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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

With the arrival of our Christmas Holidays we can all look forward to a well-earned rest after an extremely busy and enjoyable term.

We take great pride in our school and the quality of education we provide for our pupils but without your continued support throughout this first term we simply wouldn't have been able to function. I thank you most sincerely for your co-operation and commitment to our school. A word of thanks for your patience shown in relation to the building works that have been ongoing since October. Our new classroom is just about ready to be opened.

We are blessed with an exceptionally good staff, Parents' Association and Board of Management who want nothing but the very best for every pupil in our school. Our staff never cease to amaze and time and time again this term have gone over and above to ensure that every pupil in their care is cherished, safe and receives a high-quality education. On a poignant note, we remember in a special way former staff member, Mr. Seamus Brennan, who sadly passed away during the term. Mr. Brennan founded our school choir in 1982. We are thinking of his family in a special way this Christmas.

I can't speak highly enough of the wonderful pupils we have in our school. It is heartening to hear visitors to our school speaking so highly of you all. We are extremely proud of each one of you. We look forward to seeing you on January 8th. A special word for those pupils who are on the various committees we have in the school. Your contributions are invaluable as we constantly seek to improve our school.

We held our Information Evening in the school in November. This proved to be a very successful evening. We are looking forward to welcoming both Junior and Senior Infant girls and boys to our school next September. We will still enrol boys from 2nd to 6th Class as per our enrolment policy.

A sincere word of thanks to Tom in the office for producing such a wonderful newsletter. He sets high standards for himself and is constantly raising the bar! I really hope you take the time to read this brilliant publication. It gives you a flavour of the amazing work that goes on in our school.

I take this opportunity to wish all in our school community a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and every good wish for 2024.

Nollaig Shonasach agus athbhliain shuaimhneach daoibh go léir.

Le gach dea – ghuí,

Míall Bergin, Principal.

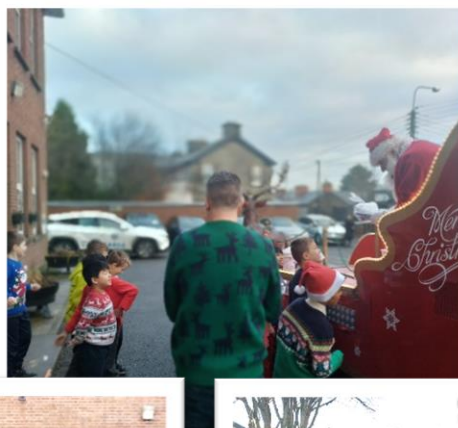


Christmas Jumper Day

There was a huge excitement throughout the school on December 12th when we had our Christmas Jumper Day for charity.



The boys and girls were thrilled when Santa called in on his sleigh with one of his elves. Santa had chocolates for every pupil in the school and announced a night off from homework for all.



A big thank you to our hardworking Parents' Association for organising this wonderful event. We were thrilled to hand over €620 to Santa which would go towards Temple Street Children's Hospital. Ho ho ho!!





Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays



Christmas Concert

This week we had both our Junior Christmas Concert and our Senior Christmas Concert. They were both a huge success. The boys and girls had been working very hard in preparation for these events and their hard work paid off on the day. A word of thanks also to all teachers and staff who had them so well prepared for the events. Both concerts concluded with a performance by our school choir led by Ms. Bolger and accompanied on guitar by Mr. Leahy. These concerts were greatly enjoyed by all family members who were in a position to attend and certainly put everyone into the festive mood.

Each class put on a fantastic show to entertain the audience. The standard was extremely high, and it was evident that pupils enjoyed being on the stage. We have some future stars in our midst!



Yulefest

We are so proud of our CBS boys who performed at the Kilkenny Yulefest Sing Out Concert with Music Generation Kilkenny, in St. Canice's Cathedral on Friday, December 15th. It was a wonderful event and the boys really enjoyed being part of this collective experience. A word of thanks to all parents who were available to attend.



Silver Circle

Our Silver Circle fundraising event was a great success. A sincere word of thanks to all who contributed. All money raised will be put towards worthwhile resources within the school.



Hot School Lunches

We are pleased to inform you that our school's application for hot school lunches for every pupil was successful. We are currently in the process of seeking tenders from prospective companies with a view to this initiative being up and running in Term 3. More details will be provided closer to the time.



Extra Curricular Activities

Our Extra Curricular Activities Programme started in September. Extra-Curricular Activities are hugely popular in our school, and we are very happy with the wide variety of activities available in our school.



and more throughout the year.

Staff In-Service dates (School closures)

We've been informed by the Department of Education that the school will be closed on Friday, March 8th and on Thursday, March 14th in order for the staff to receive in-service training on Autism support and the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

Modular Build

We are delighted to say that our modular classroom is almost complete and will be ready for use early in Term 2. This is another important step in building towards our school's future.



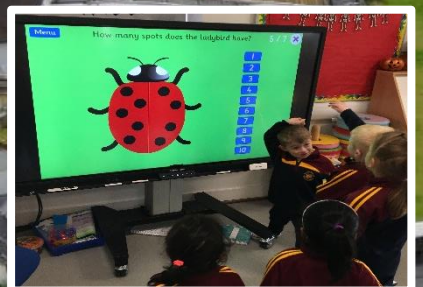
Enrolments 24/25

Enrolment applications for the 2024/2025 school year will be accepted from January 8th – January 30th. Application forms are available from Tom in the office and our [school website](#). We urge you to spread the good word about our school.

Remember, next September we will welcome Junior and Senior Infant girls and boys and boys from 2nd – 6th Class. We held an extremely successful Information Evening in November. We look forward to welcoming new pupils to our school.



**Welcoming Junior & Senior Infants Girls & Boys
in September 2024. We will continue to offer
places to 2nd – 6th class boys.**



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Board of Management

We'd like to express our gratitude to our outgoing Board of Management for their commitment and dedication shown to our school. A particular word of thanks to Fr. Richard Scriven, Caitríona Kenneally, Pauline Murphy and Tom Cunniffe. Our new Board of Management started its term in December and will remain in situ until November 2027. Our new board consists of:

- Fr. Dermot Ryan – Chairperson
- Denis O'Reilly – Patron's nominee
- Sarah Murphy – Parent nominee
- Shane Burke – Parent nominee
- Ann Marie Cahill – Community nominee
- David Ryan – Community nominee
- Órla Brennan – Teacher nominee
- Niall Bergin – Principal

We wish our new board the very best over the coming years.



Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association are working hard to help the school and their continued support is greatly appreciated. They recently organised for Santa and one of his elves to visit the school as part of our Christmas Jumper Day, with all proceeds going towards Temple Street Children's Hospital. They are also currently organising a big fundraising event to take place in the Springtime.

Our Parents' Association are also currently organising for a guest speaker to provide workshops for the 5th and 6th class pupils and parents on Online Internet Safety. More details will be provided in the New Year.

As always, our Parents' Association welcome new members. If you would like to join, please email pa@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie



Student Council

Our new Student Council are currently working on initiatives to improve school life for all. At our recent Information Evening for prospective parents, the Student Council members were busy meeting the parents and showing them the school.



Green Schools

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.

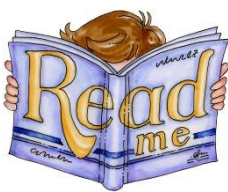
On a final note, on behalf of the green school committee and I, can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and remember: **STAY GREEN.**

Miss Boyle and all the Green Schools Committee.



Accelerated Reading

The pupils continue to participate in the Accelerated Reading Programme from 2nd to 6th class. The boys are afforded 15 minutes reading time every day in class, and we ask that they complete a minimum of 15 minutes at home also. It is proving to be a very enriching experience for every pupil. We plan to start another Accelerated Reading raffle in January to promote reading across the school.



If you have books at home in good condition and that are suitable for primary school children, that you would like to donate to the school, please send them in to us. All donations will be very much appreciated.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes will be following the 'My Faith' programme in preparation for the Sacraments. At a recent meeting Fr. Dermot Ryan outlined the workings of the programme.

Important Dates:

First Holy Communion – 10.30am in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, May 18th.

Confirmation – 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, March 22nd.

Dicksboro G.A.A.

A sincere word of thanks to Dicksboro GAA for providing a GAA coach, Steven Farrell, to our school every Friday. Every pupil from 2nd – 6th Class is provided with the opportunity to take part in hurling coaching. It is great to see all of our pupils taking part and enjoying playing the game.

In addition to Steven's great work, Mr. Fitzpatrick coaches our 2nd and 3rd Class pupils every Wednesday morning from 8.30am – 9am in the field. This has been a huge success and it is an ideal way for boys to shake off the cobwebs before they go to class!

The boys also have hurling at lunch time on Wednesdays. Pupils in 4th – 6th Class have the same opportunities every Thursday.



Music Generation

As you are aware, pupils in 2nd – 6th Class take part in Music Generation classes. The senior end of the school learn to play the ukulele with Paul Horahan and the junior end of the school have samba drumming with Tom Duffy. It is brilliant to see our pupils being given the opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument.

On Friday, December 15th, our 4th Class pupils took part in Music Generation's 'SING OUT' concert in St. Canice's Cathedral. The boys sang superbly in what was a lovely evening.



School Choir

Our school choir under the guidance of Mrs. Bolger have been very busy this term. The boys sang at our Information Evening and they also took part in the AIB Goal Mile. The boys sang brilliantly at both events and they also made further appearances at our two Christmas Concerts. We'd like to thank our choir for the commitment they have shown with early morning practices. A special word of thanks to our choir conductor, Mrs. Bolger, and, Mr. Leahy, who accompanies the choir on the guitar.



School Gaelic Football

Our school Gaelic Football team had another good campaign. The boys bowed out at the semi-final stage against Lisdowney NS. A huge word of thanks to the boys for the commitment they showed throughout the campaign. Training sessions took place after school on Mondays and Wednesdays in our school field. A special mention to Ms. Cantwell and Mr. Fitzpatrick who did a great job training the team. Our appreciation all the parents who helped out with transport to and from the games.

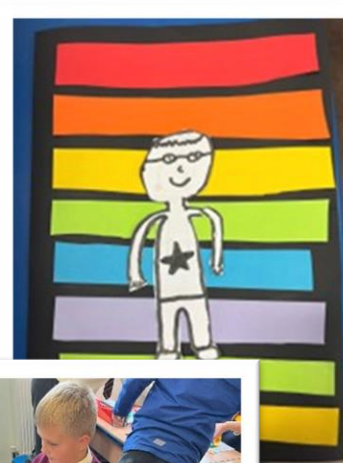
Mr. Fitzpatrick organised Gaelic leagues for pupils in 4th – 6th Class also. This proved to be a huge success with 80 pupils partaking in the league. All of the games were played at lunch time. We look forward to our hurling league in the new year.





Arts and Crafts Club

We had a lot of fun during Arts and Crafts Club. The boys were busy developing their artistic skills through painting, drawing, cutting, creating clay pumpkins, printing trees, stencilling leaves and designing Christmas decorations. It's a great way to unwind after a busy school day, get creative and chat with friends.





Lego Construction Club

Now that we have completed Lego Club Term 1, we look back and remember all the amazing builds produced but most of all the fun we had creating them.

We covered many different engineering options as part of our builds. We have had races with our motorised builds and in previous sessions a blast from the past with Beyblade battles.

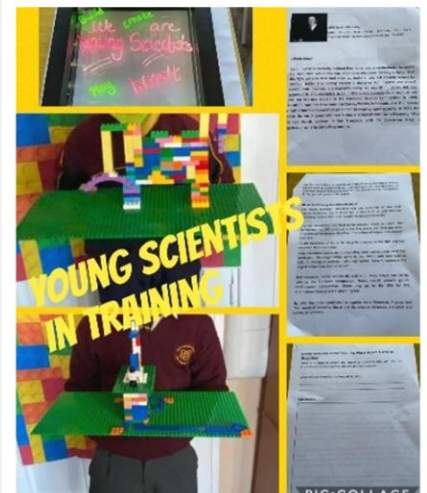
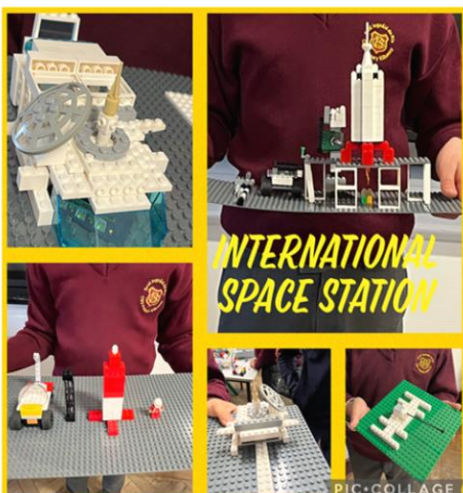
However, Freeplay sessions are a highlight for us all. Members have the option to work independently or in groups. During these sessions, the experience of imaginative play develops and strengthens social skills. Creativity, communication and problem solving skills are also strengthened. Members need to consider group input and problem solve to produce their build. Whilst the noise levels are raised there is nothing more enjoyable than hearing the excitement fill the room.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of Lego Club. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas with best wishes for 2024.



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

Twenty 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. The boys really enjoyed our final 3 lessons in which we put our training into practice on the match court. All the boys took part in mini matches where they practiced court positioning and using their newly acquired skills in a match scenario. Well done to all those who took part in tennis lessons this term.





Aladdin Connect

We use Aladdin Connect daily to help keep parents up to date throughout the school year. This has strengthened the link between our school and parents and helps parents to communicate with the school and monitor progress. The school will also use this free app to keep you updated on school events.



School Calendar 2023-24

TERM 1

Friday, 22nd December: Christmas Holidays. Closing at 12 noon for Junior Infants, and 12.30p.m. for 2nd-6th classes.

TERM 2

Monday, 8th January: Re-opening after Christmas Holidays.

Monday, 5th February: St. Brigid's Day (School closed).

Thursday, 15th – Friday, 16th February: Mid-Term break.

Monday, 19th February: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Friday, 8th March: Staff In-Service for Autism Support (School closed).

Thursday, 14th March: Staff In-Service for new Primary Maths Curriculum (School closed)

Monday, 18th March: St. Patrick's Day (School closed).

Friday, 22nd March: Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.

Friday, 22nd March: Easter Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 3

Monday, 8th April: Re-opening after Easter Holidays.

Monday, 6th May – Friday, 10th May: Mid-Term break (1 week).

Monday, 13th May: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Saturday, 18th May: First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Monday, 3rd June: June Bank Holiday (School closed).

Friday, 28th June: Summer Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

** School holidays have been agreed between Scoil Iognáid de Rís and Presentation Primary.

** The calendar is not complete and may have to be amended from time to time, but due notice will be given of any changes.

** PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDAR FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.



Ms. Ní Bheacháin's Junior Infants Class

We've been very busy boys and girls here since our return to school after the Halloween break. In November our theme for the month was 'The Doctor's Surgery.' We had so much fun in role play and learning all about the hospital equipment that doctors and nurses use. We took turns playing the role of doctor, nurse, receptionist and patients.



In December, our theme was 'Santa's Workshop.' Santa's helpers were very busy researching and designing toys to be assembled, wrapped and ready for delivery by Santa!





Speaking of Santa.... Despite December being a very busy time for him, Santa took some time out to come and visit the boys and girls in Scoil Iognáid de Rís. We were all so excited to see Santa arrive on his sleigh! We are very happy to hear that so far, all the boys and girls are on the 'Nice List,' and that our classroom elf, Candy goes back to the North Pole each night and tells Santa about all how good and kind we are.



We were so busy preparing for our Christmas show, 'A Snowman at Sunset'. We did an excellent job learning our songs and actions, and were very proud of our performance on the day, and I know our families were proud of us too.

Happy Christmas to everyone from Junior Infants!





Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class

Room 2 have been very busy this term. In Art we produced some amazing snowmen, winter birds, polar bears, Elf Legs and Rudolph portraits. We have many very talented artists as you can see from our photos.





Science week was very enjoyable and we took a trip to the Set theatre to watch Bubbly Science with Caroline Ainslie. We also visited sixth class and watched an array of very exciting experiments.

We had a great response to the Shoebox Appeal and loved the excitement when the army arrived to collect our shoeboxes.



We enjoyed our Music Generation Samba Workshop every Wednesday with Tom and especially our games of musical statues! We also enjoyed our Gaelic football and hurling sessions with Stephen every Friday and also our early morning and lunchtime sessions on Wednesday with Mr. Bergin and Mr. Fitzpatrick. We have been very busy in our Writing Workshop with Ms. Lawlor using the chrome books each week and are learning lots of new information and skills. We worked very hard on our animal projects and our teacher was amazed at all our absolutely amazing work!





We had a visitor from PAWS Water Safety who spoke to us all about how to keep safe around water.



Finally, we took to the stage for our Christmas play 'Santa's on Strike' and really enjoyed our performance. Many thanks to Ms. Lawlor and Mr. Fitzpatrick for all their help too.



We need a good rest over the holidays after such an action-packed term and we will return with the batteries recharged in January!

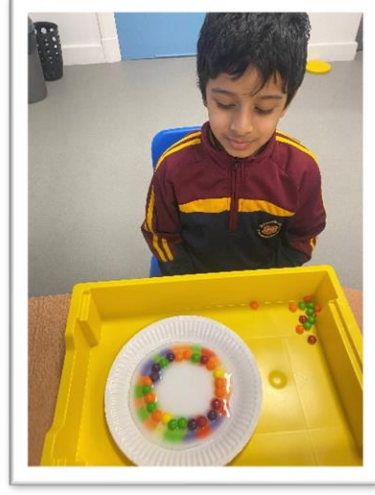
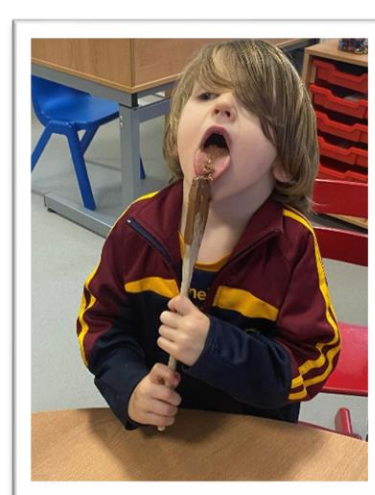
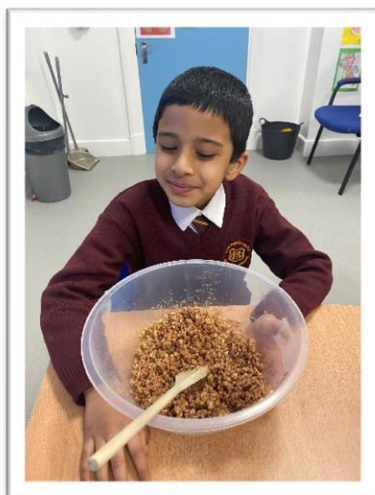
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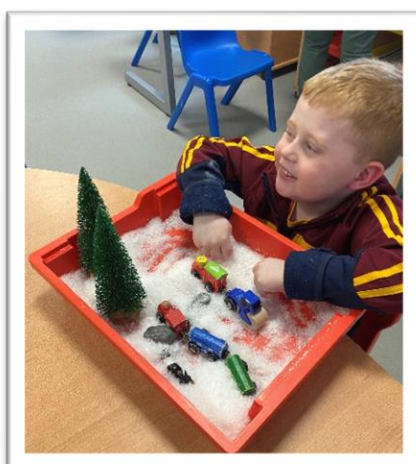
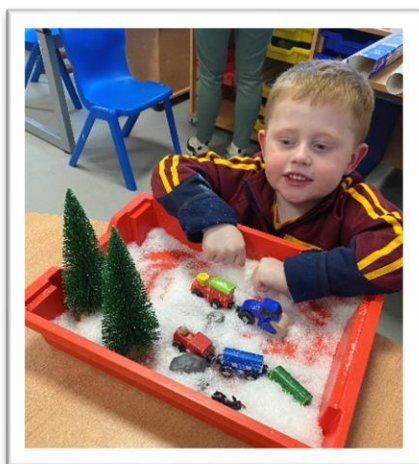
Ms. Cantwell's Class

The boys in our class have been super busy since the mid-term break and should be so proud of everything they have achieved over the last few weeks.

During November, we celebrated Science Week in our school. As the theme for this year was 'The Human', we decided to focus on our five senses. We watched videos and completed activities based on some of our senses such as sight, touch and smell. Some of the highlights of the week were making thaumatropes and completing some colour mixing experiments.



During the months of November and December, we have also been working hard to complete lots of winter themed activities. The snow tray during sensory play was great fun! The boys enjoyed creating their own winter scene with the trains, fir trees and animals. Fine motor activities using foam also replicated the snow and ice which the boys used to create different trails that the penguins were to follow. We also loved our winter themed yoga lessons each week where the boys participated so well by looking at and following the movements of the instructor on the interactive whiteboard.



During art lessons, the boys created beautiful snowmen and penguins to add to our Winter Wonderland display board. They also completed some colourful Christmas trees and reindeer artwork, further developing their cutting and sticking skills along with the technique of finger painting.



The boys were also pictured in their very own winter wonderland snow globes! They posed for a photograph where they imagined they were holding the falling snow and then designed their winter scene in their magical snow globe. We printed out the photographs and put it all together which resulted in the boys seeing mini versions of themselves playing in the snow in the snow globe!



Our final craft of the term was making sock snowmen. The boys were so creative when it came to adding special details to their snowman. The snowmen were all so unique and stood proudly in our classroom for the lead up to the Christmas holidays.

The boys were a fantastic help when it came to decorating our Christmas tree and our classroom at the beginning of December too. They decorated it beautifully and showed a great sense of pride in it. Teamwork was a massive part of having our classroom looking so festive for the month of December.

We really enjoyed wearing our Christmas Jumpers in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital and we were delighted to welcome a very special guest to our school on the day too! The boys were so impressed with Santa's sleigh and were even happier with the homework pass and chocolate treat that Santa gave them on the day.

We have been busy preparing for all of the Christmas concerts too. The boys loved learning different songs and poems for their class group's performances and should be commended for their efforts. They really enjoyed watching their peers perform and performing themselves on the day.

Well done on completing the first term boys. You have achieved so much already this school year. Have a lovely, well-deserved break and we look forward to all that is to come in the new year!

Ms. Cantwell





Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

Nollaig Shona Daoibh! Or as we have learned over the past few weeks Happy Christmas to you all. It has been an action packed few weeks in Room 1 since we spoke to you last. We will now endeavour to share with you what we have been up to but we'll probably only skim the surface.

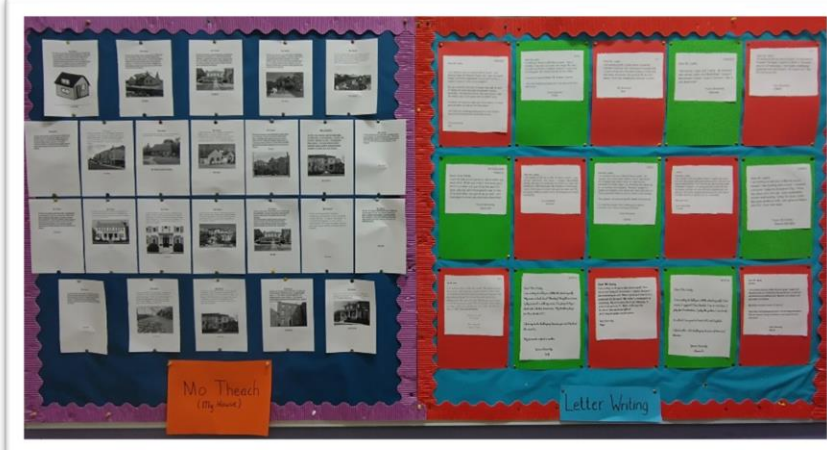
In Maths we have covered some important topics like Data, Problem Solving Multiplication and Division. We are currently learning our multiplication and division tables and playing lots of fun games with them. We have been working with counters and sharing them etc. We are hoping to move on to fractions in the New Year. We look forward to the challenge. We have had our Chromebooks and Ipads out each week using Studyladder to further hone our skills.



In English we have been working on recount writing. We have read lots of examples of them and then we all wrote our own recount. This happened over a few weeks where we planned it out, created a first draft, edited it and the redrafted it before finally publishing them. We had checklists to ensure we stuck to the criteria. It worked really well and we really enjoyed listening to each others recount stories. We completed our second Star Reading Test which saw lots of boys improving. All the reading we are doing is paying off! We will be completing our first class novel this week as well, entitled 'Cool' by Michael Morpurgo. We aim to read 3 novels this year so we are right on track!

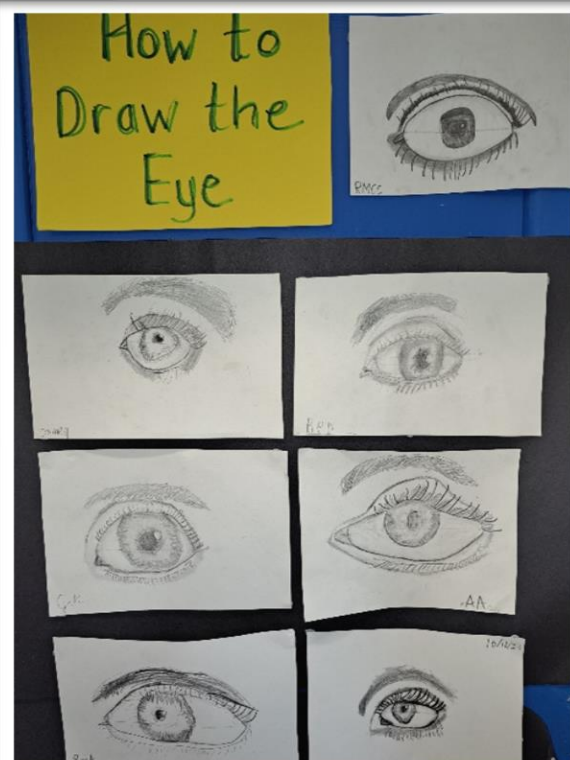
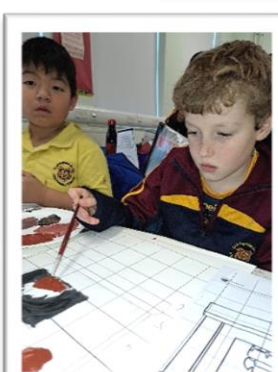


Christmas has been at the centre of much of our work as Gaeilge. We have been learning Christmas Spellings, playing Christmas games of 'Cad atá imithe?', and working on Irish cómhra (conversation) asking 'Cad ba mhaith leat don Nollag?'. We've completed Scríobhneoirecht Insint (Recount) to tie in with English Genre Writing.





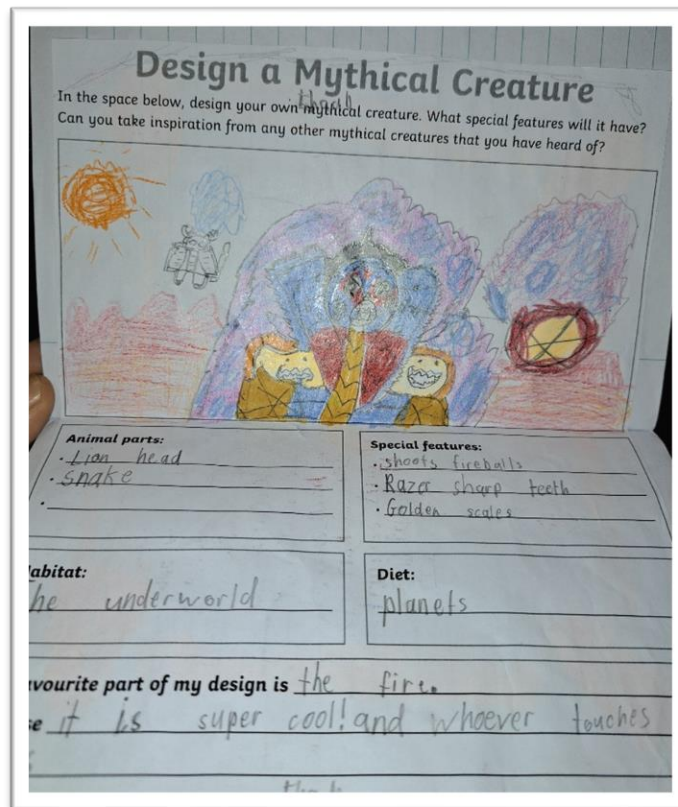
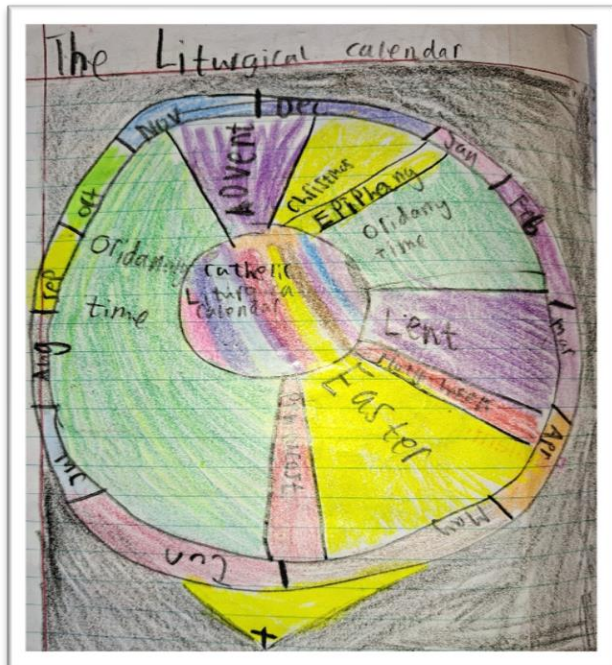
We have been making great strides in our drawing. We have been honing our skills by learning to use drawing techniques such as using a grid for reference. This allowed us to create some lovely Christmas Art including our Christmas Paintings. We also looked at the work of other artists and learned from them. We used the tips we picked up to create portraits and detailed drawings of the human eye.



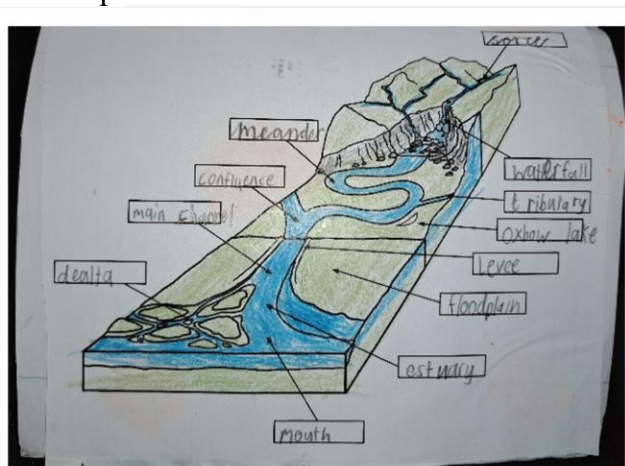


Religion has been very interesting. We learned all about the Liturgical Calendar, drawing it in our copies, and learning about the different colours associated with religious times of year. We then took a close look at Advent and The Annunciation.

History has been very exciting. We have been learning about Greek Mythology. Stories such as 'The 12 labours of Hercules' and 'Theseus and the Minotaur' have been delved into. Boys even got a chance to create their own mythical creatures.

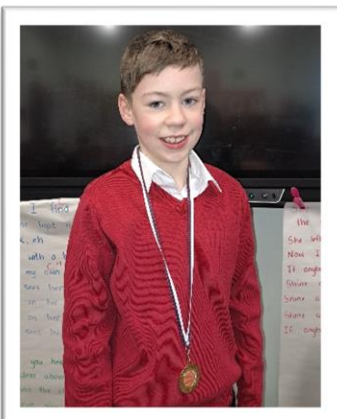


Geography has seen us learning about Rivers. We took a close look at features of a river, the course of a river and learned to name and label rivers of Ireland on a map.



PE seen the culmination of the Benchball League. Congrats to the Team Applebeds who were victorious and received their medals. An indoor soccer League is currently under way.





We even enjoyed a trip to the Astroturf for PE last week. We really enjoyed it.



We couldn't finish up without mention the trojan of work, time and practice we put into preparing for our Christmas Concert Performance. We sang three songs: 'Rule the World', 'Mamacita donde esta Santa Claus' and 'This Christmas'. We also learned an Irish Poem entitle 'Is fear Sneachta Mise' which we also performed. We were really happy with how the performance went. We hope you enjoyed it. That's all for now. Have a lovely Christmas from all in Room 1.





Mrs. Ryan's 4th Class

Christmas Jumper Day

I woke up very excited, it was Christmas Jumper day! I couldn't wait to try out my Christmas jumper that said 'Santa Rocks'. After eating my breakfast I got into my car and hit the road to go to my school CBS Primary.

When I reached the school and walked through the two gates I saw about a hundred different Christmas jumpers. Red and green and brown for the reindeers it was a beautiful sight.

After the bell rang and we went inside, Mr Cuniffe was waiting for us with a basket, we were raising money for the Temple Street Children's Hospital in Dublin. I put my two euros and sat at my desk. While we were working on our Busy at Maths book our teacher shouted out of the blue get ready Santa Claus is coming to town!

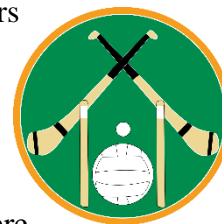
We all scampered out of the classroom and went to the front of the school where we met Santa Claus and his elf. I was getting ecstatic. We took a picture with them and he told us that we could all have no homework at all this made my class and I erupt with joy! Lastly he gave us chocolates to give to my teacher, she promised to give the chocolate at lunch. While I was eating my chocolate I wondered if this was the best day ever.

by Ryan



Our trip to Tullamore match report

The trip to Tullamore was 2 hours and six minutes and when we got there we saw the pitch and it was beautiful. The players were already on the pitch training for the semi final of the Club All Ireland and there was only thirty minutes. Thirty minutes later the match started, Cushendall started well with O'Loughlins down by 7 points because of an early goal in the first half. In the second half O'Loughlins started off well getting five points from Mark Bergin on frees and a goal from Sean Bolger. The score was 1-14 to 1-15, Cushendall were winning by a point and there were 15 minutes left. Following some crucial points from Mark Bergin and David Fogarty we won the match by one point and we were through to the Club All Ireland final and the last time we got to an All Ireland final was in 2011 when the manager Brian Hogan right now was playing and unfortunately lost to a Galway team.



by Éanna, Dylan and Jamie

The Aviva trip

On the 25th of November Saturday, when Conor was driving home from his cousin's house, Noah was waiting for Conor. The house Noah was waiting in front of was a small rectangular bungalow beside the CBS Primary School, Kilkenny. The house was a light tan colour with a brown triangular prism roof. There were two windows and there was white door. Conor slowly opened the car door and jumped into Noah's car. They headed over to the roundabout at McDonalds. The journey to Dublin was set to take 1 hour and 18 mins .It took slightly longer than that. They finally arrived at Old Belvedere, they played the under 11's team, Old Belvedere were tough opponents but they finally won, in the end Noah and Conor got pizza off the club. They got changed into their Leinster gear and took off to the Aviva stadium. They went the red route, they got hats and scarves and flags and food including chicken burgers. They walked the red route and entered the stadium where they sat down. They sat a little back from the front row when the game started, Leinster kicked off,



Munster had scored a try and they converted it, after they scored a penalty worth 3 points they were 9 -0 up.

In the first half Leinster followed up with a try and a conversion. And they scored again at the start of the second half they led 21 -9 in the second half and the Munster star Conor Murray scored a try to make it 21-16 and then Peter O'Mahony scored a try followed by a penalty to make it a lead for Munster. Leinster scored, the score was 28-27 in favour of Leinster, there was a try for Munster it was disallowed. At the end of the game Leinster won 28-27. on the way home Conor and Noah went McDonalds it was very nice we met our friend Vinny from the Kilkenny Rugby Club. They arrived home and at last Noah dropped Conor to his house. He went in and they went to their houses and fell asleep.

by Noah and Conor

Science Week

Ah Science week, Science week was full of experiments and good old fashioned FUN. I'm going to tell you about my experience.

On Monday we made a fluid called oobleck. Oobleck is a fluid that is a liquid when moved slowly but a solid when punched. Oobleck is made with corn flour and water. It was lots of fun. (on Tuesday we didn't do anything).



On Wednesday we made this thing called Cloud dough. Cloud dough is made with conditioner and corn flour. We added food colouring to the cloud dough and it was very sticky. Again loads of fun.



On Thursday we went to Doctor Ken's Science Show! It was lots of fun! We learn about Physics and also how to eat fire but DON'T TRY AT HOME! Dr. Ken was ok to do it but he's a professional. Other than that we had fun.



On Friday we were given a small sheet of paper and we were told to try to put our entire physical body through it. It was hard and at the end the teacher had to tell us how to.

I can't wait until next science week.

by Desmond





Christmas Tree Festival

As we walked into the Cathedral, we saw the vast variety of trees, it was an astonishing sight. We saw loads of trees and they were all so beautiful. There were around 120 trees [including our tree].

Our tree was number 86. Speaking of our tree, it was made with several elements of our school, such as the CBS crest.

Our personal favourite trees were the lego tree, the quality street tree, the marshmallow tree and the St. John's tree.

In conclusion, we had a great time at the Christmas Tree Festival and we hope we can go again next year.

by James Cuniffe and James Phelan



Music Generation Singout Concert

Our class was lucky enough to be selected to complete Music Generations Singout programme which involved two facilitators teaching the two 4th classes for one hour every Monday.

Hi there, we're here to tell you about the St. Canice's Cathedral sing out concert from the CBS Primary perspective. So let's get into it.

First of all it took place on the 15th of December. It was due to start at 6:30pm but we had to be there at 6:00pm. We went into the Parochial house where we met St. John of God, The School of the Holy Spirit and De la Salle schools. We did a practice with Claire and Barbara.

Finally it was time to go on. First we sang Walking in the Air, then Silver bells, Christmas alphabet, White christmas, Winter fantasy and finally We all sing together.

By Jack and Ben



Mrs. Larkin's 4th Class

Fourth class boys in Room 7 have had a very busy couple of months. In November the boys continued their Gaelic football training with Steven while also enjoying Tag Rugby lessons with Noel.

Ukulele lessons continued with Paul & it's becoming very clear that we have many budding musicians among us! This month also saw the beginning of the Sing Out Concert preparations with Music Generation.



Science Week was lots of fun, with some fun experiments in class. We were lucky enough to attend Dr. Ken's Science Show in the Set Theatre also.

In December we began our preparations for our Christmas show. The boys have had great fun singing, dancing & reciting our very own class poem! The boys also performed with children from three other schools in St. Canice's Cathedral for the Sing Out Concert and were amazing!





They have created some really beautiful Christmas art that is displayed on our corridor with great pride. We have also enjoyed making use of the iPads & Chromebooks as much as possible.

We are now looking forward to a nice break from school & a peaceful Christmas. We will return in January rested & ready for plenty of hard work! Happy Christmas everyone!

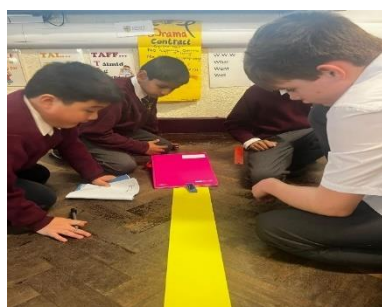




Mrs. Bolger & Ms. Howell's 5th Class

We had a great first term in Room 12. The boys have put in a huge effort both inside the classroom and at home preparing for tests.

We celebrated Science Week in November by investigating Forces and carrying out experiments on the effect of liquids on eggs which are similar in composition to our teeth.



We have been covering narrative and recount genres and the boys have produced top-class work on our Chromebooks. Our writing wall is looking very impressive.

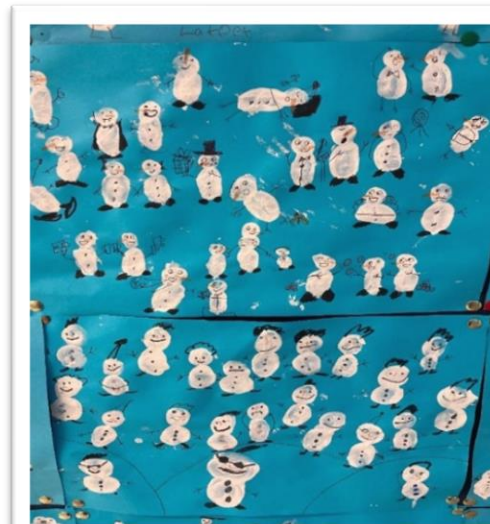
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The boys have completed their 6 weeks of swimming lessons in the Watershed and their confidence in the water has grown considerably.



In Art we have been busy producing festive displays and the boys have expressed their individuality through paint, colour, drawing and printing. The boys have also designed and produced amazing Christmas cards.





The class continue to make great strides in learning the ukulele. They can now play Jingle Bells and Last Christmas and enjoy singing along as they play. We have also been busy learning Christmas carols and The Grinch poem for the school Christmas concert.



This term we were sorry to bid farewell to our classmate Misha. We wish Misha all the best in Thomastown. On Tuesday the 12th we had a very special visitor to Room 12. Santa dropped by for a quick visit and gave the boys chocolate treats and homework off.



We really appreciate your cooperation this term. We hope you all have a happy and restful holiday.
Ms Howell and Mrs Bolger

Ms. Brennan's 5th Class

WOW! What a busy and productive time we have had in Room 9 since we last shared our news. Our days have been filled with lots of hard work and a sprinkling of fun and laughter too. Read on to find out about just some of what we have gotten up to lately.

We have had a great time in PE recently. We continued to develop our hurling skills on Friday afternoons, and did swimming on Thursdays in the Watershed. We also worked on various Fundamental Movement Skills in the hall.

In Visual Arts, we learned about an artist from Manchester called L.S. Lowry. Lowry liked to paint life in the streets around the north of England. Ms. Brennan shared photos and books she got on her trip to the Lowry Gallery last summer.



In Science, we 'dissected' flowers, and learned about the scientific names for the different parts of a plant.



Well done to Leos who excelled in the recent Leinster Irish Dancing Championships. We are proud of you!



We went to the hall for a talk about Water Safety with PAWS. Every pupil got the chance to use a life buoy so that we will know what to do in an emergency situation.



We continued our work in Art by making winter trees from clay. We then painted them and put them on display in our corridor. We also got the opportunity to construct paper star decorations for the holiday season which involved lots of cutting, folding and stapling!



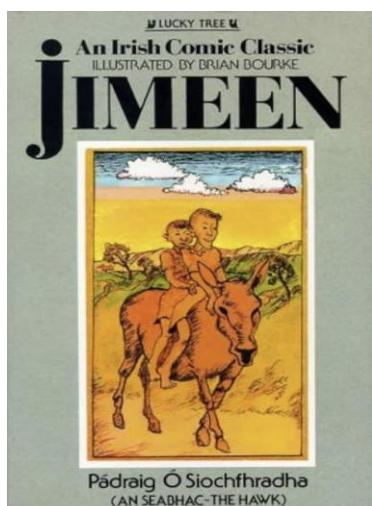
One of the many lessons we had for Science Week involved using the school's magnetism kit, trying out different types of magnets with iron filings.



We had a magical visit from Santa this month. Every pupil got to say hello, take a photo, and get some chocolate from this special guest!



Ms. Brennan recently shared a Christmas story from a book she remembers fondly from her childhood. Jimeen is a mischievous boy from Kerry who gets up to all sorts of adventures!



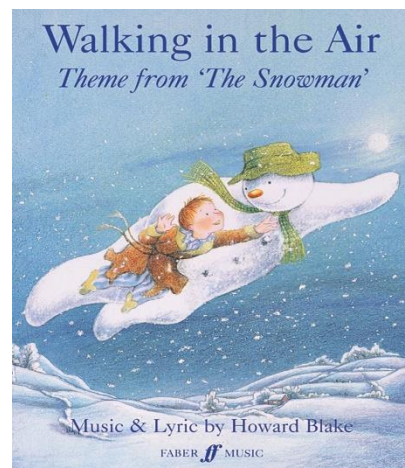
In Religion, Ms. Brennan explained the tradition of the Advent Wreath. We learned about the story of the 'Hail Mary' prayer on the 8th December. We are each getting a treat from our class Advent Calendar in the run up to the holidays.



Ms. Brennan has a large collection of books she loves and collects, many of them linked to work we are doing in class, including History, Geography, Art, SPHE and English. One title that has been especially popular this month has been the Credit Union Quiz Book. Boys have been testing each other in little groups whenever they get the chance!



At the time of writing, we are busy preparing for our Winter Performance. We will be singing two songs: Walking in the Air and White Winter Hymnal. Some of our pupils will also be reciting a poem 'as Gaeilge' called 'Sneachta'.



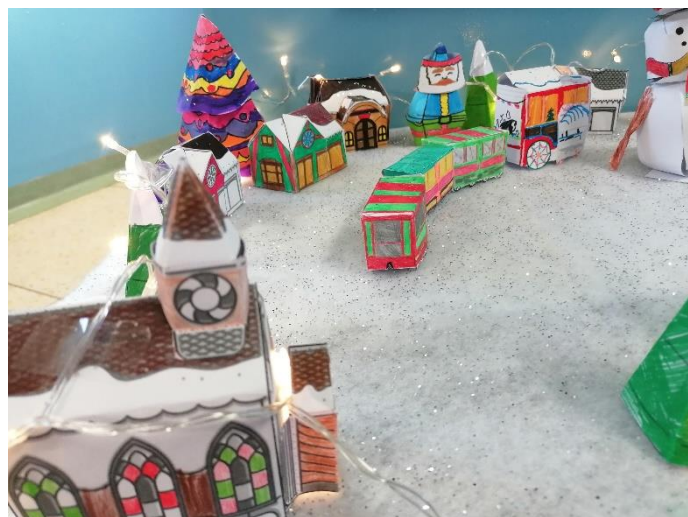
We are excited to celebrate the end of term with the rest of the school. Also this week, we will learn about the Winter Solstice and Newgrange, and Ms. Brennan is planning to host a 'Willy Wonka Hot Chocolate Party' for the boys of Room 9!



Ms. Curran's 6th Class

Art

For Art this term we worked on, silhouettes and construction. Our personal favourite was Tomville. A 3-d card Winter Paradise. We coloured, cut, and folded to make our masterpiece. We have trains, train carriages, houses, penguins, A church, Christmas trees, Santa and a giant Snowman named Snowman Smith by Connor. We had a tonne of fun making it. It was challenging to make but it paid off.



We also made Arctic silhouettes during the last 2 weeks of December. They were really cool. We painted it from top to bottom. White, then blue and then purplish blue with the moon. We then got black paper and cut out trees, igloos, animals, footprints and more. It was loads of fun too.

By Toni And Shahab 😊

Music Generation

We 6th class have been enjoying the ukulele sessions with Paul from the Music Generation. We have learned lots of new chords and new songs this year thanks to Paul. Some of the new songs we've learned this year are Vampire, Deja Vu and Budapest. We are really thankful to Paul and the Music Generation for having given us their time and teaching us how to play the ukulele. We are really looking forward to getting back to learning ukulele with Paul after the Christmas Holidays and we'll try our best.

By Azlan



Sport

In room 8 we have been using freebooters Astroturf pitch to improve our soccer skills. We have been working hard on our skills and drills. We have enjoyed our mini matches. We are so lucky to be allowed to play on the astro thanks to Freebooters.



By Patrick and Dan



Drama- School play

Letters from the front:

Room 8 have been busy preparing for their Christmas play. We decided to do a play called Letters From the Front, featuring WW1 on Christmas Eve. This play was our own CBS adaptation of a local production of Letters From The Front that our very own Mrs. Ryan starred in Watergate and in Dublin. Late on Christmas Eve 1914, men of the British Expeditionary Force (BEEF) heard German troops in the trenches opposite them singing carols and patriotic songs. British and German soldiers met in no man's land and exchanged gifts, took photographs and some played impromptu games of football. We learned all about WW1 in class.



We had to prepare Rats, Flags, robes for medics and lots more. We sang 2 songs, Pipes Of Peace by Paul McCartney and This Christmas by Picture This. We enjoyed making all the equipment and all the preparations for the play. We loved being part of this play and we really hope you all enjoyed it too!

By David Irimia and Jakub Komorek!!





Mr. Reidy's 6th Class

We have had a really busy but enjoyable term in Room 11. Boys worked extremely hard and showed a great attitude in all activities completed. Please enjoy articles written by the boys themselves on some of our highlights over the past few weeks.

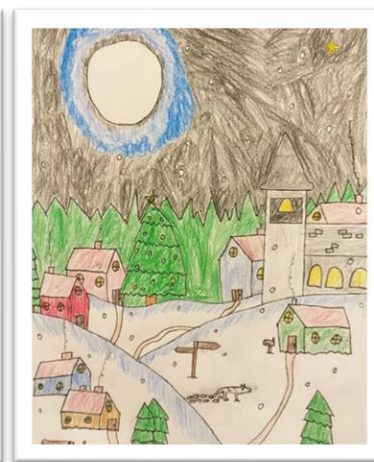
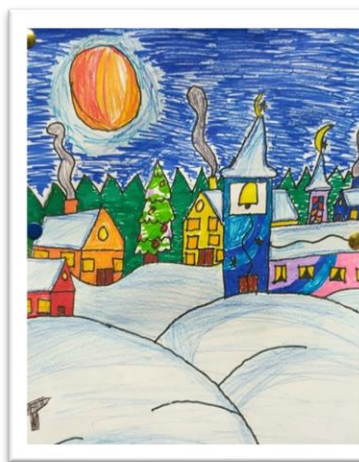
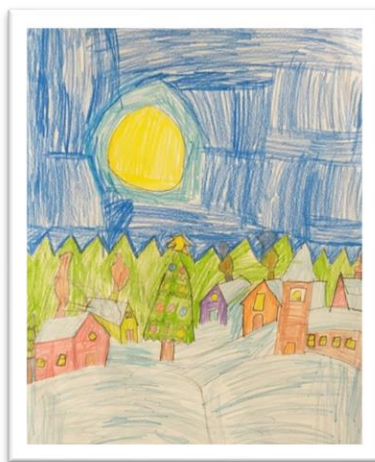
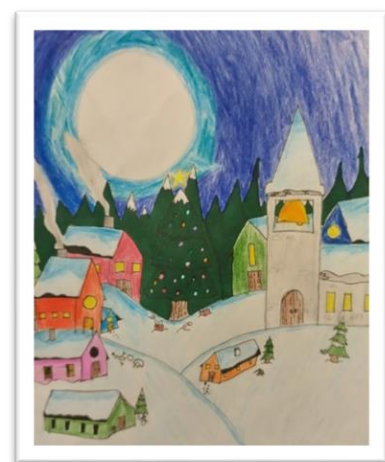
Art

We enjoyed art this term. We did a lot of things. We did painting, Drawing and colouring.

One of the things we did was a drawing with pastels of the Northern Lights. There was a tutorial on the screen and we used it as inspiration. We drew lines and shaded with different shades of blue and added some other colours such as greens and purples.



We also did a Winter village. There was a tutorial on how to draw it, and then we could colour it in and add our own little details and extra stuff.



One of the funniest things we did in art this term was print painting. We had sponges cut out of shapes of trees and we would dip the sponge in green paint and then print it onto the page. Then we dipped our finger into the white paint and dabbed it on the page for snow. I enjoyed art this term and I am looking forward to more art next term.

By Ben



Science Week

In Science Week, like other classes we did a variety of experiments to showcase what we learned in our science workbooks. Here are a few examples of some experiments we tried out:

First up, we tried an experiment that showcased the three forms that materials exist in: solid, liquid and gas. You begin by filling two balloons with water and then blowing one up with your breath. You leave one of the two balloons with water in a freezer and once it turns into ice then you are finished and you can feel and see the differences in the three forms.



Next up, is a simple test of how air expands with heat and all you need is one balloon and a radiator which is turned on. Blow the balloon about half full of air and hold it just above the radiator so the air is going right into the balloon. Once you have it there for one or two minutes you will see that the balloon has gotten harder to touch and bigger in size, without blowing and more air in. This is due to molecules spacing out so the heat can pass through.

And finally, another balloon involved test (they seemed to be useful throughout the week) in which you get two fully blown up balloons and some push pins. You first place a pin on a table with the point facing upwards then you get one balloon and push it onto the point. Then the balloon instantly pops, but on the other hand, if you place 10-20 pins side by side facing upward again then you will see a different result once you push down on the pins we found that it was much more difficult to pop the balloon. This is due to the spread of pressure of all the pins which cannot single out a point of superior pressure so it is basically like placing it on a table.



Overall, we had great fun with the experiments and I would love to do some of them at home!

By Cian

Writing Genres on the Chromebooks

Since Halloween break, we have done 3 major narrative pieces on the Chromebooks. We wrote horror mystery horror stories based off the book 'The Westing game'. We wrote about how to prank bullies that came off the book of 'Bud, not Buddy'. And we wrote about how a little boy called Jan travels with a family to get out of Poland and emigrate to a safer country which we wrote with inspiration from 'The Silver Sword'. The latest piece we wrote was about carnivorous plants. We used slides instead of docs. We talked about what carnivorous plants are, how they survive and how they work. We all presented our slides to the class. So far, we have enjoyed writing about all of the genres and we're looking forward to writing more.

By Adrian



Ukuleles

This year as you may or may not know, we do ukulele lessons in school every Tuesday with Paul from Music Generation. We've learned numerous songs since Halloween so I'll name a few. We've learned; Vampire, Budapest, Feliz Navidad, Last Christmas, and Jingle bells on tabs. We also performed at the CBS Information Evening. We played Shake it off and Counting Stars.

We've learned some new chords this term. chords like Bm, Am7, A and B \flat (flat). For our last session of this term, we played Rudolph the rednosed Reindeer, Christmas tree farm and Jingle Bell Rock.

The Christmas song I've enjoyed the most was Merry Christmas Everyone by Shakin' Stephens. We haven't learned it in school but I've learned it myself. My favourite Christmas song I've learned in school is Feliz Navidad mostly because my family would sing it every Christmas, also because it is a simple song.

Thank you for reading this and I hope you have a Happy Christmas!

By Keith Abubo

Hurling sessions

We recently finished our Gaelic sessions with our coach Stephen. Stephen is a coach for Dicksboro. Stephen has just recently started coaching us on how to play hurling. There is a certain day for Steven to come to our school and teach our school on how to improve our hurling skills. That day is Friday. My class is room 11 our time to go out to Steven and play hurling is at 11 until 11:45.



We are on week 4 in our hurling sessions. We have learned many skills so far including jab and roll lift, soloing, striking and catching. Last week we did some stretching and warmups. After that we took part in a mini blitz. We got to play matches against boys from our own class in teams of 4.

It was really fun and we can't wait to learn new skills in our sessions.

By Brooklyn Power

Maths-Stations

For the past few weeks we have been working with Mr. Cuniffe and Mr. Reidy on Maths stations. Every Wednesday, usually from 9:05 a.m to 10:05 a.m Mr. Cuniffe comes to our classroom. We have three stations



consisting of Mental maths and ipads, Calculator work and a booklet with Mr. Cunniffe which has Problem solving in it. It has been great fun and it makes you look towards Wednesday. The Mental maths is an independent station where when you've finished Wednesday you get to play the many educational maths games downloaded onto the ipads. All students enjoy this as we get that item off of homework for the night.

When working with Mr. Reidy we do calculator work. It teaches us how to properly use a calculator and how to solve problems when limited keys can be used.

When we work with Mr. Cunniffe, He hands out booklets which have advanced maths problems. For example, is $\frac{4}{9}$ s half of $\frac{8}{18}$ s? Answer: No, it is equivalent. We find out our own answers and then we work together solving it if none of us found it out. This improves our thinking and problem solving. Of course, all the boys in the class love this. We have something to look forward to during the week and you get to work with your friends. Thanks for reading this overview on our maths stations!

By Shay Hayes

PAWS Water Safety

We really enjoyed the PAWS WATER SAFETY programme talk that we took part in earlier this term. PAWS is also known as Primary Aquatics Water Safety.

We learned about the dangers on farms and river beds. On farms there are slurry pits, waters that look shallow but are really deep.

We also learned that at the beach if there is a green flag the water is safe to swim in. If there is a yellow flag it means it is very wavy in the water and but not least if there is a red flag you are not allowed to swim at all.

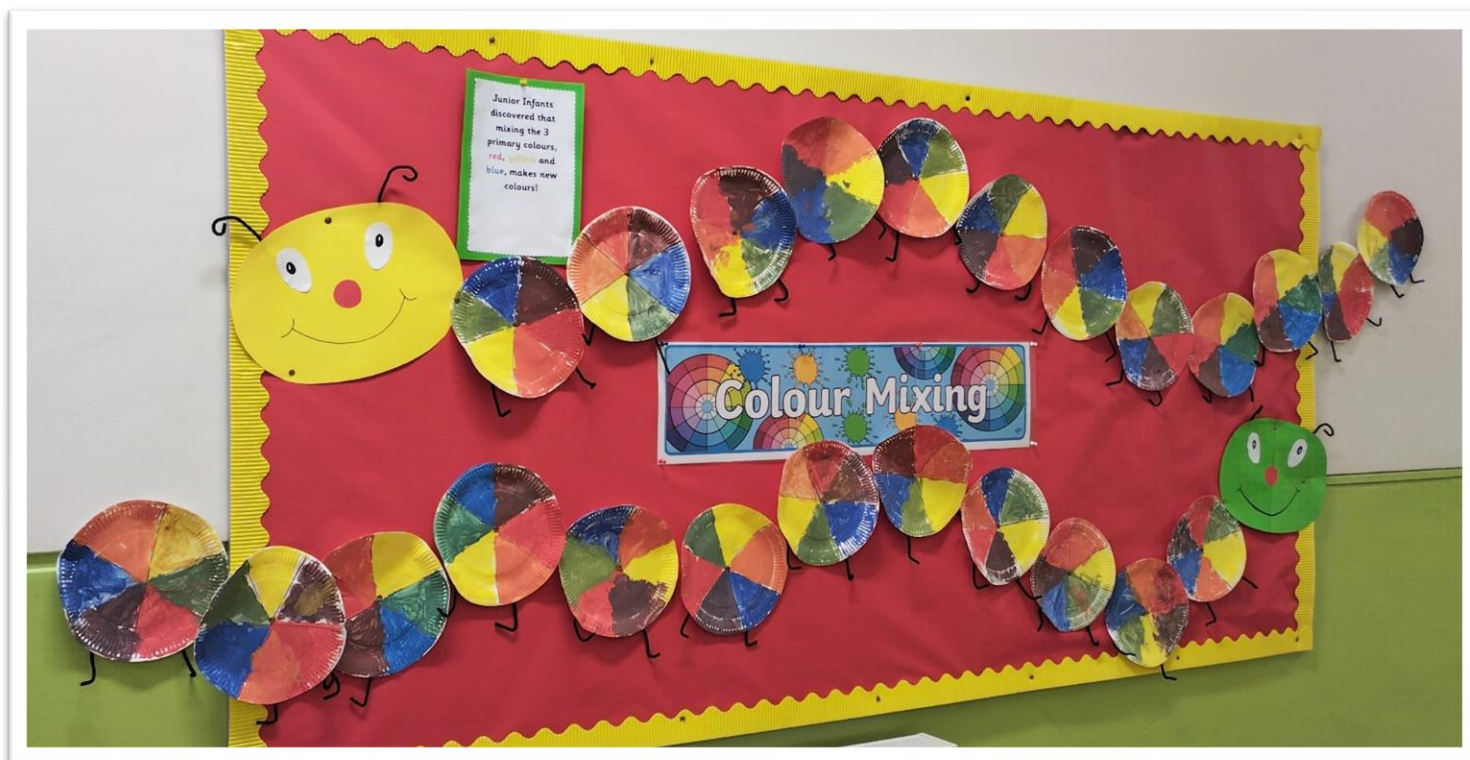
We learned about the dangers of swimming pools, an interesting fact is that there are approximately 236.000 injuries in European swimming pools every year-and most of these are children and teenagers. In an Emergency you should call 122 or 999.

Near the end we got to practise throwing lifebuoys. At the end we received a booklet that had a lot of fun games inside. We all learned that we need to be safe around farms, pools and beaches.

By Tyler



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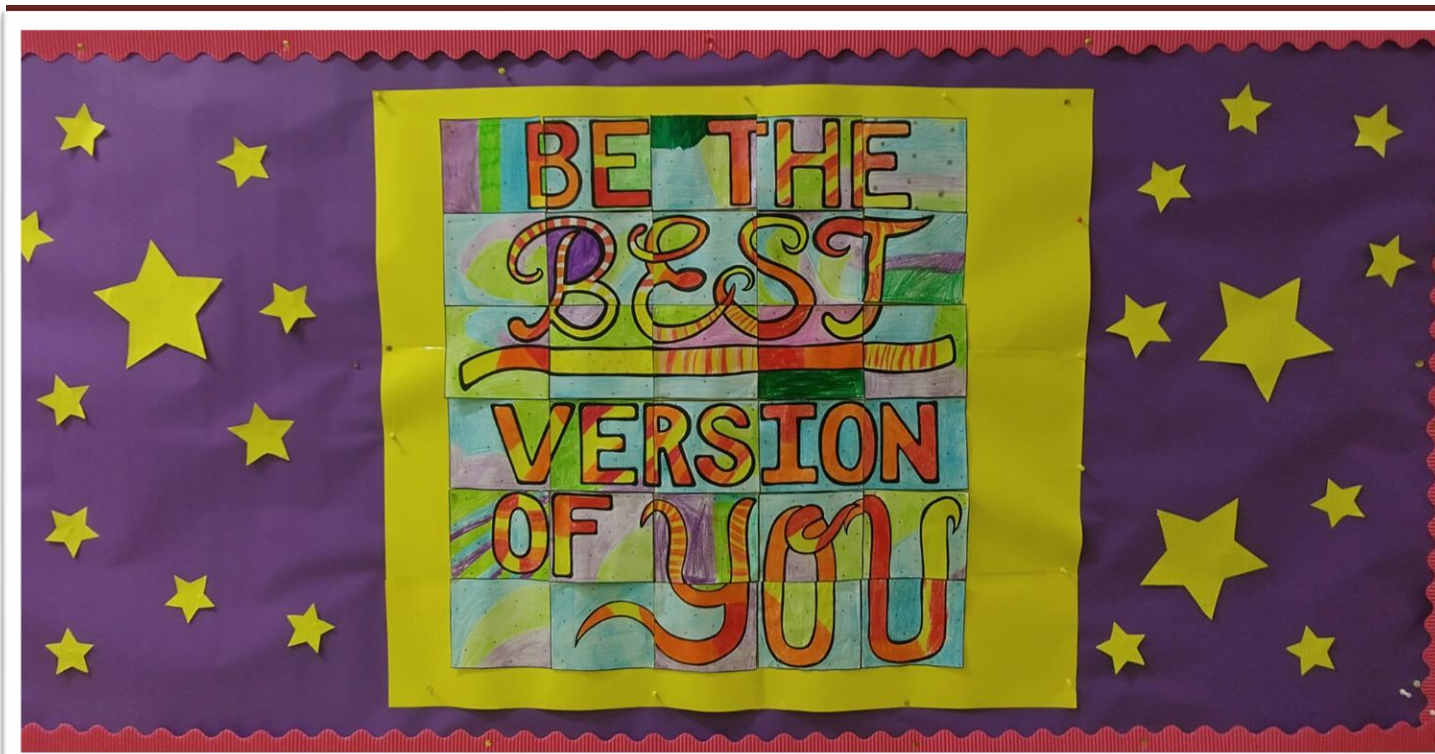




The Northern Lights













Christmas 2023



**On behalf of everyone in
Scoil Iognáid de Rís,
we wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.**



We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday, 8th January 2024.