



St George's NS

Christmas Newsletter



Ms Quinn's Junior Infant Class

Dark Winter Days

As part of Social, Personal and Health Education we learned all about being safe. We learned about keeping safe in a variety of familiar situations. One of the discussions we had was about road safety. We looked at safe places to go for a walk, we discussed crossing roads carefully and we looked at some road signs. Then, it was time to check our knowledge by going on a safety walk around the school grounds.

We received high visibility jackets from the Road Safety Authority. These were perfect for our safety walk as the jackets are a great fit for over our coats on dark winter days.





We also looked at the season of winter. We completed lots of art work showing items of clothing that we might need in the winter to help us keep warm.

Ms King's ASD Class

Welcome Everyone to our new class!

The students have been working so hard the last 4 months, settling into a new school and new routines. Joyce, Manjula, Elaine and I are so proud of all the children. They have worked so hard learning their phonic sounds and numbers.

We are all very excited about Christmas. We had a fantastic time decorating our classroom, making Christmas stockings, Christmas trees and welcoming our elves, Sparkles and Ninja.

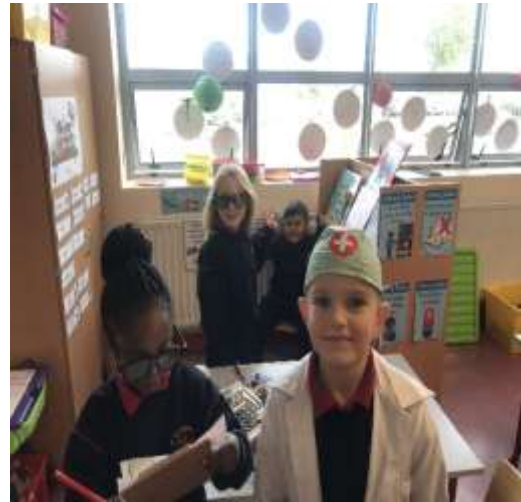
We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are looking forward to 2022 and continuing to learn and have more fun in class.





Ms. Burke's Senior Infants:

We have had a great first term in Ms. Burke's Senior Infants. We have really enjoyed participating in Aistear and have done lots of play based on the themes of At Home, At School, The Dentist, The Potions Lab, and the Post Office. Here we are at our Dentist role play area. We loved getting into character and playing all of the different roles.



We have enjoyed doing some outdoor activities this term. During Maths week we did an outdoor maths trail which was really fun, we got to use our maths eyes to practice our new maths skills like counting and recognising 2D shapes in the environment.



We have also been keeping active for the month of November, and have been doing some extra movement breaks outside using our active path in the playground.





Ms. McMahon's Senior Infants.

We have been working so hard this term. We have been revisiting our letter sounds and learning new 'tricky words'. Our handwriting is developing beautifully, but some letters are quite difficult to master. We are great mathematicians, and always enjoy doing our calculations and exploring new ideas during 'stations' with other teachers. During Aistear, we have been learning around a wide range of themes, our most recent theme was Winter. We learned all about the Arctic, and made lovely paintings of Mum

and Baby polar bears. We learned to draw Santa, and some of us also learned to draw Rudolf!



This week, we listened to the story of the Gingerbread Man, and decorated our very own men - we are talented cake designers!



Ms Storey's 1st Class

We have been working really hard in Room 5 so far this year and are really proud of ourselves and our amazing work! This term we have been so busy! We began this term by learning all about Ruby Bridges and her bravery. We then brainstormed about times that we were brave like her! We also learned lots about Giraffes and completed reports all about these interesting animals as part of Science Week. We also listened to the



story of the Billy Boats Gruff and designed bridges in our groups to help the Billy Goats to cross back over the river again.



We had our Assembly where we taught everyone everything we had learned about Harvest and Autumn in Ireland. Recently we have been really busy practicing for our Christmas show, learning our lines and songs. We have been creating lots of Christmas artwork for our classroom and have finally won enough Maith Thú cards for our Hot Chocolate Party!



Mr. Joyce's 1st Class

Christmas Songs: We have been really busy preparing for our Christmas performance. We have learned 4 songs, Tá An Nollaig Buailte Linn, When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney, Jingle Bells and Here Comes Santa Claus and they will be recorded and uploaded to the school website.





Engineers Week: We have also had Engineers week recently. We had to make bridges from anything we could find in the classroom. It was great fun and we used some strange things to build bridges.



Science Week: We also had fun during Science Week where we looked at the eye and how things don't always appear as they seem, especially when looking at them through water.





Happy Christmas:

We are looking forward to our Christmas Holidays and returning in 2022 to learn more new things and have fun. Nollaig Shona Daoibh



Mr. Higgins 2nd Class

We've had a really busy term in 2nd Class! The children have been working very hard and have been so well-behaved. We have been learning about different countries around the world - capital cities, currencies, traditions and famous landmarks. In November, we hosted the school assembly about Ireland. We learned the lyrics to a famous Irish rugby song called, "Ireland's Call", and enjoyed singing it to the rest of the school. In Art, we made and painted our own little clay monsters. The children also enjoyed naming their monsters! I have attached a picture of our Art work below.



In recent weeks, we have been doing lots of practice in preparation for our Christmas concert. We've had lots of fun learning the lyrics of some of our favourite Christmas songs, including 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. On the day we recorded our concert, some of the children arrived at school wearing festive jumpers and hats. They were brilliant. The Christmas concert is available to view on our school website in the 'Parents' section. We're sure you'll enjoy it! We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing everyone again in 2022! Happy Christmas from Mr. Higgins and all of the wonderful children of 2nd Class.





Ms Mullan's 2nd Class

Our class have been busy this term. We did group projects on Nelson Mandela for Black History Month. We learned all about the Solar System and made our own rockets, which we tested in the yard! We learned how to sew and sewed our own Christmas Tree Decorations with our initials on them. We have been practising our Christmas songs and hope you enjoy them!



Mrs Kearns 3rd Class

Mrs Kearns 3rd class have had a wonderfully busy 1st term. We began the year by getting to know each other and enjoyed exploring narrative writing as we described our Summer and looked at our hopes and dreams for 3rd class.

We enjoyed Halloween art and drama as we prepared for the Halloween midterm break. Athletics during PE kept everybody active, and particular fun was had during the relay games. We were lucky that the weather was so mild; we got to participate in the lessons in the field.



During November, the children enjoyed learning about, listening to and talking about Amanda Gorman, celebrating Black History Month. We also investigated how rockets launched into Space and experimented with paper planes and balloons - all during an inspiring Science week.

December has seen everyone enjoy decorating our class for Christmas. 'Princess', the elf arrived too and has been causing a little mischief in the class. We enjoyed rehearsing and performing a Christmas song for everybody - 'Did you hear what I hear' initially performed by Bing Crosby.

All of the children are making fantastic progress with their reading and handwriting. In addition, the children are using their voices a lot and developing great confidence in the class. A special mention too, for all the excellent work on 'time' in Maths during the last couple of weeks - the children have come along, especially while playing our Time Loop Card game.

I wish my 3rd class and your families a happy and safe Christmas.





Ms Minogue's 3rd Class

This term, we have been extremely busy in Third Class, particularly these last few weeks!

In Literacy, we were learning about the report writing and the features of report writing. We then made our own reports on winter animals; some of the reports included polar bears, emperor penguins and many more!



In Gaeilge we learnt all about An Geimhreadh (Winter) and Nollaig (Christmas). We learnt many poems and songs, and listened to and read many stories.



In maths, we learnt about Time and how to read an analogue clock and a digital clock. This topic wasn't easy, but we had great fun through lots of different interactive activities!



In SESE/Geography, we learnt about the Weather. We focused on the different types of clouds and the different instruments to measure the weather.



In Art, we have been very creative this month!

We learnt about printing, and using this technique, we used potatoes to create snowmen!

This week, we also made Snow Globe Art and created our own Christmas picture inside the Snow Globe!

We were also very busy making Christmas Cards and decorating them for our family and friends! ☺



From all in Ms Minogue's 3rd Class, we wish you a safe and very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing everyone again in January! ☺

Mr Gilsenan's 4th Class

4th Class has worked hard all term. They have all been very busy in the run-up to Christmas. They made Santas for Christmas and some candles and presents.



They also enjoyed singing carols for Christmas. Beannachtai na Nollaig oraibh go leir !



Ms Ryan's 4th Class
French Penpals



This is a very exciting year in Ms Ryan's fourth class. We paired with children in Nice as their penpals. We had lots of fun writing each other letters and sending our new friends cards for Christmas. We look forward to hearing from our penpals again in the new year!



Space Exploration

We celebrated everything space this term. We learned about the space race and the first person on the moon Neil Armstrong. During Black History month we did projects about women who did influential work in NASA. We were so lucky to get to do a virtual workshop during Space Week. We had a zoom call with musicians from The Ark who told us about the solar system. They taught us about the Golden Record on the Voyager spaceship.



Cinema at School

The children in Room 12 have been working hard on their behaviour in their line. They earned a popcorn party for their efforts, but decided to wait until they collected points to have a movie to enjoy it with. We had a lovely afternoon rewarding ourselves with a cinema experience, right from our very own classroom!





House Design

During this term fourth class learned all about the topic of Sa Bhaile. We worked in pairs to make houses, but not just any houses, these houses were labelled in Irish! *Rinne Rang a Ceathair Teach as Gaeilge!* This experience was amazing. We hope that we can do something like this again!



Ms Spellman's 5th Class

This week in 5th Class we celebrated 'Intercultural Week'. Our class had an amazing time learning all about diversity and different cultures.

We enjoyed looking at Powerpoints about different countries and we had the chance to complete a project on our own countries. Many people brought in traditional clothing, pictures of food and many other interesting objects from their countries. We shared information about traditions, famous landmarks and the history of our countries. One interesting fact about our class is that we have children from 15 different countries!

We all really enjoyed participating in 'Intercultural Week' and discovering what beautiful and unique cultures we come from.

Laura Nina and Michelle



Ms Moore's 5th Class

Science Week

During science week we learned the function of our teeth work and how to look after them. To learn why we should look after them, we completed an experiment to show how plaque builds up on our teeth. We put three eggs in water, orange juice and Coke cola. After a few days we looked at the eggs by taking them out with a spoon. The egg in the Coke stained the shell and made it darker. The egg in water did not change and finally, the orange juice destroyed the eggs shell.

We also put mentos in Coke cola, it exploded like a volcano. This happened because when the mentos touched the Coke it made carbon dioxide and created bubbles.

The final experiment we completed was to mix skittles and water. The water turned into a rainbow colour. This occurs because skittles have a sugar coating, so when it touches water it dissolves and the colour changes.

By Edson.

France Projects

During this term, we have been learning about France and making our France projects in our class pods. We researched about France in books about France and online. We gathered all of our information and wrote it down on paper. Each person in our group researched about a specific topic of France e.g. Sport, Food, etc. Finally, we put all of our research together, designed and made a poster to showcase our work. We drew lots



of pictures and then presented our projects to the class! Did you know that France has an annual cycling race called The Tour de France?

By Mireya.

Maths week

In 2021, 5th class have been doing a lot of different activities and one of them was Maths week. Maths week was very enjoyable. Every day each class had a different maths Puzzle to complete. Some of the puzzles were challenging. It was a great exercise for your mind to try to solve the problem.

One of the maths activities we completed was to make the longest paper chain out of one A4 page. Each group was given one A4 page and scissors. We had 5 minutes to plan and then 20 minutes to make the paper chain. We then placed all the paper chains together to find the longest chain. We found that to make the longest chain we needed to keep the strips of paper as thin as possible.

It was great to challenge ourselves out of our comfort zone. Maths can be quite interesting that you can use different methods and still get all the same answers.

By Teodora



Halloween

This year we did lots of fun activities for Halloween, including art, games and more. We learned lots about the Day of the Dead. We learned that it is celebrated by people in Mexico and the celebrations last for 3 days from October 31st to November 2nd. It is a fiesta of flowers, food, candles, parades, prayer, and fun. People dress up as skeletons and wear elaborate costumes and masks.



We made some very spooky art this year by making Sugar Skulls.

David, a class member, won the competition.

We also did some fun Halloween dancing in the school hall.

By Ryan.



Ms Needham's 6th Class

This term, we've done many fun and educative things, one of them is coding. We first started coding by completing simple tasks like making your character glide or walk a certain amount of steps. We did all this on an app called Pyonkee. Later on we started coding in Irish, which was a lot harder than it sounds.

First we had to read a story from our Irish book and then we had to use that same story as inspiration for our coding. The story was called *An Feighlí leanaí* meaning the babysitter. The story was about three kids who disliked their babysitter so they tricked her into running away. Everyone worked in groups of 2-3. People added sound effects, changed the backgrounds and even changed their characters' costume!

It was very fun seeing all of the videos and looking at what people have learned over the weeks. I had a lot of fun and hope to be doing coding again! You can watch some of our animations on our class page on the school website.

by Titi





Ms Anderson's 6th Class

It's nearly Christmas and we have had a very busy term, progressing well in our subject areas, especially English, Irish and Maths. We had Science week a few weeks ago, and carried out two very interesting experiments, one to determine which rocks were limestone, amongst a selection of rocks, by submerging them in vinegar. Bubbles appeared on the surface of the limestone, and we learnt why. We also made DaVinci suspension bridges from pencils and loom bands.



We have been producing some great artwork for Wintertime to decorate our walls. You can see this in the picture below.





This week we are exploring the Aboriginal Culture, looking at the history of the oldest civilization on the planet, and the terrible discrimination against them in the past, along with appreciation of their rich folklore and artwork. We will be trying out some of their dot style painting with a Christmas themed twist later this week! Our class have been engaged in reading the novel 'Wonder' together for several weeks now, which is teaching us the lesson of 'inclusion' and 'acceptance' of everyone...we are all unique, but wonderful individuals!!



School re opens at 9am on 6th January
2022

Nollaig Shona daoibh agus athbhliain
faoi mhaise daoibh go leir!



**May the spirit of Christmas
bring you and your family
hope, happiness and love.
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year!**



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