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Welcome to St George's NS

Summer newsletter

Ms Quinn's Junior Infants

Junior Infants went on their first school trip to Newgrange Farm. It was a wet day but we still get to see so many animals, play in tubes, play with water, find our way out of the straw maze, drive mini tractors, dig in a giant sand pit and get to go on the big tractor for a drive to see the Tooth Fairy's house. We had so much fun, check out all the fun we had!

My favourite part was...

Helen: seeing the pigs and the ponies

Hassan, Eliana, Lindo & Mahya: when we got to hold the baby chicks, they were so soft and fluffy.

Precious: seeing the goat

Jonas, Sophia M, Ioana, Zoe, Adrians, Alfie & Zuzanna: when the tractor came and we got to climb on and go for a trip.

Rafia: I liked the pigs but I liked the dogs more.

Andrew, Alex, Kevin: listening to the cow moo, it was so loud!

Christian: sitting on the top of the double decker bus.

Sophia F: seeing the tiny puppy.

Gemma & Fakhriyah: petting the kitten.

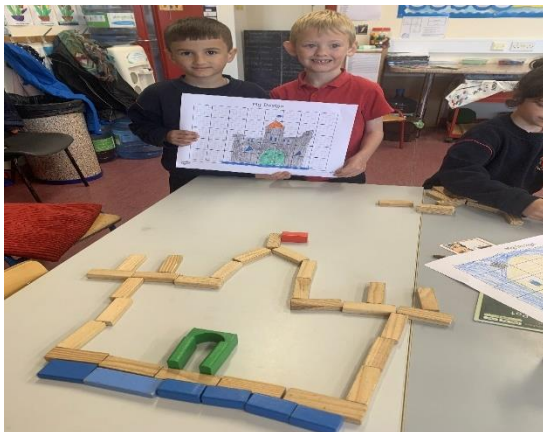
Alvi: being with my partner





Ms Burke's Senior Infants

We have had a great final term in Miss Burke's Senior Infants. Some of our Aistear themes this term have been The Garden Centre and The Construction Site. We had a building site role-play area, we created designs for buildings and then built them using the small blocks, and we played with the trucks and diggers in our small world area. It was great fun being a builder.

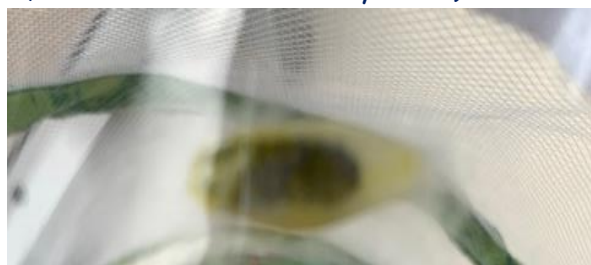


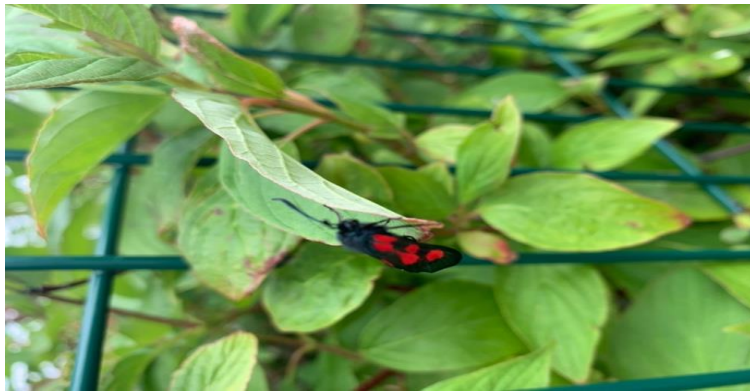
This term for SESE we learned about the life cycle of the butterfly. We welcomed our very own caterpillars into the classroom. Over a few weeks we watched them get bigger and then transform into chrysalides. When the butterflies emerged from their chrysalides we observed them for a few days before setting them free into our school garden. It was so interesting to watch them transform from caterpillars into beautiful butterflies in our own classroom.



Ms. McMahon's Senior Infants

We have had such an exciting final term. As well as working hard, we have also had great fun. This month alone, we have had sports' day, pantomime, a school trip to Newgrange Farm (check out the website to see photos), we even had a Teddy Bear's picnic! Perhaps one of the most exciting things that the class did was raise their very own moth. There were so many irresistible caterpillars out in our playground. We collected six, but some were too young to form a chrysalis. Two caterpillars created a chrysalis, but only one moth emerged. What a surprise! It was a Six-spot Burnet moth. We released it one day, but saw it flying another day (well, we think it was our baby moth).





Ms Storey's 1st Class

Scavenger Hunt

As part of Active Week we got to use the Active Walkway around the school to keep us moving. We ran from station to station trying to locate the correct pattern on each card. We then checked our cards together when we got back to the classroom.



Teddy Bears Picnic

We always take Show and Tell very seriously in 1st class and really enjoy showing our toys to our classmates. We have been learning lots about Teddy Bears and their history and decided that it was time for us to hold a Teddy Bear Picnic. We made invitations for our Teddies and brought them home. In the morning we each introduced our bears and then we created fact files about our bears. Next we did some Maths and created our Bear Graph. We also did some bear art using our handprints. We were so excited to

then go outside and enjoy our picnic. We had such a wonderful time with our bears and we think that they did too 😊



STEM- Science sessions

As part of Science, we created guitars that could play music. We used cardboard boxes, elastic bands, kitchen roll cubes and objects from around the classroom to create our instruments. Then we had an opportunity to showcase our instruments to the class. Next, we learned about materials that are waterproof and materials that are not. We used this knowledge to plan and then create boats that can float in groups. We had such fun and couldn't believe it when they all could float! We definitely have some future engineers in our class!



Our School Tour

This year 1st class went to Newgrange Farm for our school tour. We had the best time holding baby animals, feeding the lambs and the hens, exploring the farm and learning

all about how the farm runs. We even got to go for a ride on the tractor and see Newgrange! It was such a great day and we had such a lovely time!



Mr. Joyce's First Class:

We have been very busy over the last few months. We have been completing different activities over the last few weeks.

School Tour:

We went to Newgrange Farm and really enjoyed ourselves. We went on tractor rides, fed chickens and saw a lot of different farm animals. Everyone really enjoyed the day.

Book 'What The Owl Saw' by Don Conroy:

We read the entire book 'What The Owl Saw' by Don Conroy and made art using lollipop sticks based on the central character from the book 'Hushy'.

Friendship Week:

We learned all about the benefits of friendship in Friendship Week. We discussed what makes a good friend and why friendship is so important in our lives. We also made a first class friendship poster.

Planting Flowers:

We planted our sunflowers and marigolds along the road. We have been watering them every day and we hope they grow into beautiful flowers.





Mr. Higgins 2nd Class

The children of 2nd Class recently completed a Maths trail around the school grounds. They worked in small teams to search for a range of materials and shapes around the school environment. We had lots of fun in the beautiful sunshine and learnt that Maths is very useful both in and outside of the classroom!



Active School Week took place in Saint George's NS in early May. Ms. Needham and the children of 6th Class did a brilliant job organising a range of activities for everyone to enjoy. The children participated in daily active challenges, a skipathon and a dance-off against Ms. Moore's 5th Class. "Guess Who's Active" was one of the many highlights of the week. The children really enjoyed watching the clips and guessing which teacher featured in each one!



In late May, the children of 2nd Class each created their own individual piece of art using a wide range of materials. Each child was given a large piece of card on which to design their piece. The teacher set up different stations at which the children could draw, paint, construct and use different fabrics in their designs. Some of the children presented their work to the rest of the class when they had finished. As you can see, they produced some brilliant pieces of art!





We hope everyone at Saint George's NS has a lovely summer. See you all in September!

Mr. Higgins and the children of 2nd Class

Ms Mullan's 2nd Class

It has been a busy last term for 2nd Class!

In Art, we created our own unique dioramas based on a variety of themes. They were so creative and turned out amazing!

In SESE, we planted our sunflower seeds and they are getting tall! We researched and completed group projects on France and Ethiopia. During Intercultural week, we also enjoyed learning about each other's countries, their cultures and languages. We dressed up in our traditional clothing and also got to taste different foods from lots of countries, which were yummy!

For Active Week, we took part in many activities such as an active trail, games and a dance off with 6th class. It was lots of fun!

We had our 2nd class assembly in May on the theme of May Day. We talked about the history and traditions of May Day and sang the beautiful song 'Cover Me In Sunshine'. We went on our school tour to Tayto Park and had a brilliant day visiting the zoo and going on all the rides.

We watch the 'Robin Hood' theatre and really enjoyed it!

I would like to wish all of 2nd class and their families a very happy and enjoyable summer holiday.





Ms Minogue's 3rd Class

Robin Hood Play

This term, we got to see a fantastic play - Robin Hood! The children found this play very entertaining and they thoroughly enjoyed it! The actors travelled to the school with all their props, costumes and equipment!



Mathematics

This term, we learnt about our measurement topics, including Weight, Length and Capacity. We completed lots of hands-on, practical investigations around these topics.



Visual Arts

We completed many different art projects this term. We created beehives, sunsets and we also made a beach scene.



SESE - History/Geography/Science

We also attended the Discover Primary Maths and Science Award Webinar!

This term, our school got recognised and awarded Discovery Primary Maths & Science Award! This was a massive achievement for our school. It was very exciting to see our school announced!



Mrs Kearns 3rd Class

Wow, that was a quick year. It's hard to believe the Summer holidays are almost upon us.

Our class have had the best 2nd and 3rd term. You will see on our class page all of the wonderful art we have worked on. Our classroom is beautifully decorated.

Over the last 2 terms we have also spent time getting to know our town. The children created fabulous sketches of our local church, St. Georges.

We also learnt about Bremore Castle and imagined life in Medieval Balbriggan.

We grew spring flowers in our class too - the daffodils looked lovely but our tulips didn't blossom as well as we hoped, despite the children taking great care to water them and put them in the sun.

Over the last 2 terms, we also spent time on poetry - the children are especially proud of the Smile wall, we examined the great poem Smile by Spike Milligan and also decorated a wall with smiley face emoji's - this helped to set the mood each day - we worked hard to spread our smiles.

One of the great highlights of term 3 was our school tour. We had a super day n Dublin Zoo. Please take a look at our video on the school website too.

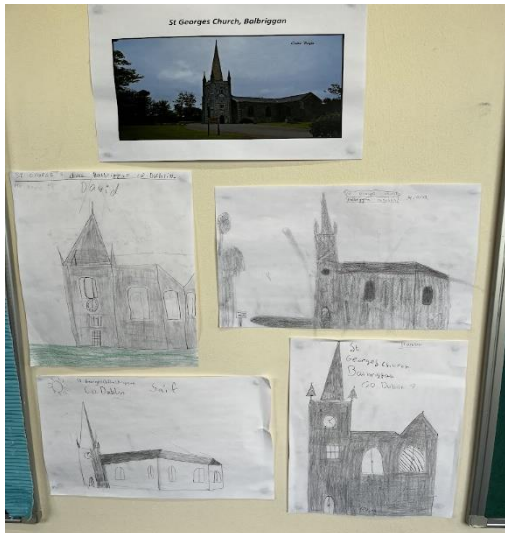
Lastly, well done to the boys and girls for putting in such amazing effort in 3rd class.

Wishing you and your families a great Summer.

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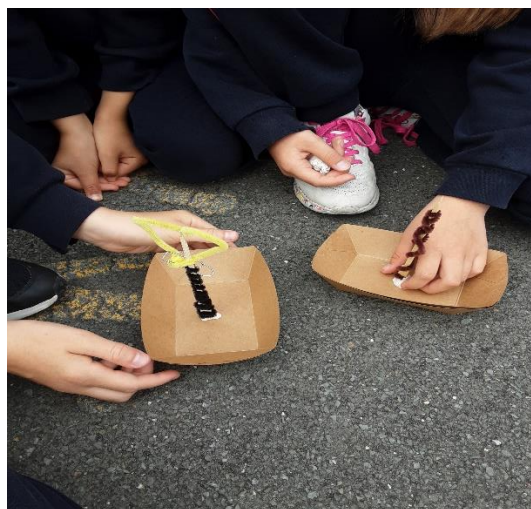
Mrs Kearns





Mr Gilsenan's 4th Class -

4th class has worked very hard on their experiments in 4th class. They made their own boats and then they tested them out to see if they could float. (Wow!) They also made birdfeeders from lollipop sticks. It was great fun.





Ms Ryan's 4th Class

Green Fingers

4th Class showed a lot of gardening skills when they helped to plant trees in our Coill Beag. Our class tree was a Scots Pine. We researched this tree and created projects in groups. We also took on a challenge to grow our own food from scratch. We planted potatoes, strawberries and tomatoes. First we planted them in small pots which we looked after in our classroom. When they grew to be more established plants, we moved them outside. We watered them regularly and finally saw the fruits of our hard work at the end of May. There was great excitement when we harvested our first ripe strawberry.





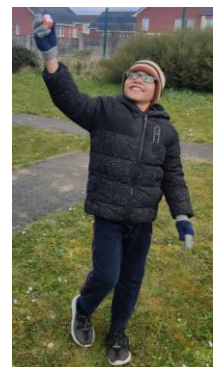
Orienteering

The children in Room 12 have been busy with Outdoor and Adventure activities in PE for the month of May. We completed a variety of challenges using the Active Walkway in St George's NS. It was a great opportunity to develop our map reading skills and to work as part of a team.



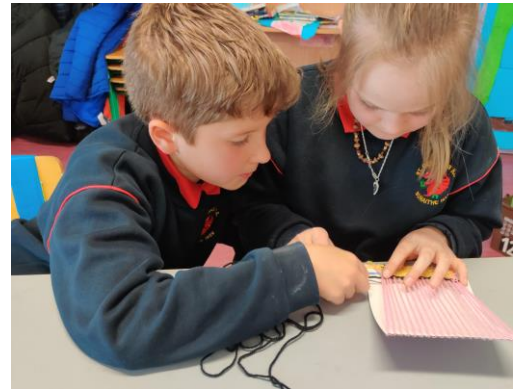
Time to Celebrate

It was great to be back together in school this year. We were very grateful to be able to partake in special celebrations with our classmates. We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and St Patrick's Day in March. We loved having the opportunity to speak Irish. Aayan really impressed us all and was awarded the most Cartaí Gaeilge in the class, well done! We also celebrated Irish culture through dance in PE. We spent a few weeks learning An Damhsa Mór, before we put on a performance for Rang a hAon. We even put our teaching skills to the test and taught the dance to the children in Ms Storey's Class. They did an excellent job! One of our other favourite celebrations this year was Easter. As a special reward, we took part in an Easter egg hunt. It was a fun and delicious way to end the second term.



Weaving Wellbeing

We really enjoyed participating in the Weaving Wellbeing Programme this year. This year we learned all about Tools of Resilience. This gave us useful tips to look after our minds and develop strategies for overcoming obstacles that may seem overwhelming at first. The Weaving Wellbeing Programme also inspired us to take part to get crafting. We created woven patterns using a needle and wool.



Maths on the Move

Ms Ryan's Class are big fans of maths challenges. Sometimes, we even took our maths lessons outside and worked in teams to do our sums in chalk. We also became masters of measure and used a trundle wheel and measuring tapes to calculate the perimeter and area of various places.



Full STEAM ahead

During the month of June, we celebrated all things engineering. We were so lucky to have been chosen to take part in the STEAM programme. This included lots of interesting lessons about engineering and we even got to practise our own engineering skills. We constructed paper bridges, made bird feeders, designed a pulley system, tested out wind turbines, made moving models of hands and even explored making electrical circuits. These lessons were so much fun, we loved being engineers.





4th Class on Tour!

After a year of working hard in 4th Class, we enjoyed a well-deserved day out in Tayto Park. We had such a fantastic time. We did a tour of the zoo and visited the theme park. Some of us were even brave enough to go on the Cú Chulainn roller coaster! It was a great school tour, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Ms Moore's 5th Class

Intercultural Day

This year, 5th class learned about different cultures for Intercultural Day. We also had a workshop where they talked about racism and discrimination. We played games that had important meanings behind them. It was fun learning about different cultures and it was good to try different foods. Well done to the yellow flag committee! Everyone dressed up in traditional clothes and they looked incredible. In class, we researched about a country that we were born in or is special to us and we created fact files on those countries.

From Kirsty

School Trip

We went to Tayto Park on our school tour. But that begs the question: What did we do? Going to Tayto Park was so fun! We went on the Chú Chullan, Rotator, Flight School and more! My favourite ride was The Rotator, it was so fun and fast but very scary I loved it!

Hope you enjoyed

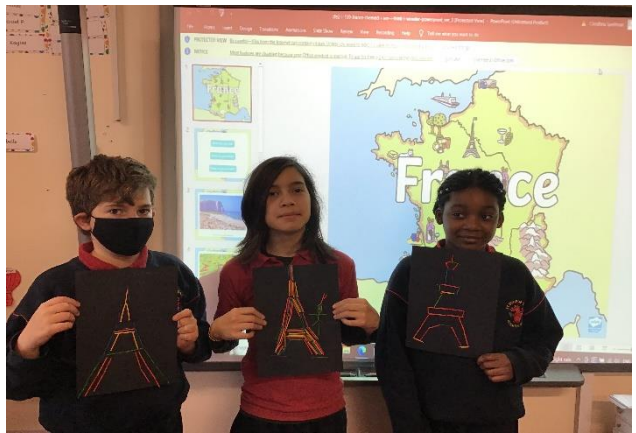
~Ryan Foy



Ms Spellman's 5th Class

All about France: This year we enjoyed learning about France. We learned many interesting facts and we would like to share some with you. The capital of France is Paris, but did you know that was originally named "Lutetia". Have you ever wondered how the Eiffel Tower got its name? It got its name from the person who made it, he was called "Gustave Eiffel". The Eiffel Tower is 324 meters (1063 feet) high. We all completed group projects with all the new fascinating facts we had learned about France. We completed some art work making the Eiffel Tower out of matchsticks and putting our own twist on the famous Mona Lisa painting. We even got to taste some delicious chocolate croissants which had been imported from France and they were yummy!

Written by Zahraa and Keerthana



Science week:

Another highlight of our year was Science Week. This year we did a variety of different experiments. For our first experiment we created a beautiful rainbow using skittles. We had to put the skittles around the edge of the paper plate and then we poured warm water into the middle of the plate. This experiment helped us to learn all about the science concepts of absorption, colour mixing and dissolving. For our next experiment we made a Coca Cola super fountain. We put our coke bottles on the ground and unscrewed the lids. Then we put mentos in the bottles and we took a step back. The coke burst out of the bottles. It was so cool. This helped us learn about the basics of acid and base reactions. Our final experiment was to test the effect that different drinks have on our teeth. This experiment was very interesting, and we will definitely think before we have our next drink of coke or coffee (my poor mum). We really enjoyed science week this year and we are looking forward to doing more fun experiments.

Written by Ariel Olalekan.





Our School Tour

On Wednesday the 8th of June, our class and Ms Moore's class went to Tayto Park on our school tour. When we arrived, we went on a tour of the zoo. We saw lemurs, lions, tigers and a lot of different types of birds. We also learned lots of interesting facts about the animals and our tour guide was very funny. After this my group went on loads of fun and exciting rides. We went on the Cú Chulainn Coaster, Dino Dash, the Honey Pots, Air Race and loads of other fun rides. I was the only person in my group to go on the Rotator. We had a brilliant day at Tayto Park and we even got a packet of delicious Tayto crisps when we were leaving.

Written by Kyla Wilde





Ms Needham's 6th Class

It was just a normal Tuesday but Ms. Needham told us she had some good news for our school but especially us. Our class had made an Active Week video for #ASW2022 on iMovie and we won! Ms. Needham had sent pupils from our class each day to take pictures and videos of each activity done during Active Week. We were excited to find out what we had won for us and the school. We were delighted to find out it was an outdoor speaker for the school yard! We took it around with us during sports day and loved playing tunes! We also used it to practise singing and dancing for St George's Got Talent 2022 and much more. We are very proud of ourselves and we hope that next year the other classes can enjoy it as well.



- Toyosi, Tina

Ms Anderson's 6th Class

It's been a very busy term and it's not over yet...with our Yearbook to compile, our graduation ceremony to plan together and perform, our school tour to Tayto park on 14th of June, Sports Day, St Georges Got Talent show, and the Theatre company coming back to entertain us.

6th Class held a super successful cake sale a few weeks back, everyone pitching in either designing posters, hanging them around the school, contributing cakes and goodies, helping out on the day behind the stall or monitoring and controlling traffic flow into the market area! We were stunned when we discovered we had raised more than enough money for our end of St George's t-shirts which will display all of our classmates' names. We can't wait to put them on!



We are gradually coming to the end of several of our textbooks, and so Ms Anderson has held a few lessons on butterflies, flowers and bird identification, so we can be more aware of the beautiful nature that surrounds us. We also did a bit of art work in these areas as you can see below.

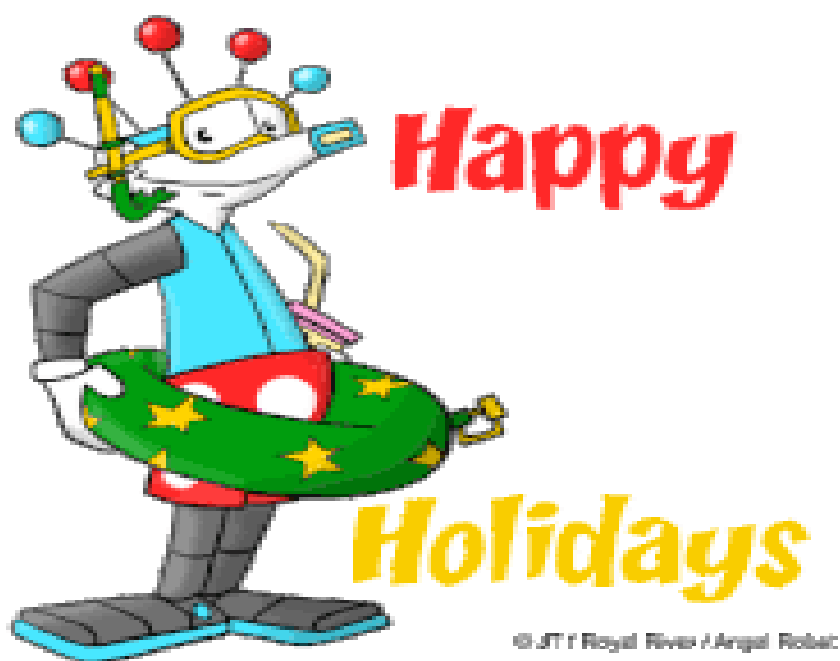


Celebrating Friendship Week was a lot of fun, with activities such as friendship bracelet making together. Some of us didn't know how to make a plait very easily, but those who did were great guides to us. For friendship week we also researched interesting quotes on Friendship, selecting our favourite and bringing handprints and quotes together as a new door display.





We're nearly finished and we are clearly tired...but it helps when we have a break to listen to Elsie or Yan on their guitar or else to one of our classmates presenting their own google slides presentation on a topic that interests them. For a few minutes they become our teacher!! We are building great confidence and competence for our new stage in Secondary School!



School reopens at 9am 31st August 2022