



St George's NS Christmas Newsletter



Ms Ryan's Junior Infants

At the Doctors

Ms Ryan's Class have been learning all about the topic of The Doctors. We learned about how doctors help us when we are sick or injured. We enjoyed listening to stories about visits to the doctor and made some great connections with times that we have been to the doctor's surgery. We learned the song Miss Polly had a Dolly and even fixed up our own Humpty Dumpty's using plasters. We loved pretending to be patients and doctors in our role play area.





Sports Stars in Room 3

Junior Infants were very lucky to have some visits from coach Anthony this term. We have also focused on Games in our PE lessons with Ms Ryan. We worked on our ball-handling skills by learning to throw, catch, roll and bounce. We enjoyed working as a team and building our football skills. We had so much fun playing games that helped us to practise these skills. There might just be some future sports superstars among us!





Ms Coyle's Junior and Senior Infants

We looked at shadows and we outlined our bodies with chalk



We learned lots during Maths week in Room 1. We are very good at making our numbers and counting. We played lots of games





Ms Gaughan's Senior Infants and 1st Class

We have had a very busy 1st Term in Room 2. We have been working hard on our reading, writing and maths and having lots of fun. We have been learning about sound in science. We experimented with ways of making loud and soft sounds. We designed, made and decorated our own shakers. We had great fun using them in the hall.



In Aistear we have been celebrating birthdays, selling fruit and vegetables at our Farmer's Market, helping animals in our Veterinary Surgery and sorting all of the Christmas mail in our Post Office. We love construction and have been building farms, habitats and homes.





We have had plenty of visitors this term. The Sam Maguire Cup arrived this month with some of the Dublin Team. We met Sally the Reading Dog and learned all about her special work in the school. Garda Áine and Garda Robbie came in to talk to us in our classroom. We had a great chat about all of the different types of transport the Gardaí use. Garda Robbie even let us have a turn of his hat and handcuffs.



We have produced some wonderful winter art this month. We made penguins, snowmen and fluffy polar bears. We also made some lovely little puppets and have been putting on shows in the classroom.





Ms Rutledge's 1st Class

First Class have had a wonderful first term in school! They have adjusted very well to their longer day and have been doing some really great work. Teacher is most proud of the excellent reading that they are doing - well done everybody and keep practising!



Some of the highlights that the children have most enjoyed this term have been Active Week, Science Week, extra reading with Kacy, GAA lessons with Anthony and of course learning songs and rehearsing for our school Christmas show 'A Little Nativity'. It has been a busy term 😊





Ms Needham's 2nd Class



Penpals - We recently sent Christmas cards to France. First they sent a digital letter to us. Then we sent a digital letter to them. Finally, we decided to give Christmas cards to them. After school my teacher went to the post office and posted them to France. -Written by Lily



Advent Calendar - We have an advent calendar in our classroom. It is big, but the cover is beautiful. Inside of the advent calendar are numbers. The numbers have a pocket. Inside the pockets are envelopes and in the envelopes there are tiny books. You never know what you might get! Teacher (Ms Needham) gets a bucket and puts everyone's name in it. Teacher picks a name out and tells a classmate to read it and that person gets a book! We look forward to opening the advent calendar everyday! - Written by Danica





Jesse Tree - The Jesse Tree is a tree that represents the story of the Bible up to the birth of Jesus. We made one in class and we put stars around it with our names on. You put up a Jesse Tree around the time of Advent.

Mr Hanlon's 2nd Class

We had a great term in Rang a 2! Here are some of our highlights from some of our wonderful classmates!

Seán: We had a great term in 2nd class. I have had a great term, making friends and enjoyed the P.E lessons especially. I have loved skipping with my friends and racing my friends on our boards during our P.E lessons. I can't wait for next year!

David: I liked to do our Starlight readers and books and writing in our copies this year. We learned all about stunt performers and even how to make polar bear peppermint creams from our readers! I enjoyed learning how to make a snowman paper chain and talking about different procedures that we all follow.

Ayden: I enjoyed many things in second class. I was always really fascinated about how things worked and so when we learned about vibrations and sound waves in science, I was really excited. I really enjoyed this in particular!

Sofija: I enjoyed playing with my friends outside during P.E and on yard. I also enjoyed reading and writing reports. We even got to take part in dramas about space and crocodile hunting after reading reports about them!

Milka: I really enjoyed maths this year because we got to learn about symmetry and money! It was great fun using blocks, coins and even artwork to show our parents our learning! We drew symmetrical snowmen, butterflies and snowflakes using paper and folding. It was very fun to work with the teacher and my friends!





Mr Agbede's 3rd Class

Guess what? We've been having so much fun in our class lately, and we can't wait to tell you all about it!

First things first, we've been doing this really cool thing called symmetry in math. It's like making things balance, kind of like when you fold a piece of paper and both sides look the same. We got to use symmetry to make our very own gingerbread man! It was awesome seeing how everything matched up perfectly. Math is like a puzzle, and symmetry makes it super fun!



And then, in science, we learned all about seeds. Seeds are like tiny magic packages that can turn into plants. We did this experiment that took a few days, and it was like being little scientists. We wore our special scientific thinking caps and discovered the secrets of seed germination. It's like giving the seeds everything they need to wake up and start growing.



We can't wait for more fun adventures in class. Learning is the best when it's hands-on and exciting! Stay tuned for more updates from our amazing 3rd class!





Ms Corrie's 3rd Class

We love to read in third class. We have been very lucky to have had two very special visitors in our classroom this term. Both of these visitors have been helping us practise our reading. Our first reading helper was Neha. Neha is a transition year student from Loretto that has been visiting us once a week to help us with our reading. We have enjoyed taking it in turns to spend time reading and chatting with Neha on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The second visitor was Sally. Sally is our school's reading dog. Sally comes to collect Jacob once a week and listens to him read. We love seeing Sally and saying hello to her.



We have also enjoyed creating lots of different art this term. We have enjoyed using lots of different mediums to complete our art so far this year. Some of these include marker, collage, chalk, oil, paint & fabrics. Here is just a small example of some of our lovely artwork.





Our favourite week so far this year has been coding week. We enjoyed taking part in the different coding activities. We had great fun learning how to code on the school iPads. We began looking at the BeeBot app to learn the basic steps involved in coding. Then we moved onto a more advanced coding app called Moana The Hour of Code. We were all very good at working out the codes and progressing through the different levels. Finally we read a story about Ada Lovelace, she was one of the first coders. We were very proud of all the hard work we completed on The Hour of Code app.





Mrs Hoare's 4th Class

We got off to a busy start in September as we welcomed new students to our class and enjoyed being reunited with old friends. We delved into Space Week with great enthusiasm, building our own rockets from recycled materials, learning all about the Race to Space between the U.S and Soviet Union. We showed our creativity by imagining our own journeys into the dark skies. There may be some future astronauts in our midst!



The children worked so hard in September as they revised learning from 3rd and realised how ready and able they were for the challenges 4th Class was to bring. We celebrated a successful first month by doing some baking during Golden Time.





Before we knew it, it was October and we were approaching the mid term break. Our Hallowe'en assessments showed just how much the children had learned and they were so proud of all they had achieved. We joined in with Maths Week, Coding Week and Active Week. I'm sure there were some puzzled looks from passers-by as witches, zombies and skeletons raced around the Active Walkway!



The children were fascinated by the experiments we performed during Science Week. They learned how to come up with a hypothesis, make predictions and perform experiments to determine whether or not their predictions were correct. They made oobleck and snow! The class worked in teams to build their very own catapults. There were pingpong balls flying left, right and centre! We are looking forward to more experiments in 2024.



The 4th classes have been working hard to prepare for their Christmas Nativity Show and we are very much looking forward to performing for you.

Wishing you all a restful, peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.





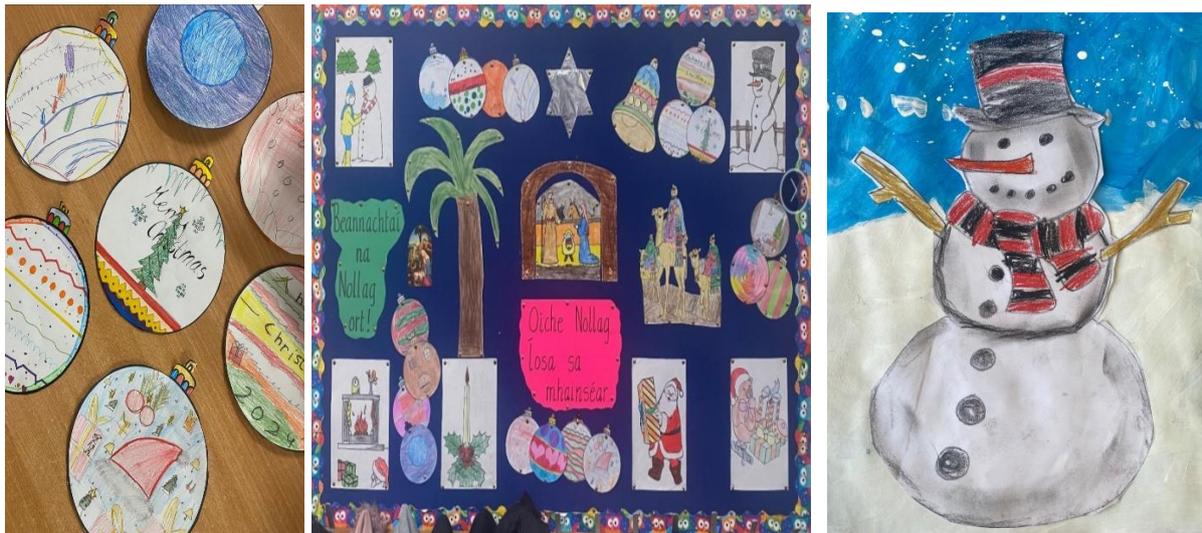
Mr Gilsenan's 4th Class

In Mr Gilsenan's class we have been very creative. We've been working very hard and doing lots of Art like designing Christmas jumpers, drawing out ornaments, colouring candycanes and cutting out snowflakes. Mr Gilsenan put up all our beautiful work up around and outside the classroom.

I really enjoyed the Active challenges because there was a lot of exercise and you could become more fit.

I also enjoyed all of the assemblies with our new reading dog. I really like that he is part of our school. It is also really cool that we got to come up with our own active schools slogans.

By Sarah and Severin

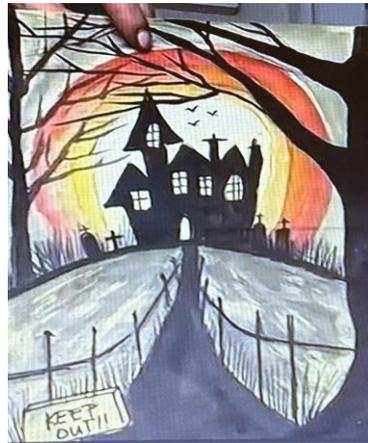


Ms Mc Mahon's 4th Class

We have had a very busy term, what with Maths and Science, and coding weeks, active month, and all the while fitting in a great amount of learning.

We took part in an online art class and created some spooky house paintings and a spooky village.





All of the class coded during code week and a number successfully completed



the 'Hour of Code' challenge and had certificates awarded to them.

Solar systems were designed and built during science week (which involved quite a bit of engineering talent!)



For the clay element of art, a variety of spectacular creations were made and painted. This involved a lot of patience and attention to detail, not one student lost focus. Here is a tiny sample of the sculptures.

Our class has been rehearsing for the Christmas play and carol singing. It has been wonderful fun and the enthusiasm and support for each other has been superb. We are really looking forward to the show.





Ms Anderson's 5th Class



We had a fun Maths Week earlier in the term, which saw us engaging in orienteering maths activities outdoors, Maths stations within the class, and playing a range of board games which build on logical, numerical, memory and strategic skills.

For Science Week we were learning about friction. We did an experiment focusing on air resistance. We dropped two paper helicopters with two different weights and saw the effect of air resistance and guessed that the smaller one dropped first (our guess was right) !

Christmas is coming and we've been doing a lot of art. We created Winter mosaic pictures and did snowman art. We also made Ojo de Díos Christmas decoration crafts out of wool and lolly sticks. We have been practising with Ms Story and Ms Dunne's classes for our Christmas Nativity play. The parents are all excited .We've been keeping busy getting active and doing Christmas Just Dance as active breaks between lessons.

By Blessing & Brody





Ms Storey's 5th Class

Fifth class have been working really hard this term and have produced lots of amazing work! Here are some of the highlights from this term, chosen as a class! Well done! 😊

Science Week

By Bilali

This year we did multiple experiments. For the first one we were blindfolded and tried to draw potato and raw apple while pinching our nose. This removed the taste and made it really hard to tell the difference between them and showed us the importance of all of our senses when we're eating. Next we put one egg in water and one in malt vinegar and left them for 24 hours. The egg in water didn't change, but the shell of the egg in the vinegar had dissolved and was now bouncy! This is because vinegar is acidic- the egg shell is similar to our teeth and we now know that we need to be careful with fizzy drinks and juice! For our final experiment of the week we looked at liquid density. We added a variety of liquids to a bowl and they did not mix- they layered on top of each other which showed their different densities. Finally we researched some famous scientists from the past and created mini fact files about them.



Maths Week

By Saif

This Maths Week we did lots of fun activities and games. We collected data from our classmates and made bar charts using our frequency tables. Some of us even made pie charts with our information! We played lots of games





throughout the week like Tables Champion, Maths Master, Hit the Button, 21 and Around the World. We really enjoyed the daily Maths challenges and our Maths Challenges on the Active WalkWay. We also learned about Angles and wrote our names in Capital Letters and measured the different angles.



Writing in 5th Class

By Kayla

This term we have been working on our handwriting- especially our cursive! We have worked our narrative writing with both a Halloween and a Christmas story writing competition. Next we worked on explanation writing as part of Science when we were learning about how volcanoes erupt. We were very good at persuasive writing when we wrote a persuasive letter to Ms Storey to convince her to give us a homework pass (we were successful) and designed an ugly Christmas jumper advertisement! We have also been working on our report writing with lots of reports as part of our SESE and much much more!

Reading Challenge

By Ivy

This December in our class we are doing a Reading Challenge! We are trying to read 100 books as a class this month! So far we are nearly half way there and





well on our way to completing this challenge before the holidays! Good luck 5th class! We can do it!



Ms Trainor's 6th Class

This winter has been lots of fun for us. We have participated in plenty of fun activities.

In November, a secondary school called Bremore invited us to see a play called Annie. We loved it!

We enjoyed the singing, the costumes and the scenes. We had a great day!

During the last week of November, we worked on winter trees in Art. We painted the background, then painted on trees and added

details. They all turned out beautiful! In December, we made Christmas snowmen. We worked very hard and when we finished they

all looked magnificent. Have a great Christmas everyone!





Mrs Kearns's 6th Class

written and created by Sanju, Iulian and Roko.



You won't believe the incredible fun we've had and the incredible work we have done this term. These are just some of the wonderful things we have done.

Coding Week at School

As part of European Coding Week, we have done amazing work on a website called Codementum. We all participated in completing coding challenges, we all had a great time and would to do it again.

European Sports Day Fun

During European Sports Day we all participated in outdoor activities and various exercises, sports and athletic challenges including football and basketball. Our class loved the change of pace it brought. We had a blast and enjoyed it.





Sally the Reading Dog

Our whole class were surprised and delighted about the news that a new furry friend named Sally was joining the school. Sally is a fabulous reading dog and loves listening to stories read by kids. Our class just can't wait to get a chance to read to her.

Kindness flag for us

We were all thrilled when one assembly our school was gifted a Cineáltas flag for our kind and welcoming environment. The flag is proudly hanging outside our school showing off our accomplishment. We are all filled with pride.

A surprise from RSK

We decided to enter a climate change awareness competition. Our class was delighted and shocked to learn via email that we were one of the 3 winners. An RSK employee came one day and gifted our winners some prizes. We all got chocolate from Michael too. We are so thankful for the experience and congratulations Iulian, Roko and Rafael - our winners. Thank you RSK.





Aerodynamics comes in handy

During Science Week we were focusing on aerodynamics. We had a paper aeroplane competition to help us understand how planes work. We spent some time practising every day. The winner was Mark and he got sweets. We really enjoyed it and it really helped us better understand aerodynamics.



Olympic Game Activities

For the 2024 Olympic Games that are being held in Paris, our class, along with 22 other schools across Europe, are participating in an E-twinning project together. As part of the project, we have designed and replicated the Olympic ring logo to inform the school about some work that we are doing. We are looking forward to what is next in this project.

As a class we have really enjoyed this term and we cannot wait for term 2 + 3. We have loads of photos on our class page on the website. Please check them out.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our 1st term. We hope you enjoyed this as much as we have. Merry Christmas from Mrs Kearns 6th class.





Ms King's ASD Class

Busy start to our new year. We have been working very hard this year and have learned a lot of new things. This year we have started learning some Irish. At the beginning it was a little tricky but now we are all fantastic at knowing words in Irish. We have also been practising reading and writing our tricky words. Our handwriting is getting better every day. We use Reading eggs on our iPads to help us practise our tricky words and sounds.

We having just been working. We have also been playing and having fun. We play in our sandpit. Our favourite thing to do when we finish our work is go into our Chill-Out Room and relax. We build tower, windmills and trains while in there.

Go to our page on [the school website](#) to see even more of our hard work!!

We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and New Year. 🎅🌲👶







Mr Joyce's ASD Class

We have been very busy this term in Mr. Joyce's ASD2 class. We planted vegetables and flowers in the garden and this will hopefully look great in the Spring.



We have also been busy completing our Christmas artwork this year. We have made a fireplace and chimney for Santa and we made some Snowmen.



All of the staff in ASD2 want to wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New year.





Ms Dunne's 5th and 6th Class

We have had a very busy term in our class. Here are some of our highlights:

Back in September Ms Needham asked us to take part in a competition for European School Sports Day. We had to spell out ESSD using our bodies and PE equipment. We won the competition and won some tennis equipment for our school.



We have been doing lots of Art in our class. We have been following an Art timeline of all the different time periods in Art history. Last month we learned all about the Renaissance. We learned about the famous artists of the Renaissance, we learned a trick to remember their names, just remember the names of the Ninja Turtles! We studied Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel, then we made our own frescoes on wet plaster. We also learned about Leonardo Da Vinci. He was a great artist and inventor. We made our own modern version of the Mona Lisa and we also designed our own flying machines just like Leonardo. Our next time period to learn about is Impressionism.





We have also been decorating our classroom. We made paper snowflakes and paper chains. We are really looking forward to Christmas!





The Staff of St George's NS wish everyone
a very happy Christmas and New Year.

School reopens 9am 8th Jan '24



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