

School News

February 2023



Goodbye Mary!

On Friday 10th February we said goodbye to our fabulous secretary Mary. Mary worked with us for ten years and we will really miss her. We celebrated her last day with a special assembly. We wrote a song for her, 'Mary, Mary' and the children performed it brilliantly. The children also wrote poems and spoke about all the things Mary did for us all. We gave her a guard of honour at home time and lots of parents came to the yard to wish her well. We wish her all the best in her retirement.



Congratulations to **Yvanna Wong**, 2nd Class, who came 1st in the Newpark Festival 2023 in the "Under 8 Strings" section.



SAPA News

February has flown by and with that only one event took place this month. Our annual Table Quiz returned last Friday 24th February. Even with low numbers attending, the night was a good one. A big thanks to everyone who booked a table, and a massive thank you to our MC on the night, Karl Deeter and quiz master Andrew Mulvany. Congratulations to the winning team "Universally Challenged". Finally, what's next? We are looking forward to our next bake sale which will take place alongside the Great Irish Bake on Friday 31st March. Our movie night will return in April with hopefully a twist, which leads us then onto our big event, the May Fair.

Lots to look forward too! Thank you for your continued support, we very much appreciate it. **SAPA**



February Anti-Bullying Topic

We recognised safer internet day this month. The classes discussed staying safe online.

February Assembly

Our assembly in February was led by Senior Infants and Ms. O'Brien. Their assembly focussed on the idea that we are all unique and we should all be proud of the people we are.

Around The Classes



February has been a colourful month for **Junior Infants** as they continued lots of wonderful learning and exploring! The class have become experts at designing and creating with Lego. They had a challenge of making a rainbow out of Lego as well as making their own wonderful pieces.

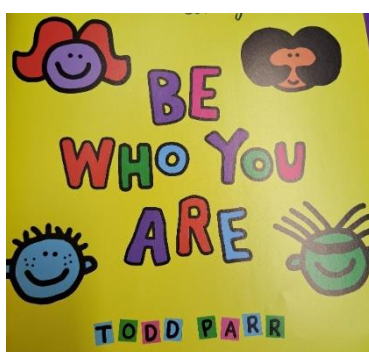
In art, they are learning about primary and secondary colours by mixing paints for a colour wheel. They are also being colour detectives, using iPads to photograph lots of colourful things around our school. The class have been very positive about tasting all of the delicious fruit and vegetables on offer from Food Dudes. They are now trying to have a rainbow in their lunch each day, filling their new lunchboxes with healthy fruit and vegetables! They are working on the theme of Sa Bhaile and heard the story of Cinnín Óir agus na Trí Bhéar. The boys and girls talked about their own

houses and where they live, making sure they know their address.

In PE, Ms Hoffman is very proud of how the class are learning hockey skills. They are using the hockey sticks carefully and are nearly ready to start playing mini- hockey matches! It is wonderful to see how the children are progressing with reading and writing. Ms. Hoffman can't wait to start independent

writing in their copies soon.

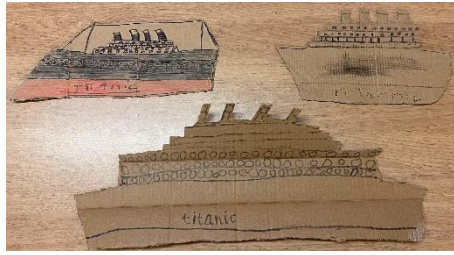
Before Mid Term, they said a big Thank you! Goodbye! and Good Luck! to Ms Teeling Malone for teaching them so many wonderful things, they wish her well for the future!



The children in **Senior Infants** have had a great month. They took part in the 'Food Dudes' programme where the children did a great job of trying lots of fruit and vegetables. They had a visit from Mouse from OWLS, who kindly taught the children about the life cycle of a frog and even brought in real frogspawn for them to see! He will bring the frogspawn back again when it becomes tadpoles! The children have learned up to the number 10 in maths and have become super at making number sentences. In art, they looked at the painting 'Castle and Sun' by artist Paul Klee. They made some shape prints inspired by his artwork. Senior Infants led

the assembly this week and did a fantastic job. They read the story called 'Be Who You Are', to teach the other children all about how it is important to be yourself! They are looking forward March!





1stClass enjoyed the short month of February, taking on lots of new challenges and working hard together. In Irish, they looked at An Aimsir and Éadaí, being able to describe all the different types of weather and all the clothes they wear in the different seasons. In English, they continued with their English stations, as well as starting to write their own fictional stories and news reports from their mid-term break. They also got the chance as a whole class to read two great Roald Dahl books; *The Twits* and *George's Marvellous Medicine*.



In history, they started to learn all about the Titanic and how it was built and its timeline from England to its crash into the iceberg. They loved learning about some of the people on board the historic ship and how its story is still so important and famous

today. They explored that interest in the Titanic further by creating their own ships in art using cardboard. They also drew and coloured their own Titanic ships to hang up in the classroom. In geography, they began exploring the season of spring and how the weather is changing as they move towards March. The students have loved seeing the brighter weather and signs of spring such as the new birds they see around the school area and the flowers as well in the community like daffodils and crocuses. In SPHE across the whole month, the class have engaged in really important topics of the Stay Safe Programme, discussing how they can be safe inside and outside school and how important it is to talk to their friends and adults that they trust. They have engaged excellently in these topics and participate as a whole class really well.



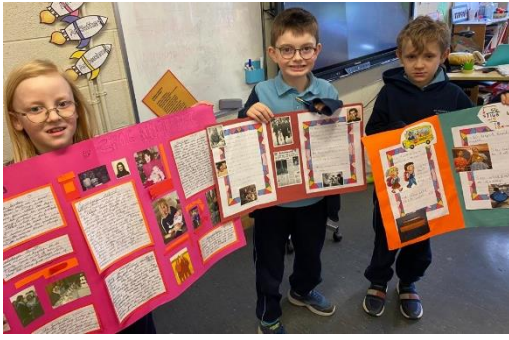
February has been a fun and busy month for **2ndClass**.

The children enjoyed continuing to work on their sports projects, research and using book creator to tell others all about the sport they had chosen. They also did lots of work around the Six Nations Rugby tournament, designing rugby kits in the colours of the countries, as well as learning all about the history of the competition. The children have been thrilled by Ireland's success so far! In English they have been learning all about Haiku poems, and using the structure to write our own poems on winter. The children have been continuing to build up their maths skills, practising telling the time, working on place value and learning all about capacity to help them make batter to celebrate Shrove Tuesday! In Gailege the children have been busy learning all about Eadaí and having fun with a new loop card game. As well as all this brilliant work in school



the children have been busy at home completing projects all about a grandparent, or a special person of their choosing. The children were amazing and put fantastic work into these projects. Everyone had such fun hearing all of the fantastic stories from their loved one's time at school! The class were thrilled to invite in their special people and had a lovely afternoon meeting everyone and showing everyone their hard work. A big thank you to everyone that helped with the projects, and that came in to see the children, they were so happy!





3rd Class have been very busy for the month of February. They have had a wonderful time celebrating "poetry week" in their classroom. They read a variety of different poems together and even had a chance to create their very own "spring haiku" poems. At the end of the week, the children were invited to take part in a "starbooks poetry café" where they got to sample different poems while drinking a cool beverage. With spring in the air, they have been busy creating some colourful pieces of artwork. Using different coloured card, the children made paper bouquets filled with their favourite flower. The class also had the opportunity to visit Malahide library to see the "Viewpoints" art exhibition. This was a lovely exhibition showcasing some beautiful artworks produced by some well-known children's books illustrators. To celebrate Valentine's day, the children made geometric hearts inspired by the work of Piet Mondrian. 3rd Class have been very fortunate to be participating in lots of outdoor activities this month. They have been practising athletics, football and



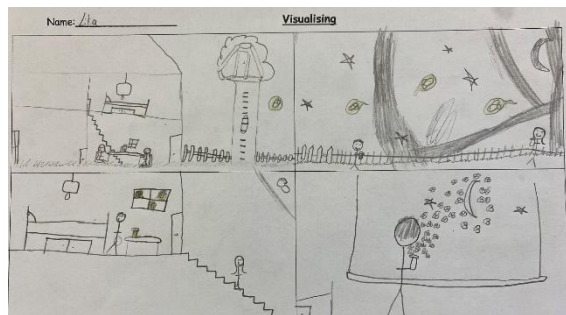
and basketball. With World Book Day just around the corner, they are all very excited to dress up as a character from their favourite book and test their knowledge of some well-known authors. Well done 3rd Class on another fantastic month!





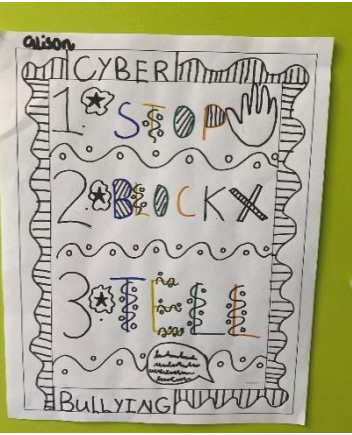
4thClass have been very busy throughout the month of February. This month, the children started basketball as a new P.E. activity. The class had great fun learning how to bounce and pass the ball in pairs and in team games. In English, the children completed their station activities. The children have been learning comprehension skills such as visualising in which they read the book 'Fireflies' and created fantastic visualisations based upon the story. The children continued their narrative writing within English stations by writing the first drafts of their stories. The class will edit and publish their completed stories in class next month for us all to read and enjoy! In S.P.H.E., the class discussed the topic of friendship and created a brainstorm as a whole class based upon important qualities for friendship. Following this, the class completed a jigsaw template in which each child illustrated/wrote various aspects and qualities that they felt were important for friendship. Lastly, in art, the children completed their optical illusions which are now proudly displayed

in the corridor for all to see. The class utilised a combination of lines and colours to create 3 stunning optical illusions based upon a hand, a set of circles, and a spiral formation. Well done 4thClass

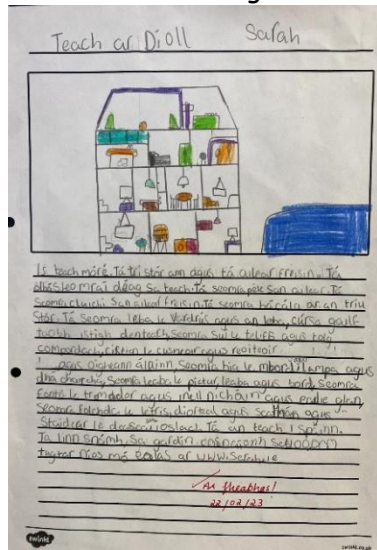
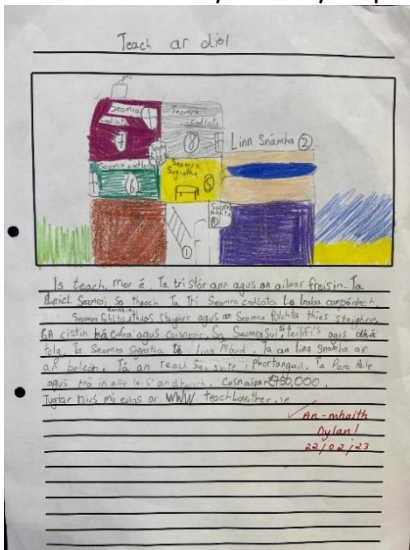


February has been busy in 5thClass. They're delighted to welcome Ms. Teeling-Malone for the next few weeks. She comes with lots of great ideas and fun activities for the class. The class has been working hard on their Junior Entrepreneur business pitches for the dragon's visit in March. They have five really good ideas, and they're looking forward to picking one, and getting the class business up and running. In Gaeilge they've finished a unit on caitheamh aimsire, and have learned lots of new words for all the interesting hobbies they have. They have done super work on percentages and length this month, with a great outdoor maths trail in the yard to finish up the month. They continued with their great poetry work up to the mid-term and finished off their hard work with lovely 'Ode' poems to Mary, which they gave to her on her last day. They also finished their class novel 'Wonder'. There have been lots of important S.P.H.E. topics done this month. The class finished off their Stay Safe program and did lots of great work on internet safety for Safer Internet Day on the 7th of February, making great posters to promote safer internet use. In R.E. the class finished off a unit on Hinduism and also learned all about the origins of Pancake Tuesday and the meaning of Lent, which began the day after on Ash Wednesday. The class learned that Lent is not all about giving things up, but also can be about starting something new or doing something good. They had a chat about gratitude and all the things they have to be grateful for, which they can focus on for the duration of Lent. They each designed a puzzle piece which will make a big class picture of gratitude.

Since coming back from mid-term the class has started basketball and swimming. Mrs. Halpin was very impressed with everyone who went to the first swimming lesson. The class represented the school really well and they also had a great time in the pool. Finally, some other work that the class has completed includes still life drawing, valentine's art, q-tip painting, learning all about the Burren and the importance of tourism in Ireland, continued work on script reading and writing, all about rhythm and the musician Bobby McFerrin.



February has been a short but very productive month for **6th Class**. In maths the children have learnt about the difference between the perimeter and area of 2D shapes. To show their understanding the children worked collaboratively to design and draw a unique bedroom. They had to use great spatial awareness and maths skills to configure their bedrooms so that the furniture they wanted fitted but also remained inside their allocated budget. This was a tricky task especially learning how to draw to scale but judging by the work completed there are definitely a few budding interior designers and architects in the class! They also had great fun taking part in the Length-Olympics where they competed in groups to see who could collaboratively jump, throw and run the furthest in a variety of different events! This was a really fun way to practise their estimating and measuring of length!

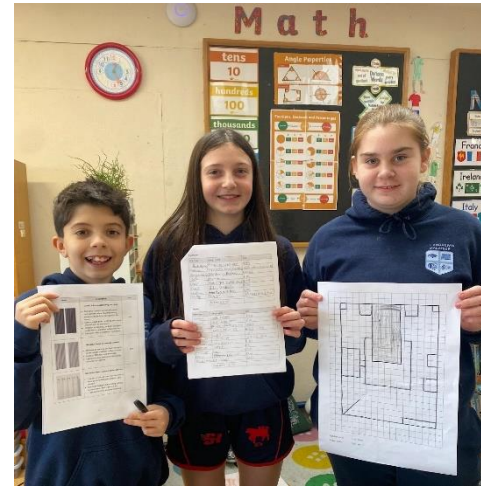


In Irish they continued their study of the topic "Sa Bhaile". To show what they have learnt, the class created adverts highlighting "Tithe ar Díol" (houses for sale). The children were very creative with their designs and made a brilliant effort to use the phrases they have been learning throughout their work.

In science, the class have explored the concept of life-cycles focusing on some very unique animals such as the echidna, duck-billed platypus and seahorse! They are in the process of creating stop-motion animation to show what they learnt about their respective life-cycles and can't wait

to see the finished videos! In PE the class have been developing their rugby skills to coincide with the start of the Six Nations championship. They have made a great effort to strengthen their passing skills and have really enjoyed the tag rugby games that they have played. They have also really enjoyed their basketball sessions with Seán.

Finally, 6thClass were very lucky to take part in their 3rd orienteering event of the year. This time they stayed local and orienteered around Malahide Castle. The highest finishing boy was Peter O'Sullivan while Katie O'Neill led the way for the girls!



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~ ~William Penn