

School News

November 2023



Congratulations to Will McCann in 5th Class who was recently selected to take part in the FAI - Emerging Talent Squad!

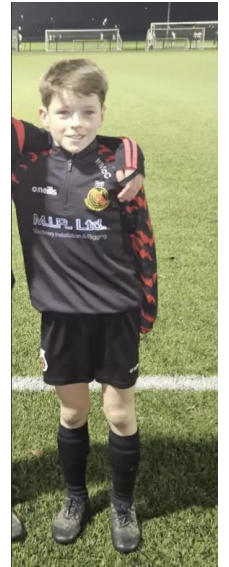
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At the end of October, we had our spookiest Halloween Disco yet! Lots of ghosts, witches, footballers and super heroes had fun dancing and playing games in the parish hall & GP room. A BIG thanks to DJ Deeter 🌟 and the volunteers who

helped out on the night 👻 Two Cake Sales have been hosted so far this year by Junior & 6th Class and Senior Infants & 5th Class. Thanks to the class reps for rounding up the bakers to bake some yummy treats. Next up is our Xmas Movie

Night 🍿 which is on this Friday and last but not least will be our 🎅 Xmas Coffee morning which will take place on the last day of school, Friday 22nd

December. ☕



Cake Sale





Fun Friday/House Points Day



Around The Classes

Junior Infants have had a super November. The first theme of the month in Play and Learn was the construction site. They played with construction vehicles and blocks in sand, built houses with blocks and junk art, investigated force by making ramps for vehicles and made patchwork houses with fabric and fibre. They then moved



on to the theme of polar regions. They learned about the Arctic and the Antarctic and about the animals that live in these polar regions. The children played with polar animals in small world, made beautiful bear silhouette paintings, used chalk to create colourful Northern Lights scenes and made their own penguins. They sorted solid and liquid objects and

investigated the effect heat has on solids by heating chocolate, butter and ice-cream and using straws to blow holes in ice cubes. In Irish they learned all about bia. They sang lots of songs, played fun games and



learned lots of new words and phrases. They love telling each other what they have in their bosca lóin each day. In maths they learned all about measurement and investigated texture, exploring things that were rough and smooth. They started learning their Jolly Phonics sounds this month and are loving singing the songs and doing the actions for each sound. They have worked and played so well again this month and should be very proud of themselves!

Senior Infants have had a busy November. In Play and Learn this month we have learned all about 'Space'. They worked together on a collaborative art project which



featured all the planets, astronauts and even the international space station!

They learned lots of things about our solar system and the children really enjoyed it. They built some amazing rockets in construction too. In maths, they were learning about 2D shapes and went on a hunt in their classroom to find some real-life examples.

Senior Infants baked some lovely treats for our cake sale last Friday. The class had a visit from Mouse

from Owls and the children built huts for squirrels to hibernate in and tested which ones would keep the squirrel the warmest!



November in **1st Class** has flown by! The children have been busy looking at all things "Homes and Houses". They looked at this theme across the curriculum and have learned a lot! A little idea of the kind of things they have been learning include looking at houses and homes from the past in their history lessons. This fascinated all the boys and girls, particularly the outdoor toilet they had to use! They had a lot of fun with this topic in literacy, where they learned lots about narrative writing. They based their learning on the Three Little Pigs story and enjoyed rewriting the story using different kinds of animals and the houses they lived in. The class are going to finish this theme with an exciting STEM project. They have begun designing houses of our own and are going to begin constructing these using recycled materials.



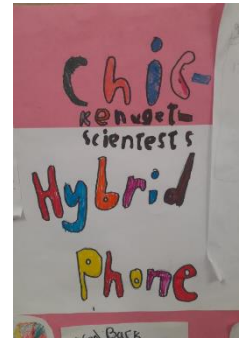
They are really getting into the festive spirit in **2nd Class**, with rehearsals for their Christmas play well and truly underway; they are excited to share all their hard work with you in their upcoming performance of Santa's on Strike. They have been exploring Dance in PE and the children have been so creative and enthusiastic. In maths they are doing a lot of fun activities and using many incredible resources to extend their knowledge and broaden their mathematical minds. Their Gaeilge topic is Bia, and in English they have worked hard on their letter writing skills, just in time for writing their letter to Santa. Second Class learnt all about Alexander Graham Bell and had fun looking at all the different telephones throughout the decades. Their antibullying topic this month is all about the different types of bullying, which inspired interesting conversations in class regarding self-control and peer pressure. They celebrated the return of The Late Late Toy Show in their Visual Art lessons with some funky festive Christmas jumper paintings and they put their engineering brains to work by inventing their very own Christmas toys. Second Class can't wait to see what December brings!



3rd Class have been very busy for the month of November. They have been learning all about coastal seas and the negative effects water pollution can have on them. The children are currently researching facts about sea creatures to create an informational report to share to the class. With the help of David Attenborough, they gained a deeper insight into the various sea creatures that live within our coastal seas. The children have also been engaging in the STEPS engineering projects since the beginning of September. With the closing date fast approaching, everyone has been working exceptionally hard to finalise their drawings of their inventions. They were lucky to have two engineers visit the class last week to provide some expert advice to us all. They are really excited to start building their ideas in the coming days. It will be a tough competition as all of the ideas are really fantastic! With Christmas just around the corner, they will begin to unwrap their books from their "Bookvent Calender". The class will be unwrapping a book every day and reading it together in class to mark the countdown to Christmas. In SPHE, the children created "gratitude mugs" expressing all of the things that they are grateful for. This was a special activity that highlighted the importance of giving thanks to the people who care for us in our lives. Third Class have worked really hard this month and are looking forward to more fun activities in December.



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4th Class enjoyed a lovely month in November, taking on plenty of new challenges and trying new skills across the curriculum. In Gaeilge, they learned all about an fómhar (autumn), how our season is changing into winter and how the animals and natural surroundings change coming into the colder months. In maths stations, they explored geometry, getting a better understanding for lines, angles and how we can interpret them. They also studied time more in depth whilst also beginning perimeter and area. In SESE they covered India, studying its geography in Asia and how the massive sub-continent has many different climates and terrain due to its location. They also studied how people travel in India, with a special case study of the famous busy Mumbai train. They linked their interest in India into their art lessons by studying the beautiful Taj Mahal. They also drew autumnal landscape pictures of how the colours of autumn can be so vibrant and colourful.



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5th Class have had a busy couple of weeks in school since mid-term break. They have learned about persuasive language, particularly the rhetorical techniques of ethos, pathos, and logos. In the coming weeks they will be creating their own breakfast cereals and presenting them to Ms. Gillen in an Apprentice-style challenge. They have played hockey games in P.E. and created papier-maché hot-air balloons in art. 5th have also presented two assemblies in the last two weeks. The first focused on the different types of bullying, and the second was to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. They did brilliantly! 5th Class really enjoyed the cake sale last Friday. Finally, 5th Class would like to



congratulate Will McCann for being selected to take part in the Emerging Talent Programme run by the FAI.

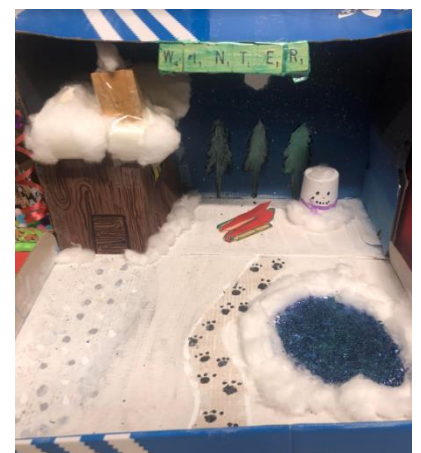


For **6th Class**, November began with a trip into Dublin City. Some of the 6th Class pupils attended the Diocesan School Service in Christchurch Cathedral. The pupils have been working on wonderful 'Winter Diorama' Art Projects which are displayed in the corridor. In PE they have been practising their hockey skills and playing mini matches. In history they explored the topic of Northern Ireland and discussed the troubles and eventual Peace Process. They have also begun devising a timeline of Irish historical events that they will add to throughout the year. November has been a month full of fractions in maths and they are also practising their



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6th Class were very busy last week decorating the school Christmas Trees - Well done on a great job!



Assemblies

Ms Gillen and 5th Class led our first assembly in November. It was all about different types of bullying and what we can do about it.

Ms. Gillen and 5th Class also led our St. Andrew's Day service in the church. They told us the story of St. Andrew and did a fantastic drama to accompany it.



November Anti-Bullying Topic

Our anti-bullying topic for November was about the different types of bullying. The classes talked about this and what to do if they are being bullied or if they see bullying behaviour. At our assembly we talked about how it is up to everyone in our school to make sure that we treat each other properly and show kindness to everyone.

