# Castaheany Educate Together School Newsletter

April 2020


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On Saturday, February 1st, 108 pupils from our Third and Fourth Classes travelled to the R.D.S. to perform with a choir of over 2,500 pupils at the Peace Proms concert. After many months of practice and rehearsing, our moment to shine had finally come and what an experience it was! We sang and danced our hearts out with a full orchestra. We were also joined on stage by magnificent Irish Dancers and soloists who blew us away with their talents. Who knows – maybe some of our very talented pupils at CETNS will be on stage again in years to come! Thank you to our volunteers who accompanied the children on the night and to the teachers of Third and Fourth Classes for preparing the children so well.

In March Colm's class had a visit from Dogs Trust. Audrey brought her sleepy dog, Lucy, with her and she taught us about the great work that Dogs Trust do and how to behave safely around dogs. The class were thrilled to see the visitors and even got stickers with Lucy on them.

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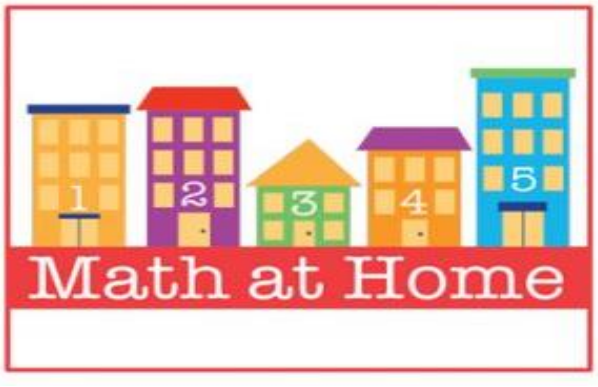
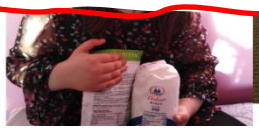
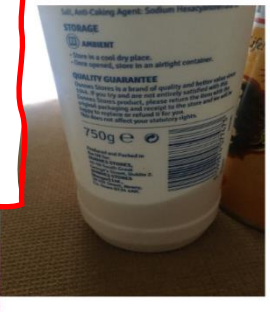
Second Class have been learning about Earth Day! Check out their amazing work which they completed at home.



Children in 1st Class have been using items at home to learn about weight!





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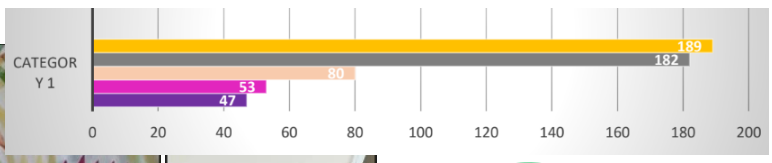
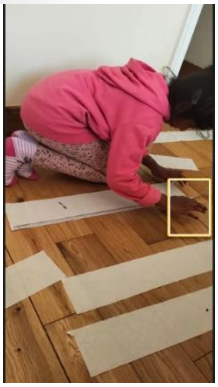
Creative Art in Senior Infants! Such wonderful creativity and thought has gone into making these! Well done, Senior Infants!



## LOOKING AT LENGTH

Pupils in 2nd Class have designed an experiment using toilet roll to estimate and measure length, creatively. Look at their estimations and actual results. Good work, 2nd Class!

Graphical Representation of Measurement of various Toilet Tissue (in cms)

| Item | Estimate | Actual |
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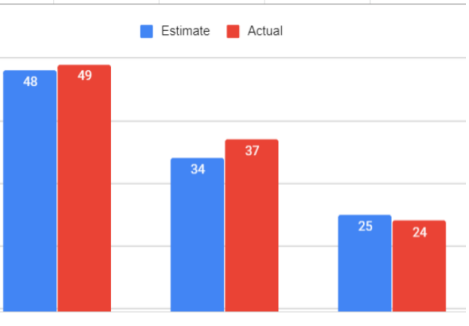
| Tissue 1 | 48 | 49 |
| Tissue 2 | 34 | 37 |
| Tissue 3 | 25 | 24 |



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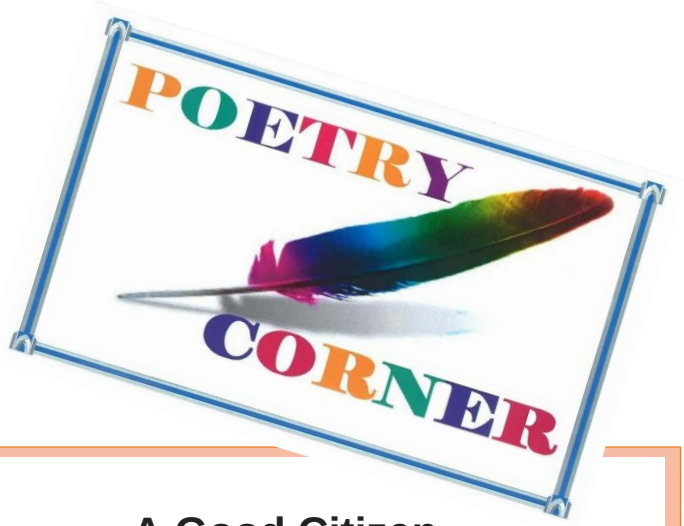
## WOW!

Sixth Class have been learning about the GPO on O'Connell Street in Dublin City Centre. Look at these wonderful 3-D models of this famous building!




## A Good Citizen

by Tejashree

We're going through times hard and rough,
The days have been long and rough,
By playing your small part,
you could really light up another's heart.

Being a good citizen is like being a good friend,
help the community until the very end,
One small smile to a person you don't know,
could start a chain of smiles, all in one flow

Respecting local areas in no big deed,
an ounce of responsibility is all you need,
Acting mature doesn't mean no fun,
all it is is understanding everyone

Don't make some chaos, don't make a fuss,
its no difficult task to be silent on a bus,
A community is all, women and men,
You just have to be a good citizen!

Recently, all pupils in school filled up noticeboards with sticky notes showing things we were grateful for.

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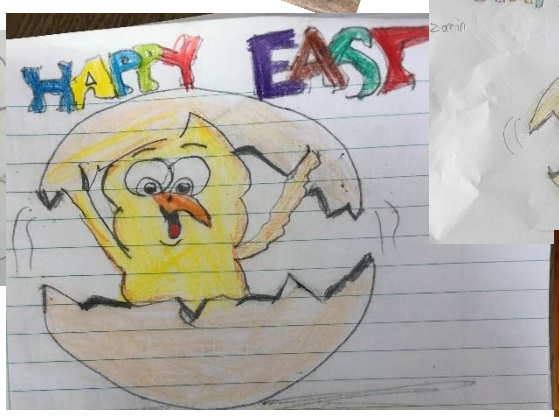
# School Garden News

Despite the lack of rain and hours spent in the garden, the flowers are blooming and nature is happy. There are lots of buds on the apple trees and our wild area is developing nicely with Berni having cut a little pathway like last year.
When we get back to school, there will be lots of new additions to the garden and school including:

- Our new wormery (which is up and running in Colm's garden at the moment),
- A rotating composter,
- Lots of new pots,
- A new clock and thermometer,
- Plant labels,
- Bird baths,
- A blackberry bush,
- A plum tree,
- New signs,
- New planting boxes for classes.



First Class Fun with Don Conroy!
Well done, First class – amazing creations!

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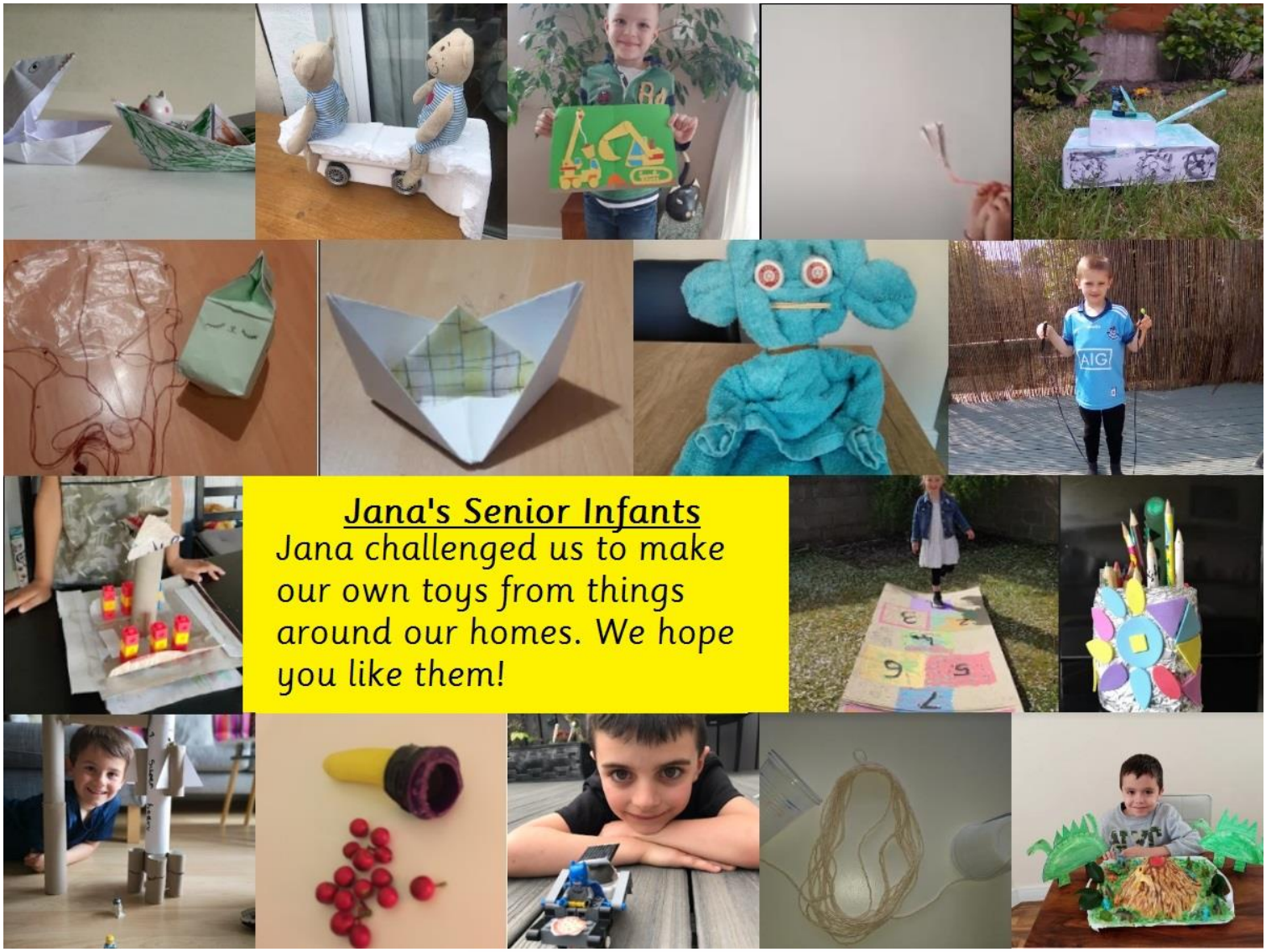

## Jana's Senior Infants

Jana challenged us to make our own toys from things around our homes. We hope you like them!

## Welcome to Junior Infants

Junior Infants have been doing great work while learning from home. They have been going on sound and maths hunts, listening to stories, drawing pictures, writing their news and practising their Gaeilge.

Look at some of our great work:

**Sound Hunt** Can you guess what sounds we were looking for?

## Maths Scavenger Hunt

We were practicing our counting, sorting, length and shapes and sorting on this hunt.

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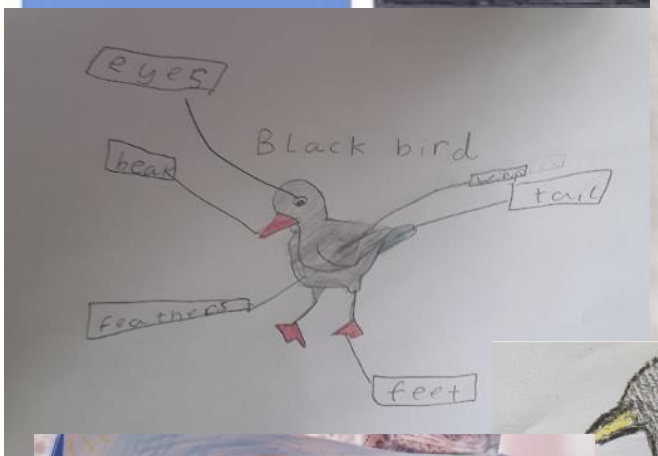
# Bird Watching!

First Class have been bird watching and learning all about Blackbirds.

Check out the photos they have been taking and pictures they have been drawing! Maith sibh, Rang a haon!



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## FORÓIGE NEWS

Foróige ran an Art Competition recently based on the theme of Stay Home, Stay Safe. Check out some of the wonderful entries from pupils at CETNS. Congratulations to Fabi on his winning entry! Comghairdeas, Fabi!

Thank you cards by a CETNS pupil for our Frontline workers.

Well done!

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## GARDEN Nature Art

Who needs expensive art materials when art material is freely available just outside your front door! Pupils in Fifth Class found items to create these magnificent pieces of Art! Check outside your own front door to see what you could use! Go h-álainn, Rang a Cúig!

Bhí table quiz, concert & storyteller againn ar scoil i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhain gach duine taitneamh as.

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## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Castaheany Educate Together N.S.

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope you are all keeping well and safe during this time. We would like to thank you all for your excellent engagement with our distance learning methods. Your support for your child's learning at home will be of huge benefit to them during this time. Unfortunately the school remains closed until further notice. If there are any changes to this arrangement, we will let you know by email as soon as we receive notification. If we can be of any assistance during this time, please email:

castaheanyeducatetogether@gmail.com

Board of Management

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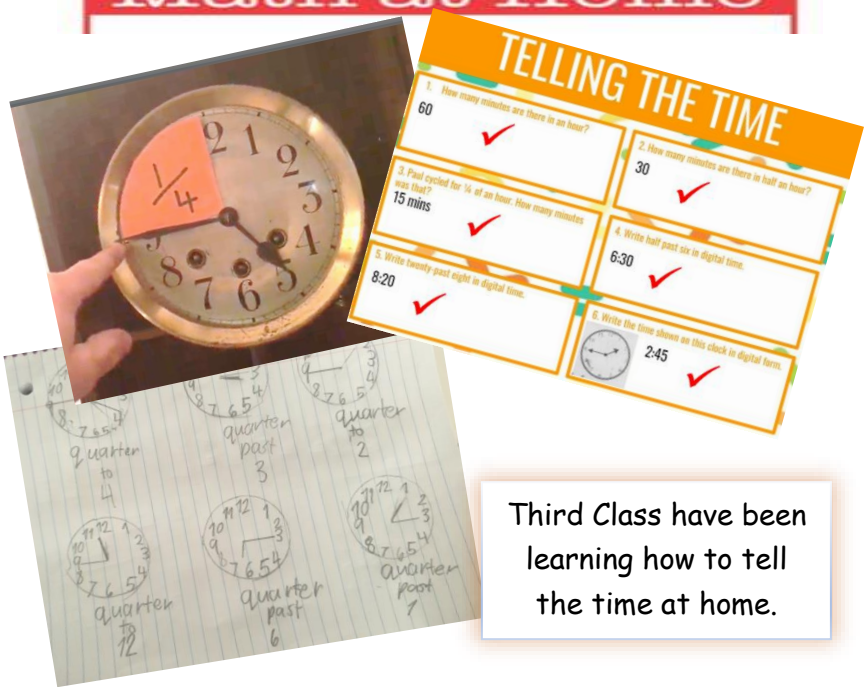



Third Class have been learning how to tell the time at home.

## A Note from our School Mentor

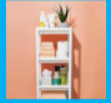
Michael, our school mentor, has put these great tips together to help parents who find some days during lockdown difficult.

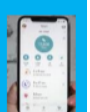
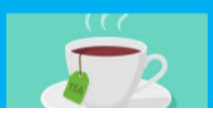
Michael Ryan – School Mentor

# Salvaging a Disastrous Day in Lockdown –

## So you get to mid-afternoon and everything feels like it is all going wrong and everyone is arguing

- Switch off all devices – no more news – no new projects
- Don't think failure – think Reset
- Take a shower – Refresh yourself
- Do only low-thinking physical chores – get a few small "wins"
- Avoid the need for perfection
- Tidy a Space (another little "win")
- Do a bunch of niggling administration tasks (another few "wins")
- Re-boot your physical system – quick burst of exercise gets rid of frustration
- Write off the day from your "Fit-bit scores/Steps Apps " – No Guilt – Today doesn't count
- Book-end your day with a soothing ceremony – Tea/Netflix/TV/Book – and know that tomorrow will be a better day.



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## PERPLEXED?

Pupils in Third Class have been keeping their brains active everyday by trying to decipher these cryptic passages and reading the clues. Completing these kind of activities help with reading, understanding and problem-solving. Well done to Pupils in Third Class who are working hard on these every day.

Can you help solve this one?

**THE STORY**

Three turtles named Mike, Max and Mark wore gloves that were three different colors. Their gloves were lavender, gold and teal blue. Each of the turtles had a favorite subject in school. They liked arithmetic, science and history. Based on the clues, match the turtles with their glove colors and their favorite school subjects.

**THE CLUES**

1. Both Mike and Max did not like history.
2. Max and Mark did not wear teal blue gloves.
3. The history-loving turtle wore gold gloves, and Max really disliked science.

| Mike | Max | Mark |
|---|---|---|
| lavender<br>gold<br>teal blue | lavender<br>gold<br>teal blue | lavender<br>gold<br>teal blue |
| arithmetic<br>science<br>history | arithmetic<br>science<br>history | arithmetic<br>science<br>history |

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR GOOGLE CLASSROOM

If any pupils or parents are experiencing problems with Google Classroom, we have a dedicated email address to help you. Please email us and we will do our best to help you. Email address: cetns.gclassroom@gmail.com

## Fourth Class 2-D Shape Exploration

## QUIZ TIME!

Who's a wise owl? Click on this link to complete a newsletter quiz. Good luck 😊

https://forms.gle/C5XXFbxcwU2yPk1M8

Fourth Class Teachers are looking after the Class Plants at home!