



# Scoil Iognáid de Rís

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## 5 Key Elements of Our Charter

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Nurturing faith,  
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Promoting  
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Excelling in  
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Creating a  
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Community

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## Vision

Promoting full personal and  
social development in caring  
Christian communities of  
learning and teaching.

## Mission

To provide Catholic  
education in the Edmund  
Rice tradition.

**Minister for Education  
Norma Foley visits us.**

**Dates for your diary,  
including School Tour.**

**And so much more...  
don't miss out.**

# Fáilte



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our second term as always was busy with trips, projects, sporting events, competitions and extra-curricular activities. Pride of place goes to our 6th class boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March in St. Mary's Cathedral.

A special word for our 2nd class boys who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, last, 28<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to your First Holy Communion Day on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in St. Mary's Cathedral.

We were delighted to welcome Minister for Education, Norma Foley to our school on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. Minister Foley spoke very highly of our school and welcomed our change of status and opening of an Autism Class. Exciting times ahead.

As always, a word of thanks to you, the parents of the boys for your continued support of our school. In particular, a word of appreciation for our Board of Management and Parents' Association for their commitment to the school.

We are very fortunate to have a hard working and dedicated staff, who want nothing but the best for all of the pupils in their care. We look forward to working with the boys in Term 3 and a return to school trips, Sports Day, Edmund Rice Day and so much more!

We hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of some of the work that takes place in our school. On behalf of the staff and myself I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the boys and their families a very Happy Easter.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Niall Bergin,  
Principal.



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## Confirmation



Congratulations to the twenty-nine 6th class pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. It was wonderful to have newly appointed Bishop Niall Coll celebrate the Sacrament.



Our appreciation to Ms. Brennan, Ms. Minogue and Ms. Lawlor for doing such a wonderful job in preparing the boys for their big day. You can see some of the fantastic artwork below.



Thanks also to Mrs. Bolger and John O'Neill for adding so much to the ceremony with the beautiful music. It was wonderful to have our school choir back in action.



We are indebted to Tom in the office, for performing minor miracles with the booklet and so much more!

A word of thanks to Fr. Scriven and Sr. Maria for their help in preparing the boys for their special day. We count ourselves lucky to have them working with our school. Fr. Scriven has been particularly busy as the Diocese of Ossory welcomed a new bishop, Bishop Niall Coll. We were delighted to have school representation at Bishop Niall's ordination. We wish Bishop Niall every success as he starts out his journey in Ossory.

Most importantly, well done boys. We are very proud of each one of you and we hope you will look back on your Confirmation Day with fond memories.





## Minister for Education visits C.B.S.

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The *Céad Míle Fáilte* continued when the Minister was met by the Student Council as she made her way to Room 2 where she was introduced to 2nd Class. Ms. Moloney, Ms. Larkin and Ms. Delaney were delighted that she called to their classroom and the boys sang for her 'Circle of Friends' demonstrating their singing and also the interactive panels and technology which is now part and parcel of every classroom in the school.



Walking along the corridor the Minister commented on the variety of artwork that adorned the walls: pictures of Spring, history projects and so much more.



Ms. Brennan's 5th/6th class welcomed the Minister next. The boys showed off their musical ability playing the ukulele. Explaining that the school was benefiting from the school programme, Music Generation Kilkenny, the boys entertained the Minister with the tune 'Shooting Stars'.





Continuing the visit, the Minister met Ms. Bolger's class in Room 12. There the Minister was assured of her welcome when the boys sang *Consider Yourself* from Oliver. She certainly made herself at home as she talked to the boys about the Accelerated Reading Programme in the school. The boys talked to her about their choice of books which include a wide range of novels to books on Irish History. Reminding the boys that Saturday was Ireland Reads Day and with World Book Day fast approaching she encouraged the boys to read as much as they could and spoke about her own love of reading.



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how many countries she had visited; Richard asked if she liked her job; Tomas asked what the best part of her job was. When asked if she like hurling or played camogie she commented that she used to play basketball.

The Minister then went out to the hurling field where she observed the hurling which was in full swing: needless to say, the boys continued with their hurling...priorities!



The Minister returned to the Hall where she was offered a cup of tea as her visit came to an end. The Student Council explained the various displays to the Minister: their own notice board, the Amber Flag display, Green School noticeboard and the display dedicated to the Soccer World Cup.





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The Minister then went out to the hurling field where she observed the boys which was to find out if they needed to play. The boys continued to play and the Minister returned to the hall where she was offered a cup of tea as her visit came to an end. The Minister thanked the boys for their display to the Minister, the Amber flag display, Green School noticeboard and the Soccer World Cup.

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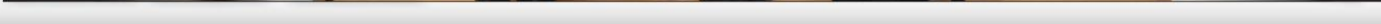
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# Memorable day for CBS as Minister Foley announces school's Autism Class on visit

**Historical: First visit by Minister for Education in school history coincides with details of new autism class for September '23**

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The Minister called into the classrooms during her visit

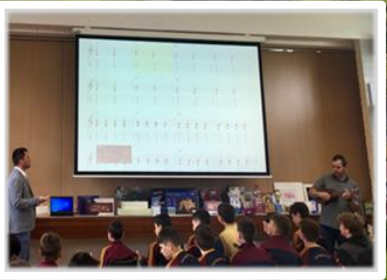


The Student Council in conversation with the Minister



For more information, contact the  
school or check out our school website.

**Autism Class** starting in September.



**Welcoming Junior Infant Girls  
and Boys from September 2023.**



We will continue to offer places  
to 2nd to 6th class boys.

Enquiries to [office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](mailto:office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie) or (056) 7761739



## Junior Infants

As you are aware we will be welcoming Junior Infant boys and girls to our school in September 2023. We are delighted to inform you that we have a full class. We will be in contact with parents of the infant children early in Term 3. Currently, we are busily preparing for our bright new future.



## First Penance/First Holy Communion



Last Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, our 2nd class boys celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations boys and a huge word of thanks to Mrs. Moloney for preparing the boys so well. We look forward with anticipation to your First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

A special word of thanks to you, the parents of the boys for your commitment to the parish programme which involves attending monthly masses. As always, thanks to Fr. Scriven and Sr. Maria for their invaluable support and kindness shown to the boys. It is very much appreciated by us all.

## Parents' Association

The C.B.S. Primary Parents' Association are organising a Snack & Browse morning for Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, to assist the school in raising funds to support with the transition to a co-educational school in September 2023. More details will be provided closer to the time.

A huge word of thanks to our Parents' Association members for everything they do for the school. Thanks also to you, the parents of the boys, for your contributions. Everything is greatly appreciated.

As always, our Parents' Association welcome new members. If you would like to join, please email [pa@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](mailto:pa@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie)



## School Trip

We are delighted that school trips are back on the cards! Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will be going to UL Adventure Centre in Killaloe.

- The school tour for **Rooms 4, 7, 8 and 12** will take place on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The school tour for **Rooms 1, 6 and 9** will take place on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

A reminder that it isn't too late to place a deposit to secure your son's place on the trip. The cost of the trip is €57 and can be paid online (Aladdin) or handed in to Tom in the office.

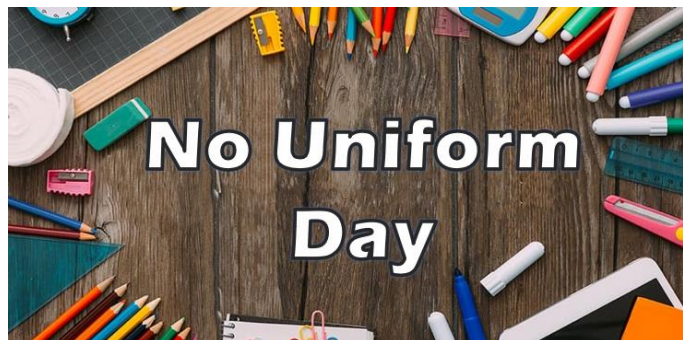
Our school tour for 2nd class will take place on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The classes will be going to the Lets Go Camp in the Kingfisher Club, Waterford. The overall cost of the tour will be €43.





## No Uniform Day

Our school organised a No Uniform Day for Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund. It was a great success and with your help the school raised €518.



## Easons Spelling Bee

Congratulations to 6th class pupil, Daniel Tuohy, who won the County Kilkenny Eason Spelling Bee Competition on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are extremely proud of Daniel's achievements. Daniel will now represent Kilkenny in the Leinster Competition.



## Seachtain Na Gaeilge

### Craic sa Halla

It was wonderful to be able to gather again as a full school for our Craic sa Halla at the end of our Lá Glas to end our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations. During Seachtain na Gaeilge classes had inter class table quizzes "Tráth na gCeist" and thank you to our SET teachers for acting as quizmasters.

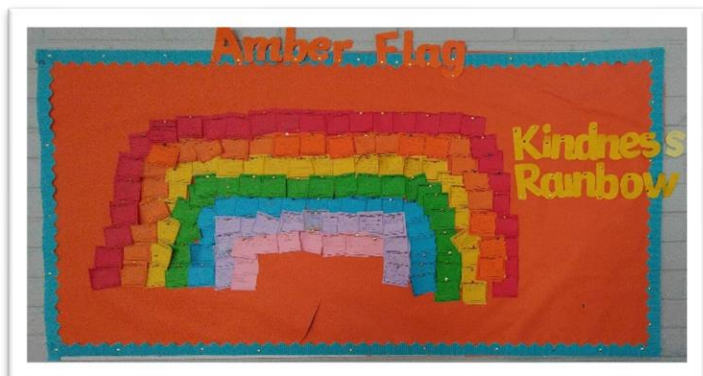
For our Craic sa Halla there was a great colour on show along with lots of enthusiasm for our native language. 2nd and 5th class started us with a fantastic Haka as Gaeilge, a number of classes made use of their ukelele lessons with Seomra 7 singing 'Shotgun' as Gaeilge. Seomra 6 Oró sé do bheatha bhaile agus Seomra 1 'Wake me up' as Gaeilge. Seomra 9 performed a poem and a short Siege of Ennis, Leos from Room 12 performed an amazing pre-open reel and joined the rest of his class for Ag canadh sa bháisteach and finally our Rang a trí performed Faoi na soilse, Coldplay's 'Sky full of Stars' with Mr. Leahy joining them on the guitar. Well done to all involved.





## Amber Flag

This year our Amber Flag team will be looking to go bigger and better to create awareness and promote positive mental health for our school community!



## Green Flag

Over the next two years we will be working towards our sixth Green Flag. The theme will be Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. We look forward to the challenge that lies ahead and our efforts to make our locality a better cleaner place. We all have a part to play however small and our combined efforts do make a difference. You may ask what can we do?

Here are a few tips from our Green Committee:

- Use refillable flasks, bottles and lunchboxes.
- Reuse bags for shopping trips.
- Bring unwanted items such as clothes and batteries to recycling banks.

And remember REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE, whenever possible.

On a final note, on behalf of the green school committee and I, can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Easter and remember: **STAY GREEN.**

*Miss Boyle and all the Green Schools Committee.*



## Student Council



Our Student Council are very enthusiastic and have lots of ideas how to enrich the experience of the students of the C.B.S. They have created a mission statement to focus their work for the year ahead.

### Mission Statement

- We want to make our school the best it can be.
- We will listen to the pupils and be a voice for them.
- We want to promote the interest of all students and encourage everyone to get involved in our developing projects.
- We want to build good relationships between all members of the school and local community.
- We will be there to help everyone in the school and ensure everyone is treated equally and fairly.
- We want everyone to be ok with who they are and being proud of what makes them different.

## Accelerated Reading Programme



The AR Programme is proving to be very popular throughout the school. Every pupil spends 15 minutes each day reading individual books at the pupil's own level and is asked to read for a minimum of 15 minutes each night.

At our whole school assemblies, we celebrate the progress made by all. In Term 3 we will be launching an AR raffle competition for the boys.



## Hurling

Our school U13 hurling team are up and running. The boys have played three matches to date against Kilmanagh NS, Goresbridge/Paulstown NS and St. John's NS. We are delighted to inform you that the team has recorded three victories. As a result, the team is looking forward to a quarter final after the Easter break. Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class have an opportunity to improve their hurling skill on Mondays and Wednesdays after school in the field. The U11 hurling competition will begin in the coming weeks.

It is wonderful to see so many boys out in our school field every day at lunch time playing hurling. Hopefully, the weather will improve soon, and pupils can go the field at lunch times.



*Winners of a recent Accelerated Reading competition.*

## Dicksboro G.A.A.

We are extremely grateful to Dicksboro G.A.A. Club for supporting our school. Every Friday, Philly Champion, Games Promotion Officer for Dicksboro, calls to our school to coach all of our pupils. This has proven to be a huge hit and the pupils look forward to their coaching lesson every Friday. The boys have been working on their football skills since September.





## FAI Soccer Tournament

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March C.B.S. entered a schools soccer tournament in Evergreen F.C. park. We brought three teams of eight and Mr. Cunniffe ran trials in the school field to see who to bring. We left C.B.S. around 9.30am. We brought our boots/astros, shin pads and lunch. When we arrived, we were put into a dressing room to get ready. The first match including C.B.S. teams was CBS 1 vs St. Patrick's de La Salle 2. CBS 1 came out as winners, the score was 8:2.



CBS 3 were up next against de La Salle 1 and lost but they played well. CBS 2 were up against St. Canice's 1 in their first match. They were up against a strong St. Canice's team and lost. After all the first round of matches were over, we had lunch and got to talk to other schools and watch other matches. Each team got to play two more matches each, with CBS 1 winning them both, CBS 2 getting a draw and a narrow loss meaning they were out of the tournament, and CBS 3 playing well but losing out.

So now there was only CBS 1 remaining. CBS 1 would now be in the final versus St. Patrick's de La Salle and Callan. The other CBS teams got to take a break and watch the finals. In the final every team would play each other once and the team with the most wins would win the tournament. CBS 1 would play Callan 1 in the first round of the final. Callan would score first but then JJ Cahill would score to make it 1:1. After great defending and amazing saves by Pablo Collado, Callan got a goal with seconds to go, to make it 2:1. C.B.S. would lose to Callan.

St. Patrick's would play Callan and it would end 1:1. C.B.S. would then play St. Patrick's and draw 1:1. So in the end C.B.S. would come 3<sup>rd</sup> place. It was a very fun day overall and an amazing experience. Thank you to all the teachers involved and parents for driving us. Thanks.

*By JJ Cahill and Pablo Collado*





## Extra Curricular Activities

Term 2 of our Extra Curricular Activities Programme is finishing this month. Extra-Curricular Activities are hugely popular in our school, and we are very happy with the wide variety of activities available in our school.

A brochure for the next term of Extra Curricular activities will be sent out in the near future. More details to follow.



We are thrilled to be in a position to offer such a wide range of extra curricular activities in our school.

## Arts & Crafts Club

Arts and Crafts Club is always bustling with activity. Members practise their fine motor skills through cutting, sticking, drawing, colouring, and painting. The club looked at origami bookmarks, drawing facial features for self-portraits, painting woodland scenes, St. Patrick's Day cards, fire breathing dragons and recreating a Piet Mondrian art piece. We explore our creativity and help each other when we find something challenging.



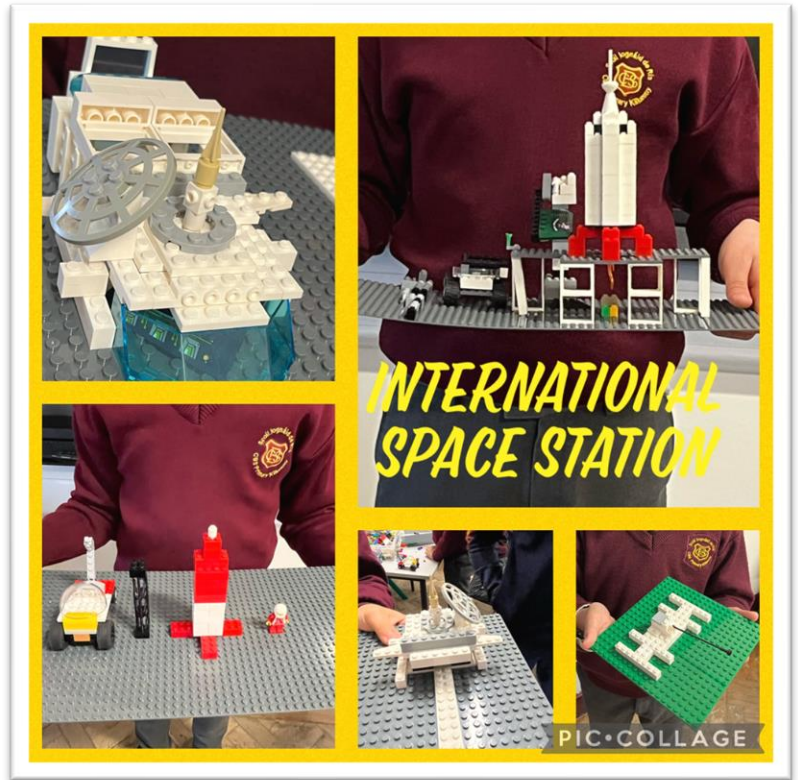


## Lego Construction Club

Construction Club members have just finished another term where they constructed some amazing builds. We explored the International Space Station (ISS) and were so inspired we designed our own Space Stations. You could say some were out of this world!!

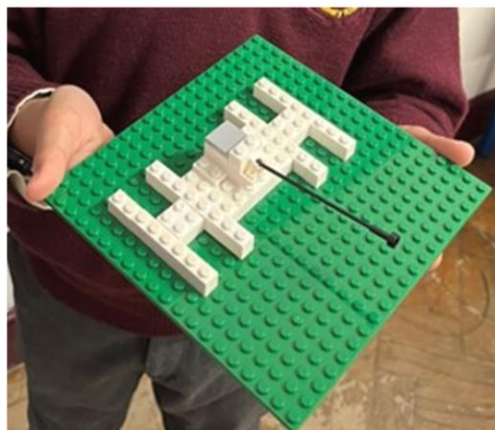
We discovered some interesting facts about the ISS. Did you know:

- At bedtime astronauts sleep strapped inside sleeping bags stuck to the wall so they do not float while sleeping.
- Also, they eat dried food from pouches, as crumbs would ruin the extremely important equipment.
- Former commander of the International Space Station, Chris Hadfield tweeted a photo of Dublin from the space station in 2013. He was the first person to tweet as Gaeilge from space - Tá Éire fíorálainn!

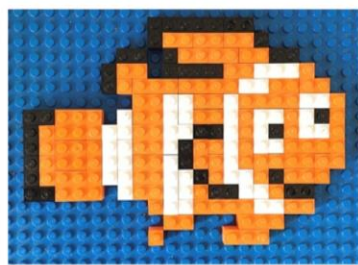
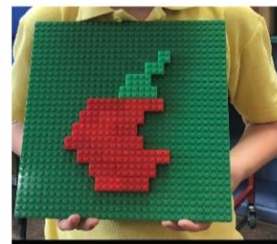
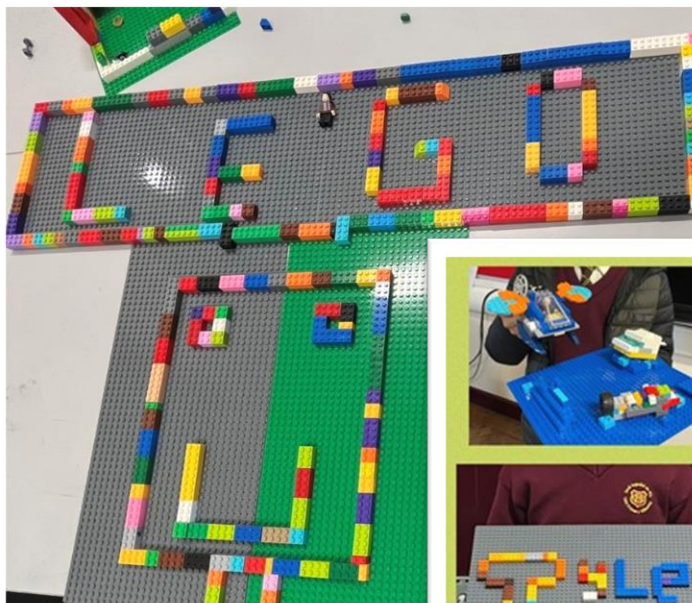


The International Space Station can be viewed passing over Kilkenny, see [link](#) which will give you the times.

Other themes explored this term were pyramids, where we included hidden treasures and traps. We were also Irish lords during the Norman invasion, where we designed defence systems to protect our castles.

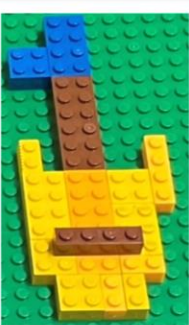






Throughout all sessions, members will strengthen mathematical thinking, spatial intelligence, hand eye co-ordination, fine motor skills, turn taking and problem solving.

Freeplay is also an important theme in our club. The creativity, diversity and imagination of the builds produced by members are exceptional and of a very high standard.





## Tennis

Sixteen boys from 2nd to 6th have been taking part in tennis lessons every Friday evening after school. The boys have been learning all of skills necessary to play the game of tennis.

The boys focused on a different shot or skill every week and took part in a number of mini games in order to work on each shot or skill. It was great to see the progress the boys made over the course of the lessons and we look forward to completing our final lesson of this term on the first Friday back after our Easter break.

## Leinster Primary Schools Tennis league

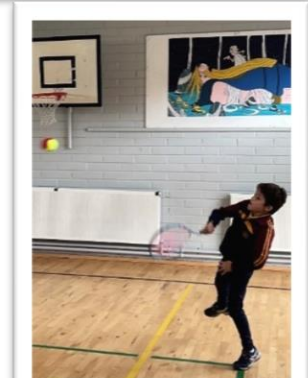
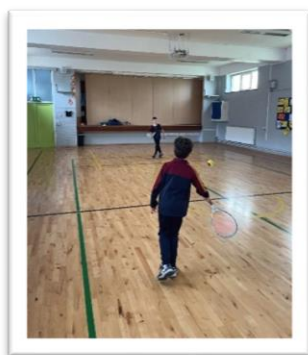


Nine boys from 4th to 6th class have been representing the school in the Leinster Primary Schools Tennis league this term.

The boys have made a very positive start to their campaign. The boys lost a very competitive fixture versus Gaelscoil Osraí in their first match. They then followed it up with a win in their second fixture versus Gaelscoil Ceatharlach. The boys will play their third and final group game against St. Patrick's De La Salle after the Easter break where a win could see them through to the knockout stages.

Well done to the boys for representing the school so well and the very best of luck to them in the remainder of the competition.

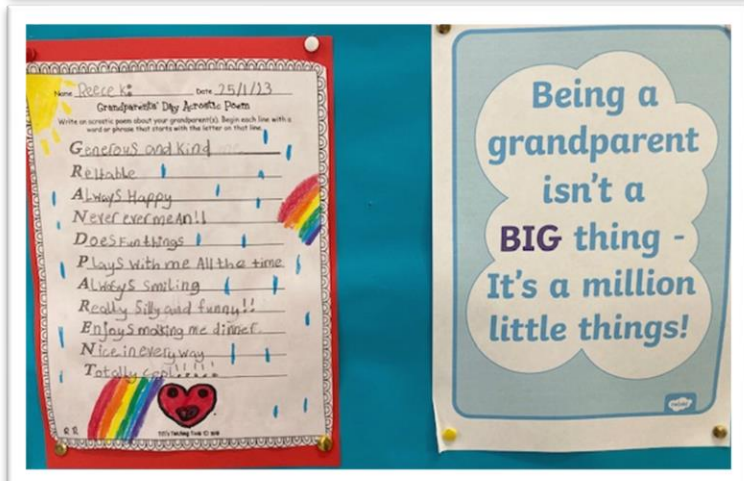
A huge word of thanks to Kilkenny tennis club for the use of their facilities for the competition.





## Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class

Room 2 had a very busy term with lots of exciting visitors to our room this term! We celebrated Catholic Schools Week and composed acrostic poems about our grandparents.



To celebrate the Chinese New Year, we made very colourful dragons.



We really enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge with a very exciting Tráth na gCeist with the boys from third class. Mrs. Larkin was our quizmaster and we really enjoyed using all our Irish phrases. We also enjoyed our Craic sa Halla where we sang the Hocaí Pocaí and we danced the Haka as Gaeilge with the boys from 5th class and enjoyed watching all the fantastic songs from all the other classes. We had great fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day all gléasta suas in our green.



For World Book Day several boys brought in their potato characters based on book characters.



Dogman



Hero Bryan



In Art we made beautiful pottery and painted it for Mother's Day. We are enjoying our Weaving Wellbeing programme and are learning all about our Character strengths and how we can use them every day to feel our very best!



This term we have also been swimming in the Watershed and are enjoying all the fun in the pool.



We also continued with our Music Generation Programme with Mark and are playing lots of tunes using the boomwhackers, wooden blocks and our favourite-the Cajon drums!



Every Friday morning, we have fantastic fun filled Gaelic football and hurling sessions with Philly. We all look forward to lunchtime where we get a chance to practise all our hurling skills in the school field.

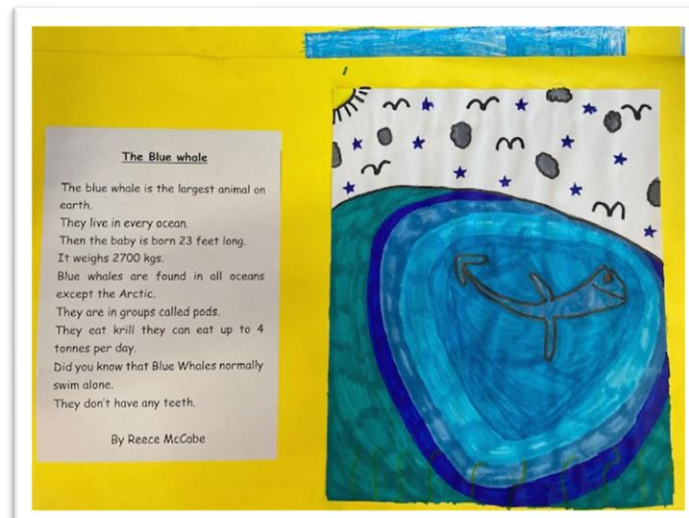
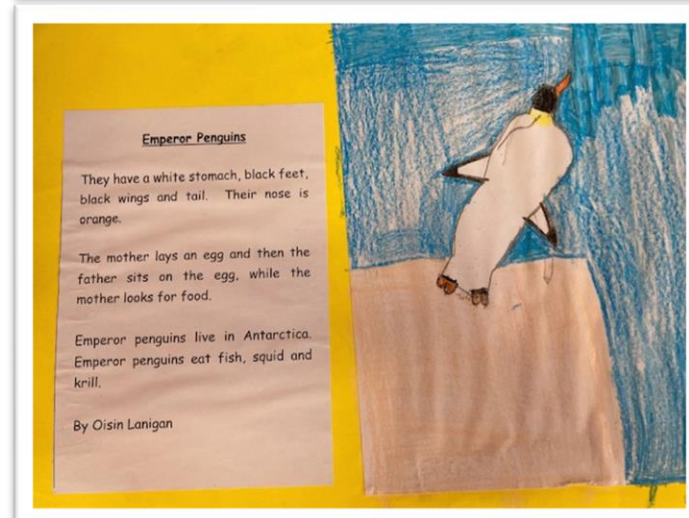




We also continue to be avid readers and are progressing very well with our Accelerated Readers. In class we are reading our novel Fantastic Mr. Fox. The boys from sixth class visited our classroom and we thoroughly enjoyed some Shared Reading using the amazing comic books which they wrote and illustrated themselves.



We produced two lovely projects on the chromebooks- 'All About Me' and 'Antarctic Animals'.





We were very lucky to have two very important visitors to our room this term. Minister Norma Foley visited our classroom, and we sang for her - she was very impressed by our wonderful questions!



Bishop Niall Coll also visited our room, and we had a lovely chat with him all about Zacchaeus and our Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Finally, a huge congratulation to the twenty-two boys from Room 2 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Tuesday night in St. Marys Cathedral. They were really fantastic and Fr. Scriven was very impressed with their lovely artwork for the occasion. We look forward to preparing for our First Holy Communion on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We are so lucky to have both Fr. Scriven and Sr. Maria to guide us on our way.

I'm sure the boys will enjoy a very well deserved break after such a busy term. Bain sult as na laethanta saoire!



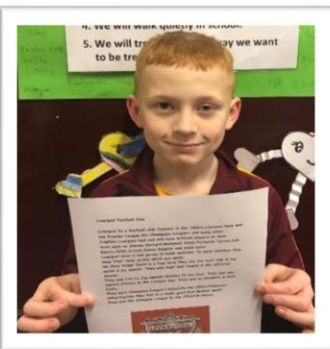


## Ms. Boyle's 3rd Class

Greetings to everyone from Room 4. It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of term 2 and almost winding down for our Easter Holidays. We have had an exceptionally busy second term and the boys have been learning lots of new things across the curriculum whilst fitting in some engaging and fun packed activities along the way.



The boys are continuing to use chromebooks this term and have typed some lovely pieces. Congratulations to Jack who won Writer of the Month this term for his great piece about Liverpool Football Club.



The boys are also enjoying learning lots of new Maths concepts and really enjoy learning their tables in a fun way using the interactive whiteboard.



Room 4 was out and about this term on a nature walk exploring flora and fauna in our locality and the boys were delighted with their findings. We saw beautiful snowdrops, daffodils, primroses, a beautiful swan and even a rabbit burrow!! We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful town steeped in history and nature alike.



Spring



The boys started hurling training on Fridays this term with our coach Philly and it's definitely the highlight of each Friday. A massive thank you to Philly for his continued dedication and hard work with the boys.



Some of the class have been enjoying hurling training every Monday and Wednesday after school also and their skills are improving steadily. They also get to put their skills into practice with a game at the end of each session. Well done to all and keep up the great work.



Term 2 also saw the commencement of our swimming sessions every Thursday morning in the Watershed which is enjoyed immensely by the boys. We look forward to more swimming fun in term 3.



In March, we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and the boys had great craic taking part in an Irish Quiz with the Room 2 pupils. It was a great hit with everyone. Well done to our winning team: Raymond and Kayden from Room 4 and Cody and Sydney Room 2. Maith sibh go léir a bhuachaillí!!!



We also enjoyed our 'Green Day' on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March in the Hall as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. We were treated to wonderful performances as Gaeilge by every class. The pupils from Room 4 and Room 8 gave a mighty performance of 'Faoi na Soilse' by Coldplay using percussion instruments and they truly did a splendid job.



Music generation continued throughout Term 2 with Mark and the boys are thoroughly enjoying using all the percussion instruments.







The above was just a small taste of what we have been up to in Room 4 this term and as you can see, we are indeed busy bees.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, safe and well-earned break.

*From Miss Boyle and all the boys in Room 4*

**Happy Easter Everyone!!**





## Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

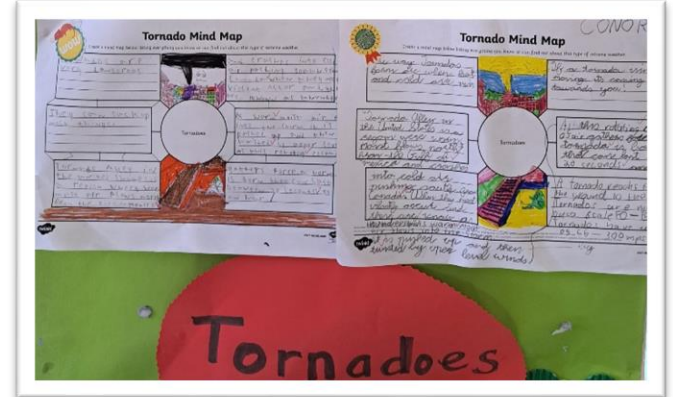
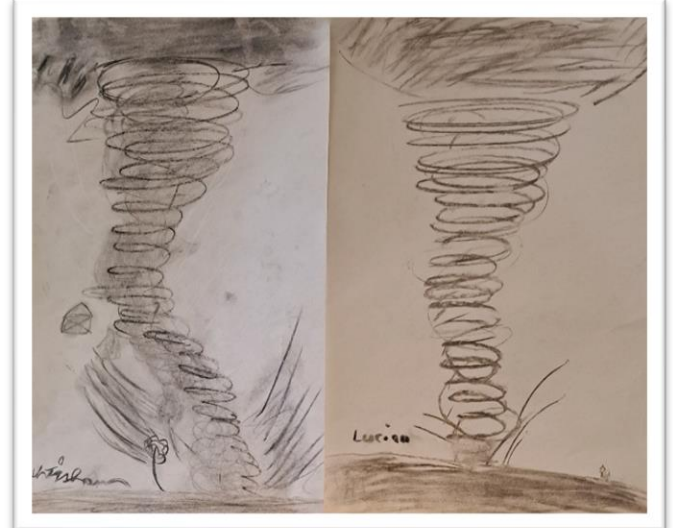
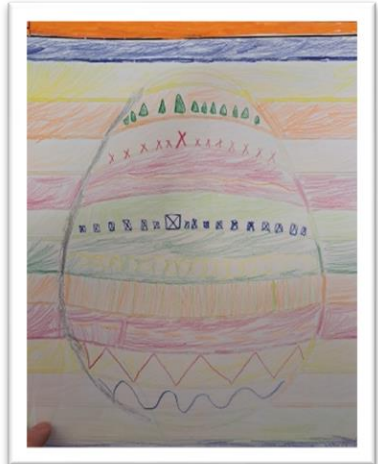
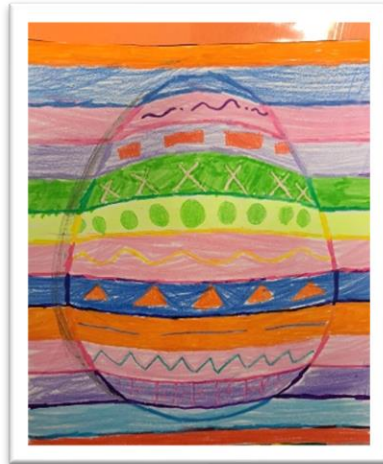
Hi everyone, welcome back to the Wonderful World of Room 8 and our amazing exploits. We have been very busy since you heard from us last.

Our Art endeavours have been through the roof over the past few weeks. We learned all about a famous artist called Romero Britto and then took on the challenge of creating our own painting inspired by him. It involved some fun techniques including printing and blocking as well as painting. We also used fabrics to create the patterned sections. Here are some samples of our work:





For Easter Art we created 3D Easter eggs using perspective and shading. We think they turned out really well. We hope you like them:

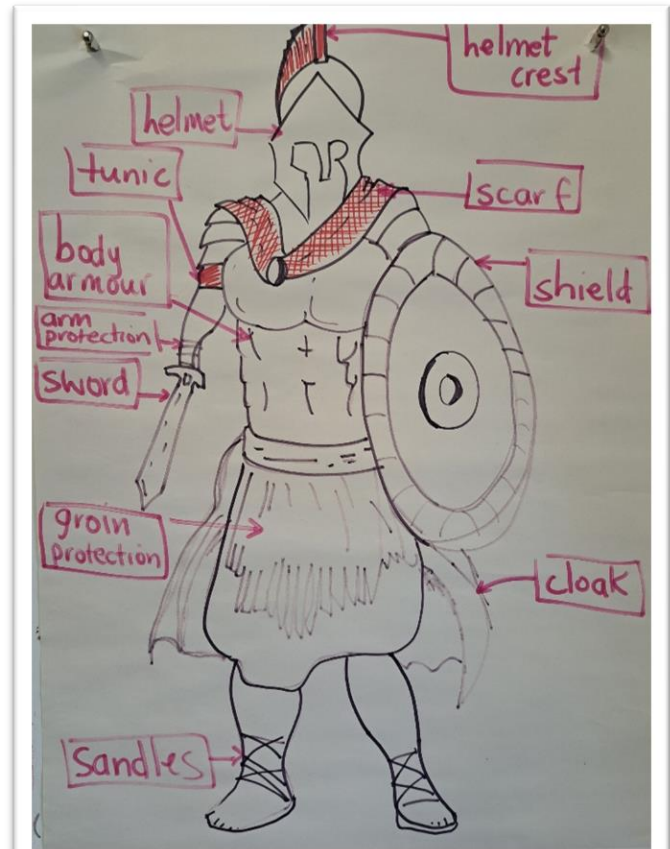


In Geography we delved into Weather. We learned about Weather Lore and some of the old saying people used to predict weather. Some of our favourites include 'When the swallows fly high, the weather will be dry' and 'If it rains before 7, it'll be dry by 11'.

We then took a closer look at extreme weather and focused on Tornadoes. We learned about how they form, how Tornado Alley sees more tornadoes than anywhere else in the world and how global warming is leading to more tornadoes. We watched clips of Tornadoes, listened to interviews by Tornado chasers and survivors.

We created Mind maps to document our learning and even used charcoal to draw them.

In History, the Romans was our topic of choice. As well as looking at the origins of Rome and daily life we focused on the life of a Roman soldier, their training and equipment.





In PE, we were lucky to have 6 weeks of Swimming lessons in the Watershed. We got the bus up every Thursday morning. It was so much fun, and our swimming greatly improved. When that finished, we moved on to learning how to play Rounders in the field and worked on our Fundamental Movement Skill of 'Striking with the Hand'.



our second novel of the year. Our writing genre has been procedural writing which is ongoing. So far, we have written about 'How to make our favourite sandwich' and 'How to make a cup of tea'. We are looking forward to typing one up using our chromebooks. We have really enjoyed a new website called GetEpic which Mr. Leahy introduced us to. We are able to log in and read lots more free books online.

We also enjoyed a Nature walk where we brought the iPads and took photos of our local environment and the beautiful things it has to offer.



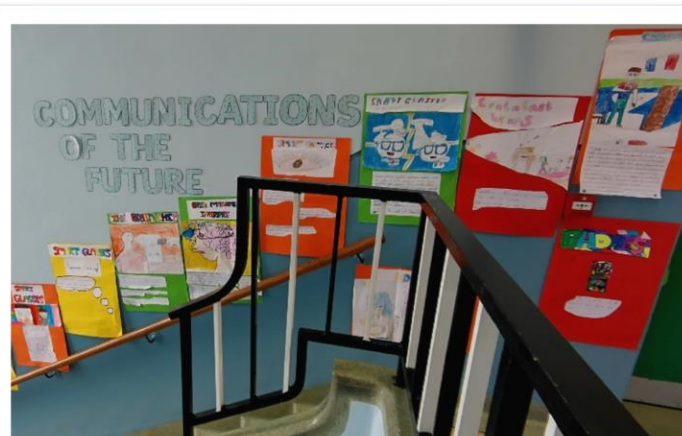
We have been working really hard on improving our cursive handwriting and so when Mr. Leahy told us we would be doing a Science Project entitled 'Communications of the Future' we felt this was a great opportunity to showcase our handwriting to the rest of the school. The projects centred around advances in technology that will change the way we communicate in the future. Congratulations to Conor and Ahtisham who won cinema vouchers for their efforts.

In Oral Language we have started a weekly Class Debate on a Friday evening. We learned all about the rules by which a debate is carried out first and the order of events. Our motions so far have been:

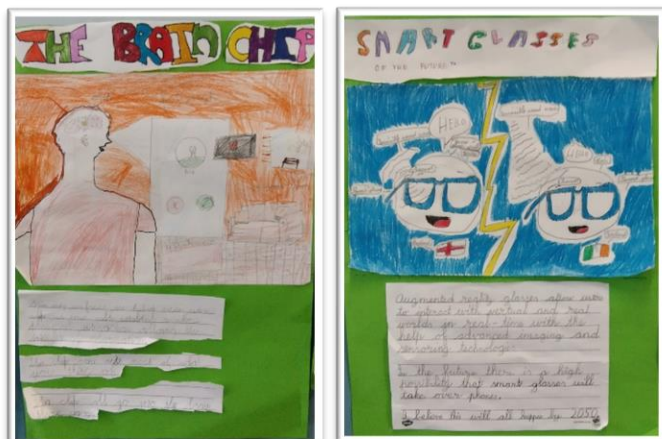
- Is digital technology making children's lives better?
- Books are better than television.

It has really helped us with skills like listening, teamwork, public speaking and expressing ourselves clearly.

In English we have been hard at work in many areas. We have nearly finished Stanley by Peter Gunning:







In Irish apart from practicing really hard for our performance of 'A sky full of Stars' by Coldplay as Gaeilge, which you can watch by following this [link](#).

We also worked on writing an Irish story entitled 'Bréithlál'.

Below are more examples of the great work done by our class:



There's so much more to mention but we'll get around to that next time. Bye for now from all in Room 8, have a lovely Easter.





## Mrs. Bolger & Ms. Howell's 4th Class

We have had a busy start to 2023 in Room 12.

### Blast Programme

Our class was very lucky to have been selected to complete the Blast Programme. Jeremy has been working with our class over the past number of weeks. The boys have been taking part in drumming workshops. They also gathered recycled materials to make their own instruments. They have been using these to make music and play rhythms in the workshops.

### Ukulele

We are continuing to learn the Ukulele with Paul from Music Generation. We are learning 'Riptide', 'Shotgun', 'Demons', 'Shake it Off', 'Seven Nation Army' and the James Bond theme tune.



### Minister for Education Visit

The Minister for Education, Norma Foley, paid us a visit recently. The Student Council greeted Norma Foley as she arrived at the school. Raphael Dunne is our Student Council Representative.

We sang 'Consider Yourself' from the musical. Minister Foley gave us the night off homework. It was a very special and enjoyable occasion.





## Hurling

We have recently started hurling with Philly, our coach from Dicksboro. Everybody is making a great effort and enjoying learning new skills. It is great to be able to use the big pitch. We have so much space to play on the pitch and thoroughly enjoy it.



## Confirmation Choir

Well done to Mrs. Bolger and the Confirmation Choir who sang for the 6th class Confirmation last weekend. The boys worked very hard in preparation and did themselves and our school proud at the Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral. Well done and a big thank you to Raphael, Leos and David for representing our class.



## Station Teaching

Our class continues to do Maths Stations every Friday with Ms. Curran. We enjoy Maths group games, Maths activities and using the iPads to reinforce the topics we have been learning in class.

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Rinne na buachaillí sar iarracht le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana. Bhuaigh na buachaillí duaiseanna mar bhuaitheoirí i gComórtas Ealaíne agus Tráth na gCeist. Bhaineamar an-taithneamh as Craic sa Halla. Chanamar an t-amhrán, 'Ag Canadh sa Bháisteach' agus Rinne Leos damhsa Gaelic comh maith. Maith thú Leos. Bhí tú ar fheabhas.



## Artwork



Have a great Easter everyone, enjoy the break.  
Mrs. Bolger and Ms. Howell's 4th Class, Room 12.



## Mrs. Ryan's 4th Class

The boys in Room 9 have enjoyed a wide variety of activities this term.

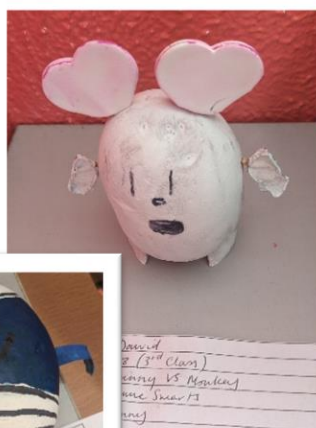
### World Book Day Celebrations

Ahead of World Book Day we took a trip to Khans Books to get our free book with our World Book Day voucher. On the Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March we brought pillows and cushions to school. After lunch we pushed back all the desks in the classroom so we could sit down/lie down on our cushions and have 45 minutes reading time. We also listened to the World Book Day song and created lists of characters we love.

*By Mikey and Nathan K.*



Character's Name: Dogman  
Author of book: Dav Pilkey



Character's Name: (3<sup>rd</sup> Class)  
Author: V.S. Pignatelli  
Author of book: (unclear)



*Winners in the "My Spud has Character" competition.*

### Ukelele lessons with Paul

Ukelele is a small instrument like a guitar, there can be different colours like red, green, blue, yellow and orange. Since our first session with Paul we have learned three songs and four chords.



Some of the songs we have learned are 'Demons', 'Shake it off' and 'Shotgun'. The four chords we have learned are C, A minor, F and G. We are currently learning the song 'Riptide'. We also started playing tabs and have worked on the James Bond theme and 'Seven Nation Army' by the White Stripes.

*by Jordan and Hrimaan*

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a chain of events that happened at the start of March. As part of P.E., we learned some basic Irish dancing steps and the Siege of Ennis ceílí dance. We also worked on a poem "Cad é atá istigh sa veain?" and prepared to perform it in front of the school.





We were also paired up with 5th class for an Irish table quiz in the Hall. There 32 questions in the Tráth na gCeist and whoever got the most correct won a prize.



On our Lá Glas we wore green clothes and gathered everyone in the Hall and performed for each other.



*by Daniel and Alex M.*

## Drumming session for BLAST Programme with Jeremy Hickey

Room 9 and Room 12 are taking part in the Bringing Live Artists to Students and Teachers programme.

Jeremy Hickey is a local percussion expert who is facilitating the classes. We used Jeremy's drums and percussion instruments to work on rhythms using the rhymes "Dublin, Kilkenny", "Hey I want some" and "One two three have a cup of tea".

In a classroom session we created our own instruments using recycled materials filled with chickpeas, red lentils, rice and kidney beans to create instruments with hard and soft sounds. We are hoping to have a short performance for younger classes at the end of the project.

*By Lateef and Dylan*

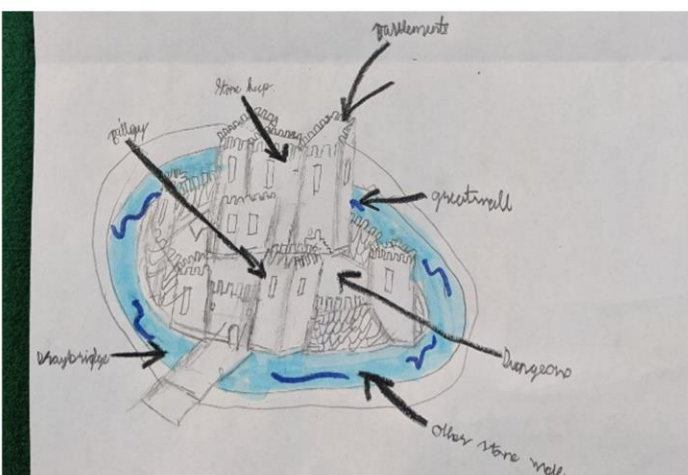
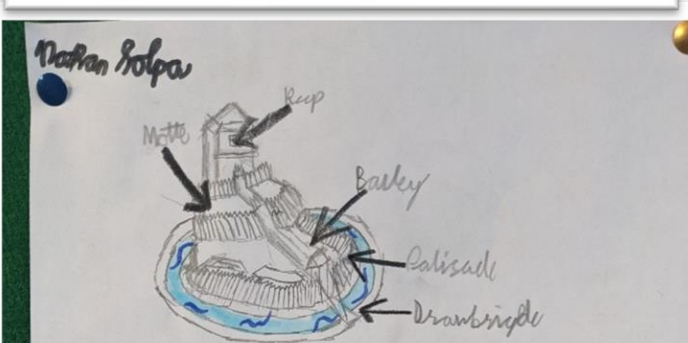




## The Normans and our collaborated Norman Castles

As part of our History lesson, we have been learning about the Normans and their Motte and Bailey castles. We prepared labelled diagrams of differences between the wooden and the stone Motte and Bailey. As part of our construction in Art we created our own castles with a partner created from cardboard. We opened our cardboard boxes and started to cut inside the boxes to build and design how we wanted our castles to look. As you can see, we created a wide variety of castles.

*by Maks and Ovenas*



## Artists who inspired Art in Room 9

We learned about Edvard Munch and looked at a painting called "The Scream" which is set on a beach boardwalk at sunset. It was fun to draw "The Scream" we used chalk pastels to colour it in. We also learned about Kandinsky and his "Concentric Circles", we divided a page in 6 and then we did circles in chalk pastels, it was fun colouring the circles and smudging the pastels. We also created painted versions of the "Concentric Circles" using primary colours.

*by Nathan B. and Anu*





## Ms. Cantwell's 5th Class

### Ukulele

This term in ukulele we learned lots of things. We learned how to play the songs 'Shotgun', 'Paradise', 'Counting Stars', 'Over the Rainbow' and 'Toxic'. We also did tabs which we used to play '7 nations army', the James Bond theme tune and 'Happy Birthday'. My personal favourite was Toxic because I think it is a good song.

During Seachtain na Gaeilge, some of our class played the ukulele for our performance of 'Shotgun' in Irish. Every Tuesday people are excited when Paul from Music Generation comes in because we want to learn new songs. Everybody loves ukulele and Paul makes it even better because if somebody is stuck on something he will listen and then help that person. We have so much fun during ukulele lessons.

*By Michael*

### Visit to the Library

Our class and Room 6 went on a visit to Kilkenny City Library where we met Helena Duggan. Helena Duggan is a very famous author. She is the author of the 'Light Thieves', 'A Place Called Perfect', 'The Trouble with Perfect', 'Battle for Perfect' and more to come. We asked her questions about her books, and she told us some interesting facts about her life. Helena told us what she used as inspiration, and she told us about her favourite pair of glasses she wears. She read a chapter from her book for us too. Finally, before we went back to school, they gave us a special Light Thieves bookmark.



*By Azlan, Toni and Olivier*

### Literacy And Math Stations

Every Tuesday and Thursday during January and February we had Literacy Stations with Mr. Reidy, Mrs. Larkin and Ms. Cantwell. We would circulate around the room from one teacher to the next.

We read fiction and non-fiction stories with Mr. Reidy and answered questions about them. At Mrs. Larkin's station we did some persuasive oral language activities like debates. We played some spelling games and did persuasive writing with Ms. Cantwell.

On Wednesdays we do Maths Stations, and the teachers circulate around the room to each group.

This term when Mr. Reidy came to the table, we did some multiplication and division equations with dice and mini whiteboards. We also practised using calculators. For Ms. Cantwell's station, we made tangrams, completed money problem-solving challenges together and played a board game called Mathopoly.

When no teacher is at the table it means that you do independent work. We usually complete a worksheet based on the topic and use the iPads to play the maths game assigned for that week.

Each month the activities change, and we focus on a new topic.

*By Max and Jakub*





## Sprocket Rocket

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 Sprocket Rocket came to C.B.S. Primary Kilkenny. 5th and 6th class did cycling for four weeks and it was really fun! The class was split in half each week. One half would cycle first, and the other half would play football. Then the groups would swap over so that everybody had 30 minutes of cycling.

The C.B.S. Secondary fourth year students came to our school every Thursday to teach us how to cycle. Some of our classmates learned how to cycle for the first time during the lessons.

Some of the cycling games we played with the fourth-year students were Stuck in the Mud, Traffic Light and The Slow Race.

We would also cycle a lap of the field if it was dry. If Sprocket Rocket came back to C.B.S., we would be really happy because it was so fun!

*By Jack, Nathan and Arsenijs*



## Hurling

Today we are talking about hurling over the past term. On Fridays we have hurling with Philly. We normally practise our ground hurling and play a few different games such as The Croker Run, King of the Ring and Bib Tag. It is great that Philly comes to our school and gets us all outside to play hurling.

We also have a school hurling team. The U13 team have won against Kilmanagh, Goresbridge/ Paulstown and St. John's N.S. this term. We are looking forward to the rest of our hurling in Term 3.

*By Dan, Kyle and Evan*





### Seachtain Na Gaeilge & Lá Glas

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place in our school from the 8th-15th of March. During that week, our teacher, Ms. Cantwell, told us we were going to practise singing ‘Shotgun’ in Irish for the next few days. We also practised the Haka Gaelach. For the Haka Gaelach, the leader would say the action in Irish and then the rest of the class copy the action and repeat what the leader said.

When ‘Lá Glas’ came around on March 15th, the whole school went into the P.E. Hall to perform. When it was our turn, we did the Haka Gaelach first. Our class were the leaders and the 2nd class pupils copied. Then we performed ‘Shotgun’ in Irish. A little more than half the class sang while ten of us played the ukulele. After we had finished our performance, we watched the rest of the classes perform.

We also did a ‘Tráth na gCeist’ with Room 9 in the Hall during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Each team had a mixture of pupils from Room 7 and Room 9. We had great fun working together and there were prizes for the teams who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the quiz.

*By Connor, Jim and Dylan*



**& Lá Glas**

### Term 2 Artwork

We are going to explain some of the artwork we completed this term. In January we painted a winter sunset. We made shades of bright colours in the sky with a snowy blue landscape in the middle and a viewing point. We also made a silhouette of a tree and fence with black paint.



In February, we made a Valentine’s Day page saying L-O-V-E. First, we cut out the letters of L-O-V-E and used blu tac to stick the letters on a page. We used paint and sponges to colour the page. Then, we took off the letters and left the outline of L—O—V—E.



At the end of February, we started an animal collage. First of all, we painted four A4 sheets into any colours we wanted. Then, we ripped the sheets into strips with our rulers and glued the ripped pieces of paper on an A3 sheet.

When we were done, we had three options of which animal face we wanted to create. We had a choice of an eagle, a dog or a cat. We practised drawing which animal we wanted. Then, we drew the animal of our choice on an A4 sheet and cut it out and glued it onto the collage. Next, we added details to the animal's face with oil pastels.



Recently, we did a solar system art lesson with our custom planets. First, we learned how to draw a 3-D object in a way that shows where the light is coming from. Then, we got a black A3 sheet and drew the sun anywhere we wanted. Then we drew a circle for the first planet. We used chalk pastels to add colour and create the sphere shape and blended it in. We repeated this method for the planet 6 times or more. It was important to remember where the sun was on the page when we were deciding where to place the highlight on each planet.

*By David, Shahab and Imad*





## Ms. Brennan's 5th/6th Class

Wow, what an amazing and exciting time we have had in Room 6 since we returned to school after Christmas! We have taken part in so many different activities and experiences and have continued to learn and have great fun along the way. Let's get started sharing just some of our highlights of Term 2!

We made St. Brigid's crosses with straws to mark the occasion of our new bank holiday in February.



During the 2022-2023 year we have been working on our Hurling and Gaelic Football skills with Philly. He comes in every Friday to teach the students new and fun skills and makes sure everyone feels involved. We are having so much fun working with him.



We played exciting games of mini-basketball and 'bench ball' as part of our PE lessons.



Students from Presentation Secondary's Transition Year class have been visiting us for the past number of weeks to teach us all about volleyball. We look forward to taking part in a tournament in the Watershed next month.



We have benefited from taking part in an exciting programme called 'Sprocket Rocket', run by Cycling Ireland, which helped us learn cycling skills in a fun and safe environment.

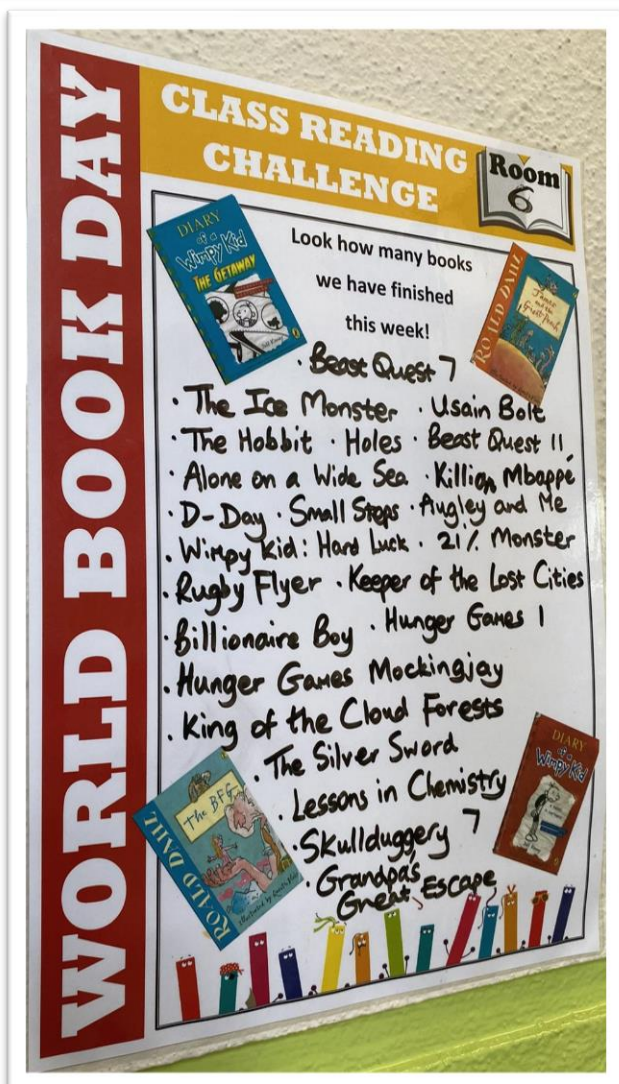


We marked World Book Day by visiting our local library to meet local author, Helena Duggan. We learned about her writing process and how she gets inspiration for her stories. She also answered some questions and finished by encouraging us all to write

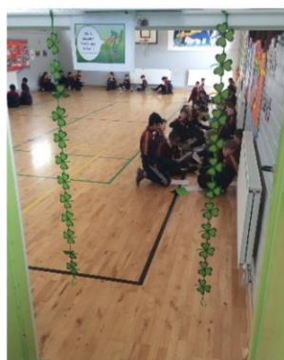


our own tales! We then had extra time back at school to talk about our own current favourite books and offer recommendations to our classmates.

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge this month in great style. Bhí Tráth na gCeist agus seisiún le ‘Craic agus Comhrá’ againn le Seomra a hAon (we had a Table Quiz and a ‘Craic and Chat’ session with Room 1). We made posters showing our favourite ‘seanfhocail’ (proverbs/old sayings). We also took part in the school’s ‘Lá Glas’ by performing a famous old tune called ‘Oró Sé Do Bheatha Bhaile’ on our ukuleles. As always with Gaeilge, our focus was on fun and giving the language a go (‘trail a bhaint as’). Well done in particular to our daily winners of ‘Cainteoir an Lae’ (‘Speaker of the Day’) for making a huge effort.







We recently had the honour of entertaining the Minister of Education, Norma Foley, and many other special guests, when they paid a visit to our school.

We took part in an orienteering event, run by Southeast Orienteering, in Kilkenny Castle last month. We worked in pairs to complete the course. I worked with Odin. They gave us USB chips to tag on the course. We also had a map. It was great fun!

*By Keith*



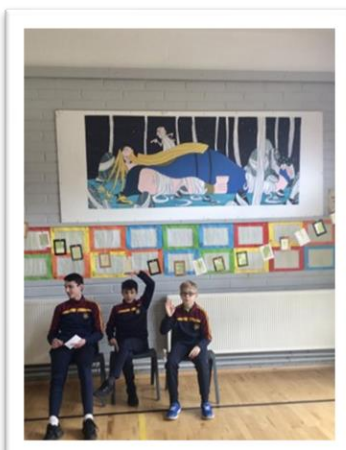
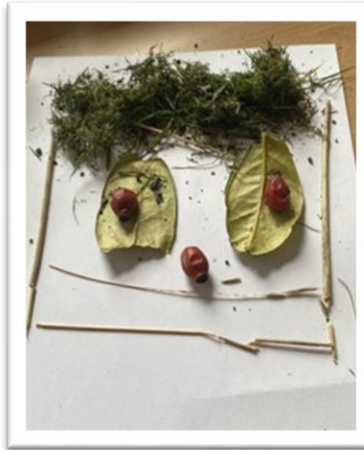
We performed one of our favourite songs that Paul from Music Generation has taught us on the ukulele: 'Counting Stars'.

*By Odin*



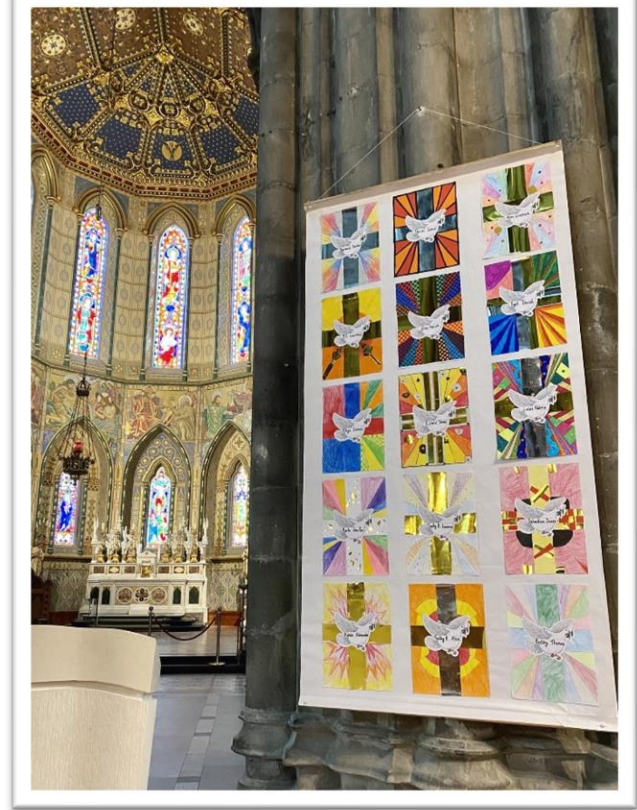


This term, we took part in a Department of Education initiative called the ‘Teacher-Artist Partnership’. We worked with a local artist and photographer called Kasia on a wide range of enjoyable and interesting activities, all loosely based on the theme of ‘Plants’. Over five weeks, we looked at Kasia’s own work, made pots and planted seeds, constructed art journals, went on a plant walk, made anthotypes, designed our dream gardens, created Lumen prints and finally, held an exhibition for the whole school in the Hall. We are very grateful to Kasia for sharing her creativity with us!





As part of our work on the Teacher-Artist Partnership Programme, we visited Rothe House and spent some time in the garden there. We learned about the interesting plants, fruits, vegetables and herbs growing on site, and about the history of the garden since the 17th Century. We brought the school's iPads to take photos and we spoke to the gardeners about what they were planting for Spring.



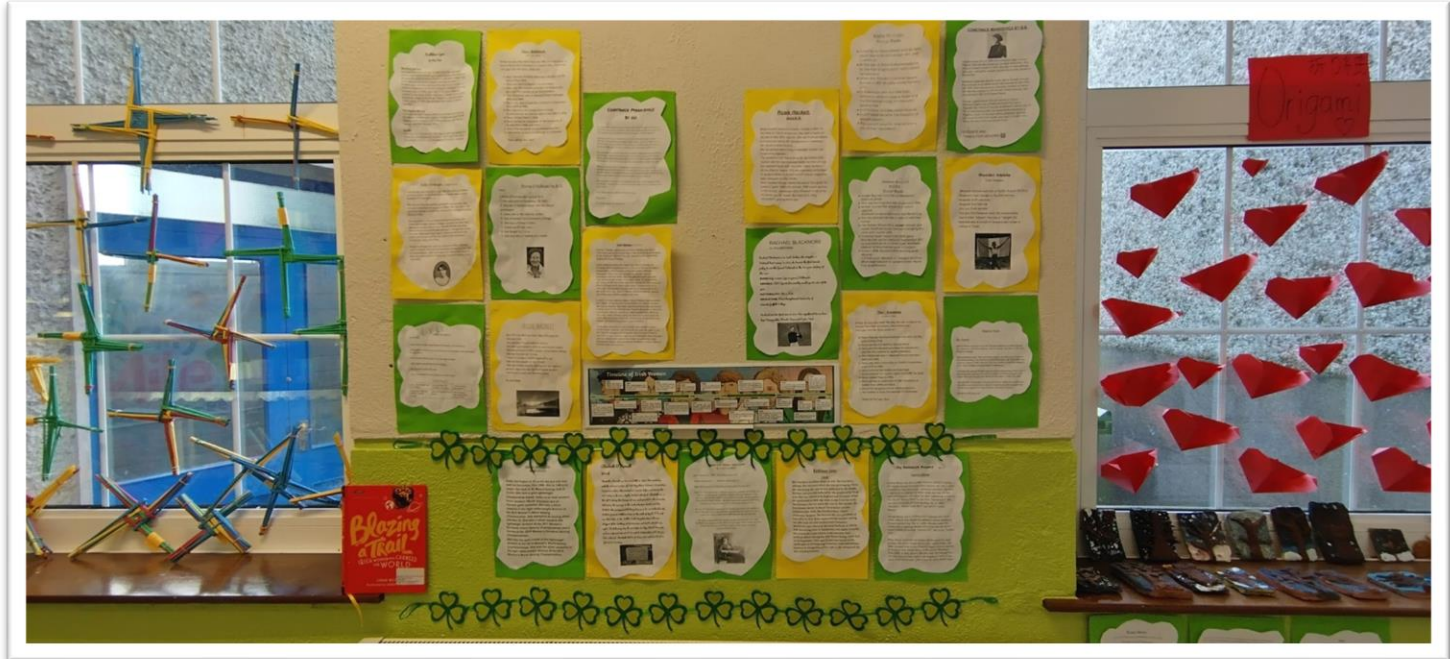
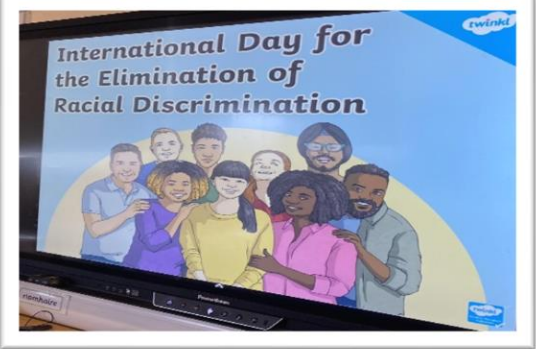
Ten pupils in Room 6 recently made their Confirmation. Congratulations to Lucas, Harry, Scott, Matas, Greg, Ismael, Jacob, Colin, Aaron and Richard on reaching this important milestone. Bishop Coll paid us a visit before the Ceremony of Light and we got to show him the display in our corridor. The boys also made beautiful art to decorate the church for the big day.





We marked International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, by having a thoughtful discussion about celebrating our differences, learning about equality and thinking about ways to help eliminate racial discrimination.

Finally, here are some more examples of the great work that the pupils in Room 6 have done in Term 2.





## Ms. Minogue & Ms. Lawlor's 6th Class

We have had a busy start to Term 2 in Room 1 with a lot of exciting activities happening. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the boys and continuing on the fantastic work that Ms. Minogue had already started.

*By Ms. Lawlor*

### Confirmation

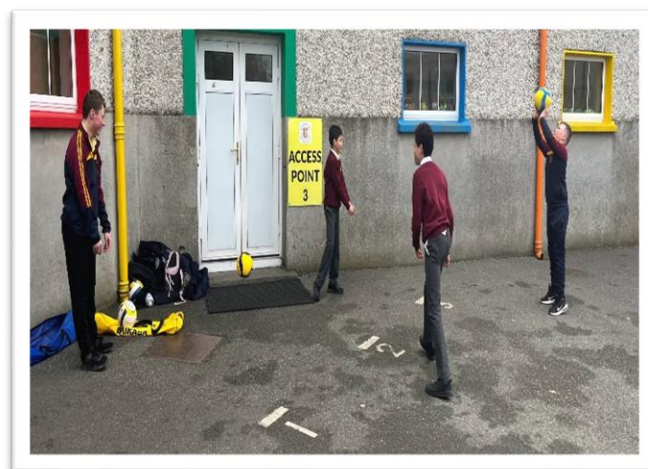
This year, 19 boys in our class made their Confirmation.



### Volleyball

Hi, this is Rhys and I'm going to tell you about volleyball. So, our first volleyball session was on Monday with the Transition Year girls from Presentation Secondary school. The first thing we learned was the easiest skill in volleyball and that skill is called the volley. Next, we got into groups in a circle and got one coach in each group then started learning how to do a dig. It was great to learn new skills. We are looking forward to our tournament later in April.

*By Rhys Hayes*



### SPHE: Healthy Eating

In 6th class during SPHE we learned about Healthy Eating and how much sugar is in our food and drinks. Do you know how much sugar is in a coca cola? Didn't think so, well the answer is a lot. We also learned how to control the sugar we consume in a day. We did this by measuring looking at the packaging on items in our lunchboxes and weighing out how much sugar it said it contained. We were very shocked by a lot of the results and will think more carefully when choosing our food and drinks.

*By Josh Dunphy*





## Science Experiment: Effects on Global Warming

As you might know the world is slowly heating up because of global warming and the ice in the Arctic and Antarctic are slowly heating up and melting.

So, we made an example with ice to show the effects of global warming.

What we did was put two ice cubes in two different trays and we covered one tray with cling film and the other one we didn't. We used the cling film on one to see which one will melt faster.



It took a very long time for the ice in the trays to melt so for a faster experience we changed up the experiment a bit, instead we filled up two jars with water and then put the ice in them, after we did the same thing and covered one jar with cling film and one open. We measured how fast the ice melted with stopwatches and found that the tray and jar with the cling film melted faster. Greenhouse gases are having the same effect on our planet by trapping heat inside the ozone layer. This is having a huge impact on our environment.

*By Mushfiqul Hoque*

## Sprocket Rocket

For the last four weeks we have been cycling every Thursday. Roisin Hickey and Charlie were the instructors that did the cycling with us. They taught us how to brake on the bikes properly, control our movements and they also played games on the bikes with us too. There were boys from C.B.S. Secondary helping us with the activities. In May we are hoping to do some mountain biking as well.

*By Charlie Brett*



## Ukulele

This term in ukulele we have learned lots of new songs including 'Flowers', 'Save your Tears' and 'Wake Me Up' (in Irish for Seachtain na Gaeilge). We are all excited when we see Paul's van coming in the school gate. We all give it a good go and can't thank him enough for all the work he puts in.



*By Syd Harkin*





## Seachtain na Gaeilge

This year we celebrated Seachtain Na Gaeilge in our school with quizzes, songs, Comhrá sa Halla and Craic sa Halla. For Craic sa Halla every class practised a song, poem or dance in Irish and performed it in front of the school. Our class sang 'Wake Me Up' as Gaeilge. There were also some individual performances such as tap dancing and I played concertina with Daniel on tin whistle. It was very enjoyable. We had Tráth na gCeist in the Hall for the different class levels. The winners got some prizes. Each day there was a Gaeilgeoir an Lae chosen for their effort to speak Irish. Bhí seachtain iontach againn!

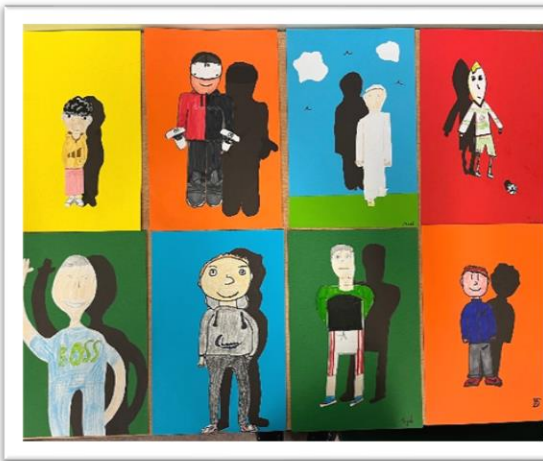
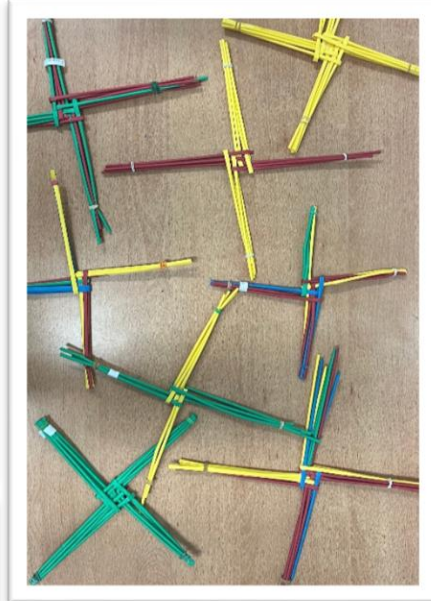
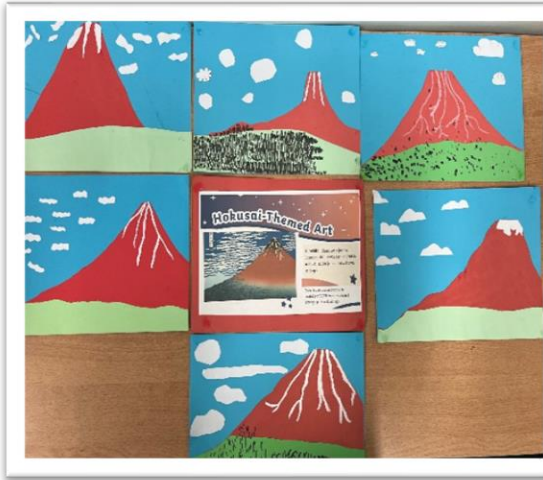
*By Diarmuid Kealy*





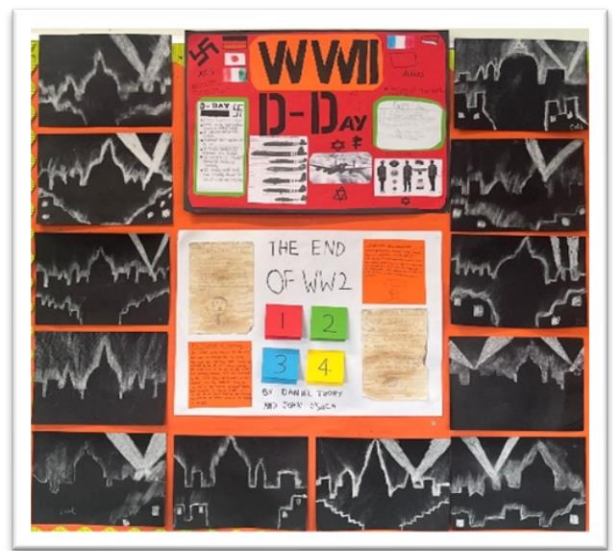
## Art

In 6th class, Room 1, we have completed all kinds of Art. We created a Blitz scene, painted using pointillism inspired by George Seurat, printed volcanoes inspired by Katsushika Hokusai and made St. Brigid's day crosses. Recently we constructed masks inspired by the artist Kimmy Cantrell and drew shadow portraits.



Blitz art is art done with chalk, it was based on a famous picture taken by Herbert Manson during the Blitz which was a time when the Germans were bombing England for 57 days in a row. The art piece was based off this picture of Saint Paul's cathedral still standing while everything around it burned.

*By Lorcan Carroll*

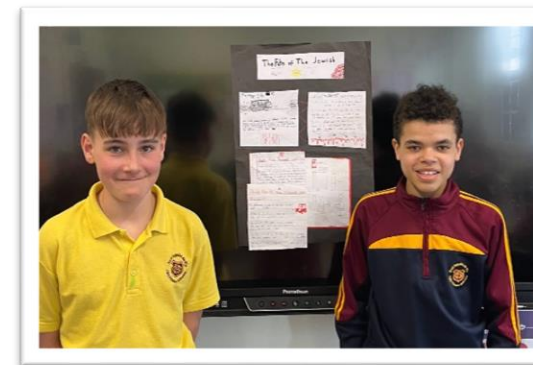
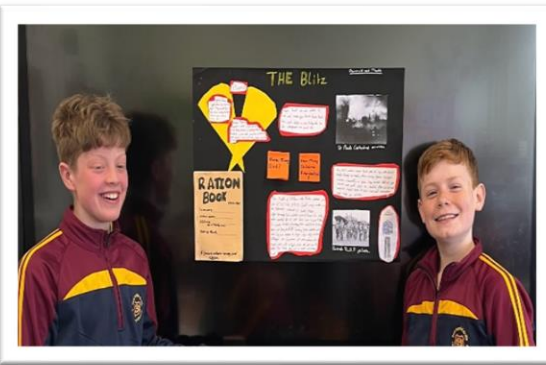
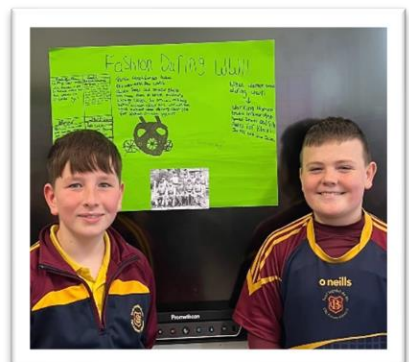
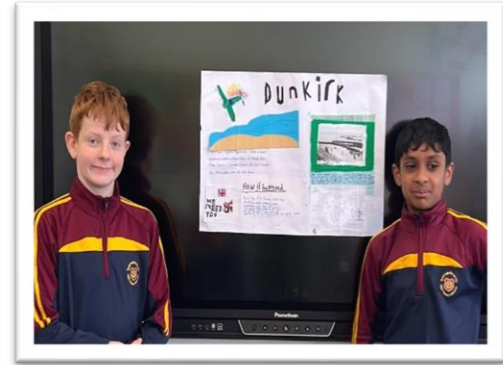




## History: World War Two

Over the last couple of months, our class has been learning all about World War Two. We did projects in pairs that we presented to the class and used the chromebooks and iPads to research information. I also brought in two helmets, a gas mask and some bullets from WW2 to show to the class. Everyone enjoyed it very much and learned a lot.

*By Daniel Tuohy*





## Grandparents interview



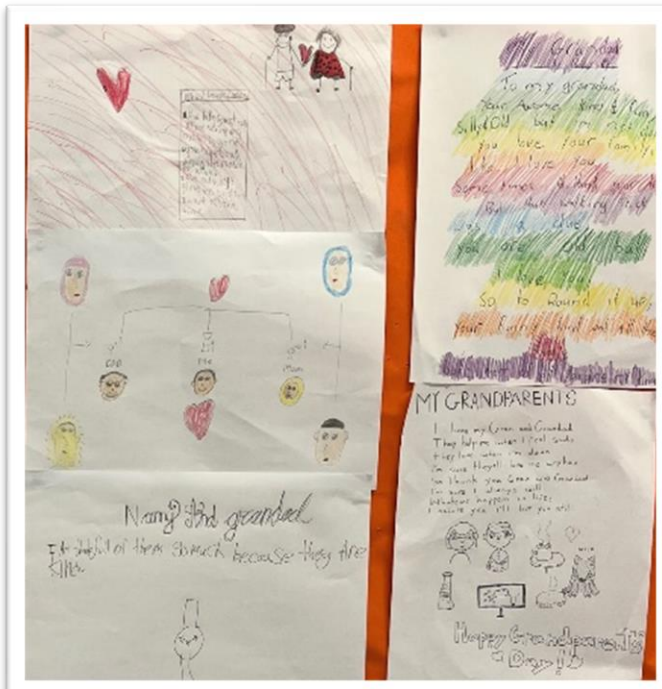
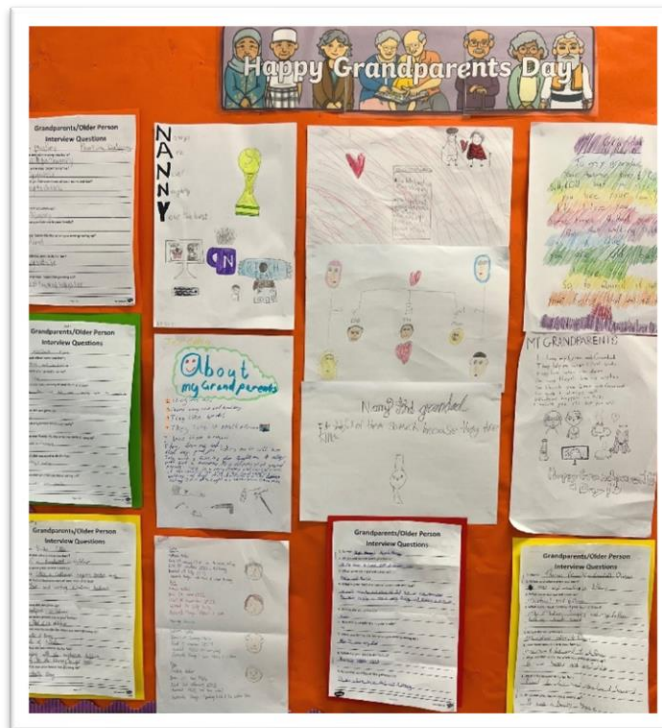
On Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, the Minister of Education, Norma Foley visited our school.

The day before we were putting up a lot of artwork for the Minister to see and we put a banner to welcome her. On the day the Minister visited a few of the classes and had tea with our Principal, Mr. Bergin. A few other TDs like John McGuinness were there. As they were leaving the school we gave Minister Foley a guard of honour to show our respect and appreciation.

*By Farhan Masud Akter*

On the January 25<sup>th</sup> it was Grandparents Day. Our teacher assigned us to interview our grandparents as part of our homework. We had questions to ask them. I questioned my Grandad. I asked him what was school like when he was younger, what is your best memory of your parents, what did you do when you were younger for fun etc. It was great to have a chat with our grandparents and find out more about what life was like for them when they were our age.

*By Tadhg Buckley*





## P.E.

For P.E. our teacher, Ms. Lawlor wanted us to improve our jumping, throwing, catching and balancing skills.

All of the topics above have something to do with a relay race. At first we played a game to test our reactions and pace, we then played games to test our catching and throwing skills.

Soon after that Ms. Lawlor divided us into groups of six for a big relay race. Unfortunately, as my team was a man short, one of us had to run twice. One of my teammates and I ended up having to run twice in difference races. We were all tired after that but we were happy and grateful for the P.E lessons.

We really enjoy our lessons with Philly. We have been working hard on our hurling skills and have improved a lot.

*By Mohamed Elfaedy*



## Being an Ally Workshop and World Anti-Discrimination Day

We discussed and learned about discrimination and how we can stand up and be an ally for friends and for strangers. We attended an online World Book Day workshop about being an Ally. It taught us about learning, trying, messing up, and trying harder. We all deserve to be treated equally and no matter our differences we should all show respect and kindness.



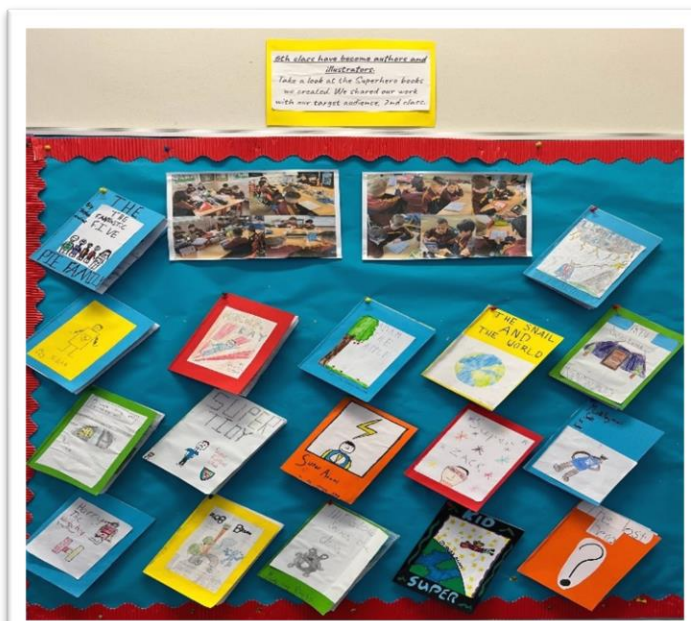


## World Book Day: Room 1 and Room 2 come together to share stories

Last month, we wrote some creative Hero books for 2nd class. We had a choice between a moralistic story, a true story or just a general Hero that we made up in our mind. It took us a few days but overall, it was a very fun activity. Some stories included some very creative ideas for example: A footballer superhero book; a rat and his cheese mobile, an apple, lightning, bullies turning a corner and mine; A story about a blob man called Brian. He started off eating a cheeseburger, to winning against the fearsome villain: Symetro.

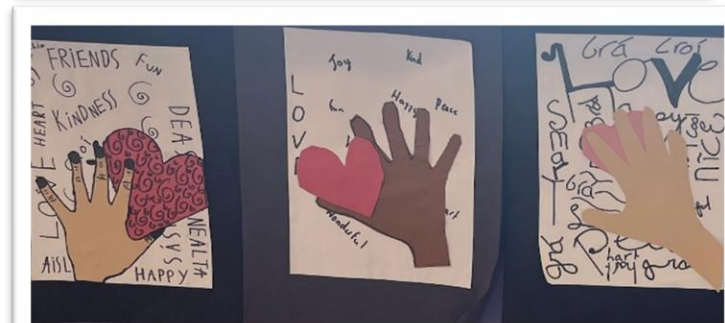
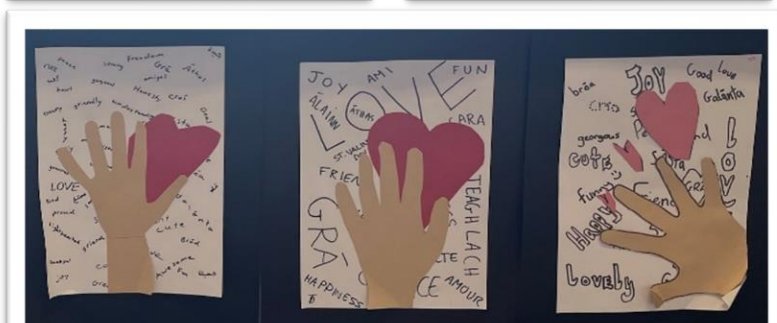
Each story had their own traits and villains and morals, each unique and inventive. I think 2nd class really enjoyed them, and we really got to connect with the younger boys through stories.

*By Henry Williams-Phelan*

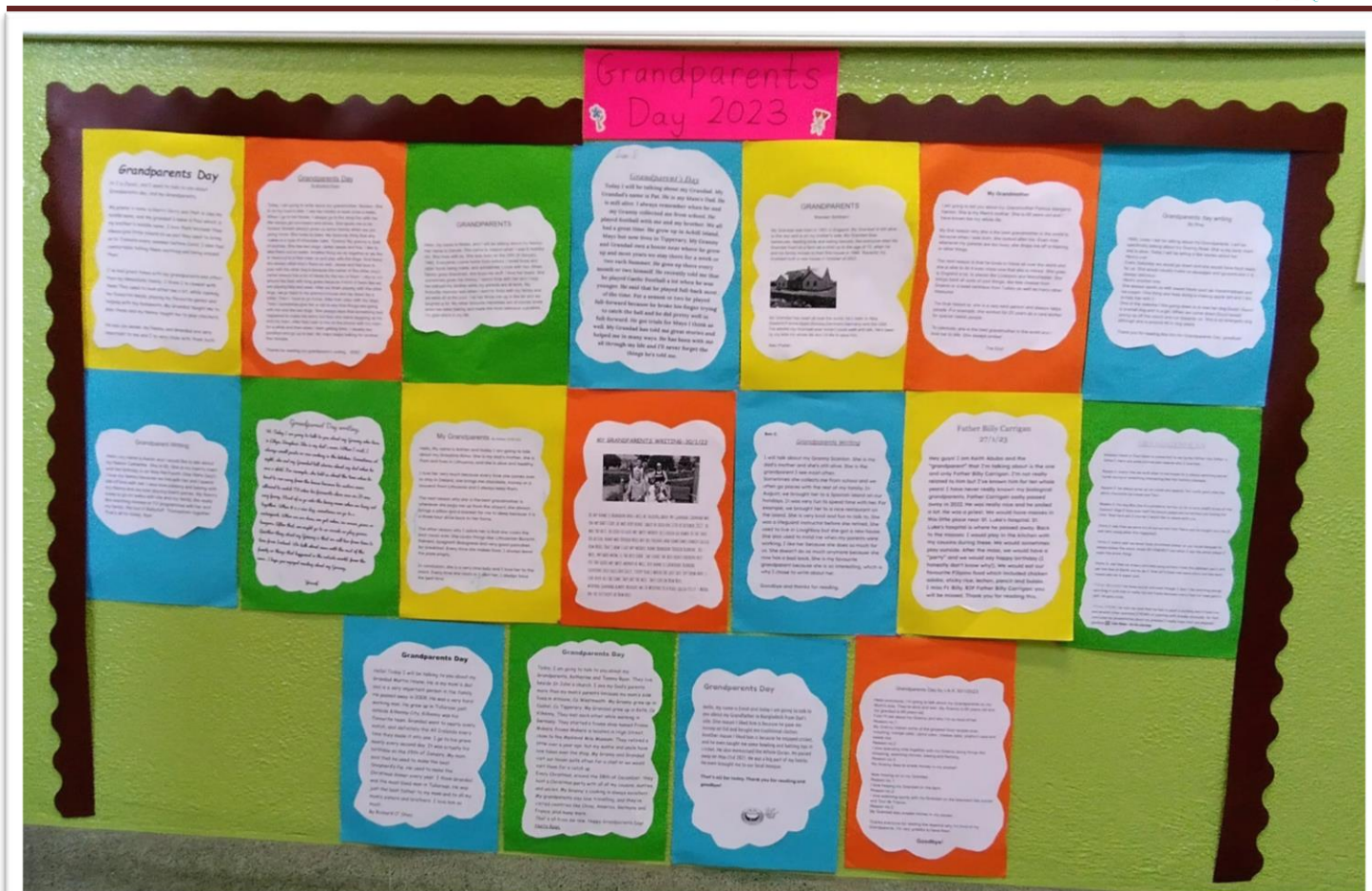




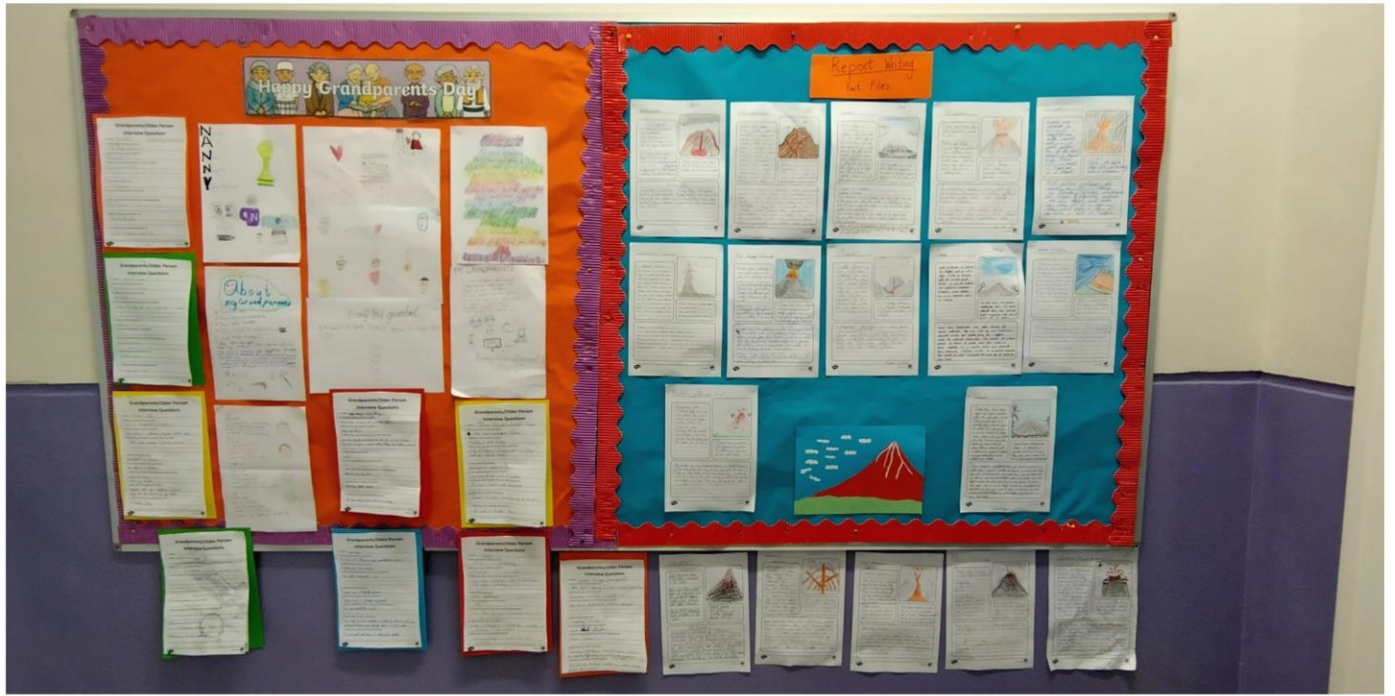
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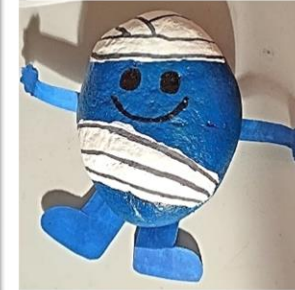






## “My Spud has character”

Well done to all the boys who entered the “My Spud Has Character” Competition for World Book Day. We were blown away by the high standards of the finished entries from all the classes.











# Easter 2023



On behalf of everyone in  
C.B.S. Primary School,  
we wish you a Happy Easter holidays.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday, April 17th 2023.