



NDMNS

NEWSLETTER



Term 2 - January - April 2023

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of term 2, we have put together this newsletter to share some of the fantastic things that have been happening in classes and around the school.

This term has seen a return to after-school activities for pupils. We were delighted to see so many children signing up to take part, and we hope that they enjoyed the six weeks. Thank you to everyone involved in making it possible.

We are delighted to have our Parent Association active. Many thanks to them for arranging the recent cake sale and to everyone who contributed. There is a lot more planned for next term and next year and I would encourage as many parents as possible to get involved with events and activities. Our parent coffee mornings will also return after Ramadan.

1st Class Orange and 4th Class Glas did a fantastic job representing our school when they appeared on RTÉ news2day to talk about Ramadan. Check out their reports [here](#) and [here](#)! We also were delighted when the President of Ireland retweeted magnificent artwork which had been created by a pupil in Junior Infants Yellow. You can see it [here](#).

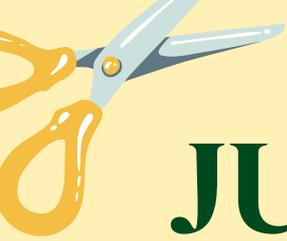
We hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter (@ndmns) and Instagram (n.d.m.n.s) for the latest from the school. I would like to wish you all a lovely Spring Break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 24th April!

Eoin Walsh



Important Dates

- 24th April - School Re-Opening
- 1st of May - Bank Holiday
- 5th of June - Bank Holiday
- 27th of June - Last Day of School



JUNIOR INFANTS RED

NEWSLETTER

Ms McKay

Hello everyone :)

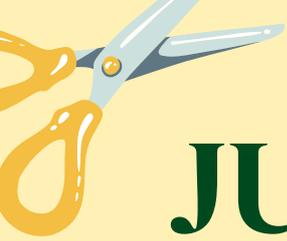
We have been very busy in Junior Infants Red this term-how it has flown!

The boys and girls have grown up so much these last few months and are so well settled in school now.

We have been working so hard learning all of our sounds, and are only a couple away from knowing them all for this year! Still, keep revising every night when you can! Children are becoming more fluent in their blending and therefore reading simple and short pieces is getting easier all the time. We have just finished our first story in our readers 'On the Farm' after lots of interesting work learning all about farms.

The class really really enjoyed the farm and hopefully we might get to visit one later this year!! Our handwriting is improving also and Ms. Mc Kay and Ms. Bryant are always commenting on how well the children are applying themselves to their work. We even have children asking for extra work to do at home, now there's commitment!





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Ms McKay

In maths we have been working hard with numbers, learning all about our currency and how money works. Children enjoyed this topic also-it would be great if they could help you when dealing with coins in the shop or at home for extra practice and familiarity. Children love working at stations twice a week in small groups with teachers and some recent visitors to our class commented on how well behaved they were!

Junior Infants Red are fantastic little Irish speakers, having built up a great bank of vocabulary in recent months- I am so proud of them.

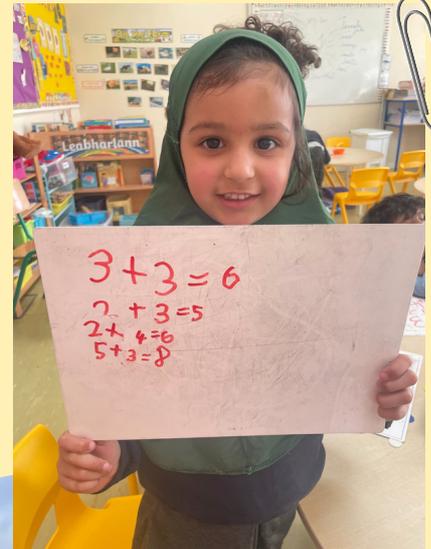
We have lots of lovely little friendships building and growing further and I often see children helping each other and caring for one another too!

We recently had our first visit to the local park and we had a lovely day-getting plenty of steps! Wow did we have some tired children afterwards! Hopefully we can go again very soon and use this trip to explore our local community and also enjoy a picnic.

I hope everyone enjoys the break and look forward to seeing everyone back soon.

Ramadan Mubarak :)

Ms. Mc Kay and Ms. Bryant





JUNIOR INFANTS YELLOW



NEWSLETTER

Ms O'Hara

We have had another wonderful term here in Junior Infants Yellow. The boys and girls have been super busy learning about Winter and Spring.

English:

The children are nearly finished learning all of their sounds. They have also been working hard on their blending and early reading strategies.

Maths:

We have been learning about number bonds and they have been doing amazingly at learning to complete addition and number bonds.

SESE:

Spring is such an exciting time of the year to be studying weather changes, new life, and all of the plants and animals that return after a long winter.

We learned all about the Farm, and about the Lifecycle of a Butterfly - we even had some real-life caterpillars come to our classroom we're excited to see how they will turn into Butterflies and are super excited to release them.

We learned all about rainbows and how they are formed and even experimented with making our own rainbows.

We also learned about Dublin, and all its famous landmarks - we learned all about our president Michael D Higgins and where he lives.





JUNIOR INFANTS YELLOW



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Ms O'Hara

Art:

The children have definitely been expressing their artistic sides this term. They have created some wonderful art to accompany all of the topics that they have covered in SESE and Aistear.

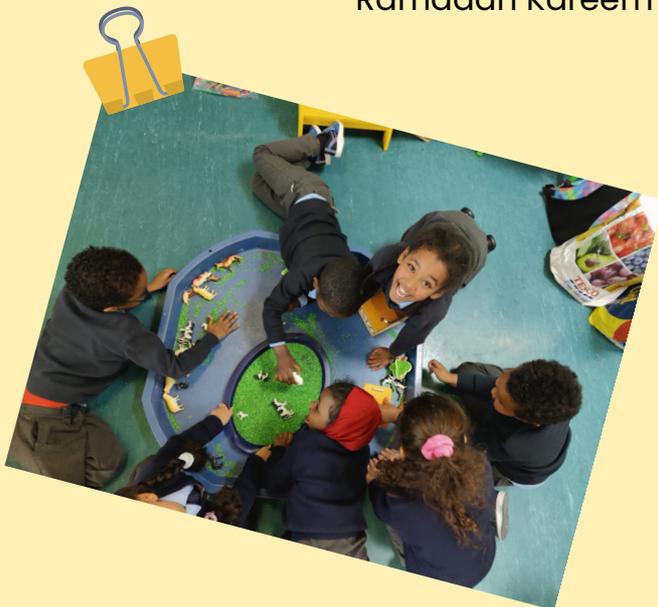
In Aistear we have been getting really hands-on in learning about the Supermarket and how to buy our food in the supermarket and how it's important to wait for your change and receipt.

We also learned all about the farm with our student teacher Ms Baker - we even had a cow called Daisy come to stay with us for a couple of weeks and we all got a chance to milk her! It was super fun. We even got to plant and grow our own watercress!



Ms O'Hara is super proud of all the work that they boys and girls have put in this term. I cannot believe that we are so close to the end of the year already. I can't wait for the fun we'll have next term.

Ramadan Kareem & Eid Mubarak!





SENIOR INFANTS PINK



NEWSLETTER

Ms Butler

We have had another successful and enjoyable term in Senior Infants Pink! I am so proud of everyone's work and the kindness that all the boys and girls have shown.

This term, we have continued our English and Maths stations alongside our support teachers, Ms. Lydon and Jaoiné. We have had so much fun! The children played lots of phonics games to practise our new sounds and numeracy games on the tablets too!

In English, we learned lots of new digraphs. This has helped us with our reading and writing. The boys and girls practised writing good sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. There has been a massive improvement in everyone's writing! The children have worked on their reading this term and everyone's reading continues to improve all the time!

In Maths, we learned all of our number bonds up to 10. We practised using our number bonds by making number sentences and playing board games. We also learned how to add money. The children even practised buying items and using the right coins in our shop.

Our play themes this term for our playtime were 'The Supermarket', 'The Garden Centre' and 'The Aquarium'. The children enjoyed playing in role as customers, gardeners, managers, cashiers and sales assistants. We did lots of artwork for each of these themes and the children loved showing the class what they made. The children had opportunities to play at the water station, in the construction area and in the small world area. The children's oral language improved so much as they spoke about what they played with, who they played with and other ideas they had.





SENIOR INFANTS PINK



NEWSLETTER

Ms Butler

In SESE, we covered interesting topics, like Minibeasts, the Environment and Spring. The children went on a Spring walk and discovered all the signs of Spring around us!

For Language week, the children dressed up as their favourite book character and they spoke about who they dressed up as for everyone in the class! We also learned about Helen Keller and even practised making their name in Braille. The children had the opportunity to read new books, buy a new book and design book marks during language week. It was so much fun!

I am so happy with everyone's work this term! Enjoy the break everyone 😊





SENIOR INFANTS GREEN

NEWSLETTER

Ms Ronan

Senior Infants Green have had so much fun together in Term 2. All the boys and girls have been working so hard, learning new things and trying their best every day.

This term, we have learned so many new sounds that have helped us with our reading. The boys and girls are improving so much and they can read books now! We've been practicing our handwriting everyday. Sometimes, we like to write in foam, in sand and on our friend's back. This helps us learn in a fun way.

We have been learning all about money, collecting data and becoming the best at our number sentences. During playtime, we explored mini beasts and the garden centre, looked under the sea at sea creatures and learned about healthy foods at the supermarket.





SENIOR INFANTS GREEN

NEWSLETTER

Ms Ronan

We read lots of stories such as Hansel and Gretel, The Gingerbread Man and Three Little Pigs, in both English and Irish! We even got to become actors and performed these stories during our drama lessons.

In January, we went on a nature walk to the park, and even brought our teddies with us! When it snowed in March, we got to play outside and make snowballs.

We had so much fun together in Term 2. The boys and girls have worked so hard, learning something new each day. Well done everyone!





1ST CLASS ORANGE

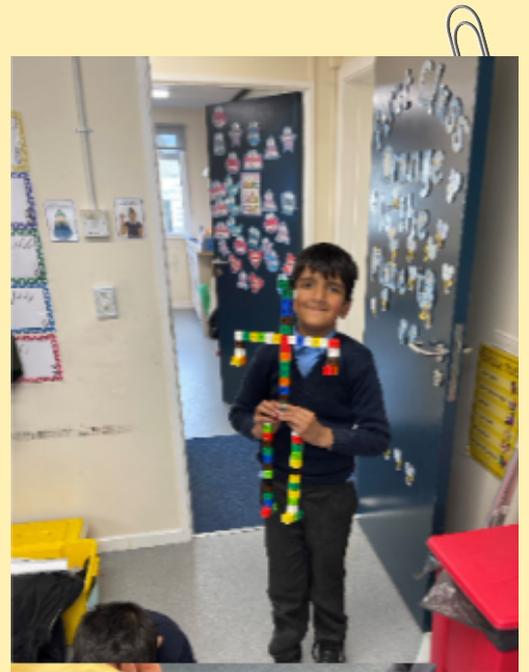
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Ms Culleton

Term 2 has been full of exciting learning and hard work from 1st Class Orange. Well done to all the girls and boys for their great efforts! Lots of progress has been made across all subject areas.

In English, all children have improved on their reading and writing. We have been working on writing capital letters and making sure to include capital letters and full stops where needed. We have really enjoyed working at literacy stations where the boys and girls have practiced lots of different things this term including reading, narrative writing and revising letter sounds. The children learned about nouns, verbs and adjectives too.

A lot of impressive progress has been made in maths this term. The children are becoming very comfortable with addition and are now doing lots of subtraction! We have also been learning about length, weight, using money and odd and even numbers. We discovered that counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s really helps when counting money. Place value is also something the class have worked hard on and they enjoy using a variety of materials, such as cubes and lollipop sticks, to help. We were very lucky to have Mr Walsh work with us to practice using ten frames and the girls and boys loved taking a trip to his office where he taught them a lot of fun and interesting maths.





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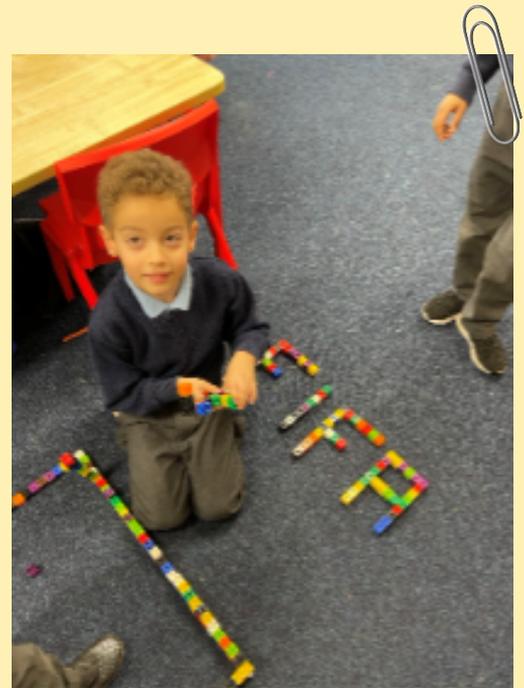
Ms Culleton

In SESE, we learned all about Spring and painted some spring flowers. We read the story 'Cave Baby' and made some of our own historic cave paintings. The children made colourful clay pots with Ms O'Malley, the messy clay was very exciting to use. There were many creative costumes worn on World Book Day and it was definitely a highlight of the term.

Recently, we took advantage of some sunny mornings to do Gaeilge work outside on the benches. 1st Class Orange make such effort to use Gaeilge during the day and I often hear 'go raibh maith agat' used to say thank you! Keep it up.

I hope everyone has a lovely break and enjoys both Ramadan and Eid. See you all again soon!

Ms Culleton :)





1ST CLASS PURPLE



NEWSLETTER

Ms Kelly

First Class Purple have had a term full of fun, excitement and learning! Everyone in first class purple is working so hard, we are continuing to use the Class Dojo system in our class and children have been doing so well and are earning lots of points! In English, for example we have put in a huge effort on the use of phonics, using capital letters and full stops, learning new dolch words and we are working really hard on our reading both in school and at home! We have learned about narrative writing this term.

Children have really enjoyed using their imagination to create wonderful narrative writing pieces! In maths, we covered place value, column addition, money and lots more! To help reinforce the use of maths in everyday life we had great fun setting up our own shop buying and selling items! Table tests have shown great improvement each week. In Irish we have learned about home and television, children are really enjoying listening to and learning some songs as Gaeilge!





1ST CLASS PURPLE



NEWSLETTER

Ms Kelly

During our SESE lessons we have studied a variety of different topics including energy and electricity. We carried out some really interesting experiments this term, our favourite was the static electricity experiment! At our PE class we had great fun learning about gymnastics and different movements. The PE mats are a great favourite during PE lessons!

We are so excited that our class featured on the RTE News2Day television programme. We made some Ramadan art, performed a song and explained and spoke about Ramadan and what takes place during this month.

First class purple would like to thank Ms Lydon, our Special Education teacher for all her help with Maths and English this term!

First class purple have had a great, busy term and we are so excited for next term to begin! I hope everyone has a nice break ! Ms Kelly





2ND CLASS BLUE

NEWSLETTER

Ms Morrissey

A big hello from Second Class Blue. Term 2 was jam-packed with great fun and learning. In English, we have been working on Story Writing. We read, explored and examined lots of different stories to help us understand narrative writing. We used Book Creator to publish our stories digitally.

In Maths, we have explored lots of different topics: Symmetry, Time, 3d Shape, Data and Length. We have spent this term becoming more confident with adding and subtracting with renaming and regrouping. We have improved greatly and are revising the skills each week in our maths stations.

In Gaeilge we have worked very hard to learn lots of new phrases and vocabulary. The children have all enjoyed learning the songs and poems. We have learned how to talk about food, past times and clothes. We really enjoyed learning lines for our Seó Faisin. Everyone had lots of fun taking part in it too.





2ND CLASS BLUE

NEWSLETTER

Ms Morrissey

This term we covered a lot of different areas in History, Geography and Science. We loved learning all about Chinese New Year. We created lanterns to celebrate the Lantern Festival.

The boys and girls were all very interested in learning about the Solar System and I was so impressed with all the knowledge they had by the end of the topic.

In PE we practised lots of different games and everyone is getting very good at the skills. The boys and girls in Second Class love Art and they are always so enthusiastic to take part in Art lessons. I am always really impressed by the imaginative pieces they create. A favourite lesson this term was creating hot air balloons with Ms Barry.

I have really enjoyed this term with my lovely class and I look forward to seeing everyone again in the last term. Wishing everyone a happy and wonderful Spring Break!



Ms Morrissey





2ND CLASS GOLD



NEWSLETTER

Mr O'Donoghue

We have had another golden term in 2 nd class Gold. We have continued to build on all our learning in Term 1 and have worked so hard this term. This term has flown by with all our learning and activities.

In English we have been focusing on writing stories that are interesting and exciting. We have loved working with the book creator app and have been able to create some marvellous stories. We have done lots of work on grammar and phonics and have done lots of reading. We have loved reading novel pieces and stories. We have continued to push hard to improve our comprehension skills and talked about many different topics in groups.

In Gaeilge we have learned so many new words and about so many topics. We are now working on talking about topics using full sentences and talking Irish to our friends. While it is now starting to get a little bit tricky, we are well ready for the challenge.





2ND CLASS GOLD



NEWSLETTER

Mr O'Donoghue

Our Maths has continued to improve this term and it has of course been helped by our enthusiasm for Maths Whizz. We continue to try hard to get our three gems per week. All the class has been working really hard on their mental maths and tables for homework and have enjoyed our focus on shapes and measures in the classroom. Just look at some of the shape creations we have made this term.



We have loved our daily 10 activities and the challenge of adding and subtracting big numbers. In SESE the children have loved the change to topics such as space and festivals. We love learning about our world and how we can travel and discover its wonderful creations. Our mini-projects have shown how much good work we can do. Well done everyone.

Of course, we cannot forget our fun PE lessons. We have loved playing games and organising teams and working together to win. We have also loved working on our constructions in art and creating houses from so many different materials. Our drama skills and song singing has begun to shine this term.

I hope everyone enjoys the break at the end of this term. I think we are all looking forward to the challenges and fun that are waiting for us in term 3.

Mr O Donoghue.





3RD CLASS DEARG

NEWSLETTER



Ms Beatty

We had a fantastic second term here in third class dearg. It's hard to believe that we only have one term of school left. Term two has been filled with hard work and fun. Everyone should be so proud of themselves. Everyone has worked so hard this term and have really improved in every aspect of school. In SPHE, we learned all about "Persistence" and it has been lovely to see everyone in the class being persistent and trying their best.

We worked really hard on narrative writing, publishing some excellent stories for our class library. We started reading the novel "Matilda" which we are thoroughly enjoying and having a great laugh while reading it. Everyone has made great progress with both reading and writing, working hard to improve their punctuation.

Third class dearg have been working so hard at various topics in maths. They have learned about lots of topics such as fractions, shapes, symmetry, while also constantly practising their multiplication and division. We have a different maths champion almost every week. Mr. Kelly and Ms. Beatty are working really hard to try to beat them but they are getting too good at maths!





3RD CLASS DEARG

NEWSLETTER

Ms Beatty

We learned all about Australia and created some fantastic projects with all of our new knowledge. We created some fantastic art pieces throughout the term. In particular, we created some abstract portraits, inspired by Picasso. These portraits really impressed the inspector who visited us during the whole school evaluation! In PE, we had lots of fun learning about balances and rolls in gymnastics, as well as learning how to play rounders.

In March, we had language week which was filled with lots of fun activities. We were lucky enough to have a book fair, a storyteller and various competitions throughout the week. We had Matilda, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Harry Potter, An Cochallín Dearg and many more book characters come into our classroom on World Book Day.

Our hard work paid off when we won the prize for most tokens in March. We received tokens for having good lines, being kind and respectful to both staff and students and being helpful. We really enjoyed our muffin party as a reward for our hard work.

Overall, it has been a great term. I would like to wish all of the boys and girls in third class dearg a wonderful and well deserved spring break. I hope you all enjoy both Ramadan and Eid. You should be so proud of the hard work you put in this term and I can't wait to see you all for term 3!





3RD CLASS BUÍ



NEWSLETTER

Ms Roe

Third Class buí have had a really terrific second term. Everyone has worked well and has achieved a lot within a few short months.

This term we started working on our class novel, Matilda by Roald Dahl. Everyone has loved reading Matilda. We have enjoyed meeting the characters, from the formidable Ms. Trunchbull to the kind hearted Ms. Honey, it has brought a lot of joy and laughter into our lessons here in third class buí. We have also been very busy drafting and editing a narrative piece while working on the First Steps programme. The pupils are currently finishing their final drafts of their stories and are eager to share them at home also.

Third Class Buí are working hard on a project to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Ireland in the European Union. We have been busy learning about the EU, and how the Muslim community has grown and developed within the EU in the last number of years. We will continue to work on this project in term three and hopefully share this work with the wider school community in due course.





3RD CLASS BUÍ



NEWSLETTER

Ms Roe

Ancient Greece was an exciting topic that we worked on in History this month. We learned all about the ancient Greeks and how things have changed over time. The pupils designed fabulous travel brochures for Greece, which would make anyone want to take a trip and explore the ancient ruins and landmarks!

All pupils have worked very hard with their maths this term. Myself and Ms. Nugent have been very impressed with all the mathematical thinking that has been taking place in our lessons. Pupils have worked hard in stations and have been using technology to explore many areas like shapes, symmetry and area.

I am really proud of each and every member of our class this term. I hope that you all have a fantastic spring break and that you all enjoy your Eid celebrations.





4TH CLASS BÁNDEARG

NEWSLETTER



Ms McAuley

Term 2 has been a fantastic term for 4th Class Bándearg! As a class, we have continued to work really hard, work together and try our best. Over the term, we have worked in pairs and in groups to complete many hands-on and interactive activities. Here is a selection of a few different activities we have done this term. We hope you enjoy it!

When learning about the topic of 'Éadaí' (clothes in Irish), we had a Seó Faiseanta (fashion show). We worked in pairs. We both wrote presenter scripts explaining what the other was wearing in the fashion show. We took turns to model and walk the catwalk in the hall. Everyone in the audience was very supportive and encouraging to each other. We had so much fun!

In Geography, we were learning about Weather. We decided to be meteorologists and create our own weather instruments. We created rain gauges to track the level of rain in our area and weathervanes to track wind speed. We worked very well together in groups to create these. Here are a few pictures of our creations!

In Science, we focused on forces. We learned all about magnetic energy and what it means when opposites attract! We created our very own magnetic cars and race tracks and tested to see if the car could be pulled with a magnet. Many of our race tracks worked and were super cool! We also learned about Electricity. We created simple and parallel circuits in groups. We figured out what materials we needed to make our lightbulbs glow.



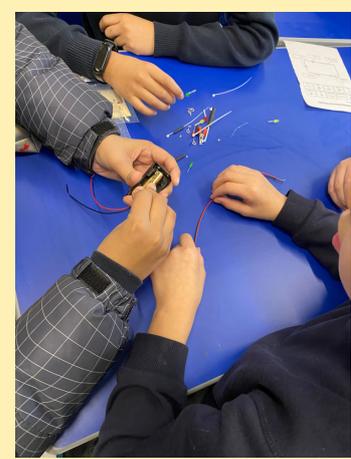
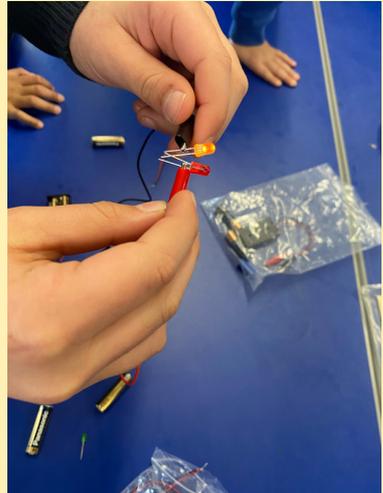
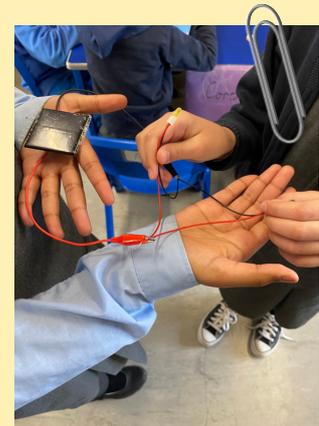


4TH CLASS BÁNDEARG

NEWSLETTER

Ms McAuley

Finally, we were learning about 'persistence' in SPHE. We looked at positive self-talk that helps us when we are doing hard work. We have to try our best and not give up during 'hard yakka' tasks. We created lion paintings in Art. We chose this animal because it is fierce, fearless, strong and powerful. We want to have these traits too.



Ms. McAuley cannot wait to continue to see the great work happen in 4th Class Bándearg in Term



4TH CLASS GLAS

NEWSLETTER

Ms Faughnan

Term 2 absolutely flew by but it was a jam-packed one in 4th Class Glas!

In January, our class learned about magnetism and electricity in SESE. The boys and girls had lots of fun investigating simple circuits and exploring with series and parallel circuits. Some boys and girls used solar energy to get their lightbulbs working which was very exciting! The class worked in groups to design and make tracks in order to push and pull using the force of magnetism. In P.E, the boys and girls learned how to play Gaelic football.



This was a lot of fun and quite challenging but the girls and boys showed great persistence and so much potential! In English, the class began learning about the narrative genre, reading lots of examples and studying different types of narratives. In Irish, the class learned all about the theme of clothes (éadaí) and had a fashion show (seó faisin) with 4th Class bándearg - there were lots of new characters in NDMNS that day!



In February, the class used Book Creator and library books to help with our research about Vikings in history. In art, we continued constructions by designing and making houses using recycled materials. The houses were very creative and futuristic in some cases! In English the class began reading our novel, *The Butterfly Lion*, by Michael Morpurgo. The boys and girls are really enjoying the story and their reading practice is really paying off as it helps them enjoy the book even more. In P.E, the class began boxing lessons with the coach, Paul. He's a great coach and the students are all getting very strong!





4TH CLASS GLAS

NEWSLETTER

Ms Faughnan

March began with a celebration of all languages and the class celebrated reading and books. We all dressed up on World Book Day and had a blast. We learned about air resistance in science which is another interesting force that we explore with. The class designed and made parachutes which turned out to be very successful! The boys and girls were very fortunate to have a wonderful student-teacher, Ms. Conroy, in class with us for March.



She is a wonderful and kind teacher who did loads of fun activities with the boys and girls. The class were visited by Reem and Owen from RTÉ News2day. This was very exciting and a fantastic opportunity for the boys and girls to share their knowledge with the country (even the world!) about Eid. The boys and girls did their school proud. The class learned about Italy with Ms. Conroy and they will share their learning of the different cities, traditions and culture of Italy with the school when we return to NDMNS in term 3.



Ms. Faughnan would like to wish all the boys and girls a wonderful spring break and hopes that everyone gets to celebrate Eid with their families and friends. I look forward to seeing you all in April for our final term of 4th Class. Eid mubarak!





5TH CLASS CORCRA



NEWSLETTER

Ms Fullam

It has been a very eventful term in 5th class Corcra! This term we have been focusing on a range of topics and activities, it is fantastic to see fifth class working as part of a team, encouraging each other during our P.E lessons. It was lovely to see all the children wishing each other "Ramadan Mubarak" and helping each other to stay focused or to help others with work they were unsure of.

In Maths, we have been focusing on directed numbers, decimals and fractions, 3D shapes and percentages. We used matchsticks, paper plates and blue tack to create our 3D shapes and explore their sides, vertices, edges and surfaces. The children have worked exceptionally well and challenged themselves - which was fantastic to see!

Irish lessons have been focusing on 'Ar Scoil', we have learned about all of our lessons in Irish - Mata, béarla, tíreolíocht srl. We have also been practising our oral reading and writing as Gaeilge. We have been playing our BINGO game using our vocabulary and working hard on our verbs, such as 'Tar', 'Chuaigh' agus 'Thosaigh', and exploring these in the different tenses.





5TH CLASS CORCRA



NEWSLETTER

Ms Fullam

In P.E lessons, we have been working on our balance, flexibility and concentration during gymnastics! The children worked so hard - taking turns, speaking to each other in a positive tone and working together - super job! In terms of our SESE lessons, we have been finishing up looking at life during WWI, Egypt and the Egyptians, as well as completing experiments around heat and conductors of heat. In Art, the children were creating bright and colourful WWI trenches, depicting what life was like for soldiers during the war.

We are also over half way through our class novel 'Holes', the children have been using this time to recap over punctuation, intonation and taking time to decompress after a busy day. We have had a great term in 5th class Corcra and I can't wait to see what we get up to in Term 3!



Super Work Everyone! Ms Fullam





5TH CLASS ORÁISTE



NEWSLETTER

Mr Mc Cormack

The boys and girls in 5 th class Oráiste have been working extremely hard throughout term and it's hard to believe we are nearly in term 3! All of 5 th class Oráiste can be proud of the effort they have made so far this school year and we hope to keep improving!

In term two, 5 th Oráiste have spent a lot of time working on their narrative writing. In English, students were introduced to the narrative genre and worked with their friends to create stories before working on their own creations. With the high standard and variety of narrative pieces presented by 5 th Oráiste, I am sure we have a few aspiring authors in the making.

Students also completed their novel 'War Horse' which they thoroughly enjoyed. As part of 'Language week', students took part in various competitions and activities throughout the school including the comic strip and book cover design. 5 th Oráiste was well represented in these competition with Laiba Waseem winning the school comic strip competition!





5TH CLASS ORÁISTE



NEWSLETTER

Mr Mc Cormack

In Maths, 5th Oráiste have been working extremely hard on all topics. Students have really enjoyed studying topics such as decimals, percentages, fractions and area. The students have really enjoyed our weekly maths challenges which encourage us to use the knowledge we have gained throughout the week to solve a problem. We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to use our online 'Maths Whizz' programme.

In Irish, students studied the topics of 'Sa Bhaile', 'An Aimsir', and 'An scoil'. The students engaged very well with the Irish this term and have made a great effort to incorporate Irish into life in the classroom. We have studied some very interesting topics in our other subjects. In geography, the students looked at weather, climate and atmosphere and learned about weather measuring apparatus. We also learned about the sun and its potential dangers. In history we learned about schools in the past, catholic emancipation and various renaissance artists and inventors. In Science, we studied a variety of topics including the human eye.

Some of the students, along with Ms. Gogarty, planted some crocus bulbs last October and these were in bloom in February. In the coming term, we will be planting more bulbs and flowers and investigating how they grow.

Overall, the first school term has been packed full of action and fun. Mr McCormack hopes that the second school term will bring more fun events and lots more learning.





6TH CLASS GORM



NEWSLETTER

Ms Farrell

Term 2 was an excellent term here in 6th Class Gorm. We started off the term on a high by jumping straight back into work after our Winter Break. We learned about our place in the solar system including our sun, and how its heat provides life to us all. We looked at climate change and what we can do in our lives to help lessen our carbon footprint.

We created some wonderful art pieces this term using fabric, including tapestries and patterns. During language week, a storyteller came in to speak to all of us and tell us an amazing story. Some students also got the chance to head off and read for younger classes, and did themselves very proud.

We've spent the last couple of weeks getting ready for Ramadan, creating decorations and learning about why we fast. Students have been working hard to make sure they can continue learning during Ramadan and give whatever they can. Ramadan Mubarak, and we are all looking forward to coming back in term 3!





6TH CLASS ÓIR

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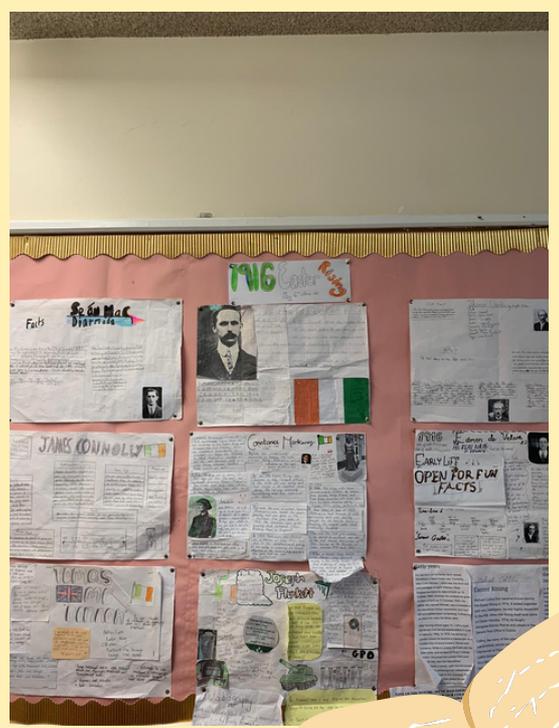
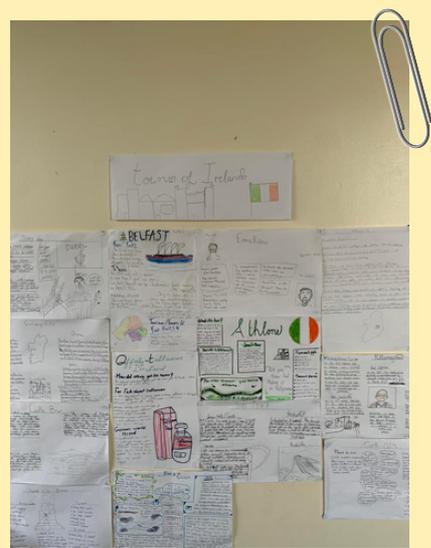
Mr Gleeson

It has been a terrific, enjoyable and productive term 2 in 6th Class Óir. Everyone was positive and enthusiastic returning to school and we have continued our hard work ethic from term 1.

We have covered a variety of interesting topics this term and a lot of work was completed. In maths we learned about weight, percentages, division and 3D shapes. All the students are working hard at home with the Maths Whizz programme and it is great to see. In English we focused on narrative writing this term and some fantastic stories were written.

We have also enjoyed using Read Theory online which has improved our reading comprehension. In Irish we covered the topics of An Aimsir, An Scoil and Sa Bhaile and I must commend the students on the extra efforts they have made to practice speaking their Irish.

In SESE we explored a number of areas including, Rivers, Towns of Ireland, Climate Change, The French Revolution, Gravity, Inspiring Women and The 1916 Rising and Civil War in Ireland. There were some fantastic projects created on the 1916 Rising, Towns of Ireland and on Inspiring Women for International Women's Day.



6TH CLASS ÓIR

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Mr Gleeson

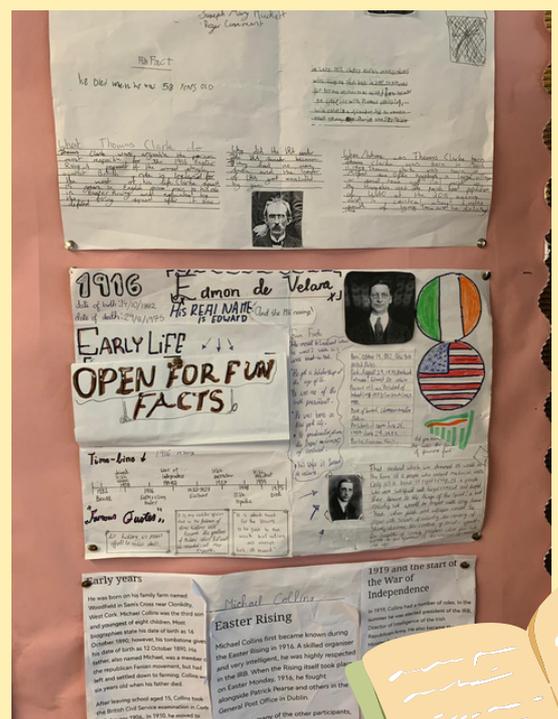
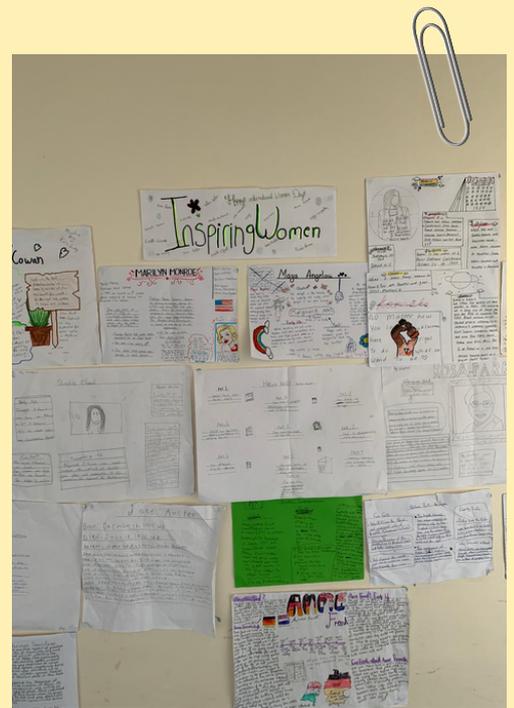
The students in our class have been lucky enough to get the opportunity to work with Ms. Nadjat during art lessons. They have created a number of fantastic pieces and have been working with different fabrics as well as learning about drawing designs and patterns.

Students have been volunteering and assisting in the rainbow room and were very kind, considerate and helpful to all of the children. They read books together, assisted the teacher and did some outdoor activities with the children.

They have been praised and commended for their hard work and manners and will continue assisting in Term 3.

A number of students in our class have been training and playing 5-aside football with Ms. Nugent and represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of their efforts.

I hope that everyone enjoys their well deserved break and that we are all relaxed and refreshed to come back and complete our last term in 6th Class!





RAINBOW CLASS

NEWSLETTER

Ms Craven

The Rainbow Class have had a wonderful term in school. We have learned wonderful new things and we went to fun places.

In our literacy we have finished revising all of our sounds. We have started blending our sounds to create words and each day we write a word of The day to increase our vocabulary. We are continuing to write our weekly news and we are learning about apostrophes, commas, full stops, capital letters, present, future and past tenses and narrative writing.

We have been writing about spring, spring animals, weather, our feelings and all about friendship. We are currently engaging in peer reading with 6th Class, which has been lots of fun.

In numeracy we have been revising and learning about fractions, spatial awareness, counting from 1-100, multiplication, addition, money, length, ordinal numbers and decimal numbers. We also have been practising our number formation and matching up colours.

In SESE we have really enjoyed learning about spring time and life on the farm. We created super projects based on arctic animals and we are now starting our project on the season of spring and spring animals. We also learned about life on the farm and the story of milk. In art we have been creating and making fabulous artistic creations inspired by spring. In music we have been listening and responding to songs and accompanying songs with percussion instruments. We have also baked rice krispie buns, pancakes and made ice cream with 6th class.





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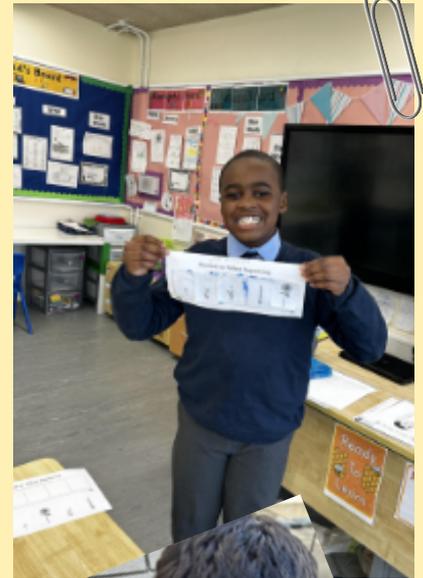
Ms Craven

Outside of our learning, we have been attending swimming lessons in Inspire Fitness Centre. We really love this experience and we have made super progress in our swimming. We all are now swimming in the big pool.

We also have enjoyed attending school assemblies and going on small trips to the shop, playground and for walks. We recently all joined the Cabra Library and every second week have gone to the library to take out and return books. After the library we have even taken the bus back to school or popped into Insomnia for a small treat! For all our amazing work we are going to ship shape to celebrate our success this term.

Another great success for our students is that all of the students in the Rainbow Class have been attending mainstream classes and they are doing amazing work with their peers.

A huge well done to all the students in the Rainbow Class this term. You have all been fantastic and I am so proud of you all. You all have made super progress, keep up the fantastic work!





THE SUPPORT TEAM

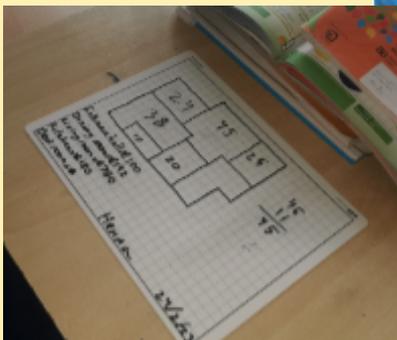
NEWSLETTER

Ms Wehrly & Ms Feeney

The Support Team can't believe that Term 2 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 and outings, lots of fun and of course much hard work.

Our team has expanded this term and we would like to welcome Ms Davidson, Ms Barry and Ms Gumuzio. Having these additional teachers has made such a difference to the children with whom they work. They have all been amazing, especially joining the school right before the Whole School Evaluation!

Ms Wehrly and Ms Feeney are so proud of all the children in 5th Oráiste and 6th Gorm. We have especially enjoyed seeing how much the children's maths' knowledge has grown as they have learned to work on different strategies and are now working on explaining and justifying their methods. We have just finished a block of Graded Reading in 6 th Gorm and we thoroughly enjoyed working with all the children in small groups and listening to their ideas and opinions.





RELIGION & ARABIC TEAM

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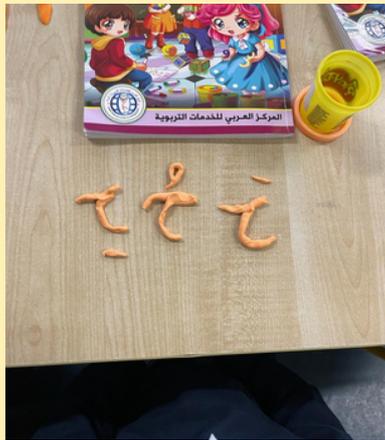
Ms Samira

Assalamu Alaikum and welcome to your second-term Newsletter!

This term I am excited to share some of the fun, engaging ideas for learning Arabic that have been happening in Junior and Senior classes. Every Monday and Tuesday in Arabic Classes the children engage in conversational skills at their level like how to welcome others and how to introduce themselves to others.

The children learn about Arabic Alphabet by using playdoh! and spending more time using whiteboards to check their spelling and learning Arabic letters with their harakat. Their successes are celebrated when they achieve new skills. As well as that, we have been using Alphabet puzzles to help them learn their Arabic alphabet.

As a whole, the more playful approach to teaching has been highly successful in Junior and Senior infants and has made for some very fun and engaging lessons.





SPORTS IN NDMNS

NEWSLETTER

Ms Nugent

The boys and girls represented the school this term in two school blitzes played at DIT Grangegorman and Inspire Fitness, Cabra.

The students represented the school very well and performed excellently on both days. The girls' and boys' won the competition outright and won all their games against their competitors: St. Gabriel's and St. Mary's. There was great teamwork and excellent skill demonstrated by all!

It is great to see the training has paid off and we look forward to some more matches hopefully at the end of April/May.

Unfortunately our athletics had to be postponed due to the adverse weather last week. We hope to attend the next race on May 4th in Ringsend.

Well done on a very sporting term 2 everyone! Kind regards.
Ms. Nugent

