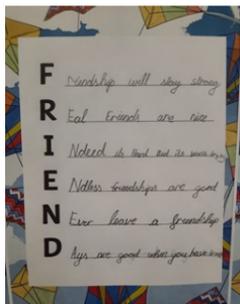


Friendship Week

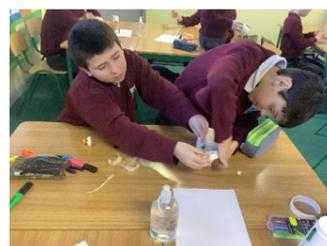


Friendship week was a lovely week for the children to reflect on all the qualities they enjoy in their friends. Each class enjoyed different activities including secret acts of kindness. All classes created a positive leaf to create a Friendship Tree for the main hallway noticeboard. Hopefully, this created and enriched friendships throughout the school.



Sixth Class - Mrs Hynes

Scribble Bots – We made ‘Scribble Bots’ during Science week. We constructed them using a motor, batteries, wires, a disposable cup and markers. We connected the batteries to the motor and created a circuit. It was fun to watch our ‘Scribble Bots’ come alive, creating unique art



Marathonkids Ireland – We are trying to complete the distance of a marathon. We do a warm up to begin each session and we try to improve on our previous effort. We have a different target each day and we record our results. We also have a marathon book, which gives us tips on how to stay healthy.

History projects – We each completed individual History projects in October. We focused on the skills of working as an Historian. Some students presented their project on PowerPoint while others displayed it on posters. We developed presentation and research skills too. Everyone put in a great effort.

Teacher Artist Partnership – Shona explored different art techniques each week. We constructed a personalised book to display our individual pieces. We based our Art on the theme ‘A Future we want’. The art was messy but wonderful fun!



Science projects – We completed Science projects during November. The experiments were intriguing and we learned a lot about new topics. We worked in pairs and began to appreciate the importance of cooperation and teamwork.



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Visitors to the School



On Friday November 12th we welcomed Bishop Duignan, Minister for Education Norma Foley, Anne Rabbitte and Minister Foley's special advisor Eoin Murphy, a past pupil, to the school. The weather was miserable so the reception was in the hall. Members of the Board of Management and representatives from each class were present. Minister addressed the gathering before going to visit and engage with the boys and staff in their classrooms.



Ms. Murray's First Class



First class have been busy and working very hard since September. We have also had lots of fun in class and down the pitch at break time. During art we made prints using leaves collected from our autumn walk, designed owl scenes using cupcake cases and used chalk pastels to create a night scape inspired by the northern lights. We made amazing masks as part of our Halloween Green Schools challenge and created beautiful, colourful moons using chromatography to make spooky Halloween art. The boys had great fun during Science Week exploring magic milk, inflating gloves, growing gummy bears and making (and eating) butter! We performed a shadow puppet show for our classmates after creating a storyboard and making our own puppets. First class have had a great first term writing stories, reciting poems, mastering their maths, running races, playing and ‘ag caint as Gaeilge’.



First and Second Class Ms. Seoighe

We have had a very busy 1st term in Ms Seoighe's class. We enjoyed a nature walk in October exploring various trees and leaves around our school. We made lots of Halloween crafts including some cool masks. Yvonne made some lovely Halloween cupcakes which we helped decorate in class. We had a fun time during science week exploring different experiments and even had an explosion in class! We learnt new maths games during maths week and created some lovely leaves for our friendship tree during friendship week. Our elf Jolly has been causing some mischief recently! We have been learning all about Advent and are preparing for Baby Jesus' arrival. We are so excited for Christmas!



*Wishing you all Health and Happiness for Christmas and
the New Year
Keep safe and keep each other safe.*

Second Class Ms. McCarthy

We are very happy to be back at school meeting our friends. The last few months have been very busy. Since we returned to school we have completed a lot of exciting activities. We had great fun during science week. Our class did a lot of experiments which included slime, playdough, gloop and the rain cloud experiment.

During Maths week we had great fun playing maths board games and computer games. We learned about 2D shapes and they made a 2D shape robot.

At the moment we are preparing for Christmas. We are learning about the advent wreath and the Christmas story. In art we have made a Christmas wreath using pasta and spray paint. We also created a Christmas snowman using paint and fabric. We in second would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and the very best for 2022.



3rd class Mr. Blake

In third class we made lava lamps and a volcano for science week. We made a friendship display for friendship week and are practising being good friends. In art we made clay temples based on the Angkor Wat temples. We've been learning to play tennis, rounders and Gaelic Football in PE. We've been performing drama in Irish such as Cinnín Óir and Na Trí Mhuc. We've been learning our tables through maths games. We've been working on our literacy through researching projects on the class computer. We learned about King Tut-Tuthankhamun.



Ms. Regan's Third and Fourth Class

The boys in third and fourth class have had a very exciting first term. We have been working very hard learning many new topics in English, Maths and Gaeilge. We love playing maths games and solving tricky problems. We completed some history projects, carried out some interesting experiments in science and explored our school grounds learning about our local environment. There was great excitement when we got to move to our brand new classroom after Halloween. We have lots of space to learn and play now. We finally got to celebrate some very special days when fourth class made their First Holy Communion in September and third class had their day in November. We really enjoyed Friendship Week where we all had a secret friend that we did something kind for. We also talked about being a 'bucket filler'. When you say or do something kind to somebody you fill up their bucket. We are learning about Advent at the moment and preparing for Christmas. We wrote very funny Christmas stories all about Santa's antics! Because we have worked so hard this year so far, we got to spend extra time making Christmas arts and crafts. Check out some of our creations. We have adapted so well to many changes this year such as wearing masks in school. Ms Regan is very proud of us all!



Fourth Class Mrs. Glynn

The boys in 4th class have worked very hard so far this year. They have progressed to labelling in pen due to their lovely handwriting. We have completed outdoor Science experiments – volcanoes, catapults and rockets, Art in nature – using twigs leaves etc. to create paintbrushes and our daily runs mean we are a very fit class! We are a very artistic bunch and if you look at our Seesaw page you should see pictures of a beautiful artwork- rockets, silhouettes, snow scenes etc. In the last month we have been studying Rocks in Science and Climate and the Weather in Geography so potential for future Meteorologists and Geologists.



Mr. Mulhall's Fifth Class

The boys in 5th class have done very well so far this year and have completed a great body of work. They have worked very hard across all subjects and completed some interesting work to date. At the moment we are particularly enjoying our Critical Thinking sessions in class where the boys are developing their comprehension skills and taking part in some interesting and deep debates on the stories covered.



Ms. Smyth's Fifth and Sixth Class

Fifth and Sixth Class have been super busy since coming back to school in September. These are just a sample of the boy's work they have completed. As part of Religion for November, the boys remembered their loved ones who have passed away and we included them in our daily prayers. They completed this lovely candle collage to remember them. In the lead up to Christmas, the boys have been very busy completing Art projects and are currently preparing for their Christmas play "The Elves Strike Back". Parents, keep an eye on Seesaw for the recording of the Christmas play. Have a lovely Christmas everyone. Stay safe.



Green School

There was a wonderful response to our Green School homework challenge to create a Halloween mask from recyclable materials. The boys put in an incredible effort and we were amazed with the creations that arrived to school.

Well done everyone!

