

Some highlights this term.

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to our Halloween Newsletter. It is hard to believe in so many ways that Mid-Term is upon us!

As always, we have had a busy but extremely positive start to the 2024/2025 school year. We welcomed 42 new infant pupils to our school and many new pupils in other classes from 2nd – 6th Class. We are delighted to have you in our school, and we hope you enjoy your years with us.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents/guardians of the children for your constant support, co-operation and encouragement. We are extremely fortunate to have a hardworking and dedicated teaching staff, who do a wonderful job in delivering the curriculum to the pupils in their care in an enjoyable, engaging and meaningful way. A special word of thanks to our SNAs, Ms. Malone, Ms. Kelly, Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Butler and Ms. Fortune and our ancillary staff, Tom & Michael who contribute so much to our school. A special mention for Tom who pulls out all the stops to provide such a brilliant and informative newsletter.

A word of appreciation for our Board of Management and Parents' Association for their hard work and commitment to our school.

We are so proud of all of our pupils. It is wonderful to hear visitors to our school speak so highly of you all. You have settled in really well to the new school year. We've had a really enjoyable and progressive opening two months in school, and we look forward to the weeks and months ahead. Enjoy your well-deserved break boys and girls.

Just a reminder that the school will be closed from Monday, October 28th to Friday, November 1st inclusive for the Mid-Term break.

I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy Hallowe'en.

Niall Bergin, Principal.



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School Developments

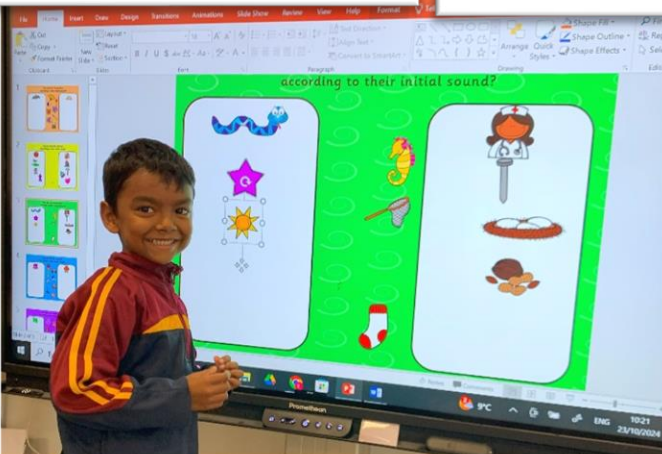
Last year was our first year with a Junior Infants class. This year we enrolled two new classes of Junior Infant girls and boys, and we've had our first Senior Infants class. A sincere word of thanks to our Board of Management for the significant role they played in bringing the school's vision to fruition.

KILKENNY CBS - MS NI BHEACHAIN'S CLASS



KILKENNY CBS - MRS LARKIN'S CLASS





You may also have noticed that we've made a few changes around the school itself.



Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association recently held their AGM. Newly elected officers were appointed:

Chairperson: Joanne Buckeridge
Secretary: Roisin Tyrrell
Treasurer: Margaret Harkin

We wish our new officers well and we thank them most sincerely for fulfilling these important roles.

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

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



Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday, November 19th and Wednesday, November 20th.

Booking for the meetings will be made on Aladdin Connect. Parents can book times when we return after the break. We encourage everyone to book a time slot. Please note **school will close at 2.15pm on these two days.**

Parent-Teacher Meetings



Flu Vaccinations

Ayrfield Medical Centre will be administering flu vaccinations after the Mid-Term break (date tbc). Permission slips and information about the flu vaccination will be distributed in November.



Halloween Safety

We were delighted to welcome Garda Mark Nolan to our school on Thursday last. Mark spoke to all of our pupils in 4th – 6th class about:

1. Road Safety.
2. Strangers.
3. Fireworks and bonfires.



Please stay safe over the Halloween break!

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.

First Holy Communion – 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 3rd May.

Confirmation – 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, 28th March.

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

This year Scoil Iognáid de Rís will once again take part in the wonderful charity event that is the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. Our school is a collection point for the gift boxes that provide children in poorer countries much-needed joy through gifts and essentials. Over the next few days, your son or daughter will bring home the Team Hope leaflet.



WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

www.teamhope.ie   

We understand that it is an expensive time of year, and some parents may not be able to participate but we will also have a donation box for items if people are able to donate individual items like - toothpaste, small toys etc. Thank you once again for your support of this amazing cause, the date for donations is the **November 10th**.

Mrs. N. Ryan, Team Hope Coordinator.

TEAM HOPE
Christmas shoebox appeal

Christmas Cards for Schools

With Christmas fast approaching, we are taking part in an initiative where children in the school draw their own personal Christmas Card.



The completed cards were sent away to a company called "Christmas Cards for Schools" where they were professionally printed. Each child is allowed keep their own card.

Parents have the option of ordering a pack of 10 cards, at a cost of €8 per pack, to send to friends and relations for Christmas. **The deadline for orders will be decided after the Mid-Term break.** Parents are under no obligation to order cards.

Silver Circle

Our annual Silver Circle fundraiser usually takes place during the month of October. We have postponed this event until Term 2.



Information Evening

We will be hosting an **Information Evening on Wednesday, November 13th at 7.30pm** in the School Hall. A reminder that we will be enrolling **Junior Infants to 1st class girls and boys, and boys only from 2nd to 6th class.**

Applications for September 2025 will be accepted from **Monday, January 6th to Friday, January 31st 2025** for Junior Infants. Application forms will be available in the school office and on our website cbsprimarykilkenny.ie

We are encouraging you , the parental body, to spread the good word about our school.We look forward to meeting as many prospective parents as possible on the night.



Information Evening

On Wednesday, November 13th
@ 7.30pm in the School Hall.



Inviting parents interested in
finding out more about our school.

**Junior Infants – 1st Class Girls & Boys
and Boys from 2nd - 6th Class.**

See the fantastic facilities that we
have to offer in Scoil Iognáid de Rís.



Enquiries to office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie or (056) 7761739

School Self-Evaluation

School Self Evaluation (SSE) is a process of evaluating current practice and planning for improvements for the benefit of all. Last year we looked at PE in our school and focussed in on Fundamental Movement Skills. We will continue with the Fundamental Movement Skills this year whilst also reviewing our Literacy and Numeracy plans. We looked at the area of Wellbeing in our school community and this is something that we will continue to focus on this year.



Primary Schools Cross Country Event

In early October we held trials to qualify for the Primary Schools Cross Country Event which was held in the Castle Park.

A huge word of well done to every boy who tried out, and in particular, to those who represented the school so well on the day in the Castle Park.

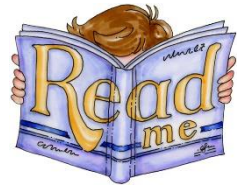
A word of thanks to Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Hickey for looking after the boys.

A special word of congratulations to Dylan McGee who won a gold medal in the 5th class event.



Accelerated Reading

This year we continue with our Accelerated Reading Programme. The aim of this programme is to foster a love of reading in every pupil, motivate pupils to read and set specific targets for every pupil in our school.



Our pupils have been screened and reading levels have been assigned. Books have been categorised and are ready to go. We are currently building up our school library. 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.

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.

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 app to keep you updated on school events.

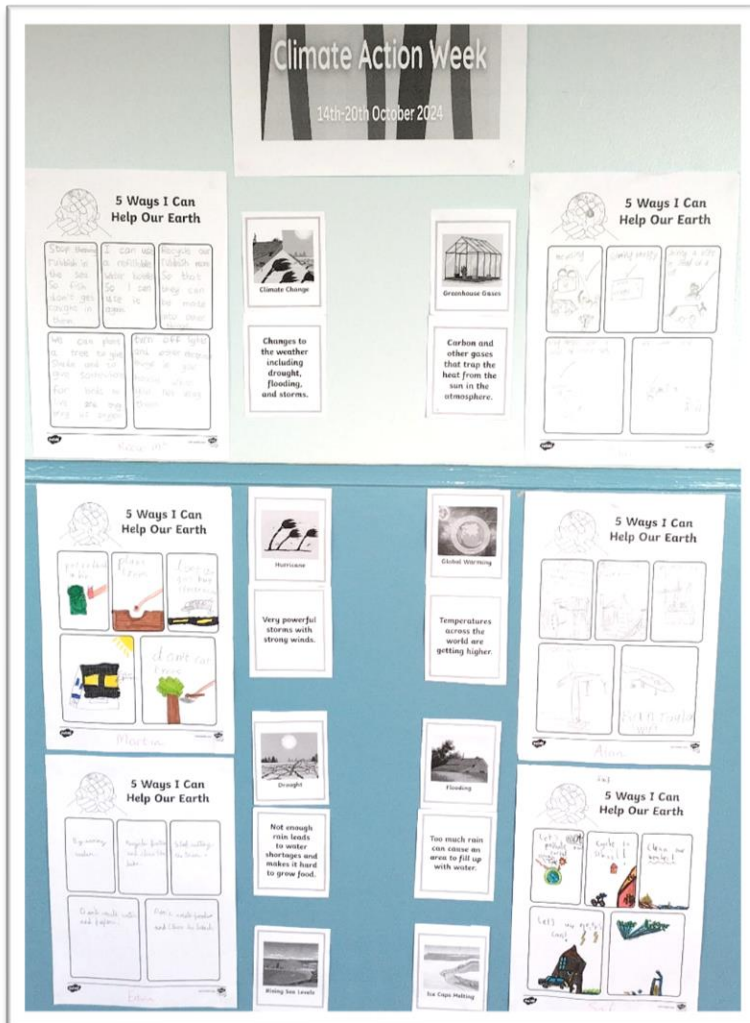
Green Schools

Greetings one and all from the green schools committee. We have had a good start to the year promoting environmental awareness in our classrooms and how we can help our planet. We have exciting news to share: our school has been fitted with solar panels and this will help reduce our energy consumption whilst also doing our bit for the environment.

National Tree Day was held on the 3rd of October. Some classes got to go on a Nature Trail in the Castle Park studying and identifying our beautiful native trees. This year's theme was called 'Trees are magic'. And the pupils certainly had a magical time.



Climate Action Week ran from the 14th – 20th of October. Classes got to take part in climate study and learned ways we can help our planet.



My World, My Actions, Our Planet

Mr. Reidy's class got to take part in a climate action workshop with expert engineers Pedro and Edima. The pupils learned all about renewable energy in this wonderful workshop called 'My World, My Actions, Our Planet'. Many thanks to Pedro and Edima for taking time out of their busy schedules to work with the boys and thank you for the energy booklets each pupil received.



Go Green for Halloween



On Friday, October 25th, we held a dress up fashion event in the Hall, entitled 'Go Green for Halloween'.

Our aim was to encourage pupils to reuse and recycle old costumes or even use recycled materials to create their own spooky designs.

Of course, all other scary creatures are also most welcome. We enjoyed seeing all these spooky characters and ghoulish creations on the day and we hope you do too!



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Our Green School Committee 2024-25

On a final note, on behalf of the Green Schools committee and myself, Miss Boyle, we would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Mid-Term break and remember whenever possible:

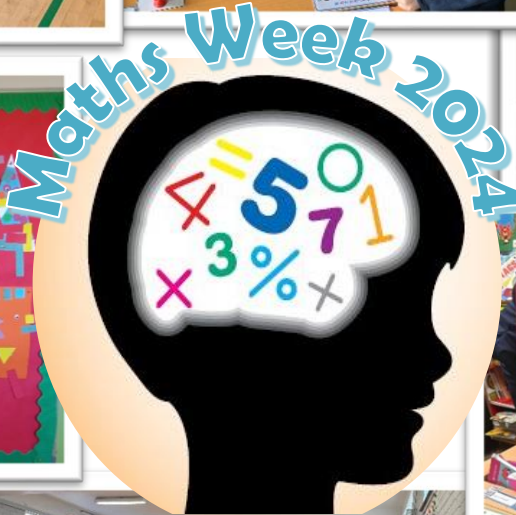
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

**Happy Halloween
And Stay Green!!!**



Maths Week

Maths Week was celebrated across the school from October 16th to 20th. It was a hugely enjoyable experience for all of our pupils who got to take part in a wide range of fun mathematical activities. Some of these included classes solving daily maths problems, designing their own headline stories, using IZAK 9 cubes, taking part in online webinars and so much more. We also had our annual junior and senior maths quizzes in the Hall where the pupils were mixed up into different teams with children from other classes. The entire week was filled with fun events and was enjoyed by all.



School Gaelic Football

Our school Gaelic football team have played four games this year, winning two and losing two. The boys have made huge improvements game on game, and I would like to thank them for representing the school so well.

A sincere word of thanks to Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Cantwell for their time and dedication to training the team. Thanks also to parents who supported our teams in many different ways during the year.



Lunchtime Gaelic Football Leagues are up and running for pupils in 4th-6th class. We look forward to a competitive internal league throughout the month of November.



Dicksboro G.A.A.

We are extremely grateful to Dicksboro G.A.A. Club for supporting our school. Every Friday, Stephen Farrell, 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 children have been working on their hurling skills since September.



Lego Construction Club

Term 1 of CBS Lego Club has started with some exciting and imaginative builds. As always Freeplay Week allowed members to showcase their creativity. Freeplay is a very popular session and develops creativity, communication and problem solving skills. Members have the option to work in groups or independently during all sessions.



Week 2 coincided with Climate Action Week, we took on the challenge to design environmental eco builds. We had builds that recycled rubbish to power vehicles, underwater machine that collects pollution and creates energy from the waste. A robot station that cleans air pollution and even a solar powered shield protector from asteroids.



Week 3 our final week before Mid Term break was our Car Racing Week. We designed and built various type of vehicles that ended with a very competitive race.

There are 4 more sessions to look forward to and we anticipate more ingenious creations....Watch this space!!!



Tennis

Twenty one boys from 2nd to 6th have been taking part in tennis lessons every Thursday evening after school. The boys have been learning all of the 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 so far.

The boys really enjoyed our last two 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 and we look forward to the rest of our lessons.



School Calendar 2024-2025

TERM 1

Monday, 28th October – Friday, 1st November: Mid-Term break (school closed).

Monday, 4th November: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Wednesday, 13th November: Information Evening at 7.30pm in the School Hall for Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of incoming students,

Tuesday, 19th November: Parent-Teacher meetings (School closing at 2.15pm)

Wednesday, 20th November: Parent-Teacher meetings (School closing at 2.15pm)

Friday, 20th December: Christmas Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 2

Monday, 6th January: Re-opening after Christmas Holidays.

Monday, 3rd February: St. Brigid's Day (School closed).

Monday, 10th February: Primary Maths Curriculum In-Service (School closed).

Monday, 17th – Friday, 21st February: Mid-Term break (School closed).

Monday, 24th February: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Monday, 17th March: St. Patrick's Day (School closed).

Friday, 28th March: Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am

Friday, 11th April: Easter Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 3

Monday, 28th April: Re-opening after Easter Holidays.

Saturday, 3rd May: First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.

Monday, 5th May: May Bank Holiday (School closed).

Monday, 2nd June: June Bank Holiday (School closed).

Wednesday, 25th June: Summer Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

** School holidays have been agreed between C.B.S. Primary 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

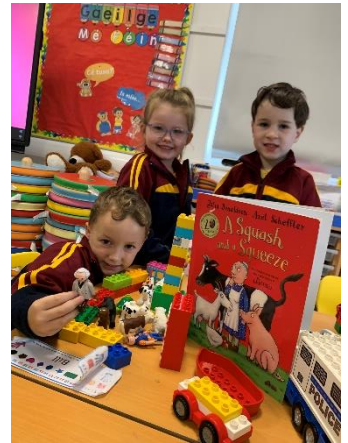
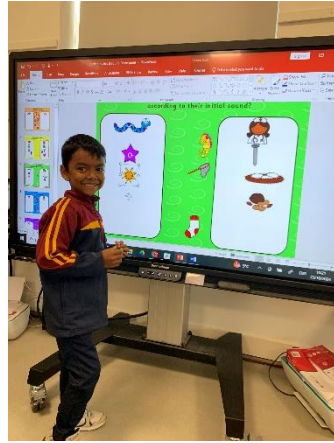
Our Junior Infant boys and girls in Room 2 have settled very well into CBS. The two months have flown by! They have had lots of fun and made lots of new friends along the way.



Purposeful play is at the centre of everything we do in the Junior Infant Classroom, and in Room 2 we have plenty of playful learning opportunities every day in our role-play, small world, construction, creative and sensory areas.



In our Literacy Stations we have been working very hard on our phonological and phonemic awareness, playing lots of rhyming and syllable games before we begin our phonics after the mid-term break.



At the stations, the boys and girls have also been doing lots of fine motor activities including making pre-writing patterns in sand and rice, cutting and pasting, colouring, threading beads, using tweezers, pegs, manipulating Play-Doh, making jigsaws and Lego constructions, all of which are helping to build up strength in our hands before we begin formal letter writing.



In our Maths Stations, we have been doing lots of sorting by colour, size, shape, and texture. We have been matching, copying patterns, and developing our early number skills. We have been working on our counting to 10, and recognition and formation of the numbers 1, 2 & 3. We have fun rhymes which help us to remember how to form the numbers, like "Around and back on the railway track, two two!"



Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable break from Room 2.

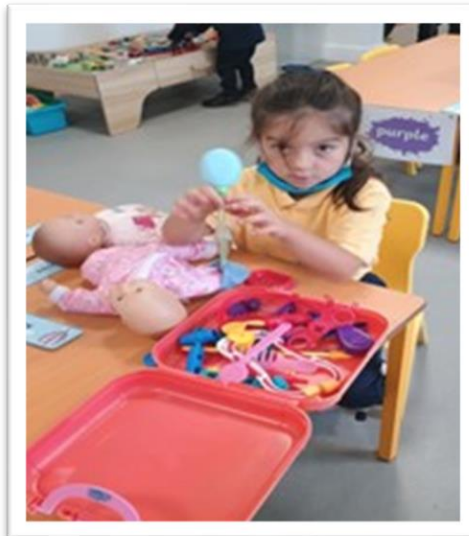
Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants Class

Mrs. Larkin's junior infant boys & girls in Room 4 have settled in so well to primary school. They are learning so much through songs, poems, station teaching & play. They are learning all the routines of the school day and having such fun along the way.

We have Literacy & Numeracy station teaching every week. Here are some photos of the children enjoying their stations:



Learning through play is a hugely important part of the junior infants' education. The children enjoy time for free play every day. They can play in the home corner, at the sand table, with the farm & animals, or they can build imaginative structures using magnetic tiles, blocks, Lego & polydrons.





One of the most enjoyable activities in our classroom is dressing up & make-believe play! The boys and girls absolutely love dressing up in the various costumes & pretending to be doctors, astronauts, builders & even a Minion!



The children also love to play with puzzles & have proven to be fantastic at jigsaws! Here is just a couple of examples of their fantastic work:

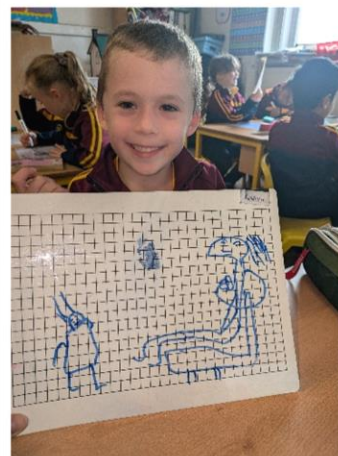
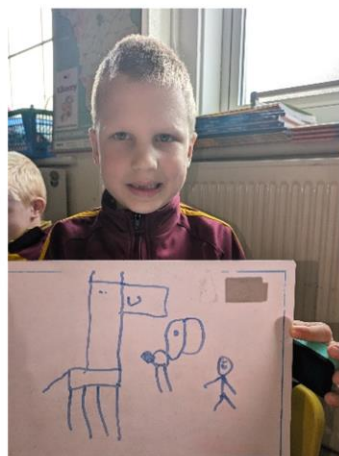


The last week of school has been great fun as we have learned all about Halloween, read spooky stories and made some Halloween potions in our witch's cauldrons! After drinking these potions, Mrs. Larkin was turned into a zombie, a monster, a vampire and a princess! We learned a very funny song called The Wackiest Witch, ask your child to sing it for you! We also enjoyed making very spooky spiders to frighten everyone with at home! The children are all looking forward to trick or treating on their week off school. Happy Halloween everyone!!



Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class

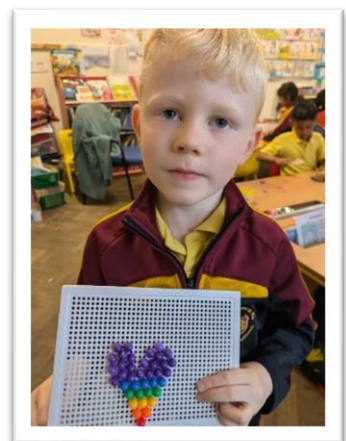
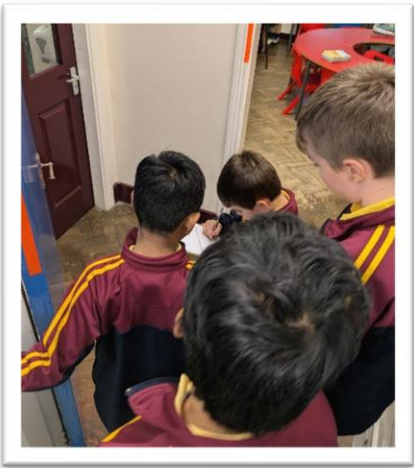
The girls and boys in Senior Infants having been working very hard this new school year. They have enjoyed working on their reading at home and have been producing such wonderful writing and art. They particularly enjoyed creating their "Leaf Man" inspired by the book by Lois Elhert.



The children were lucky to have several GAA sessions with our visiting coach Stephen from Dicksboro. The girls and boys had lots of fun working on their running throwing and catching skills.



The girls and boys enjoyed their Maths Week trail work with the 5th class boys from Room 12. We thank the boys from Room 12 for their patience and help with our maths trail worksheet around the school, looking for 2-D shapes and numbers.

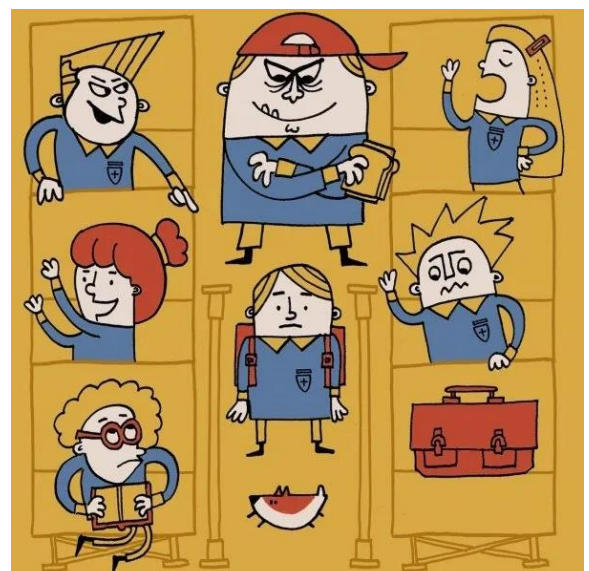


The girls and boys also worked in teams on the iPads to complete Kahoot quizzes.

Senior Infants enjoyed their first trip outside the school to the Watergate Theatre to see the show “The Bus” by local professional children’s theatre company Barnstorm. The children were excellent on their walk up and down to the theatre.

Set aboard the school bus, the play follows the progress of the new boy as he is faced with the politics of the school bus, where he meets a myriad of characters from which he must distinguish the cool from the not so cool, nerds from dossers, the geeks from the lads.

He has to learn where to sit, who to talk to and when to lie low – in short how to survive as one of the gang. Through his eyes, we discover the mischief and mayhem of those bus journeys.



Ms. Cantwell's Class

We have had a positive start to the school year and the pupils in Ms. Cantwell's class should be very proud of themselves for everything they have achieved so far this term. Our first couple of months back at school have been action packed and full of learning.



There was great excitement in the junior yard when the new playground equipment arrived! The pupils have had a great time playing with the new equipment during break times and enjoyed playing in our school field when the weather was fine.



During September and October, we spent some time recapping on our existing knowledge of the autumn season and all that comes with it. We took a trip to the Castle Park for National Tree Day in October where we further explored the signs of autumn. The pupils did an excellent job to check off all the items listed on their autumn checklist and to collect some leaves, seeds and berries to bring back to school for our nature collection and art activities which followed. We made leaf men which were inspired by our reading of the story 'Leaf Man' and completed leaf rubbings. We also painted some autumn trees using the autumnal colours we had seen on the leaves during our trip to the Castle Park.

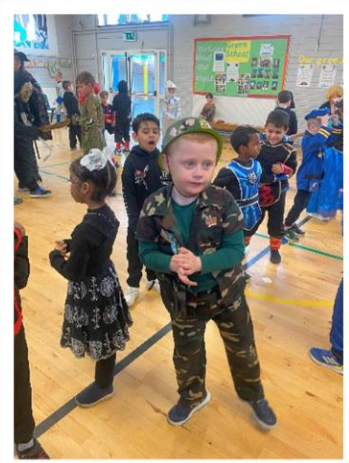


Maths Week was enjoyable for all, and the pupils enjoyed completing activities in their classes along with participating in mathematical activities during our sensory and fine motor stations. We completed tangrams, created patterns and designed buildings using our 2-D shaped magnetic tiles. The pupils joined their peers for other fun maths activities such as Maths Trails and quizzes in the Hall during the week too.



We went on a very exciting trip to the Watergate Theatre with our Senior Infant and 3rd class peers this term. We went to see the production called 'The Bus'. We had great fun watching the show and everyone did an excellent job to watch and listen carefully. Some of the characters were very funny and made us laugh a lot. It was such an exciting day out and it was some of our pupils' first time to visit the theatre!

The build up to Halloween has been very exciting in our class and the pupils enjoyed decorating our spooky classroom with the help of Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Kelly. We have been so excited about our Halloween Dress Up Day and to have the chance to see other students' costumes on the day as we join the parade in our school hall.



Our creative bunch have worked very hard this month to create some Halloween themed masterpieces including a witch's cauldron with lots of bubbles, Frankenstein constructions and funny pumpkin patches! We even scooped out a pumpkin's guts after learning all about Halloween games and traditions, with the help of a special guest, Super Mario! Well done and enjoy the well-deserved mid-term break boys.

Ms. Cantwell



Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class

Second Class in Room 1 have settled very well into CBS. The two months have flown by, and we had lots of fun and made lots of new friends along the way.



We had two lovely outings during the term. Our first was to Castle Park to celebrate National Tree Day. We had a nature walk and a scavenger hunt and we collected lots of leaves and nuts and signs of Autumn. The theme for the day was 'Trees are Magic' and this year we were celebrating the hawthorn tree.



We also visited the Mayfair Library to view the 'Adventures of Pinocchio' Exhibition. Bernadette gave us a lovely tour of the whole exhibition and we played with puppets and even climbed into the mouth of a huge whale! We are so lucky to have all these fantastic amenities on our doorstep!



During Maths Week we had lots of fun solving problems each day and enjoyed a fun table quiz in the Hall with the boys from 3rd class and a Maths Trail all around the school with 5th class.



In English we worked on our Explanation writing and have also been very busy making slime and popping popcorn with Ms. Condon. We also enjoy using the iPads each week at our stations during this time. Every Friday we love our Golden Time when we get a chance to play boardgames and build Lego.



Every Wednesday we look forward to our Music Generation workshops with Tom. We use the Samba drums, tambourines and bells and to make lots of rhythms.



On Friday morning we have hurling training with Stephen our coach and on Wednesdays we have early morning hurling before school with Mr. Fitzpatrick. We really enjoy these sessions and have learned lots of new skills.



We also had a six-week Cricket Course with Bearnard from Cricket Ireland and have some amazing cricket bowlers in Room 1!



Below is just a sample of the great Halloween artwork from 2nd class.

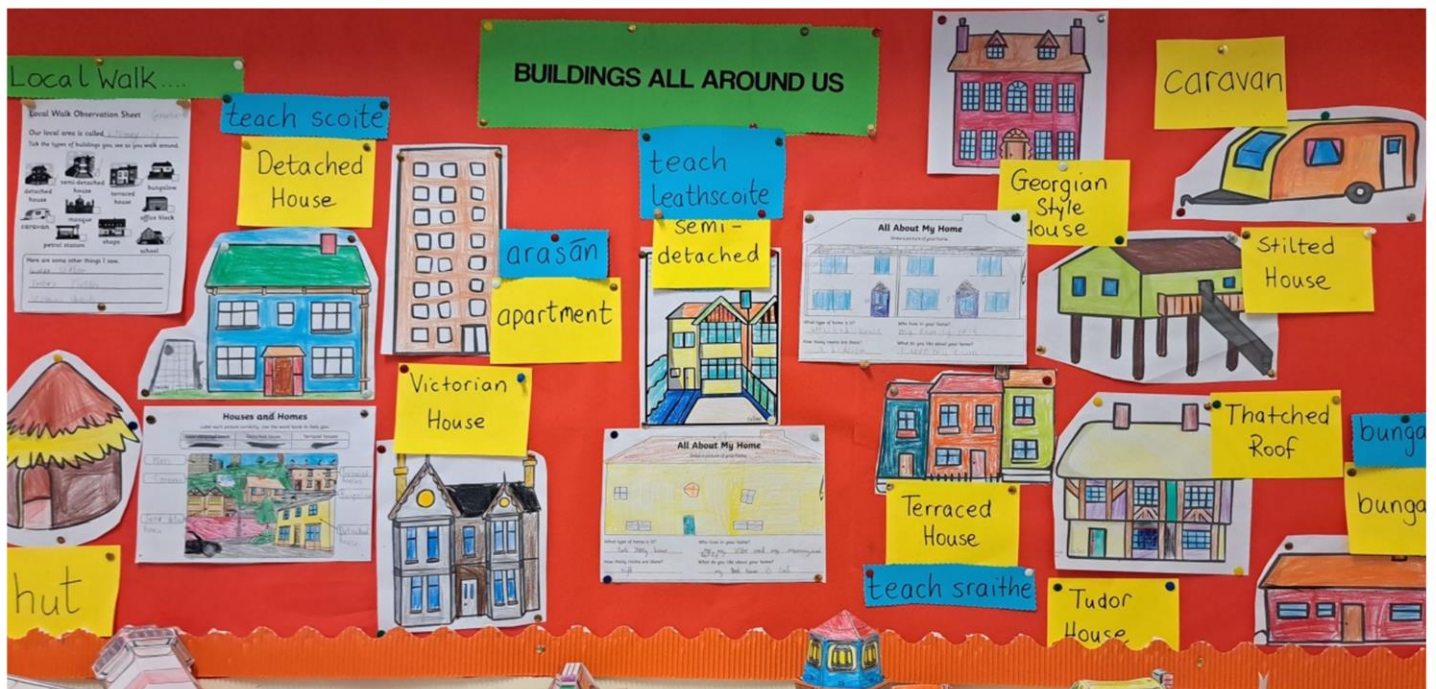


Well done to all the boys in Room 1. Tús maith leath na hoibre!

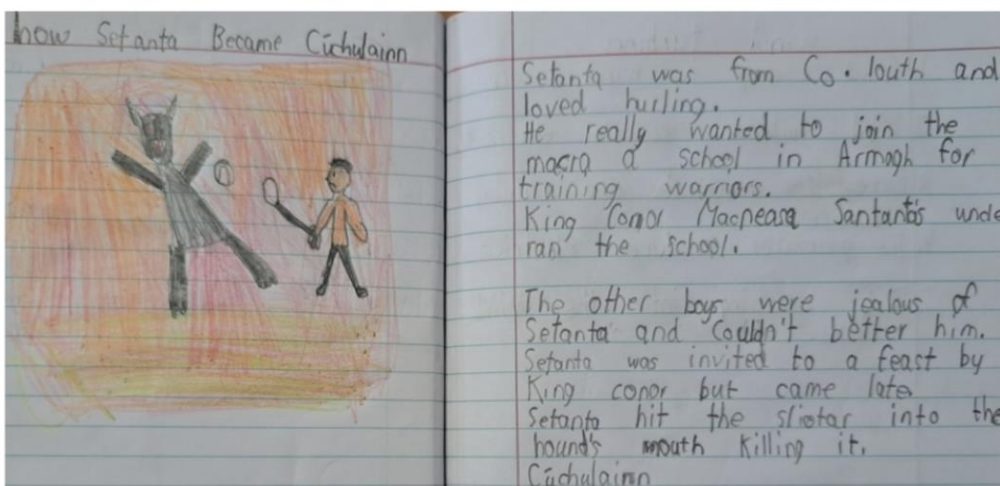
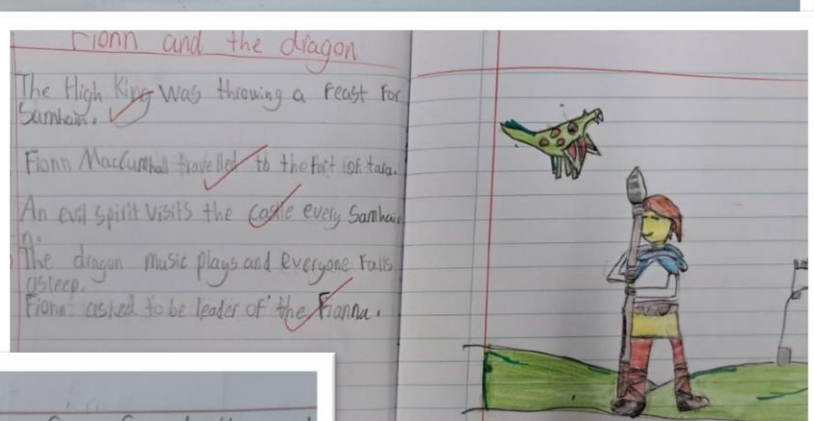
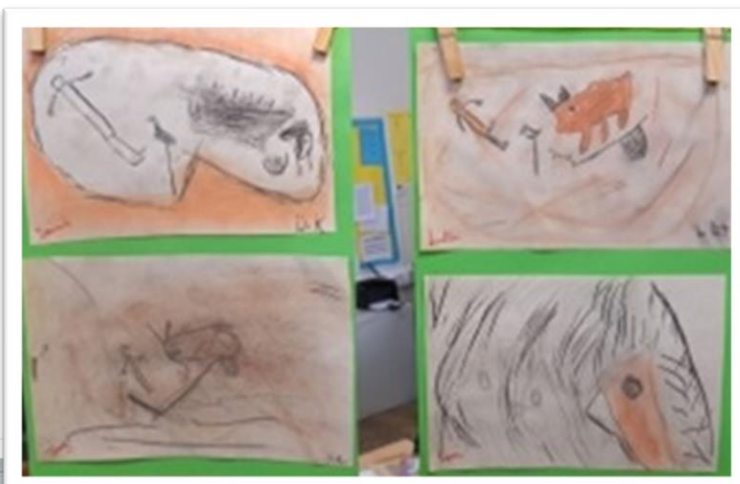
Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

Hello there everyone and welcome to the 3rd class section of the October Newsletter. We have been working really hard since September and we cannot wait to tell you about our endeavours.

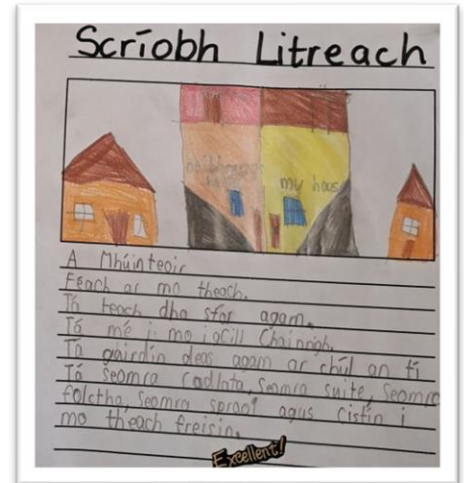
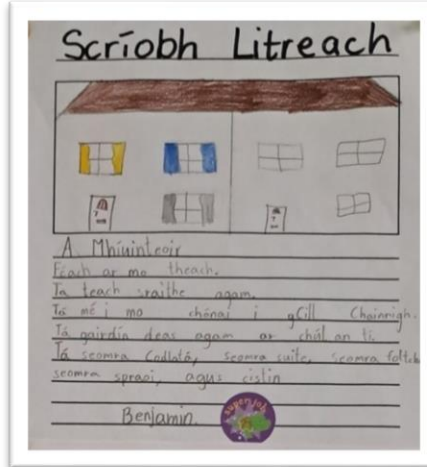
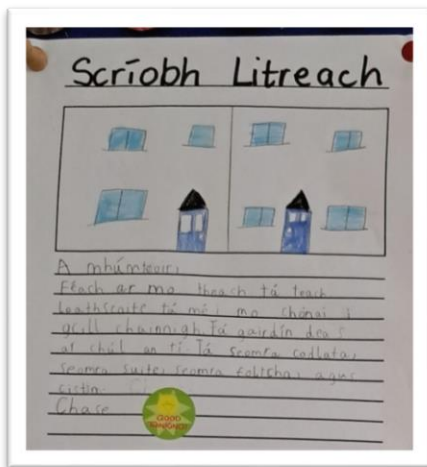
In Geography we have been learning a lot about our place in the world. Our lessons have included The Continents, Oceans, Europe and Irish Provinces and Counties. We used the iPads to help with our map activities which was fun and played lots of memory games in class where the last one left standing won points for their team. We also did several lessons about the types of buildings and homes found around us. We completed a local walk to view examples nearby and even built 3D Models.



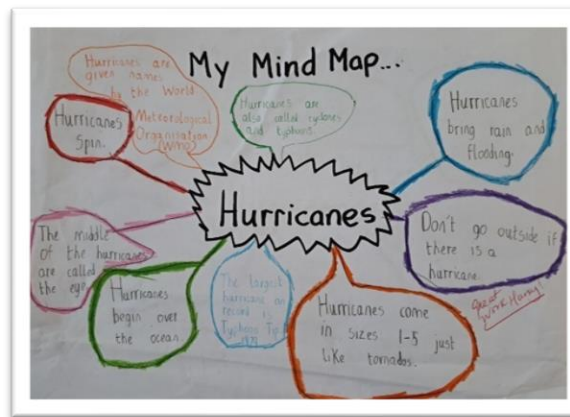
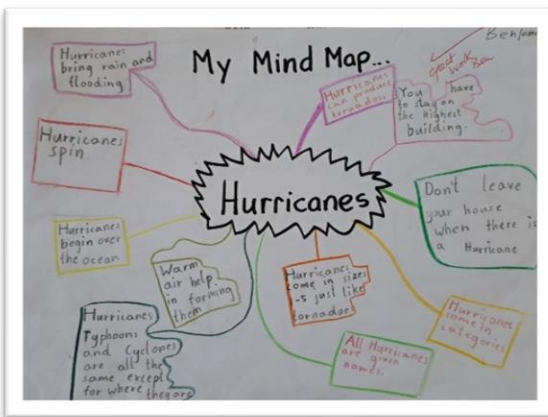
History has been just as fun covering topics like the Stone Age. Here we looked in particular of evidence from the Mesolithic period and created our version of Cave Paintings as seen in the Lascaux Caves in France. We also learned about the Celtic Stories of Cúchulainn and Fionn MacCumhaill. In addition to this we explored the origins of the Celtic Festival of Samhain and how it became the Halloween we know of today. Dressing up in school for Halloween was more fun knowing it began with Celts dressing in animal skins to disguise themselves from evil spirits.



As Gaeilge, we have been very busy. We have been improving our Irish Comhrá (Conversation), reading scéalta, and even writing letters.



Science has seen us learning about Hurricanes and how they are formed, the damage they cause and safety precautions. For Climate Action Week we learned about Wind Power and created our own in-class wind turbines which we tested.



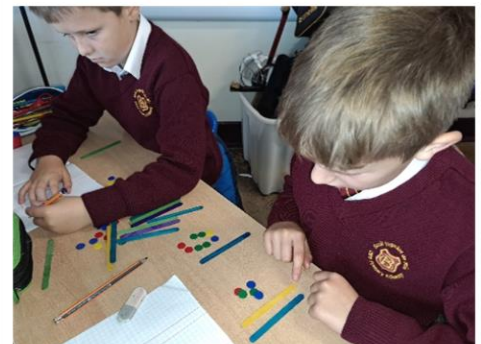
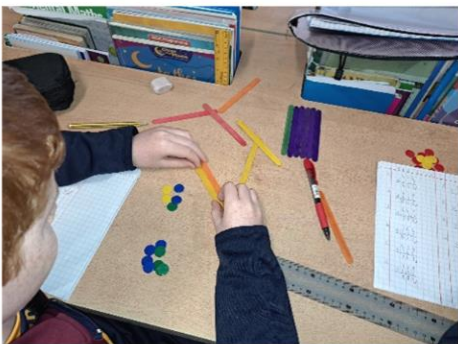
In Music, we have really enjoyed learning to sing some new songs with Mr. Leahy playing the guitar. Music Generation has also been great. We have all had the chance to play lots of different percussion instruments each week.

Lots of fun Halloween activities have taken place over the past fortnight. We have especially enjoyed working together to produce Halloween stories. We have been typing them on chromebooks which made the process more enjoyable. We are looking forward to printing them out and sharing them with the class was so much fun. We have been learning about the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain and how it is the origin of Halloween. We have learned about other festivals that are celebrated around the world at this time of year, especially Dias de los Muertos in Mexico. Did you know the word Halloween comes from All Hallows Eve? Very interesting!!! Oh Yes, we hope you like our Halloween costumes as well.





In Maths we have worked hard at perfecting addition and subtraction. We used lollipop sticks and counters to learn about renaming. This made it easier to understand. Maths Week saw us take part in lots of activities including a fun maths quiz with 2nd class in the Hall.



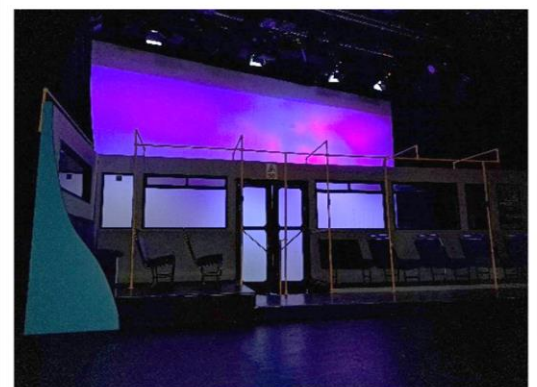
Mr. Leahy organised for us to have four weeks of Cricket Coaching with Bernard, our development officer. We really enjoyed it. We were also lucky to start Tag Rugby this week with Noel. We also had great fun, taking part in the Gaelic Football Blitz in Palmerstown last Friday.



As if that wasn't enough excitement Mr. Leahy arranged for the class to attend the Watergate to see a play entitled 'The Bus'. It was a lovely morning. The weather was good for walking down to the theatre, and the play was really fun.

Art has seen us improving our Line Drawing, making Optical Illusions, and constructing Halloween themed mobiles.

That's all for now. Until next time, Happy Halloween!



Ms. Brennan's 4th Class

Welcome to October's news headlines from Room 7! We are a class of thirty-two 4th class boys, led by Ms. Brennan. We've had an exciting and busy start to our year together. Read on to see just some of what we've gotten up to.

Maths

We took part in the Maths Week Senior Table Quiz in the Hall recently. This was a great chance to work on strands across the curriculum in a fun, collaborative way. Well done to pupils who won daily puzzle challenges as part of Maths Week. In lessons so far this term, we have concentrated on the topics of Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, and Time. We have used lots of concrete materials and played lots of games, including interactive problem-solving online, as part of the introduction of the new Primary Maths Curriculum into our class. We have also been working hard to increase speed and accuracy with our tables.



Sports and PE

We have been learning a lot about the rules and skills of hurling and Gaelic football every Friday with our coach Stephen from Dicksboro GAA Club. Recently, we got to take part in a fun and friendly tournament in Palmerstown with other schools. In addition, some of the pupils of Room 7 have gotten the chance to play for our school team: well done boys!



As part of our PE classes this term, Room 7 has had the opportunity to work with Bernard from Cricket Leinster. We loved these lessons as Bernard put a huge emphasis on fun and participation for all. We are moving onto Tag Rugby next and are greatly looking forward to four exciting lessons with our old friend, Noel from Kilkenny Rugby Club. Well done to the boys from Room 7 who took part in the recent Cross-Country event in the Castle Park. We are very proud of you all!



The Arts

We love Visual Arts in Room 7. We have drawn self-portraits, learned about colour theory and even painted a colour wheel. We also used clay to create Autumn leaves. At the moment, we are creating our own unique versions of 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch! We have had great experiences in Drama lessons so far. Pupils demonstrated lovely teamwork in their improvisations, using prompts provided by the teacher. The pupils of 4th Class are having lessons with the ukulele this year with Paul from Music Generation. We've been talking about musical notes and starting to learn a few simple tunes.



English

We had a great time on a visit to the Mayfair Library recently, which has been hosting an exhibition all about Pinocchio, as part of the local Bookville Festival. Our guide told us about the history of the book and the many translations and versions of this famous Italian tale. We got to play with marionettes and make shadow puppets in a tent!



For Roald Dahl Day back in September, we watched 'Matilda' as part of our 'Golden Time'. In our English lessons, we have been focusing on the genres of 'Writing to Socialise' and 'Persuasive Writing'. Led by Miss Hayde, who has been working with us throughout October, we had lively discussions and learned about strong words and phrases to use when debating. Also, this term, we began reading books from our class library, as part of the school's Accelerated Reading programme.

Social, Environmental and Scientific Education

One activity which generated huge excitement in our room this term was our science experiment using balloons to power toy cars! As part of Climate Action Week, led by our Green Schools Committee, we thought about 'ways we can help the Earth'. In a lovely way to combine local History and Geography with Gaeilge, we've been learning about the origin of some place names in Ireland.



Other News

We welcomed a pupil to our class this term: a big hello to Shudro, who has settled in so well with his new friends! We have focused on the theme of 'Myself and my Family' in SPHE so far this term. In Gaeilge, we have looked at the themes of Mé Féin (Myself), Sa Bhaile (At Home') and An Scoil ('The School'). We took part in lessons in Irish Sign Language with Miss Hayde, which were really fun and interesting.

That's about all we can fit in for now! Stay tuned for the next newsletter, where we will share more about what Ms. Brennan has planned for the rest of Term 1. This includes starting a class novel, a new writing genre called 'Recount Writing', Fractions and Decimals in Maths, the Normans in History (including links with Kilkenny!), and of course, lots of Winter and Christmas-related fun.



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

Room 12 cannot believe we are already halfway through our first term in 5th class. We have had a great start to the year and here's just a sample of what we have been getting up to:

GAA Coaching with Steven

In CBS Primary Kilkenny, 5th class have been playing hurling. Steven from Dicksboro GAA comes in every Friday to coach us. It has been a great experience, especially for those who were not interested in hurling before. It encourages them to join a club. Steven comes to all the classes, but he takes us from 1.45 to 2.40. If it is raining and the field becomes wet, we go to the Hall and play Olympic handball, but it is rare that we need to play indoors. Steven teaches us to rise the ball and how to strike it and teaches us passing skills. At the end of every session, we do a quick match. After the Christmas break, Steven will switch to Gaelic football training. He supplies hurls and helmets for those who don't have them. It is a very rewarding experience for all our students, and we are lucky to have so much training time.

By Harry & Aron

Mahir's Dogman Story.

I have been reading about Dogman Books since 2023. I have read new books recently and I have been doing some activities. One of them is that I made an Ad with Ms. Brassil, we wrote the script together, we practised our reading aloud and then we recorded it. I wore a tie, and I spoke about buying the Dogman Books.

In Ms. Brassil's room I have a space called 'Mahir's Window Comic'. I draw a comic on the window with special markers. You should definitely buy the books and see will Dogman save the day!

By Mahir



Ukulele

In our school, learning the ukulele became a highlight of the school's music activities. It all started for us on a Monday morning when Mrs. Ryan introduced us to this cheerful little instrument. She brought in the ukuleles, and it immediately captured our attention. After a brief demonstration, we were all eager to give it a try. Marc patiently guided us through the basics—how to hold the instrument, strum the strings, and play simple chords.

4 weeks later we were in the Watergate theatre playing the likes of 'Shotgun', 'Shake it off' and 'Demons'.

We are now much more confident in our ukulele skills. Our new teacher Paul is a very skilled ukulele player and is a good teacher.



Talk with author Dave Rudden!

On Tuesday, 12th of October, our class, were brought by Ms. Bolger down to the recently opened Mayfair Library which has replaced the Carnegie Library.

We went to meet Dave Rudden, author of 'Knights of The Borrowed Dark', a horror trilogy. Most of us were excited, but we didn't know we were going to get the laugh of our lives.



We sat down on chairs that were laid out for us. Then the show began. Dave Rudden was absolutely hilarious. He said he had written a few 'Dr. Who' books. He mentioned that he was going to write another horror series that was basically Goosebumps set in Ireland.



He finished the talk with questions from us about beards, crisps and writing. We asked all sorts of serious and funny questions. Well, that concludes the talk with Dave Rudden!

City Hurling Final vs St. Canices



Last September CBS faced St. Canices in a city school final. It took place in Nowlan park at 12 o'clock. When the ball was thrown in St. Canices got two points. Then Dylan McGee barely missed a goal. Unfortunately, then St. Canices got a goal. CBS were devastated. Both of the teams went into huddles for half time.

After half time the ball was thrown in and CBS got the ball and went down the pitch and Dylan scored a goal. CBS scored three more points that game which was all of CBS scores.

Finally, the full-time whistle was blown. CBS were heartbroken but St. Canices were delighted. The score was 1-4 to 2-8. St. Canices won by seven points in the end.

We were proud of how we played even though we lost. Mr. Bergin was happy with how we played, and we did our school proud.

By Dylan, Jamie and Éanna

Rugby

Rugby is not the most popular sport in our school but when Noel comes in everyone loves it. The enjoyment of rugby is good craic and mini games are good. The most popular skill in rugby is the goose step.

Noel is a very funny coach too. Rugby usually starts at 11:45 but the time is different for every class, and you can bring your own gear if you want. It is a great chance for people who have never played to play with experienced players. We all have fun and look forward to Noel coaching us.

By Danny and Noah



My first month at CBS Kilkenny

I came to CBS in September. I found an immediate fascination with science and maths. I also extremely enjoyed tag rugby. However, I wasn't a fan of art. I learn extra English with Ms. Brassil and I am thoroughly enjoying my time in CBS primary school.

By Johan

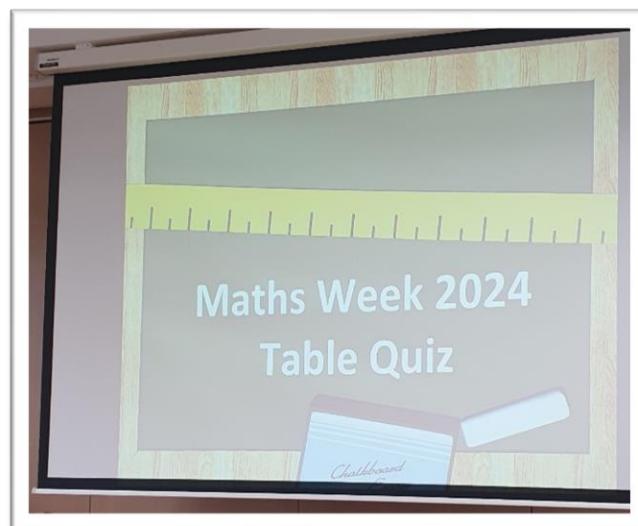
Maths Week

Maths Week 2024 started off pretty regularly, with our daily questions such as headline stories and Brainsnack problem questions for a homework pass. We had many class winners such as Harry, Adam, Noah and Rían. It was like that over and over again until...



Thursday's Maths Quiz!

On Thursday, after lunch there was a maths quiz. There were 36 questions with 6 rounds, each with 6 questions. One of the winners from our class was Desmond Armitage! YAY! Mr. Cunniffe sorted it all out and even blew a whistle to get the groups attention.



Friday's Senior Infants Maths Quiz

Our class went down to Mrs. Ryan's senior infants for a maths trail. We were working with groups of four, two from our class and two from the infants. Each team was given a sheet with questions a senior infant could answer. It took 45 minutes. Half of the groups were sent outside the room to look around and the others stayed inside to do the maths sheet. After 10 minutes we switched around. After that was over, we went back to our classroom and did one more question for a homework pass, and that was maths week 2024! The best part of maths week was the friends we made in the trail and the quiz in the Hall!

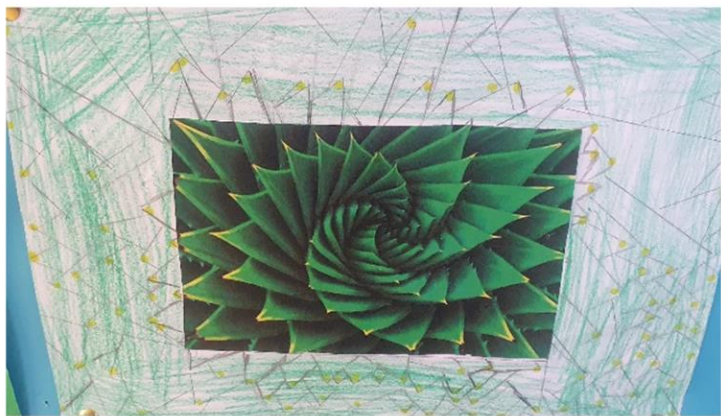
By Ben



5th Class Art

Art is one of my favourite subjects in school. Every week we do something different. We usually do art on Fridays. So far, we have made James Rizzi Cityscapes, one point perspective landscapes, self-portraits, clay pumpkins, patterns of nature, emoji art and art inspired by the book 'Window' By Jeannie Baker. This week we made clay pumpkins. Also clay pumpkins were my favourite so far. We had a project to make a neuron model. We could make the neuron out of whatever we wanted. Some of the neurons light up, some were made out of candy but all of them are different. You can also join the after-school arts and crafts club which takes place every Friday after school.

By Adam Sipos



C.B.S. Choir

Choir is massively popular among the Scoil Iognáid de Rís pupils and we are proud to have one. The choir is a chance for pupils to improve confidence and to show their potential. The choir participates in many events such as communions, confirmations, opening nights and much more. The choir consists of 38 pupils and 2 teachers. Practices begin on Monday at 12 noon to 12.30pm, and on Tuesday they run from 8.45am to 9am. Some of the most popular songs we have learned are 'Rule the World', 'Waterloo' and 'Una Paloma Blanca'. Overall choir is an amazing hobby, and we encourage everyone to join.



By Conor and Ryan

Zoom with Robin Stevens

On the 14th of October, our class had a zoom call with Robin Stevens, author of the 'Murder Most Unladylike' series. She started off by welcoming all the classes on the zoom; saying how welcome we were and how honoured she felt. Robin Stevens explained the setting of her book: a posh boarding school in Oxford, England. She then displayed a picture on the board: a posh boarding school in Oxford, England. 'This is the school that I went to,' Robin Stevens explained. 'Everything in my books (apart from the murdering, of course) happened to me in real life.'

She went on explaining all the details about her books and how it was the 10th anniversary of 'Murder Most Unladylike' this summer. It got more interesting then. We were all told to pull out a copy and pen.

'The first question in my quiz,' announced Robin, 'is the following: what is your name?'. Everyone laughed. The actual first question was an 'unscramble the word' puzzle. 'eviL, tHa and vesGlo' were the words. We then did a more complex one. 'As toothpaste they might.' What? The words stayed on the screen. No one had the answer. Then some of the letters disappeared. 'S to p the m'. Everyone was bewildered. We did a couple more and moved on. The last thing we did was a 'write your own murder mystery'. We all jotted down our setting, crime, victim and clues to our story. In conclusion, everyone had a great time.



By Adrian

Mr. Reidy's 5th Class

Mr. Reidy's 5th class have made a great start to the school year. There have been many highlights already this year. Rugby sessions with Noel, Ukulele sessions with Paul, Bookville, our Climate Action Week workshop, Hurling with Stephen, Maths Week and many more. We look forward to all of the exciting things ahead later in the school year.

Sports and PE

We have already got to try our hand at many sports this year. We really enjoyed our four weeks of Tag Rugby with Noel our coach. He taught us all of the skills needed to play Tag Rugby. We really enjoyed all of the skills, drills and matches we got to do.

Our hurling sessions with Stephen are also a highlight of every week. We have been working on all of the skills needed to play the game. We love the drills and matches that we get to play.

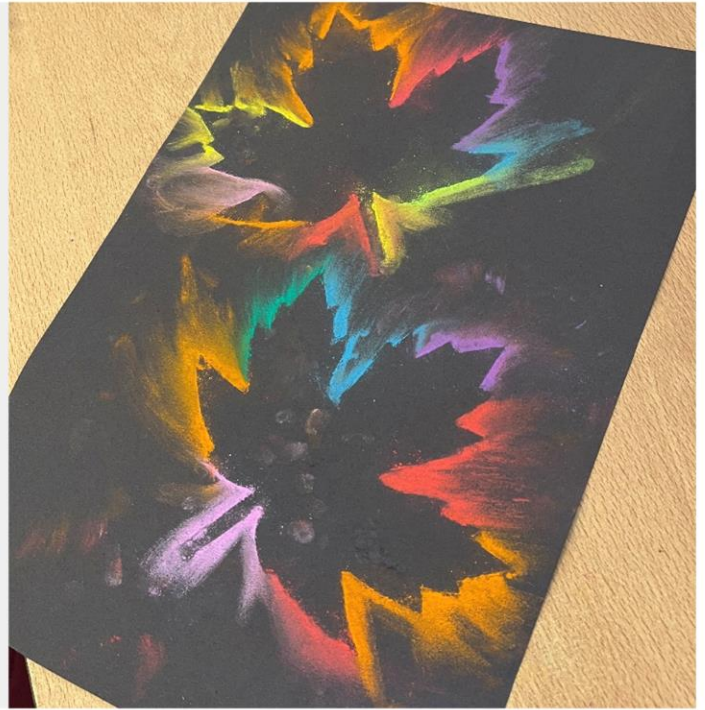


We also got to try out loads of new games and learn new skills in our PE lessons with Mr. Reidy. Two of the highlights so far this year were bench ball and cricket. Both were really fun to play. We can't wait to try out new games and activities over the next few months.



Art Lessons

We have really enjoyed our art lessons this year so far. We have created loads of cool art. One of our favourite lessons was when we made Autumn leaf chalk art. We used autumn colours, and we were really happy with how they turned out. We also made an Autumn scene using autumn colours. We also got to make our own jerseys. Some of us invented new jerseys while others made a replica of the jerseys of the teams we like. This week we are doing Halloween art. We can't wait to see how it turns out.



Watergate Trip: The Bus

Last Tuesday we went to the Watergate Theatre to see the Barnstorm production of the show 'The Bus'. It was a very entertaining show about a boy who starts in a new school and his journey in and out of school on the school bus. It was an interesting story and there were really funny parts in the play. We really enjoyed the trip.

Bookville

We really enjoyed Bookville this year. We got to do two workshops with authors. The first one was with author Ann Murtagh. She told us all about how she started writing books and what it was like writing her new book which is called 'The Climbing Boys'. She also gave us really good tips for our own writing. The second workshop we did was with author Myles Dungan. He told us all about his new book 'The Forgettables' which is about forgotten people and animals in Irish history. It was really interesting, and we heard loads of great stories.



Maths Week

We really enjoyed Maths Week which took place recently. We completed challenges daily with Mr. Reidy. We got to take part in a Maths quiz with 4th and 6th class boys. It was fun and good to work with other classes. The quiz was six rounds in total and the team with the highest score after six rounds won. We also got to team up with the 2nd class for a maths trail. This was really fun and a great way to finish off a great week.



Ukulele

We have made a good start to our Ukulele lessons with Paul. We have learned loads of songs already this year. The latest song we learned was 'Zombie' by The Cranberries. At the moment we are learning to play Ukulele tab. This week we learned how to play 'Spooky Scary Skeleton' for Halloween.



Ms. Curran's 6th Class

Swimming

Room 8 are currently participating in a six-week swim skills programme in the Watershed. We are practicing our front crawl, breathing techniques, breaststroke and back stroke. The boys are having great fun while also learning a valuable skill for life.



Maths Week

Room 8 had lots of fun practicing their maths skills in a variety of ways over Maths Week. We had a daily maths challenge, created tangram pictures and solved Izaq 9 cube puzzles. Boys from our class helped the Junior Infant boys and girls complete their maths trail around the school and even stayed to do a short lesson with them on tangrams. The highlight of the week was the senior maths quiz in the Hall. Well done to Rohit, Mikey, Hrimaan, Safwan and Jordan who were the winners of our daily maths challenge.



Student Council Elections

Congratulations to all the boys in Room 8 who ran for Student Council. As part of the election process the candidates had to prepare and deliver a speech and design an election campaign poster. Well done to Eric Cojocararu on receiving the highest number of votes in the class elections and best of luck in your new role as member of the school's Student Council.

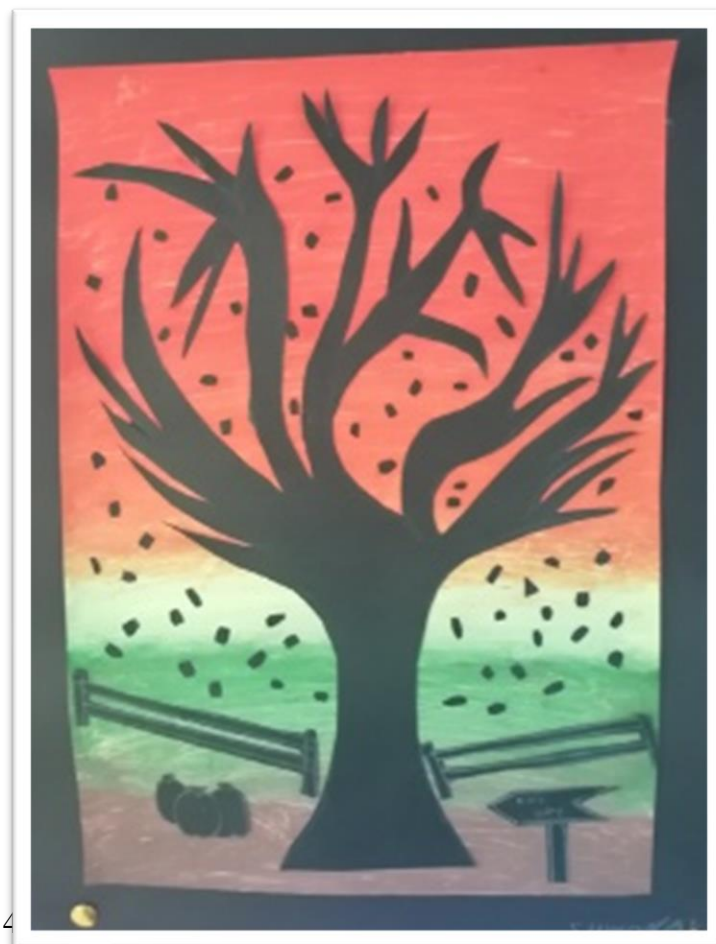


Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Alex Murphy, our Artist of the month for September. Alex painted Concentric Circles inspired by the work of Kandinsky. Kandinsky thought of circles as a symbol of renewal and progression. Squares with concentric circles is one of his famous works.



Congratulations to Shwonak Mondol, our artist of the month for October. The class studied blending colours to create an Autumn sky and creating an Autumn tree Silhouette using black card.



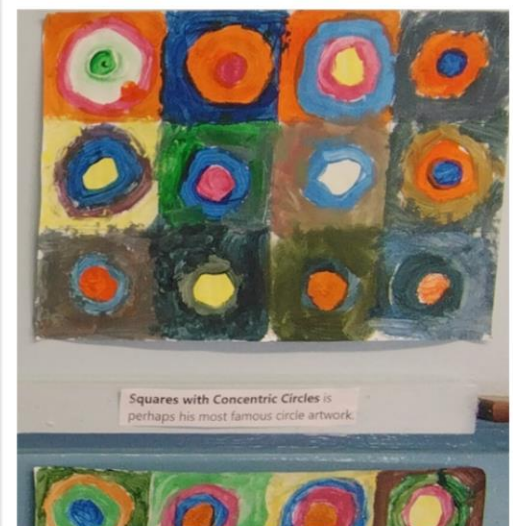
Halloween Safety Talk

On Thursday 24th of October Garda Mark from Kilkenny Garda Station paid us a visit to talk to the boys about how to Stay Safe this Halloween. He gave three important messages:

1. **Road Safety:** Never go Trick or Treating alone and be careful crossing roads.
2. **Trick or Treating:** Never go into a stranger's house and always make sure you have somebody over 16 with you.
3. **Bonfires and fireworks:** **Never handle fireworks EVER!!** Bonfires should be lit and supervised by adults and **never throw an aerosol can in a fire.**



Stay Safe this Halloween from Room 8.



Mr. Cunniffe's 6th Class

GAA Coaching



Every Friday our class does hurling with a coach from Dicksboro GAA club. His name is Stephen Farrell. We do lots of fun games such as King of the Ring, hurling matches, hand passing and running. When it rains or when the field is too wet, we go to the Hall. We play a game called electric handball. Or we play another game where we try to get our opponent's bibs without losing our own. Our class really likes it because it is so fun.

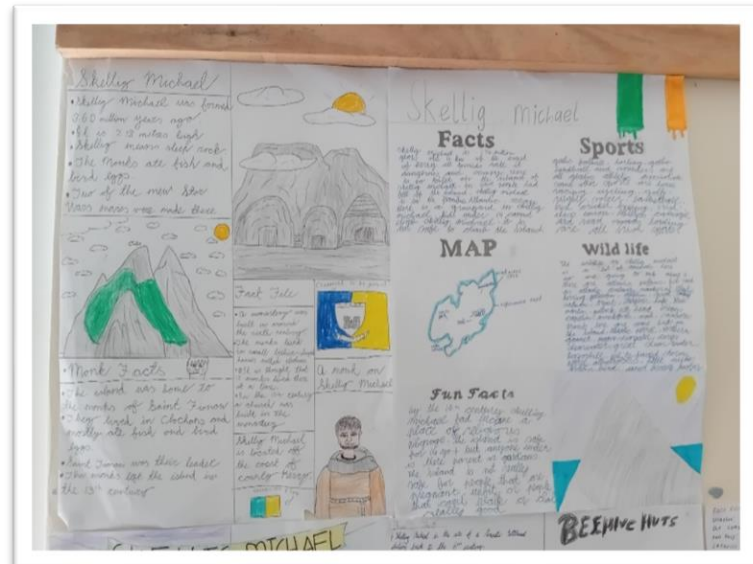
By Milo and Nathan

Skellig Michael

We have been learning a lot of things based on history such as Skellig Michael (Sceilg Mhícheál). We completed fact files and very interesting projects. We made a massive poster about Skellig Michael with illustrations and fascinating facts that we later hung

up. We were super lucky and excited to look up about Skellig Michael on the internet. My favourite line about this project is that it's home to over a thousand puffins! We also liked the way only twelve monks lived in beehive huts.

By Enris and Oscar



Reaching the heights.

This year we have been reading 'Reaching the heights' as our first novel in sixth class.

The book is about two teenage boys named Tosh and Naylor. Naylor's mother was attacked by an anonymous person. Naylor was set on finding the attacker of his mother.

At school, Tosh and Naylor have a friend named Aisling. When Naylor goes to the hospital to visit his mother, Tosh hangs out with Aisling. While the two hang out, they decide that they should help Naylor with his troubles.

The three friends then set on a long, dangerous and action-packed adventure to find the attacker.

We really think the novel is really class and perfect for teenagers.

By Nathan & David.

Maths Week Newsletter

Maths Week, one of the most enjoyable weeks of the school year.



Our class played with these maths cubes called “IZAK9” and then everyday whether at school or for homework our teacher, Mr. Cunniffe gave us lots of intriguing maths questions (Brainsnacks). On Thursday afternoon we had a Maths Quiz Table in the Hall, my group and my team won it. We got 33 out of 36 and this was my second time in a row.

By Yameen & Tugra

Jobs and responsibilities in our school



Jobs in our school are fun. For example, the playground leaders look out for the small children and help them play. Our responsibilities are helpful to the school, by bringing the bins to the yards, holding doors in case of safety hazards and giving out lunches. Our 6th class responsibilities are to teach the younger class on how to behave, act appropriately and to be respectful.

By Maksymilian B. J. and Nathan K.

Stations

We do Maths Stations. There are three groups, one independent, one with Mr. Fitzpatrick and one with Mr. Cunniffe. We often do Brainsnacks and maths games. With Mr. Fitzpatrick we do maths activities. In independent stations we have to do maths our self and maths shadow book.



We do English stations as well. With Mr. Cunniffe we do spellings and activities. The independent stations do grammar. The group with Mr. Fitzpatrick does English games and worksheets.

School Lunches

Hello, today I'll tell you some about our school lunches. Our school lunches are fantastic, there's a lot of choices that you could pick. You can pick whatever you want, for example, my favourite food is mash potatoes corn and BBQ sausage. Micah's favourite lunch is vegan spice bag wrap, the lunches are made in our school in the Hall. Jessica prepares our lunches before break. You have to select the lunches in an app called freshtoday.com

By YH and M-EW

Japan

Our class have been learning about Japan. We have been doing it for a month and we also made something called a Japan brochure and we did a competition to see how good the person's work was. We've learned a lot about Japan. You could've won a homework pass, and the rest got a subject pass to make it fair because it took a long time to make. We learned that there were female samurai, and that Japan is called Nippon. We also did a couple of art lessons on Japanese things such as Mount Fuji.

By Tom and George



Astro

Our 6th class was the first class to go to the Freebooters Athletic football pitch; its actual name is the Fair Green. We played a good game of football. After that we did a crossbar challenge if you were to hit the crossbar you would get no Mental Maths homework that night. Seth and Daniel hit the crossbar. After that we had another match, it ended 0-0 it was a fun experience, and we were happy to go.

Accelerated Reading

As we come to the end of term 1, we look back at some of the achievements and things we have done. In this paragraph it will be all based on accelerated readers.

One of the class favourites over the years was a book called 'Dog Man'. 'Dog Man' is a book about crime, friends and family. Lots of children who love to read this series of books over the years might be excited that a brand-new dog man film is coming out in 2025! Dav Pilkey is the man behind the books.

Also, recently a new 'Diary of a wimpy kid' book has come out. Hundreds of millions of people all over the world are absolutely mad over the book. The book's name is 'Hot Mess' and is in hardback only.

By Tomás and Raiens

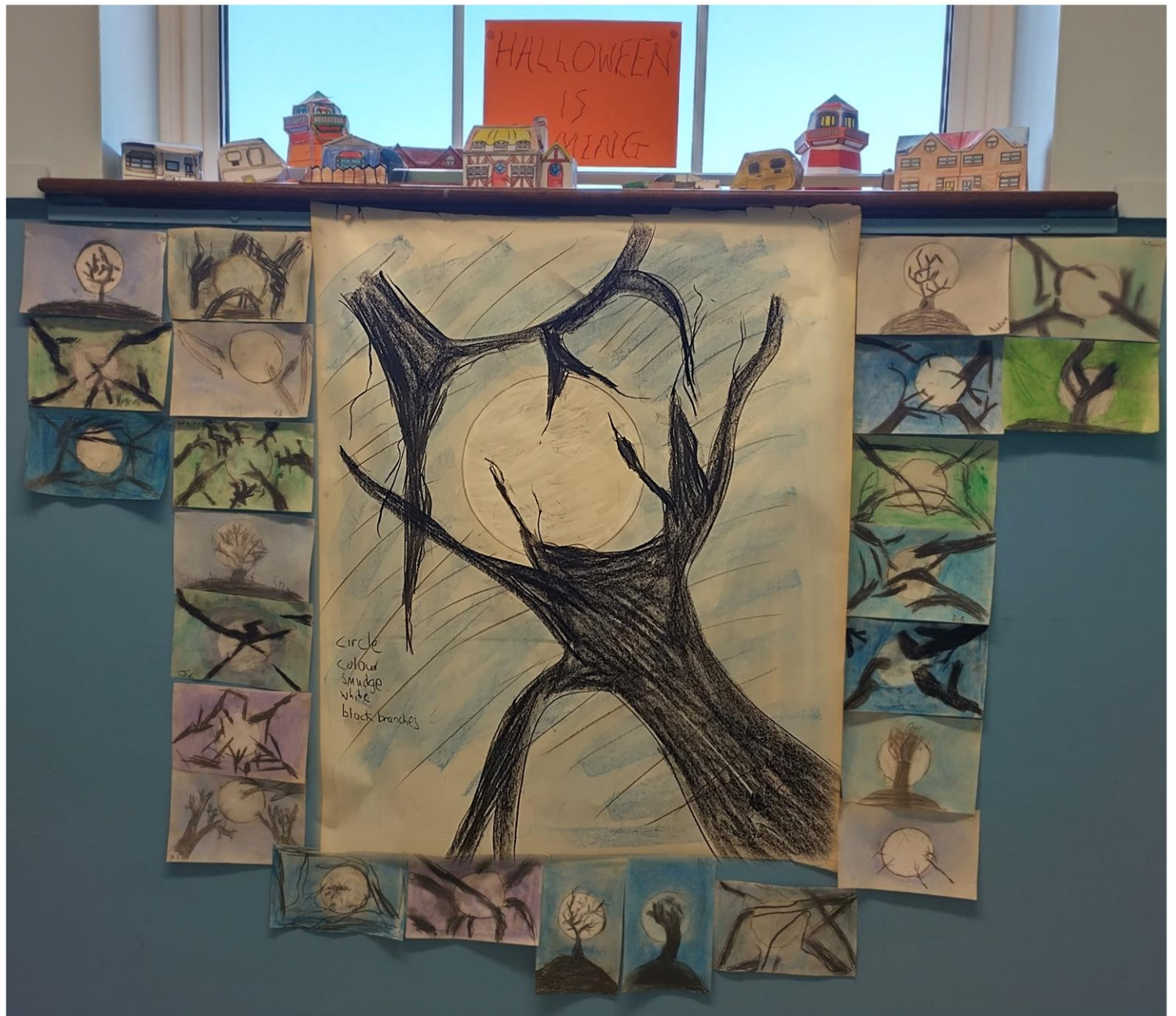
Swimming

There are 3 different sections in the big pool. They do all the same things, but they split everyone up into 3 different sessions. So, it's not overcrowded. People practise their swimming from activities such as

1. Everyone gets a number 1 or 2 if they're number is called, they swim.
2. At the end for the last 10 or 5 last minutes you can sometimes play with a ball or float, or your group goes diving or do a cannon ball competition.

By Mason and Nathan











Autumn 2024

**On behalf of everyone in
C.B.S. Primary School,
we wish you a happy and safe
Mid-Term break.**

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday, November 4th, 2024.