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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the Room 8 End Of Year Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it. We hope it stands as a reminder and souvenir of the fabulous year your son has had in Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class. You never know, maybe you're reading this years in the future and it helps to bring some fond memories flooding back. Enjoy!

Yours faithfully,

Conor Leahy,
Class Teacher

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Autumn 2022

Hi Everyone,

Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class here. We're delighted to share with you some examples of the great work we've been doing and fun we have been having so far this



year.

In PE, we have been very busy developing our Fundamental Movement Skills. We have been focusing on Running and Kicking. We have really enjoyed our Gaelic Training with our coach Philly every Friday.



There's no doubt though that the highlight has been our Benchball Tournament. For those of you who don't know what Benchball is, it's like Basketball but instead of a hoop a member of your team has to catch the ball while standing on a bench. A huge congratulation to the Wolves who came out victorious!



Music has been great fun! We are really enjoying our Music Generation lessons every Tuesday and we have been singing some songs like 'Redemption Song' and 'Hero' with Mr. Leahy on guitar.



We have been on two fun trips so far this year. Our first trip was to the Bookville Exhibition in the Watgate and the other to complete a Tree Trail in the Castle Park for National Tree Day.



We have had the opportunity this year to work on the school chromebooks for the first time. We really enjoyed typing out our Explanation Writing, which we researched using encyclopaedias and learning all that's involved with publishing a piece of writing and sharing it online.



In Art, the best thing we have done so far was constructing our Spooky Halloween Monsters. They really help give the classroom and corridor that Halloween Creep feeling.



We also carried out a Spooky Halloween Story Competition where we



voted for the winners based on our success criteria. On top of that, we also learned about letter writing. You'd wonder how we fit it all in!



Maths Week was great fun! We took part in a Maths Trail, a Maths Quiz and daily challenges.



As Gaeilge (in Irish), we have been working really hard on our Irish Cómhrá (conversation) but the most fun thing we've learned was our Halloween poem entitled 'Oíche Shamhna' by Lionard Ó hAinídh, which we have all learned to say.



In SESE, we have been very busy. We have learned about the counties and rivers of Ireland. We have studied the origins of Halloween and how it has become the festival that we know and love today. Did you know Halloween comes from All Hallows Eve? We even learned about Dia de los Muertos, the Mexican festival of The Day of the Dead.



We are really looking forward to our Halloween break. We are exhausted after all this hard work. Hope you have a great break. Until next time, slán from Room 8.





Winter 2022

We have had a busy time in Room 8 since we chatted to you last. In Art we put a massive amount of working into making our Ancient Egyptian Sarcophagi. We are super happy with how they turned out. We also painted Christmas Reindeer which we used to decorate our classroom windows. Check them both out in the photos.





We have been practicing for our performance in St. Mary's Cathedral most days. We are ready for our performance and we hope you enjoy it. Music generation has been on going every Tuesday morning. We love our session with Mark.



In Irish Daidí na Nollag is an Irish poem that we have been learning. Our goal is that we can all read it perfectly and maybe even some boys can say it off by heart.

PE has seen a new Dodgeball Tournament underway. This tied in with Throwing which was our Fundamental Movement skill for this month. The final was played on Thursday, Dec. 15th when 'The Destroyers' dispatched of the 'The Shadows 2.0' in under 6 minutes and were worthy winners. The team can be seen in the photo. Congrats to them!



Meanwhile in English we have been working on our recount writing. Have completed a Formal and Informal recount we then, chose our favourite to publish for the class.

In geography we have been developing our map skills. We have been engaging with ordinance survey maps of Kilkenny and even Aerial Photographs.



There has been great excitement around the school with our World Cup draw. Our class drew Morocco.

We came close 😊 but alas missed out on the pizza party.

That's all for now. Merry Christmas everyone, and Happy New year from all in Room 8.



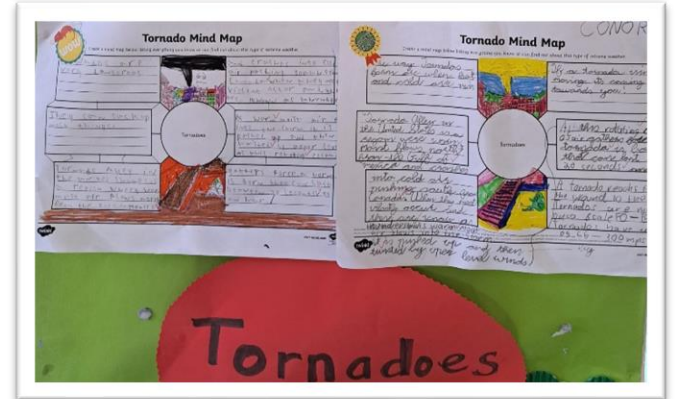
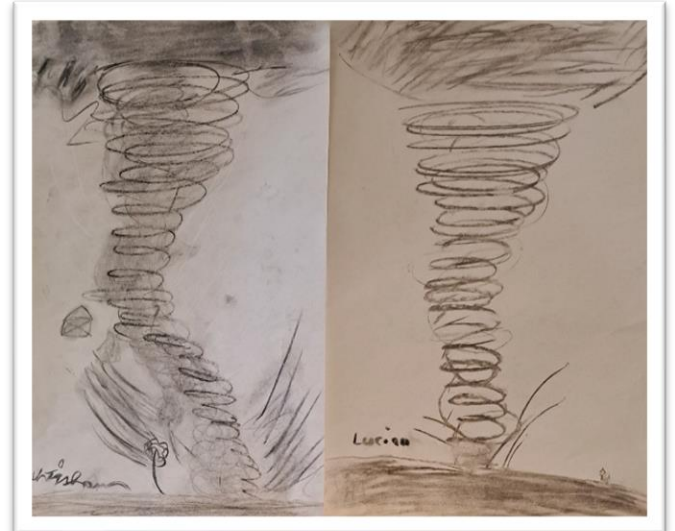
Spring 2023

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:

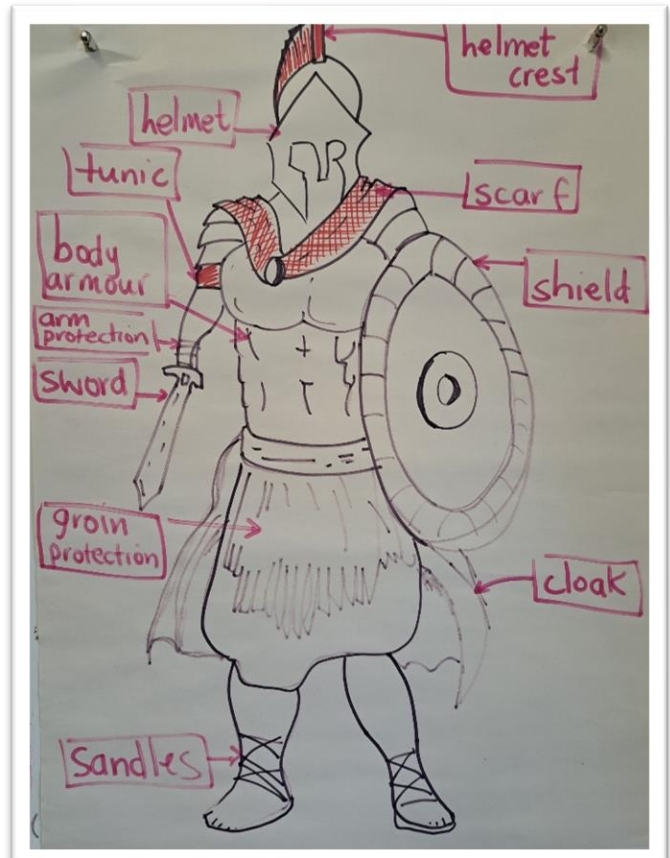


In History, the Romans was our topic of choice. As well as looking at the origins of Rome and daily life we focused on the life of a Roman soldier, their training and equipment.

In 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 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'.



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

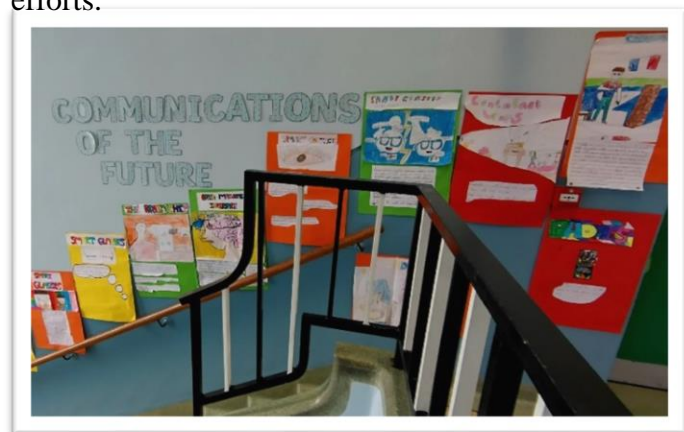


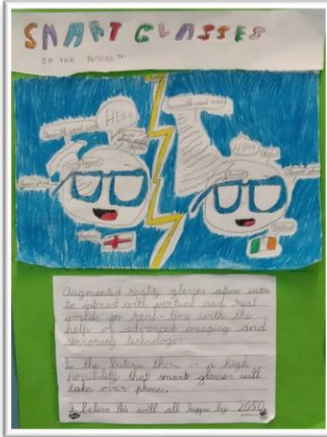
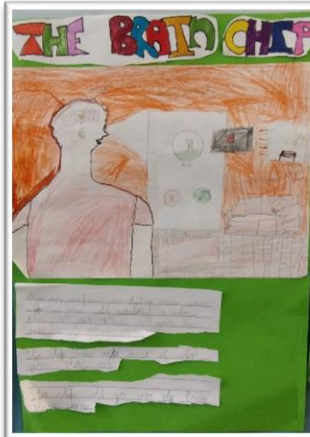
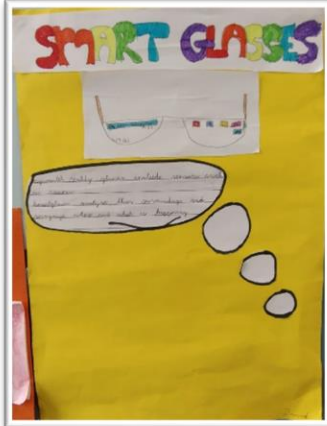
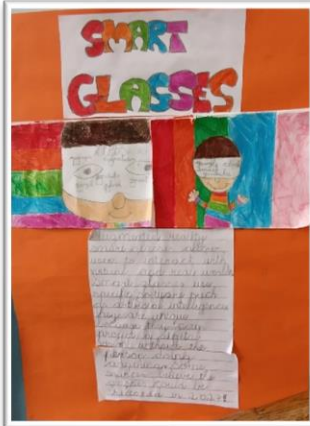
We have been working really hard on improving our cursive handwriting and so when Mr. Leahy told us we would be doing a Science Project entitled 'Communications of the Future' we felt this was a great opportunity to showcase our handwriting to the rest of the school. The projects centred around advances 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 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 'Breithlál'.

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.



Breithlál	
<p>Seo é Daideo Tá círt ag Daideo. "Mo breithlál," arsa Daideo</p>	<p>Tá Pia sa bhácús Tá sí ag déanamh cáca Cáca do Dhaideo, "arsa Pia"</p>
<p>Fuair Daideo bronnánais Fuair se leabhar Fuair se carbhat</p>	<p>Tá se ag ól tae Tá se ag ithe cáca Tá se sísta</p>



Summer 2023

Hi Everyone, we can't believe it is that time of year already. We are nearly finished 3rd Class but before we do we want to share with you some of the fantastic things we have been involved in since last we spoke.

We have to begin with our amazing school trip to Killaloe Adventure Centre. The weather was amazing. We spent the day climbing, surfing, sailing, paddle boarding and archery however it was the kayaking that came out in our vote as being the class favourite. This trip was one of the highlights of the year. We were all very tired on the bus home. Some of us even managed a little snooze, believe it or not.



Our Sports Day was great fun. We spent the days before running off the long jump and long puck. On the day we had sprints, long races, the spud and spoon race and a novelty race that Mr. Leahy made up involving crawling and bean bags. Well done to all who took part.

We had some summer tests to revise for and do this month. We worked hard and tried our best for our Summer Report Cards.

Our student teacher, Mr. Doheny, was with us for several weeks. He did loads of fun lessons with us and we learned lots.



We had a very enjoyable visit from 2 local firemen. They spoke to both 3rd Classes about Fire Safety. They extended an invitation to us to visit the fire station which we did the following week. We got to hold the fire hose, sit in the fire truck and even see Mr. Leahy go up in the lift. We think he was a bit afraid because he didn't go up too high but he tried his best not to let on.





In PE, apart from preparing for the sports day we tried bowling in the yard and visited the Astroturf for some soccer. It's great having the Astroturf so close.



reflection of our favourite summer activities. See our cool pics!



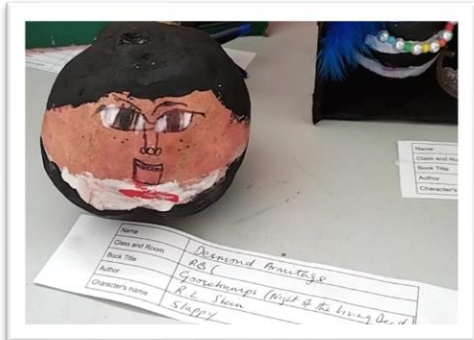
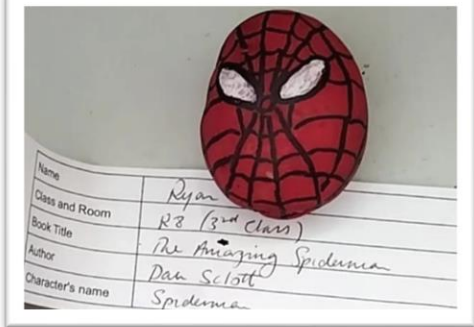
This last week of school Mr. Leahy taught us a cool card game. We played it in groups. It involves turn taking, counting, explaining, decision making, strategy, and rule following. All important skills for the future. Mr. Leahy has also allowed us to have an afternoon where we bring in some board games to work on some of the same skills mentioned above.

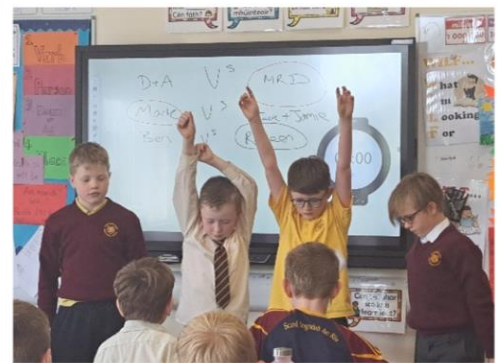
In Art we designed some summer themed glasses which was fun. Mr. Leahy invited us to draw the

We, in Room 8, would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely summer and best of luck next year in 4th Class. A huge thanks to our parents also for all they have done throughout the year. That's all for now, see ya folks!

Highlights









Summer 2023



On behalf of everyone in
Mr. Leahy's class

we wish you a happy & safe Summer holidays.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Thursday, 31st August 2023.