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Well done to everyone on another great term. It has been very busy here for staff and pupils, as we have been gradually returning to a more normal school life! Many thanks to all staff and parent volunteers for helping to unload and organise all the furniture we had in storage!

We are delighted to see parents and guardians back in the yard in the mornings. We hope to have many more opportunities to meet between now and the end of June. It was great to see so many of you at our Open Evening in the school on Thursday May 5th. We enjoyed reconnecting with the fantastic members of our school community.

Sheila



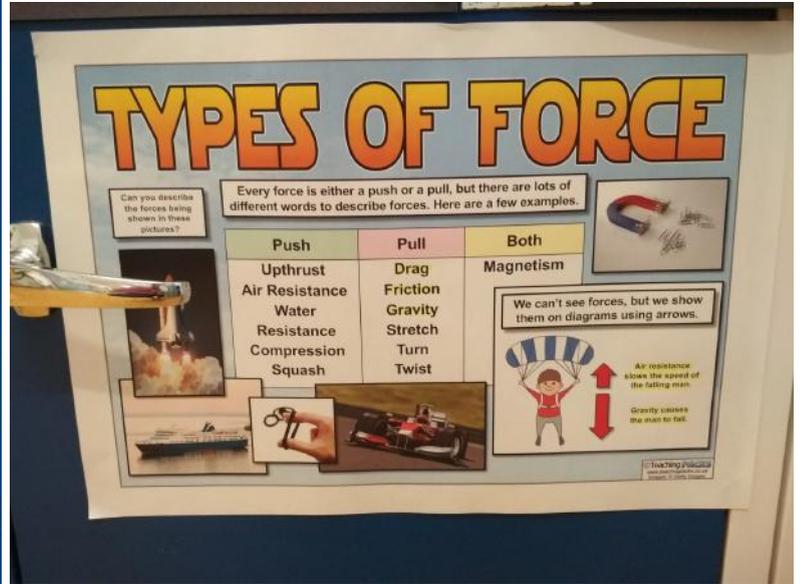
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George's 4th class have been busy adding to their classroom catchphrase wall. Can you guess what catchphrase each picture is? Some of them will really 'get under your skin'!



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Marilyn's class enjoyed learning about the Winter Olympics. For Science Week, we designed and made bobsleighs and we learned about velocity and air resistance, before testing them on our home made ramp. Hazel's class were learning all about Forces.

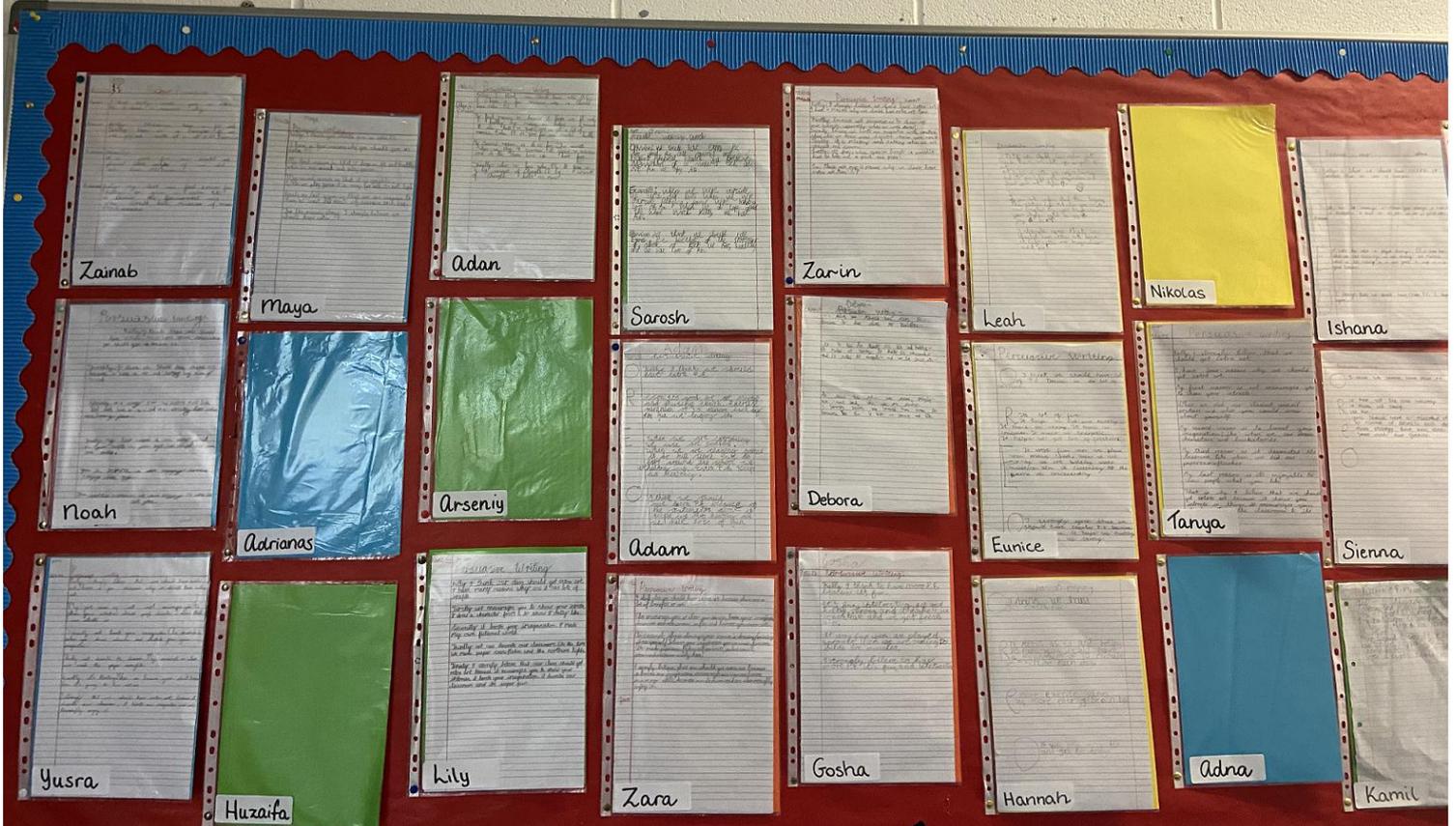


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WOW Work



In Term 2, Kelly's Third Class (Room 9) were learning how to write persuasively. We worked really hard during team teaching to create convincing letters!



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Colm's Class made huge efforts for our One Day Together Day and lots of children dressed up in traditional clothes and colours. We tasted delicious soda bread from Ireland that Lorraine made for us, thank you Lorraine. We shared the various versions of "You're welcome" from the 15 languages in the class.



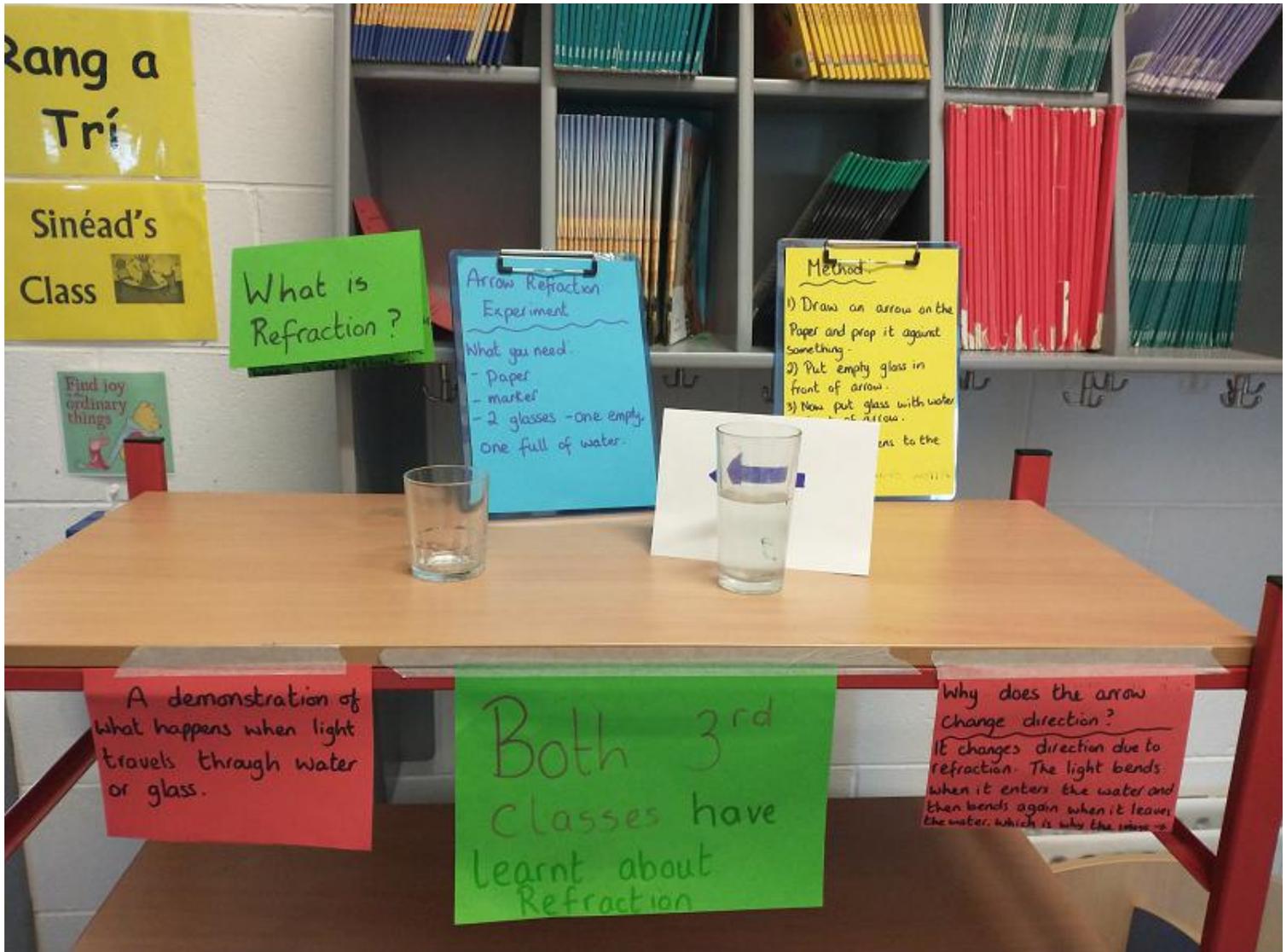
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In Ruth's Junior Infants (Room 1), we were learning all about Global Goals! We learned that a "Goal" is something that we want to achieve in the future. We looked at Global Goal number 15 - Life on Land. We decided to make fat balls for the birds to visit the trees outside our room and we are hoping to spot some new birds from our window and when we are on yard too. It was a messy job but we really enjoyed it and hope the birds will enjoy their delicious treats!



Recently, both 3rd classes learnt about refraction as part of our learning about light.

A demonstration of what happens when light travels through water or glass. Light travels and bounces off surfaces into our eyes. When light travels from air through water, glass or anything that lets light through, it gets bent. This bending is called refraction.



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In 6th, we did a fundraiser day for our school tour. We asked everyone to dress up in their pyjamas and had so much fun in school in our pyjamas!! It was a very cosy day!

Thank you very much to everyone for their donations!



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All parents of pupils at CETNS are members of the PTA and are invited to attend the monthly meetings. The Parent Teacher Association elects a committee who manage the responsibilities of the parent association on behalf of all the parents. The following are some of the activities in which our PTA have been involved with:

- Organising information/social events for parents
- Providing support/organisational input to major school events
- Channelling parents' views on school policy issues and initiatives to the Principal/Board of Management
- Contributing to school newsletter
- Helping to organise extra curricular activities for the children in our school
- Organising fundraising events for the school

If you would like to contact the PTA at Castaheany ETNS please email parentsassociation@castaheanyetns.ie.

Part of the school's ethos is 'Sharing is Caring!' so anyone is welcome to share a little bit of their time to help out the children do better at school. Remember that you have to be Garda Vetted if you want to participate in events at school, so ask for the form from our lovely school secretary, Tina!



In Lorraine's Junior Infants, we learned about winter weather and animals who live in cold places. We made a lovely colony of penguins from the very cold Antarctic.



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Hazel's 5th class had so much fun learning about the diversity in our class; our cultures, languages spoken and traditional dress.

For Science Week, both Sixth Classes carried out a STEM activity in which we worked with a number of different materials to make the best parachutes possible (card, plastic, paper, cloth). In our trials the best one was made out of plastic. Congratulations to Leon Glennon for the best parachute, made using a plastic bag as his base material.

[Click here to see a video of the experiment from Ailbhe's class!](#)





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Upcoming learning topics for Ethical Ed in Term Three:

Moral & Spiritual: Peace & Stillness; Taking care of others

Equality & Justice:

Castaheany Pride Fortnight (16th - 27th May)

Ethics & the Environment: Peace in Nature; Summer

*Belief Systems: Places of Worship; Summer Solstice;
Dharma Day (Buddhism)*



Ethical Ed



Kelly's Third Class spent One Day Together learning about each other's cultures and learning how to write the phrase "Hello, how are you?" in lots of different languages.



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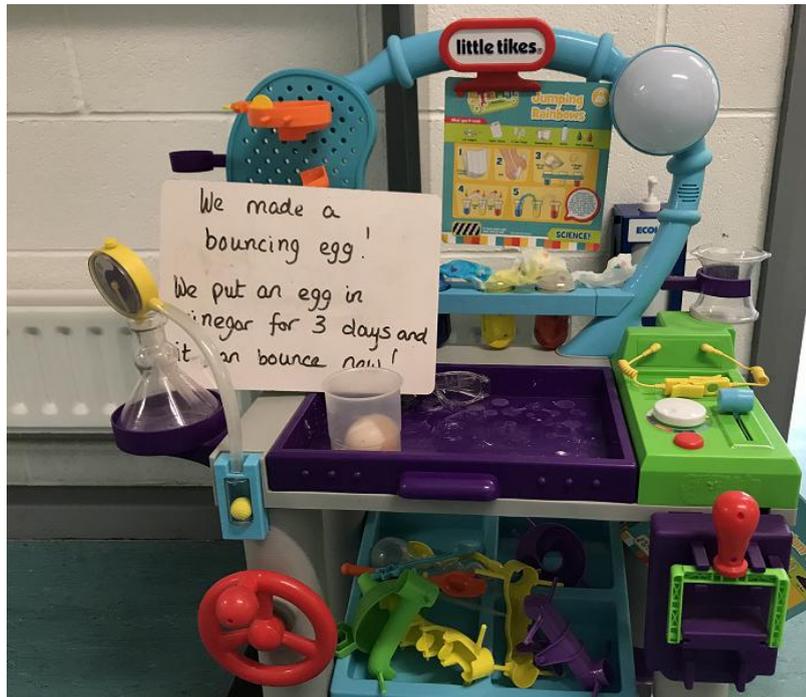
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Lorraine's Junior Infants had so much fun dressing in our traditional clothes and country colours. It was fun teaching others how to say hello in our language. We are proud of our heritage. We love sharing things about us and learning about where other people are from.



Aoife and Colm's 2nd Class were learning all about China. We independently created posters with lots of interesting facts about Chinese culture. We then presented our posters to our class.



In Room 1, we did an "eggperiment" to see if we could make a raw egg bounce! We placed an egg in vinegar and after 3 days of waiting our egg was ready to check to see if it bounced. We noticed that something funny had happened to our egg shell, we were so "curious" to find out what it was, the shell had started to dissolve because the vinegar was so acidic! We carefully checked to see if it could bounce and would you believe it did! But we couldn't bounce it too much incase it smashed but we forgot to tell Sheila that important message! Sheila came to see our eggperiment and tried to see how bouncy the egg was but bounced it to high and..... SPLAT!



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Eoghan's Sixth Class made hóngbāo (red envelopes): a traditional Chinese gift given at Lunar New Year. To celebrate Lunar New Year, we collaborated to create a large Asian Dragon as well as lanterns and fans as part of our art lessons in February.



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We all loved dressing up for World Book Day but none more so than Tina! Check out all the costumes on the next few pages. We've hidden one Where's Wally in this newsletter. Can you find it?



Marilyn's Fifth Class winners



Jana's First Class



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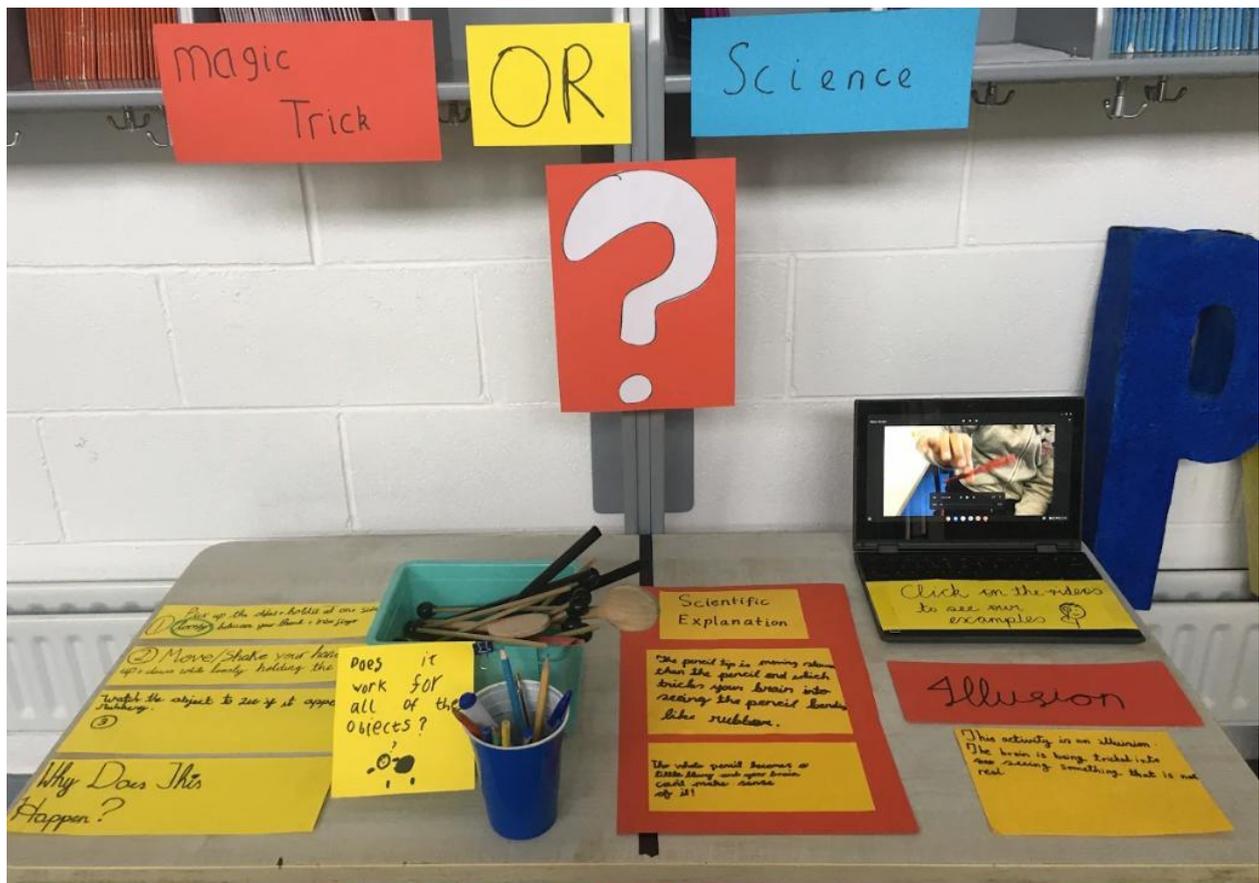


Colm's 2nd Class did some a-maze-ing Science work over Science Week including working in groups to design, plan and make magnetic mazes. Berni and Colm picked the best one and George recorded the fastest time around the course.

Well done to all!



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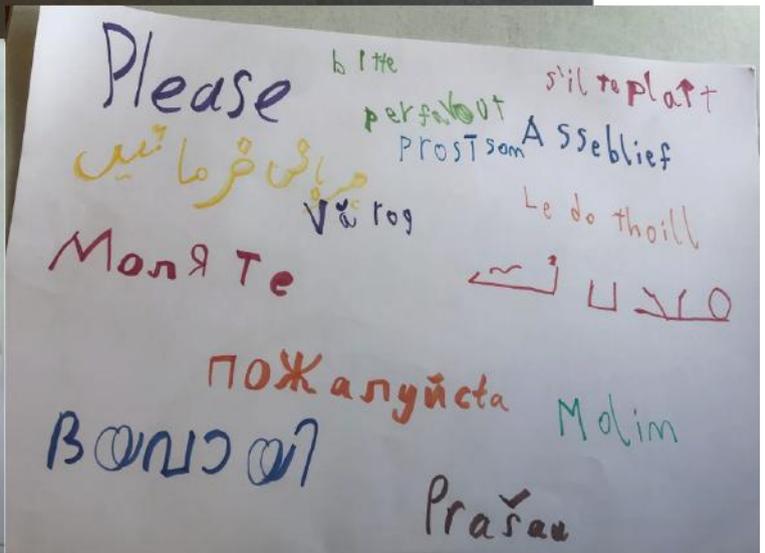
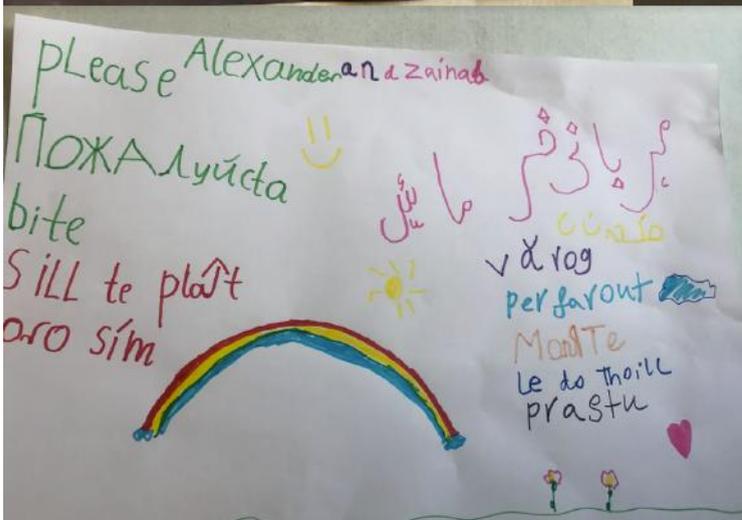
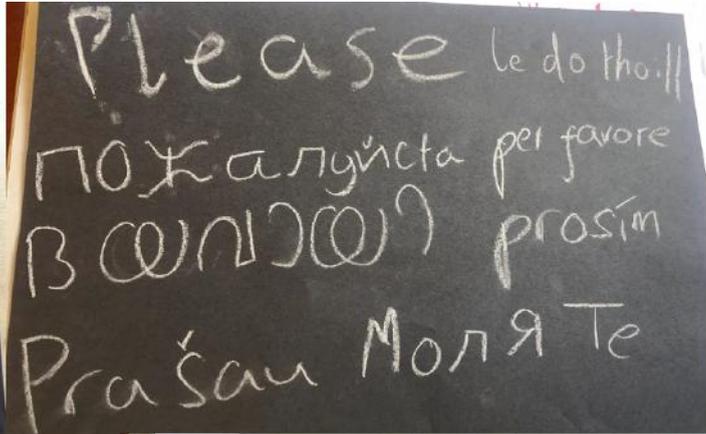
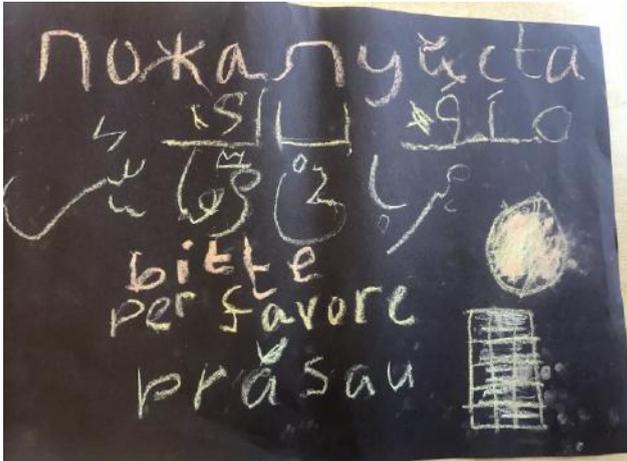
George & Andrea's class investigated the phenomena of the wobbly pencil trick and discovered the scientific explanation behind it. We learned that our brains can't always make sense of things we see despite what we know to be true.



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Aoife's 2nd Class were learning how to say 'please' in all the languages in our class. We had lots of fun practising speaking in the different languages and writing them down. Some were quite tricky to write, but we enjoyed the challenge!



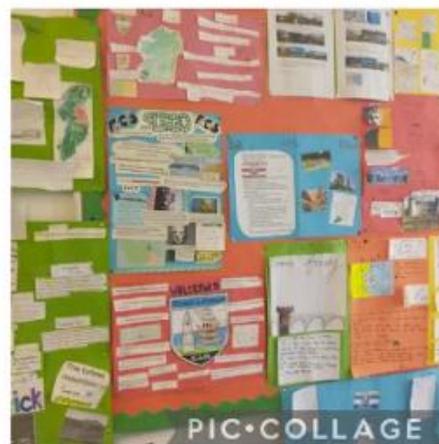
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Sinéad's Third Class had a busy Term 2 here in Room 10. Here is just a snippet of the learning which has taken place:



Fractions, Time, Australia, the Chinese New Year, The Aztecs, Éadaí in Gaeilge, Internet Safety, researching and completing projects on a county in Ireland and writing letters of persuasion - looking for extra P.E., Art or to use the Chromebooks for a full day!



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Please see these snippets of our work which we have on display. We are all proud of our efforts!



Lorraine's Junior Infants say "have a look at our investigations and bird feeder."

We wanted to find out if an egg would float or sink if we added salt to a glass of water.

We wanted to find out if water travels upwards from root to tip.

We made fat food seed balls for the birds.





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In Eoghan's Sixth Class, we had been learning about similes as part of our literacy lessons so we decided to incorporate this into our Yellow Flag activity. Drawing on the diversity of our classroom each child provided an example of a simile or metaphor from their home language. A great range of



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languages were included; Urdu, Irish, French, Polish, Romanian, Hindi among many others.



In Room 1, Ruth's Class were learning all the different ways to say "Hello"!

We learned how to say hello in Irish, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, Polish, Cantonese and Mandarin and Latvian. Thanks to all the grown ups at home for teaching us all the new languages!





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coke and orange juice). The eggs represent our teeth. This experiment shows how liquids affect our teeth. Look at the pictures to see what we discovered!

Sinéad's Third Class - On the 18th of February, we celebrated as a school community "One Day Together". We came to school dressed in traditional clothes, tasted yummy croissants from France and researched different yard games other children play from around the world. We are looking forward to playing these games in the sunshine this term! We also shared with one another the different ways we say hello and how are you in our home languages!



Some pupils in George's 4th class showcased their beautiful traditional clothing & national emblems. Here we see traditional clothing & flags from Africa, India, Lithuania & Argentina.



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Ailbhe's Sixth Class were creating our responses to Henri Rousseau. We looked at his piece of art Tiger in a Tropical Storm and created our own idea of the painting. We created a jungle using crayon and oil pastel and then painted the green pieces.



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Both Fifth Classes have been learning all about the Winter Olympics, observing and recording the science behind many Olympic sports, as well as design their own Beijing Winter Olympics Posters. We made Olympic Icons for our chosen Winter Olympic sport. We used one colour family only while painting our page. When the paint was dry, we cut shapes out of the page to make our icons. We are very proud them. We really had to think about the shapes we made!





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Senior Infants - Room 4

Science Week - We are all scientists!

Jaione made a volcano in the classroom with vinegar, baking soda, food colouring

We predicted:

'it will explode', 'lava will hit the ceiling'

'the lava will be red'

After our experiment we said:

'it super cool' 'WOW' 'that's amazing!'

We really loved it!





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Science Week - We are all scientists!

Dónal also did a 'Walking Water' experiment with us.

We had to keep checking it throughout the day to see what changes were happening.

*It was very exciting
and very cool and
we eventually made
a rainbow.*

