

School News

January 2023

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.



Fun Friday - Funky Feet



Credit union Quiz

Congratulations to 6th Class pupils, **Luke Bardens, Mackey Brennan, Robyn Given, Emily Grogan, Dylan Lowther, Freya Murphy, Isabella Murphy, Senan O'Reilly, Peter O'Sullivan, Conor Reid, Rory Smyth and Matthew Toner** who all took part in the Malhide Credit Union Quiz and showed great general knowledge!

SAPA



Can you believe we are nearly at the end of January already! We would like to thank everyone who supported and helped out at our Christmas Coffee morning which took place on the last day of term in December. We raised €363.66 and this week sent a donation of €500 to the Simon Community. Thank you again to Starbucks who kindly donated the coffee and a MASSIVE thank you to Salome Enslin Aucamp who made another yummy cake for our raffle. The delighted winner was Lauren Poyser. We are delighted to announce that the school table quiz will make a return on Friday 24th February, so please make a note in the diary. We have lots of events lined up to look forward over the coming months as the weather gets warmer and brighter!

Around The Classes

Junior Infants have made a great start to the new year! They learned lots about dinosaurs through story, art and play. They created amazing carnivore and herbivore dinosaur worlds, dug for ancient treasure in the sand pit and made junk art dinosaurs from egg boxes. Ms. Teeling Malone has joined us for teaching practice this month and the children have had a wonderful time being creative through the themes of 'The 3 Little Pigs' and 'The Farm'. The boys and girls re-created the story of the 3 little pigs in small world and made pig masks. They learned all about what things are made from - different materials and made the 3 pigs houses of straw, wood and bricks! They worked in role in the farm shop, taking orders and selling meat, vegetables and bread fresh from the farm! They constructed beautiful farms for the happy farm animals and played games like farm dominoes and bingo! In science, they explored the water tray and learned about floating and sinking, then transformed it into a lovely farm pond for some happy frogs!



Junior Infants have made a fantastic start to reading and are practising sounding out lots of cvc words. They also learned all about the lunar calendar and Chinese New Year and made beautiful Chinese dragons!

Well done on all your wonderful work Junior Infants!



Senior Infants have had a great January. They have done lots of hard work and have enjoyed lots of great activities. In SESE they have been learning about sport. They learned about how exercise affects their heart, different types of sports and the history of the Olympics! They also started to learn all about the country of France, the food French people eat and all about the Eiffel Tower. The children made some snails in art based off of the famous painting 'The Snail' by a French artist Henri Matisse! They also made some lovely 'self-portraits' in art inspired by Picasso. They read the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and made their own giraffes - each of them unique.



In maths, they have started learning how to tell the time. In English they have continued to work hard on their reading and writing and have learned some new diagraphs. Senior Infants enjoyed 'Fun Friday' and made a great effort with their funky feet. They also enjoyed a visit from Mouse from OWLS who taught us how to identify different types of birds in the school yard. They are looking forward to a great February!



1st Class had a busy start to 2023 with plenty of activities and fun lessons to start the year. In maths, they began studying data and how to read and make their own graphs and charts. They enjoyed creating and taking votes to create their graphs. 'Reading buddies' and English stations continued with huge improvements to be seen in both their reading and writing skills of late. Speaking all about their hobbies and interests in Gaeilge was very good as the children had plenty to say about things they enjoy doing such as dancing, gymnastics, football, tennis and more. In SESE they turned their attention to studying winter. They looked at owls, seals and the Arctic, studying the life cycle of the penguin. The stories of Antarctic explorers Tom Crean and Captain Scott were also enjoyed. In art, 1st Class were keen to show their creative sides making and designing penguins in snow using their artistic skills. In PE, they continued their yoga classes and have started their GAA sessions again, making great

improvements in their skills overall. 1st Class finished the month with their 'funky feet' day on Friday, showcasing all their colourful and funky shoes and socks.

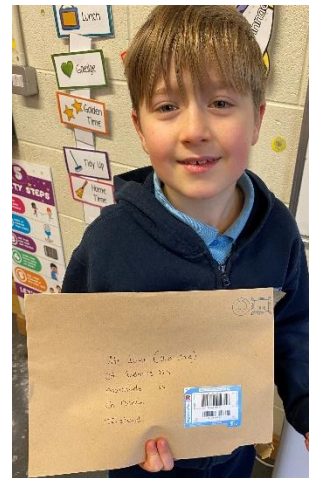
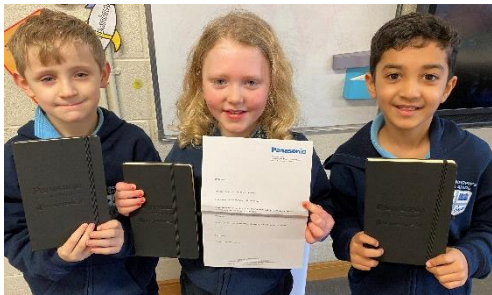


2ndClass



It was lovely to see all the children settle back so well into class after their Christmas Holidays! In the first week they enjoyed making New Year's resolutions and writing accounts of their holidays, as well as working on projects all about Germany! They researched landmarks, food and education, comparing it to their lives here in Ireland. They have also started writing about unicorns in English, learning all about the River Unicorn and using

this to inspire their own writing. In maths they have revised their place value, as well as working really hard on column addition and subtraction - the children really persevered with it! Although they have finished their inventions topic, they have been so pleased to continue to receive some responses from the companies they sent their ideas to, they have been so impressed with all the amazing ideas the children had, and some have even sent on the ideas to their design teams - even as far away as Japan! They are now turning their attention to winter, and also to sports where the children have started to create books on their favourite sport. Keep up the good work 2ndClass!



3rdClass have been very busy for the month of January.

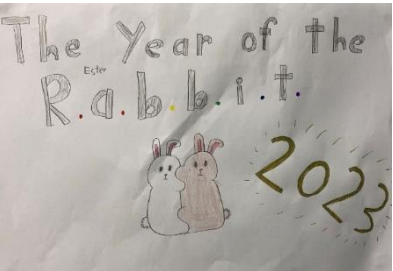
They celebrated the start of the new year together by creating "2023 party hats". They then had to think of 3 goals that they

would like to achieve by the end of the year. Some people wanted to try something new while others hoped to improve on an existing skill. They are looking forward to seeing how they get on over the year. 3rdClass have also had the opportunity to learn about Fairtrade. With the support of websites such as Fairtrade Ireland and Oxfam, they were able to investigate the reasons why some cocoa farmers are being unfairly treated. Fairtrade has helped to make cocoa farming in places like Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana more sustainable so that farmers can better provide for themselves and their communities. With chocolate on all of their minds, they drew some of their favourite brands. Using markers and colouring pencils, the children produced some wonderful pieces of work. They also had the opportunity to learn about the USA. They spent the day exploring their culture, music, art and dance. They even had a chance to sample some American styled pancakes. They were delicious! They are looking forward to more fun activities and outings for the month of February!





4thClass have made a great start to the New Year! As part of their oral language tasks, the children had great fun sharing with each other what they did over the Christmas holidays with lovely descriptive detail. In English, the children have started station activities in which they undertake five different activities throughout the course of the week. The children have been learning comprehension skills such as predicting and questioning. The children are also in the process of learning about narrative writing and are very eager to write the first drafts of their stories. In maths, the children focused on symmetry at the start of the month. The class created delightful symmetrical butterflies in which they created identical patterns on the wings of the butterflies. These butterflies are now proudly displayed in the classroom for us to view daily. Lastly, in art, the children have continued working on optical illusions as well as learning about the Chinese New Year. The children became aware of key traditions associated with the Chinese New Year and created excellent posters to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit!



5thClass have had a great month, settling back in after the holidays and getting lots of brilliant work done. They had their last two sessions of yoga with Karen and they've been enjoying learning some new games for the yard with Mrs. Halpin. In English they are nearly finished reading *Wonder* and have really enjoyed it. The message of not judging a book by its cover and always looking at things from lots of different perspectives is so relevant and interesting. 5thClass have put on their poet hats this month. They built themselves a 'poetry toolkit' with all the different poetic devices and have written two types of poem so far - a Clerihew and a Diamante. They've been learning about 'an aimsir' and 'caitheamh aimsire' this month in Gaeilge. In maths they have tackled multiplication, fractions and division. Mrs. Halpin has been very impressed with the progress the class has made this month. The theme for S.E.S.E. this month has been 'interdependence'. In history they learned about Ireland as the 'Land of Saints and Scholars' and examined monastic life and the importance of monasteries in Early Christian Ireland. They all agreed that handwriting every book that people needed must have been tiring work! In geography and science, they have been learning all about the Burren, its ecosystem, its unique karst landscape and the interdependence of all the flora and fauna in the area. They have been busy working on their Stay Safe Program in S.P.H.E. and learning all about feeling safe and keeping themselves safe. They've started the ball rolling on their Junior Entrepreneur Project for this year and are really looking forward to sharing their great ideas and picking one to create a business out of. Across the arts they have worked on very funny scripts from 'Who's Your Mummy?' in Drama. They have created lovely artworks based around 'A hot cuppa', using nature to create their names and some Magic Flashlight Art. They have also learned about David Bowie, Hip Hop music and composing film scores in music.



6thClass have made a fantastic start to 2023! In English they have explored the genre of non-chronological reports. They have learnt about their different features and used these to create some very creative reports on imaginary animals! They also completed their Canva projects on how to make St Andrew's a more sustainable school. The class presented their projects brilliantly making a super effort to speak clearly. Mr Jones was very impressed with their fantastic ideas and overall presentations! In maths they have begun their second round of stations. This month they have focused on the topics of time, percentages and 2D shapes. they have learnt how to increase and reduce numbers by a percentage, find the perimeter and area of compound shapes and understand the importance of global time-zones, something which they found particularly interesting! In Gaeilge they have been looking at the topic of Sa Bhaile. They have done a lot of brilliant work describing their houses and the many things found within them! 6thClass have also put in a great effort to strengthen their understanding of prepositional pronouns and the rules needed to put verbs into the past, present and future tenses! In PE the class have developed their ball control and manipulation skills through a variety of games linked to basketball. They have practised the technique for passing, dribbling and shooting and have really enjoyed the bench ball tournaments! In art the class used the stimulus of physical landforms around the world to create some beautiful extended landscape art, which linked in with their geography and science lessons this month. Finally, they have made great progress with their Junior Entrepreneur Program. They have begun the idea generation stage and have identified 5 potential product ideas that we will now investigate to identify their strengths and weaknesses! Keep up the brilliant work 6thClass!



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Anti-bullying

This month, as part of our anti bullying lessons, the pupils addressed the role of the bystander. Mr. Jones and 6thClass told us how you can be an up stander in their assembly. If you see bullying happening you could try to diffuse the situation by distracting, intervening and or reporting it.

Assemblies

Ms McElhinney led our new year's assembly. She talked about being the best people we can every day. We also have to remember that we are human and we make mistakes. Our second assembly was led by Mr Jones and 6thClass. They told us how to be upstanding people and stand up for our friends when they need it.

