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NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Aoife, our new Deputy Principal. Aoife joins us from New Ross Educate Together where she has worked for the past 5 years. Welcome to the Castaheany ETNS family, Aoife! 😊



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FUN FAMILY RITUALS
YOU CAN START
DOING TODAY!

FAMILY RITUAL IDEAS



Create Unique Family Habits/Rituals- unique birthday rituals, unique holiday rituals, unique get-well rituals, unique celebration rituals

Evening Meal Time
without screens

Weekly Family Fun
Gathering - Movie Night,
Board Games, Talent Show
- create your own.



Have a Daily Check-In with
each others - Highs and Lows
and new interests

Rotate the Chores - everyone
helps around the home

HELPFUL

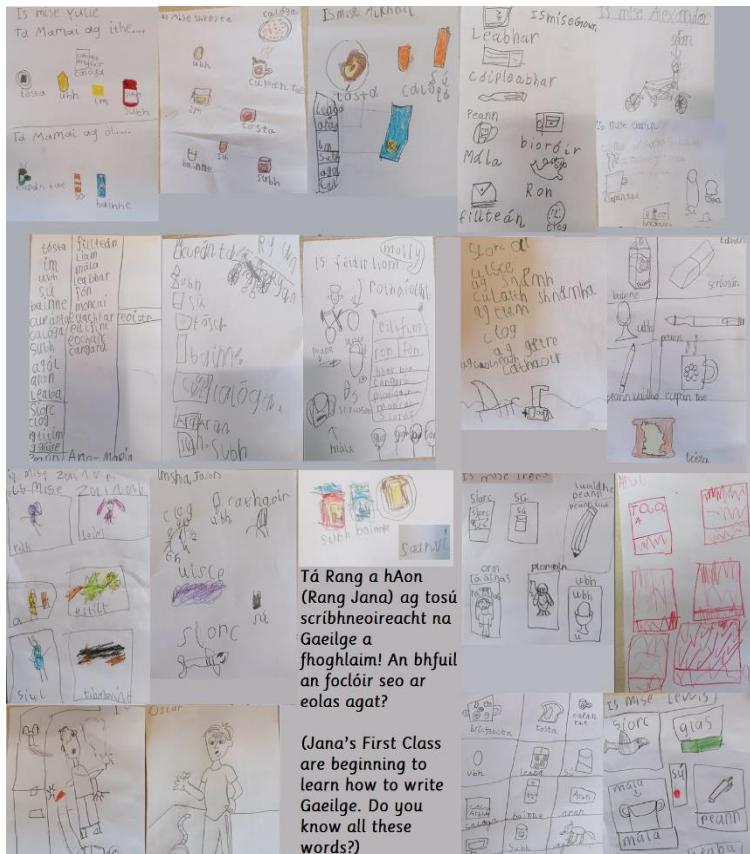
TIPS

A Note from our School Mentor

Wise words from our school
mentor, Michael, to help us at
home. Thank you, Michael.



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Castaheany Maths Week 2020

Thanks so much to everyone who took part in this year's Maths Week competitions and for all the support that was given from home. We hope you had a fun-filled week of all things maths.

Look out next month for the winners and their posters! Connor



Rang a hAon (Jana's Class) have been trying to get outside for some fresh air whenever the weather allows. We love visiting the garden to do our English and Maths. Here we are doing some "still life" drawing in the garden. We were concentrating really hard!





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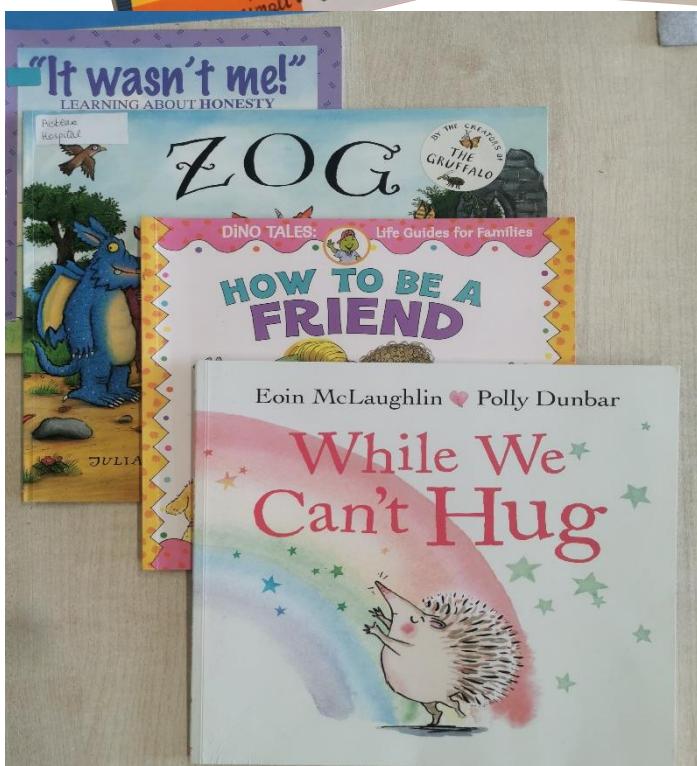
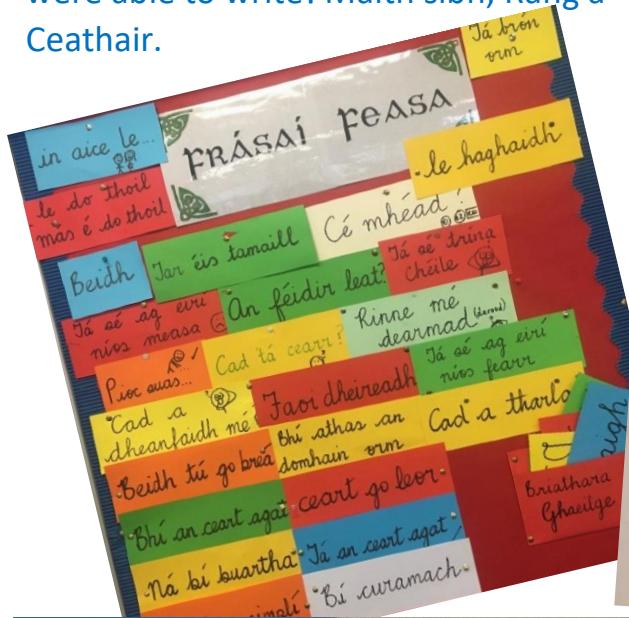
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FRÁSAÍ FEASA

from Fourth Class

George's Fourth Class have been busy putting their collection of 'frásáí feasa' (interesting Irish phrases) into a drama of their own. Look at how much they were able to write! Maith sibh, Rang a Ceathair.



Oisín: Togfarsadh mé an cáca amach as an oighean. OO! Já sé ro-the!

(Thit an cáca ar an uolar agus tagann Siofra isteach)

Siofra: AAAAAAHHHHHH!

Oisín: Cad tá cearr leat, a Siofra?

Siofra: Cad a tharla do mo cháca?

Oisín: Ja brón orm, a Siofra. Scaoil mé leis an gcháca.

Siofra: Ja mo cháca lofa! Ja sé triona chéile! Proinnsias an cáca, Oisín!

Oisín: Ná bí buartha, Siofra! Já Taffei agus Lola ag reacht. Is feidir leo an cáca a ithe le haghaidh an tae.

Siofra: Cad faoi mo tae? Cad a dhéanfaidh mé?

Oisín: Déanfaidh mé ispiní le haghaidh an tae! Cé mhéad ispiní a dhéanfaidh mé?

Siofra: An feidir leat 10 ispiní a chur ar síul dom.

Oisín: O Siofra! Rinne mé dearmad shun ispiní a cheannach sa siopa! Ja brón orm!

Siofra: Sin an 'final straw', a Oisín! Gheobhaimh mé piotsa ón siopa. Cad ba mhaith

Oisín: Ba mhaith liom cheese, pepperoni agus pineapple ar an bpiotsa. le do thoir.

Siofra: Ceart go leor! Cuirfish mé glao ar Dominos!

(tar éis tamaill, tagann an piotsa!)

Siofra: Jáor dhereddach! Já an piotsa anseo! Cé mhéad don piotsa?

Thiománaí: Tiche euro, le do thoir.

Siofra: Siúra! Níl aon airgead agam! Oisín!! An bhfuil airgead agat?

Oisín: Níl ach deich euro agam, a Siofra. Ja brón orm.

Siofra: Cad a dhéanfaidim?

Oisín: Já money box sios staireach ari aice leis an lampa. Oisín. Faigh an bosca airgead, más é do thoir é.

(Rith Oisín síos ar staireach: fuair sé an airgead ón bosca airgead agus d'fach sé le haghaidh an piotsa).

FIONA'S JUNIOR INFANTS

In Junior Infants we read a book before home time most days. Here's a selection of books we've read recently. We love asking questions and making predictions about what might happen next.

Great reading, Junior Infants!



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KATIE'S SENIOR INFANTS

Katie's Senior Infants have been working really hard on learning some new Wow Words! We listen carefully to stories for any interesting words and then try to use them throughout the day when we are speaking. It is great for improving our vocabulary! We love Wow Words!

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Join us for a **Virtual Coffee Morning!**

Join us for a meet up...

- ❖ Need someone to talk to?
- ❖ Any worries?
- ❖ Relax and talk with other local parents / guardians

Please click the link and complete the anonymous survey for your preferred day/time!

Thank you! Karen

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3PSXJSB>

CHARLENE'S SECOND CLASS



Charlene's Second class have been learning about the celebrations: Rosh Hashanah, Eid and Ramadan. The children wrote kind acts that we are going to carry out throughout the year. We have been learning our Junior Golden Rules too. We created friendship compliment chains. We learned that being kind makes us feel good. Showing kindness to others is just as rewarding as receiving it from someone else.

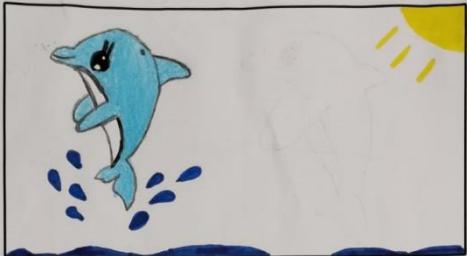


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All about Dolphins



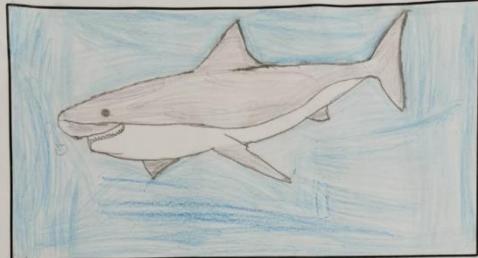
A female dolphin is called a cow, males are called bulls and young dolphins are called calves. A group of dolphins are called a pod. They can jump up to 6 meters high and turn around themselves about 7 times before going back into the water. Dolphins have more than 200 teeth. Dolphins are marine mammals and not fish. Dolphins are very intelligent and are playful. Dolphins breath through blowholes. Dolphins can stay up to 15 minutes under water but they cannot breath under the water.

Shanay
Black fox!



Black foxes are frequently called silver foxes. Since the black fur on their bodies is often tipped with silver, black foxes sometimes appear as red foxes. The main characteristics of foxes are their thick bushy tails and large pointed ears. They have narrow muzzles and large ears. The tails of other foxes in the world often consist of small tufts at the tip. Foxes have been hunted because of their fur. Coats and hats from their fur are very expensive.

Andrea shark
09/10/20



Sharks have between five and seven gills on each side of their bodies through which they breathe. Their skin is covered by dermal denticles that protect them from damage or predators and ensure better dynamics in the aquatic environment. Another characteristic of sharks is that their teeth are substitutable. It is true that the vast majority of shark species prefer coastal waters, which are warmer, more oxygenated and richer in food. It is also true that many of the well-known species of shark such as the tiger shark, well adapted for life in the tropical seas, have also been found in the icy waters of the North Atlantic off the coast of Iceland.

Richie's Third Class

Richie's third class have been working hard on learning about different animals this month. We have used this knowledge to create a report on their favourite animal. Above is a small sample of some of the reports we received so far.

Every Day Counts!

Some great attendance statistics!

So far, for the month of October, the overall attendance in school has been excellent! It is 8% higher than the attendance we had in September and even higher than October of last year by 2%.

Maybe all our hand-washing, sanitising and other measures are keeping us from catching other common illnesses too!

We need to keep eating good healthy food and getting lots of fresh air and exercise to keep boosting our immune systems.

Keep up the good work everyone! Sheila



SCHOOL SUPPORT

All of us on the support team are super excited to work with class teachers and children again this year. We will continue to work with children in the classroom, in small groups or one-to-one. Please check **Aladdin Connect** to see if we will be working with your child this year and tick to give permission.

Diana and the Support Team



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Thank you to parents/guardians for your cooperation to date with all the safety measures we have put in place to keep our school community safe. Thank you to all the parents for being extra vigilant and taking extra precautions (keeping children out of school) if they are unwell or have any Covid-type symptoms. The wearing of masks and maintaining social distancing at pick-up and drop-off times is also making a huge difference in keeping our school community safe. Again, we thank you all.

The return to school declaration is now available on Aladdin Connect and must be filled in when your child is returning to school after any illness. If you have any COVID queries please email covidqueries.cetns@gmail.com. For medical advice, please contact your G.P.

The children and all staff members also deserve a huge thank you, they have done an amazing job of adapting to all the changes this year and the children are happy and safe in school.



NIAMH'S CLASS

Niamh's Class have been looking at patterns at the Maths station in Aistear.

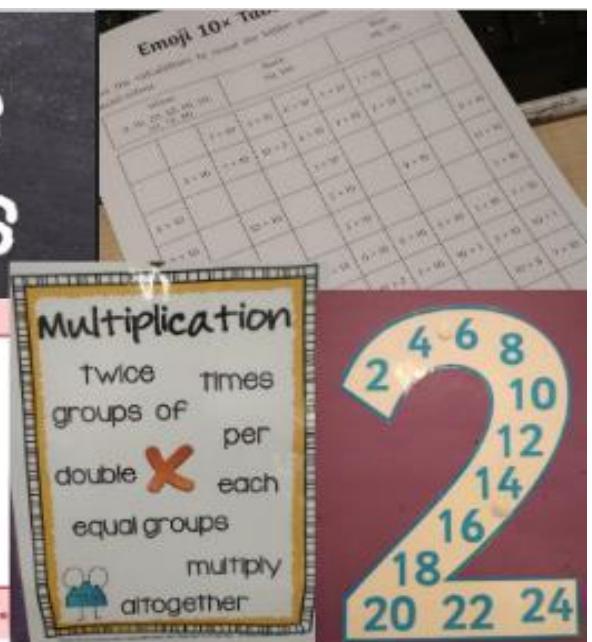
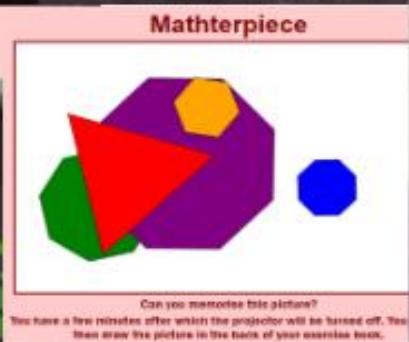
Great work, Senior Infants!



MATA I RANG A TRÍ RANG HAZEL



Maths Riddles



Hazel's third class have been doing lots of exciting Maths activities. We've begun multiplication and have done so many different activities to help us learn; Multiplication mosaics, booklets and games. For Maths week we created wonderful triangular Autumn art. Look at some of our 'Math'erpieces. We've done some Tangrams and Maths Riddles too. Maths week was so much fun! Well done, Hazel's Class.



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Colm's 2nd Class - SESE

Colm's 2nd Class have been working on the theme of the weather for the month of October. We have each made a sundial and we have also made one for the garden area. We have been doing weather experiments including making clouds with shaving foam and experimenting with static electricity. We have been watching the weather forecast and presenting our own version of it. We have also been keeping an eye on the changing seasons and looking at how trees change with the seasons.

Ireland has lots of old weather sayings and we have been creating pictures to represent some sayings that we found from a school in Carrick on Shannon, County Leitrim, from 1937. One of the more interesting sayings is "If the goat comes to the door and lets a roar, it's a sign of bad weather." We are hoping that we won't see any goats for the next few weeks.



By now I hope you are all settled into the new school year and getting to grips with Google Classroom. With Covid restrictions it has minimised the need for things to travel from home to school and as a Green school, it's also saving paper. We are finding it's a handy way of submitting homework assignments online and creating a safe digital space for our classes.

Since last March its been a learning curve for us all and we are always finding out new ways of doing things. Sometimes we run into problems and can get confused. If you do please email our google classroom support at cetns.gclassroom@gmail.com. Aoife



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School Garden News

During the summer months when the garden was lovely and quiet, 2 Wagtails set up their nests in the flower beds. We also had a pair of House Martins who built their mud nest in the eaves at the front of the school. These birds have now left us for the warmer climates of Africa. To keep encouraging our feathered friends to visit us, we have set up a bird feeder in the garden area and there are 2 more on the way, including a Lego one made in Lego Club last year.

As the colour fades from the garden, we are looking towards spring and Sinéad's 6th Class are going to plant lots of spring bulbs beside Area A. We have collected some



seeds from the plants this year and lots of the plants will grow again in the spring or self-seed over the coming months.



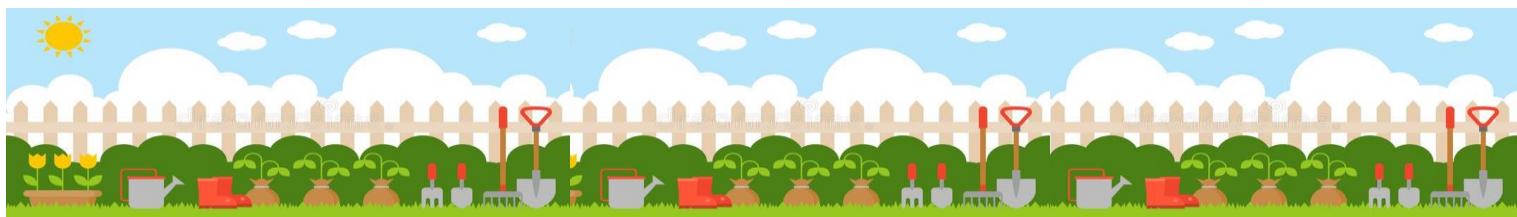
Each year group now has a grow box that they can use to germinate seeds and grow all sorts of edibles throughout the year.



Our composter is now up and running and we are hoping to get some lovely rich compost in 6-8 weeks time. The rotating composter heats up the things we put inside up to 80 degrees so that it breaks down very quickly.

We have set up a new outdoor classroom area. This area is beside the garden so teachers are welcome to take their class out to enjoy nature and the fresh air.

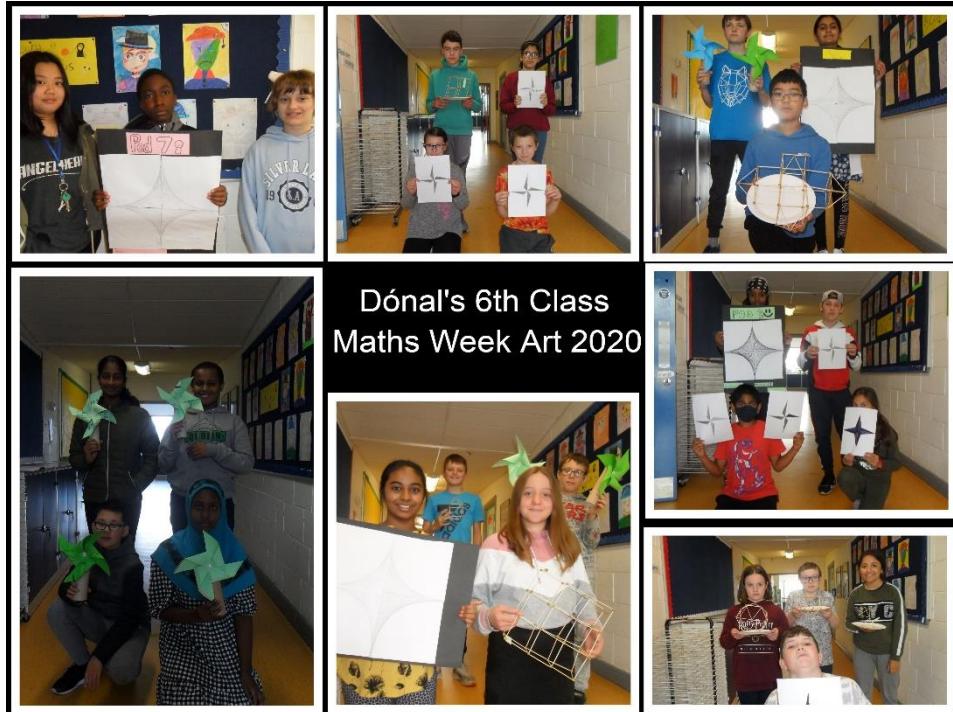
The Green Schools Committee are hopeful that we will be able to get our Biodiversity Flag this year so keep an eye out for more changes and developments in the garden area.





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Dónal's 6th Class

In Dónal's 6th Class we have been doing lots of Science and Maths related art.

In Science, we were learning about weather. We explored The Beaufort Scale of wind strength. Then we made pinwheel windmills to use outdoors on windy days!

We explored 3D shapes by making constructions with toothpicks and marrowfat peas. We discovered that triangle shapes provide great rigidity to structures.

We have been exploring Data in

Maths and have been practising drawing graphs with rulers and pencils. During Art we used rulers and pencils to draw a curved line using only straight lines! Ask us how we did it! Each Pod in the class then assembled its own four-pointed star! We also used rulers and pencils to draw Compass Roses. Dónal has been keeping us pretty busy!

FIFTH CLASS DISCUSS GLOBAL WARMING

Ailbhe's Fifth Class have been discussing the ways we could help tackle global warming. We focused on it at a personal level, a government level and at a worldwide level.

Maith Sibh, Rang a Cúig.



My Ideas to Tackle Global Warming

Look at each problem and note down some ideas that you could do in your own home as well as what could be done at a national and international level.

Cows making methane	Palm oil deforestation	Fossil fuels for energy	Pollution from cars and factories	Oil used for plastics
I could: Drink less cow milk	I could: Stop supporting companies that use Palm oil	I could: Switch to a more sustainable energy source	I could: Use stronger timber whenever possible	I could: Stop using plastic products
The Government could: Support local farmers	The Government could: Do more tree planting and recycling	The Government could: Make sure buildings are energy efficient and use green roofs	The Government could: Make more electric chargers and less petrol stations	The Government could: Raise awareness to give everyone access to clean water & sanitation
The world could: Stop using palm oil	The world could: Reduce greenhouse gases somewhere else	The world could: Make buildings more energy efficient	The world could: Stop using palm oil	The world could: Stop producing plastic products

The world could:
Stop using Palm Oil- Stop planting Palm trees.

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Cows making methane	Palm oil deforestation	Fossil fuels for energy	Pollution from cars and factories	Oil used for plastics
I could: Try not to eat her meat (meat)	I could: Use things that don't have much	I could: Use solar panels more	I could: Use electrical cars more	I could: Recycle my plastic
The Government could: Tell farmers not to plant palm trees	The Government could: Tell the world to stop cutting down so many trees	The Government could: Give people Money to buy solar panels	The Government could: Give every one atleast one seat on each	The Government could: Help clean the ocean
The world could: Eat meat & meatless weeks	The world could: Help other people to learn to plant trees	The world could: Stop using Electricity	The world could: Help people learn about recycling cars	The world could: Try to clean the world or there is every day

I could:
turn of electrical stuff when no use

The Government could:
make electric cars cheaper

The Government could:
Make resturants give you reusable or metal straws

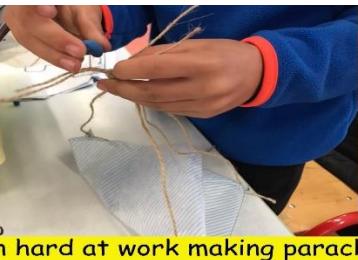
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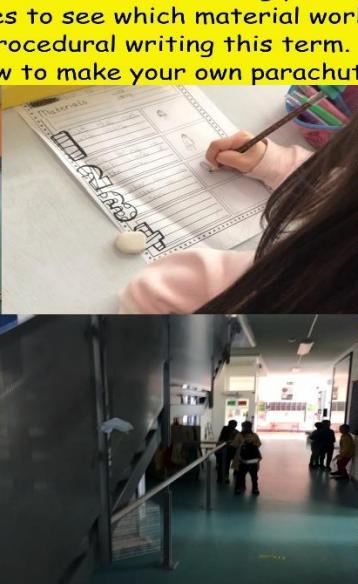
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SCIENCE AND WRITING IN AOIFE'S FIRST CLASS



Aoife's First Class have been hard at work making parachutes using various different materials. We tested out our parachutes to see which material worked best. We are also learning about procedural writing this term. We wrote instructions on how to make your own parachute.



STUDENT COUNCIL



The student council will be elected after the mid-term break. Elections will take place on November 12th and we will have our first meeting in mid-November.

This year we will have our meetings in the hall where we will easily manage the need to social distance.

1st - 3rd class representatives will meet once a fortnight and 4th - 6th will meet once a fortnight.

This year the focus of our meetings will be on the wellbeing of our school community.

So, all classes, get your thinking hats on and share your ideas with your class representatives. They will bring them to the student council meetings where they will be discussed.

It's great when you share your thoughts and ideas. Your voice is very important and the student council is there so that you can have your say and be heard. Looking forward to a great year with lots of new ideas. Lorraine.



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SHARON'S JUNIOR INFANTS

All our Junior Infants in Room 2 have been very busy. In September we learned about the doctors and made x-rays of our hands. In October we have been learning about Homes as our Aistear theme. We made beautiful pictures of our families in our homes and constructed lots of different homes with blocks. We also had a shape hunt in the garden which was lots of fun.



ANDREA'S FIFTH CLASS

During October, Andrea's fifth class learned all about Día de los Muertos (Mexican Day of the Dead). The children then showed off their creative talents by making their own Día de los Muertos masks. A lot of hard work went into making these, and I'm sure you would agree they are all beautiful.



We held a class competition, and the three proud winners are pictured showing their fabulous masks.



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ART WORK ON DISPLAY FROM KELLY'S CLASS



SIXTH CLASS STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Sinéad's 6th class have been learning about digital citizenship, and how we can be responsible Internet users. It is really important that we all consider our behaviour online so that we can stay safe. This collaborative project was really enjoyable to take part in for Internet Safety.

Staying Safe Online

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- 4) Never give out your passwords
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- 7) Not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views, doesn't mean you need to be rude
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.



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QUIZ TIME!

Who's a wise owl? Click on this link to complete a newsletter quiz. Fully correct quizzes will be put into a draw for a prize! Good luck!



<https://forms.gle/MuRssycRUigKUDLH9>



GLANMORE LUNCHES

If pupils need to change lunches log into www.glanmorefoods.ie to change orders.

If login details have been forgotten, ring Glanmore Foods on 01-8976026 and they will assist you.



To all Parents and Guardians

Come along to the AGM via Zoom on Monday 16th November at 8pm and find out a bit more of what we are about. All parents and guardians who have children in the school are already members of the Parents Association. Coming to the monthly meeting is a great way to get connected with the school community, discover resources within the school, speak up for your child and be a good role model.

Each year we elect an Executive Committee, Chairperson, Secretary & Treasurer to work on its behalf with the school. We will be taking nominations from those at the AGM. We are forming a new committee in December. You do not need any previous experience, just a willingness to get involved with the school community. We meet once per month, the 3rd Monday of the month at 8pm via Zoom. Meetings are relaxed, informal, and always take less than an hour. There are many roles on the PTA, ordinary member (no specific duties) and specific roles such as chairperson, secretary, or treasurer. Should any of these roles interest you, we can offer training or mentorship as needed.

We would love to see new faces and hear some new ideas on our PTA committee. Please talk to any member of the PTA if you would like any further details.

We really look forward to working with you this year.

