we enjoyed participating in a range of fun activities.

In our literacy we are focusing on our Dolch words, cursive handwriting and topic writing. We are also enjoying reading comprehension and reading different novels. We are working so hard on our oral language practising our fluency and sentence structure. We enjoyed writing about winter, polar bears and penguins. We are all able to write our news weekly, and we are learning about our tenses. We are currently focusing on capital letters, full stops and commas. Everybody is making amazing progress regarding their literacy skills.

In numeracy we are mastering multiplication and we enjoy playing games on top marks to help our learning. We have finished learning about time and we can all read analogue and digital clocks. We are learning how to solve word problems about time and timetables and we are able to convert digital time to analogue time and visa versa! We loved learning about tens and units and we are super at adding and subtracting numbers. Our favourite topic we have done this year is shapes. We all enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shapes and playing games and listening to songs about shapes to help our learning.



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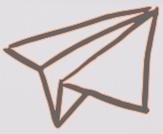
Ms Craven



In SESE we have really enjoyed learning about a range of topics. We learned all about the topic of myself and my family at the start of the year. We learned a lot about each other's families and made beautiful family trees.

We moved on to learn about our home communities and school communities. We looked at different types of homes and we were able to identify our housing type and we drew beautiful pictures and wrote about our homes. This led us into learning about people who work in our home communities and people who can help us. We enjoyed looking at different jobs and how they contribute to our lives. We each wrote what we want to be when we grow up and it was so interesting to see the range of jobs we all want when we grow up! Most recently in SESE, we have been learning about winter and arctic animals. We chose to animals to study, the polar bear and penguin. We enjoyed watching videos and writing about the animals.

In art we created beautiful masterpieces, all thanks to Ms. Najet! We created back to school art, autumn art and winter art. Most recently we made fantastic polar bears, penguins and owls. We enjoyed using a range of different materials to construct our artwork. Recently we went to Cabra Library to participate in an art workshop where we used felt, water and soap to create our own individual art pieces.



RAINBOW CLASS

Ms Craven

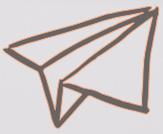


In music we are practising song singing to help us learn about the calendar and our feelings. We also enjoyed baking in the rainbow class and we decorated ginger snowmen. We enjoyed eating these treats. We also made hot chocolate to keep us cosy in this cold weather! In PE we are working on our ball control skills and game playing.

Outside of our learning, we have enjoyed many different social experiences and outings.

We have enjoyed attending assemblies and watching the fanatic performances of all the classes. We enjoyed participating in STEM week challenges and friendship week activities. Some of our class have been attending peer reading and we loved reading to the younger children in the school. We have finished our wonderful swimming lessons and all of the children were brave enough to swim in the deep end! Well done to everyone on swimming this is a fanatic achievement. We have also taken some trips to the playgrounds in Cabra and popped into insomnia and McDonald's for a treat here and there!





RAINBOW CLASS

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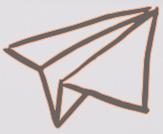


I am delighted to say that every child in the rainbow class is successfully attending mainstream class for a period of time a day. This is an enormous achievement and we are all so proud of you. Thank you to everyone who's making sure the children are attending all the wonderful activities that are happening in mainstream classes. Well done to everyone! On yard we are all playing together and this is working really well. Thank you to all the boys and girls for including everyone in their games. It is wonderful to see.

I am always so proud of all our students in the Rainbow class. Each day you put a smile on our faces. Each one of you deserves a wonderful winter break for all your hard work. Thank you for being amazing students. Thank you to all of the ANAS and staff who have been supporting the rainbow class this year.

Enjoy the winter break and see you in the new year.





AENT @ NDMNS

Ms Wehrly and AENT Team



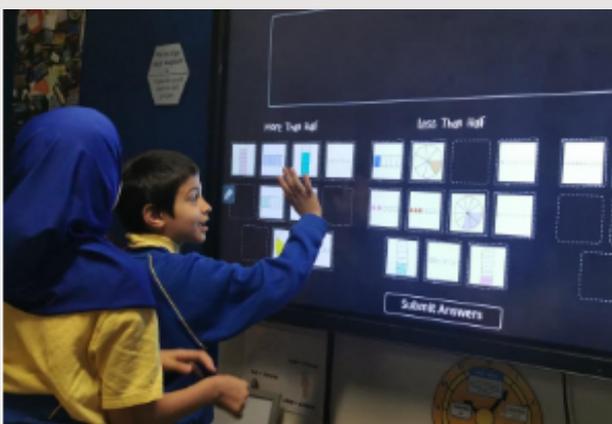
The Additional Education Needs Team can't believe that Term 1 is drawing to a close. But when we look back, we can see how much all the boys and girls have accomplished in the various classes we work in. It has been such a busy term with various school events, lots of fun and of course much hard work. It is lovely to see all the children enjoying Friendship Week this week too.

Ms Wehrly is so proud of all the children in 3rd Class Dearg and 3rd Class Buí. She loves coming into these classes for small group work in English. The children are developing their reading and spelling skills and are even learning about Morphology. In Maths the children are getting better at providing proof to support their strategies and methods and they now know that the process of thinking is as important as the final answer.

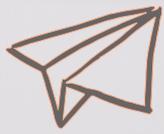


Developing strategies for Multiplication

Building words during a Morphology lesson



Working with Fractions



RELIGION & ARABIC

Religion and Arabic Team



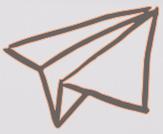
The first term of 2023/2024 school year passed very fast! It's been a very busy term, full of learning , activities and fun. During this term the children from Junior Infants to Sixth class had the opportunity to learn Arabic and Religion and from Third class to sixth class to perform Duhur prayer every weekday.

We had the Parent/Teacher meeting this term, so we had the opportunity to meet with many parents and discuss the ways of improving the communication and teaching and learning of Arabic and Islamic studies in the school. The meetings were very constructive.

We celebrated the International Day for Arabic Language on 18th December and we did a lot of activities to celebrate the Day. We had a colouring competition to celebrate the Day. So it was a very interesting term which passes very quick! We wish all children, staff and parents a very safe and enjoyable winter break.

- Mr Adil





RELIGION & ARABIC

Religion and Arabic Team



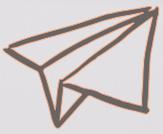
Bismi Allah,
Asslamu Alaikum dear parents,

I am very glad to share with you pictures of our activities in our Arabic classes. This semester was rich at the level of all the Arabic efforts done at most classes especially Juniors and Senior classes. The Arabic and Religion Department have got many Arabic educational tools to help the students engage better and be more dynamic and active during their learning of Arabic. Please enjoy the pictures of these lovely students interacting in their Arabic Class from using their Arabic Carpet to playing with their Arabic box of letters.



- Ms Samira





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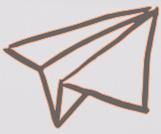


International Arabic Language Day

There was a special day this month. It was Monday 18 December 18, 2023 which is the International Arabic Language Day. Children were introduced to celebrating this day through BDF learning about the Arabic language steps to become accepted in the United Nations and also activities on that day were done with the children. The children actually learned a lot and enjoyed the celebration of that day.

- Mr Abdulrahman





SPORTS

Ms Nugent



Soccer

Lunch soccer trials for senior students started back in November. From these trials, 24 students from a combination of fourth, fifth, and sixth classes, were then selected to represent the school at a friendly blitz with our neighbouring school St. Gabriel's. The 5 aside matches held in Aughrim Street Sports' Hall on November 28th ensured everyone got adequate playing time. On goal difference, we emerged the victors. A hearty congratulations to all who attended on the day!

We hope to get some more challenges in the new year and training completed considering this. As athletics will also be starting in March students should enquire into junior parkruns- these are free timed 2k runs held in local parks at the weekend. They would benefit the student's stamina and get them ready for competitions. More information can be found online at Junior Parkrun Ireland.

