

# **Scoil Eoin Phóil**

**Newsletter**

**Summer Edition 2021**



# *Prayer for Summer*

A prayer for all of 'my' children

In Scoil Eoin Phóil.

At the first light of the sun

May God bless you

When each day is done

May God bless you

In your smiles and your tears

May God bless you

Trough all of your years

May God bless you.

Be safe, be happy, be kind.

Imelda Lohan

# Letter from Ms. Lohan

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

School has a life cycle of its own, one which repeats itself each year from new beginnings with the arrival of our Junior Infants to the graduation of our 6<sup>th</sup> class as they move to secondary school. This cycle involves many people working together to ensure that our school community is happy and productive. As we approach the summer holidays, I have many people to thank.

Thank you to the Board of Management who oversees the running of the school and is always a tremendous source of advice and support to me. I want to mention, especially, two members of the Board who have stepped down from their positions this term. Dan Kelly has served as a Board member and as Chairperson for many years and has now taken a well earned rest from his duties. Helena Byrne has served as a parent nominee for 6 years and must now relinquish the role as her last child leaves 6<sup>th</sup> class. She will be missed. I thank them both for their great contribution to Scoil Eoin Phóil.

I want to thank the PTA for being constant in their efforts to support the 3 schools on Green Lane. Even with the restrictions of a pandemic, they managed to organise the Christmas raffle, pupil insurance, voluntary contribution, parent survey, talks on cyber safety and anxiety and provided hoodies to our 6<sup>th</sup> class graduates, not to mention the goodie bags on graduation evening.

Thank you to all the staff of Scoil Eoin Phóil - our teachers, SNAs, to Mrs Singleton and Mr Reilly and to our fantastic maintenance staff. Their energy, creativity, skill and dedication to the school are remarkable - we are so lucky to have them with us.

Thank you to you, the parents, for your continuous support throughout this year. I wish all of you a happy and safe summer. I hope you get many wonderful opportunities to have fun with family and friends. We say goodbye to many families who have been with us for many years, and now their children are moving on to secondary school. I wish them well. To those families who are moving to new homes away from Leixlip, every blessing goes with you.

Thank you to the children of 6<sup>th</sup> class. Wherever the future takes you, know that I will be cheering for you. Always have the courage to do the right thing even when no-one is looking.

As you know, I, too, am leaving behind Scoil Eoin Phóil as I am retiring. I am, however, leaving only in the physical sense. I will take with me a lifetime of experiences and memories of a place I love, a school I love, a community I love - a place where I have been blessed to have worked with wonderful children, supportive, interested parents and inspirational fellow teachers and staff. I have been honoured to have spent my working life in the company of people who know what a privilege and a treasure education is, people who are true examples of what it is to offer the best of themselves to the world.

I have been privileged to have had so many, many fine young people in my life every day. Thank you, parents, for allowing me to be part of the life of your child. I will take them with me in memories that are forever imprinted on my heart.

Finally, children of Scoil Eoin Phóil - past and present - thank you. Thank you for your hard work, your interest in education, your laughter, your enthusiasm, your talents, your sense of fun and adventure, your kindness, your goodness. I am sad to leave you and, as I do so, my wish and hope for you is that you will always be safe and happy and that you will do your best in this world of endless possibilities.

Thank you for all your kind wishes and gifts - I am truly grateful. I am looking forward to many new adventures but nothing can match the wonderful adventure of my years in Scoil Eoin Phóil as a teacher and Principal. It has been an honour and privilege to be part of this school and part of your lives.

You will be forever part of me.

Thank you  
Imelda Lohan

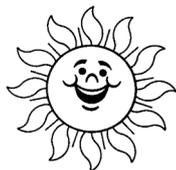
# Art Corner

## Lalita Darlington Art Competition 2021

This year the special art competition we hold in memory of Lalita, had a new theme, Summer! We were very excited as 2<sup>nd</sup> Class were allowed to enter 3D creations. The standard of art was so good that Ms Lohan left the huge exhibition up for an extra week so we could admire it for longer (and get ideas for next year).

by Ella Purtill, Caoimhe and Sadhbh Roche,

Room 15



### Summer

Super fun

Under the sun

Maybe eating ice-cream

Maybe in a tent

Early rising

Relaxing in the sun

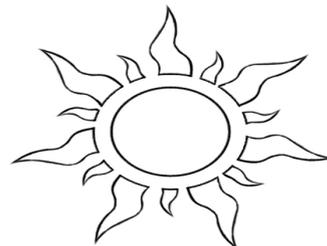
Zoe Lloyd, 4<sup>th</sup> class

## Times Tables competition

We had a times tables competition last week. We got lots of sheets to practise for our times tables competition. We practised and practised and practised for homework. We got our whiteboards to practise. We usually do tests during the day to warm up. We had a sheet with 50 tables questions and 3 minutes to do them.

There was a trophy as well! Mrs. Kelly got us the trophy. Isabel was the winner but there was a tie between Teja and Isabel. We had to do three tie breakers and finally Isabel won it. We were so nervous doing it but it was great fun.

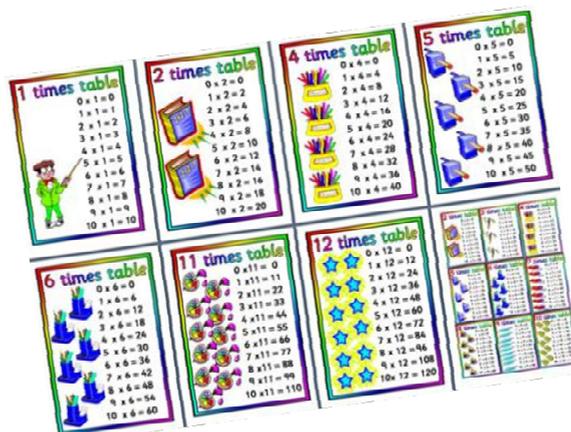
By Raymond, Olive and Penny, Room 14



## Lalita Darlington Art Competition

We did an art competition for Lalita to celebrate her love of art. Now that we are in Third Class, we had the option to do 2D or 3D art. We all made great art entries. Our three winners were Sam (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Ayra and Teja were tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Sam built an amazing wood fire pizza oven in 3D. Ayra made a brilliant 3D summer festival for Leixlip and Teja drew a beautiful beach with giant flipflops and seashells. We thought they were all amazing.

By Ryan, Meddinah and Sam, Room 14



# International Day

We all did a project on a country. Some of us did a project from the country our parents were from. The rest of us chose a random country to study. We found out interesting facts and how cultures are different and unique. Some of us dressed up in national costumes and brought in some food to show.

By Ryan, Meddinah and Sam, Room 14



My favourite day was Intercultural Day. It was on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. I was born in Oxford in the UK. There were other countries as well. I learned about Moldova, Lithuania, Romania, Russia and India.

By Henry Lake, 1<sup>st</sup> Class - Ms Downey

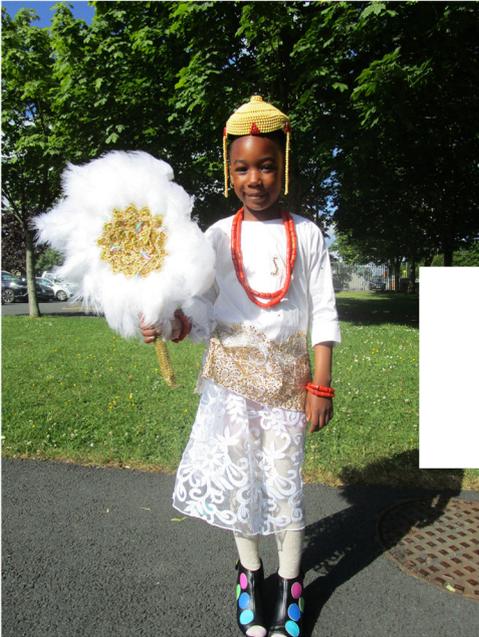


**Intercultural Day 2021**

Our Intercultural Day in Scoil Eoin Phóil was held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of June. It was so exciting. All the children from different countries around the world arrived at school dressed in national costume. Ms Lohan captured them all on camera as they came up the path! There was music from around the world playing and flags from every country the children come from outside each classroom door. We put up a huge map of the world and showed where everyone comes from. There were different languages displayed on the school windows saying Hello! There are over 29 different countries from around the world represented in our school. In our classes we learned about the countries the children are from. We learned about Italy as Daniel is from there, Cameroon, where Angel's family come from, India, where Arshiya comes from and also Poland, where Lena's family live. We sampled lots of different cuisines from around the world also - it was a very colourful, lively and interesting day. The best part was eating different food and seeing everyone dressed up in their national costume at playtime on the yard! We can't wait for next year's one!

by Adam Berry, Daniel Marrone, Angel Fotso, Paige Phillips, Connor Molloy, Lena HrapKowicz, Bláthnaid Carrol, Room 15

# Scoil Eoin Phóil



# Summer Fun & Frolics!



Mrs Reynolds' 1<sup>st</sup> Class

"I think the school tour was really fun, it was the best school tour yet because we didn't just see the animals, we got to hold them!" - Holly Lonergan

"I loved the tour because we got to give the duck a high five!" - Molly Hickey

"I loved tennis and skipping, I got really good at them! I loved making The Plough, and the baby animals on our tour were so cute!" - Alex Flanagan

"Gaelic football was so much fun, I love playing so much. I liked kicking the ball and Mr Gillick set up so many activities for us!" - Amelya Quinn

"I loved Gaelic football because now my skills have improved so much on my football team!" - Dylan Carton

"I loved learning Gaelic football, we thought it was so much fun and Mr Gillick is a very nice coach" - Marnie Ward

"I liked mixing colours and mixing materials because I like science." - Eoin Collins

"I loved the tour because I got to see a lot of animals. I also enjoyed planting a seed. I have a lovely flower now." - Jade Murray

"I was the person most improved at skipping! I loved learning how to play tennis in PE. I liked the tour. I enjoyed making a mini landfill. When I looked inside, I noticed the tin foil and the nappy had not rotted away." - Matthew Cavanagh



"I liked the tour and the skipping challenge. I liked learning about caring for our world too. Making a mini landfill was fun and interesting." - Shekinah Philips

"I loved making a model of the plough with mini marshmallows. I loved doing sums in First Class." - Pol Canchal- Zhang

"I liked making the plough. Mixing colours and materials was great fun. I became really good at skipping!" - Luke Tsang

"I liked seeing the pigs come to school. I enjoyed playing Gaelic football, especially when we played a game called 'Clear Our Side.'" - Mark Grace

"I liked mixing colours and mixing materials. I found out oil does not mix with water, It stays on the surface." - Faye Ivory

"I like playing Gaelic and tennis." - Nayana Gadde

"I liked when I got a sticker from Wooly Farm. I loved being in First Class because we went on walks and I saw buses pass by." - Alex Cieslik



# Summer



**Butterflies**

This term in Science we were learning about the Lifecycle of the Butterfly. We bought caterpillar eggs. We watched as they ate and ate and ate the special food in the feeding pot. After two weeks, the much larger caterpillars slowly crawled to the top of the cup and hung there. Over a day or so, they each turned into a chrysalis! This is a very important stage of their development as they are transforming into beautiful butterflies. Five painted lady butterflies emerged from their cocoons ten days later! It was so exciting. We had to keep quiet as we carefully fed them citrus food and nectar! After a week of watching them feed and fly in our special butterfly net, we released them into the school garden, where we hope they will stay and live for at least a year  
by **Sophie Hendrick, Lily Berry, Maebh Egan, Liam Devitt, Eoghan Fahy & Rhys Brennan, Room 15**

## Sports Day - Scoil Eoin Phóil



## School during Covid 4<sup>th</sup> Class Ms. Fadian / Ms. Casey

The yard is better - we have our own section and no one else plays in it.

School tours were good but I missed travelling on the bus - always the best part!

The seating in the room is better - less claustrophobic.

I do not like the windows and door always being open - the wind blows through the room. It is better now that the days are warmer.

It is strange seeing teacher wear a mask - I don't really like it. I like that we have PE twice a week now.

I don't mind sanitising but some children hate it. It is great that we can have Sports Day again this year - we missed it last year.

It is more difficult to communicate with others further apart and not mixing pods in the classroom.

We can't have our board games like we used to have.

It is good that we can bring in our own sanitiser if we want.

I like Zoom assemblies.

I LOATHE the smell of sanitiser!

It is more difficult to play 4 Corners on the yard



# 6<sup>th</sup> Class

**Mr. Mulcahy:**

Memories of Sixth Class 2020/2021

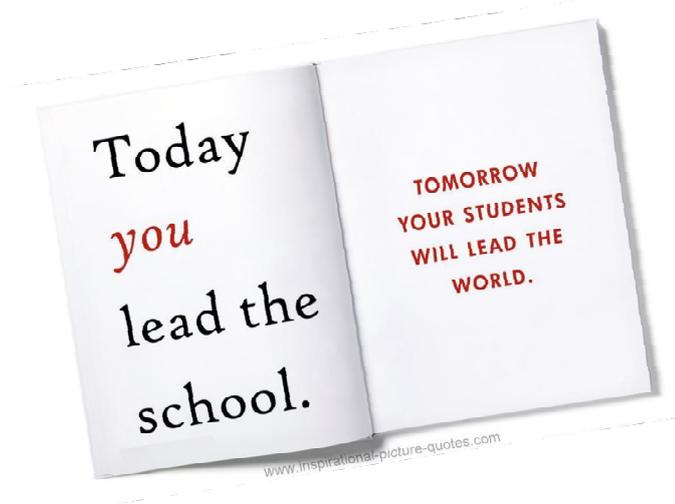


- Finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in Ireland and in Europe on Mathletics during Maths Week.
- Our trip to Dublin Zoo and our school tour to Kildare Maze.
- Our weekly quizzes with Ms Lohan in the hall.
- Receiving letters from famous Irish people like Seamus Coleman, Ryan Tubridy and Marita Conlan McKenna.
- Our history zoom interview with Tomi Reichentall, survivor of the Holocaust.
- David and Lucy appearing on RTE tv explaining the Skipathon Challenge organised by the Student Council.
- Creating (we think) the world's largest Christmas paper chain!
- We really enjoyed the Halloween Treasure Hunt.
- The Easter Egg drop challenge!
- Visiting St Catherine's Park and getting to play in the playground. Even Ms Lohan went up the giant climbing net!
- Our really fun themed Zoom calls. We had pet shows, treasure hunts, bingo and quizzes.
- We had to wash our hands a lot!
- We remember Basmala's bird Kiwi speaking on the class Zoom.
- The "make a €1 word game in Maths". Kate was amazing at it!
- Ms Lohan got her and half the class lost when walking to St Catherine's Park.
- Receiving a letter from Ryan Tubridy.
- Reading Novels like Under the Hawthorn Tree, Holes, Safe Harbour and Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry.
- Kamatou remembers seeing Mr Mulcahy queueing for ice-cream in his estate.

- The Student Council singing on the intercom at Christmas.
- Sam remembers playing Super Smash Bros with Mr Mulcahy at the Christmas Party. Sam won 3-2.
- The Kildare GAA Christy Ring Hurling team winners coming in to show off the trophy.
- Training GAA with coach Michael Gillick.
- David, James, Natan and Tom sung their heart out at the Seachtain na Gaeilge concert.
- Oliver remembers the Easter Egg Drop challenge and shouting "It didn't crack!"
- Basmala hitting Mr Mulcahy in the head with a pillow (all part of an Irish drama!)
- Mr Mulcahy diving on Darragh's table (all part of an Irish drama).
- The class completed some amazing pieces of art this year.
- We really enjoyed watching the Helix Panto at Christmas.
- Finn and Aliyah had a very good debate over the merits of seasoned chicken.
- Meeting our Year Head and Deputy Year Head for Coláiste Chiaráin on Zoom.
- Sliding down the Papal Hill Cross many, many times after our tour to Dublin Zoo.
- Having hot chocolate, a Flake and marshmallows to celebrate completing our summer tests while watching Toy Story!

Thanks!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Final messages



### 6th Class

**Aliyah:** 6th class was an interesting journey. We still made the most of it. I had one of the best teachers ever. We had lots of fun and Mr Mulcahy helped us stay safe as much as possible. I will always appreciate Mr Mulcahy for trying his best to prepare us for secondary school. I want to thank Sofiia, Leona and Anna and all my other partners for helping me learn Irish in less than a year! The 2021 6th class was the best!

My last words are: so basically, Mr Mulcahy is the best teacher ever!

**Oliver:** I want to thank Ms Lohan and all of the teachers of Scoil Eoin Phóil that helped me throughout the years and thank especially Mr Mulcahy for getting me ready for secondary school. Mr Mulcahy, thank you for being a great teacher. I will miss you.

**Kamatou:** I would like to thank the staff of Scoil Eoin Phóil and to all my previous teachers and to Ms Lohan and Ms Singleton because without their help I wouldn't be here right now. I really want to thank Mr Mulcahy the most because this year has been a really tough year because of COVID. He worked really hard to make this year as fun and as exciting as possible for our class. Thank you so much and thank you all for making my time in Scoil Eoin Phóil a memorable time for me.

**James:** I want to say thank you to all the teachers I have had over the past 8 years. They have made me the person that I am today and helped me to always believe in myself.



# Farewell



**Aoife:** Firstly, I'd like to thank all the amazing teachers that helped me learn so much throughout the years I've been here. I thank everyone for all the happy memories that I'll keep forever. I wish everyone the best when going to your new schools. I also wish all the teachers and assistants that have helped through everything and I hope they have a great future, but for now its lights out and away we go to our new schools. Enjoy!!!!!!!

**Nadine:** Dear Scoil Eoin Phóil, I would like to say thank you so much for everything you have done for me in the past 8 years. I would like to thank Ms Lohan, Ms Singleton, Mr Mulcahy, Ms Hallissey, Ms Casey, Ms Malin, Ms Farrell, Ms Garrigan, Ms Philips, Ms Shinnors, Ms O'Shea, Mrs Black, Ms, Ryan, Ms King, Ms Kyne and Ms Fadian for everything you have done for me. I will miss Scoil Eoin Phóil. Thank you for everything.

**Basmala:** Don't let people bring you down to their level because they know they can't reach your standards.

**Finn:** I would like to say thank you to all the staff of Scoil Eoin Phóil and to everyone that has helped me along the years. A special thank you to Mr Mulcahy, he has helped me get ready for secondary school. Another big thank you to my friends for being so kind to me. Finally, thank you to Ms Fadian and Ms Lohan too!

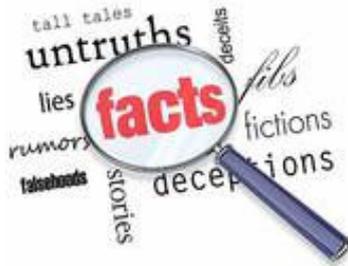
# THANK YOU

# 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Yesterdays

Memories  
are tomorrows  
Treasures

Let the  
MEMORIES  
Begin!



**Anastasia:** Thank you to all the staff of Scoil Eoin Phóil for helping and teaching me. When I started school, I felt scared as I didn't know what was going to happen, but the moment I sat down in my little yellow chair I felt welcomed. When I was younger I never thought I'd leave Scoil Eoin Phóil, but here I am eight years later writing my final message. Thank you Scoil Eoin Phóil for all you have done in shaping the person I am today. I will never forget all the joyful memories and laughs we have had together. Goodbye and Thank you.

**Sofiia:** Thank you Mr Mulcahy for giving me a great year, I've always enjoyed doing PE and Art with you especially. I hope I get to see you again soon. I will miss doing Drama with everyone in the class. I will miss everyone.

## 6<sup>th</sup> class Favourite Memories of Primary School

**James:** In fourth class we did two football tournaments hosted by Mr Mulcahy. I remember getting to the final.

**Aoife:** My favourite memory of primary school was when I was in 1st or 2nd class. My two friends Lucy and Hannah and I set up a dance group called "3 Times" the dance and we would go around the yard making dances.

**Hannah:** When I was walking out onto the yard and a bird pooped on my face!

**Dennis:** winning the Rabbih Soki (RIP) story writing competition.

**Lucy:** Jack, Kate, Darragh and I had a club named HPN (Harry Potter Nerds). But eventually we broke up because Darragh and Jack started reading Percy Jackson!

**Sofiia:** In the 5th class Christmas play I was The Big Bad Wolf and Kamatou was Little Red Riding Hood. She used her karate moves on me and I went screaming off the stage.

**Sam:** In 4th class, when David would put on a costume and pretend to be Ms. Casey by going, "Hi, I'm Ms. Casey, and welcome back to my cooking show." Hilarious!

**Darragh:** My 2<sup>nd</sup> class tour because I remember we went to an old Victorian House which sounds boring at first but I remember dressing up in clothes from that time and working outside in the garden. I loved it!

**Kate:** I remember in 4<sup>th</sup> class when we went to see a film in the library but when we got there another class were there so we had to walk all the way home and by the time we got back to the school we were exhausted. We sat at the wall and wouldn't get up until the end of break and everyone was very confused why we were there.

**Basmala:** Hitting Mr. Mulcahy with a pillow!

**Jack:** When Lucy Darragh Kate and myself formed the H.P.N (Harry Potter Nerds) club.

**Aliyah:** Talking to everyone at lunchtime because we all enjoyed the little conversations and I will cherish them forever.



# School Tours

## School tour



Our school tour was a visit to the local GAA! Redhill Adventure Centre organised , team challenges and archery. One of our favourites was foosball. It was so funny to watch everyone! It was a hot day but we were lucky because it didn't rain. The whole class loved this day and it is one of our highlights!

By Noah, Toby, Siobhán and Jasmina. Room 12



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## Geography: Australia

We have been learning about Australia over the past few weeks. Australia is a country and is the world's largest island. The currency is the Australian dollar. The famous actor, Hugh Jackman, is from Australia. There is a world famous rock there called Uluru or Ayer's Rock. Australia has some of the most venomous and most dangerous animals in the world- spiders, snakes, dingoes and more!

By Kayla, Ella, Iosua, Eve and Ally. Room 12



## Junior Infants: Ms. Healy

We have had so much fun this term in Room 2. We have been learning all about the farm. We have built farms during Aistear, read stories about farms and made our own sheep during Art lessons.

For our school tour, the farm even came to Scoil Eoin Phóil! Lambs, chicks, ducks and piglets all arrived at school. It was so exciting and we were able to pet all of the animals. We even got to balance the baby chicks on our heads!

Another brilliant day was of course Sports Day. This was our very first Sports Day and it did not disappoint! We had a jam-packed day, full of fun activities. In the morning we played on the inflatables. This was so much fun. We could do penalty shooting, play a type of snooker on another inflatable and also other games that needed lots of skill and concentration.

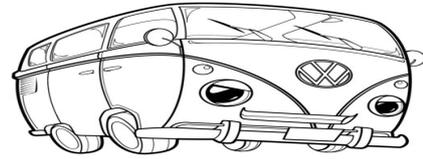
We had yoga class and dance too. They were great!

Coach Michael came to play GAA with us.

We finished off the day with a lovely ice cream. We loved our very first Sports Day in Scoil Eoin Phóil and we can't wait until next year.



# School Tours



## School Tour

We went on a school tour to Woolly Farm, well kind of! This year, they came to us. They had goats, chickens (I got pecked by one!) ducks, bunnies, lambs and one very pig. I got to hold a hamster, a bunny and I got to have a chick on my head! It was a brilliant day!



by Sam O'Connor, Room 13



## School Tour

We went to the GAA pitch for our school tour because we couldn't go on a bus with Covid. We all got to bring a snack and wore different clothes. We did archery tag, giant foosball and we also played paintball! It really hurt when we got shot. There were big pillars for us to hide behind. We had to wear helmets that we all needed and hated but they protected our face. They were roasting. After that, we went in for lunch. We went on go - karts on a track. We got to learn how to go kart. It was fun doing something that we don't get to do much. We played tic tac toe with cones and there was this giant orange elastic band. We all fell down when we were in it. Our favourite activities were paintball and the puzzle pieces.

By Olivia, Erin and Gabriel, Room 14

I loved the school tour. There were animals with funny names. There was a piglet called Sausages and a chick called Chicken Nugget. I also liked Sports Day. I enjoyed playing GAA and soccer.

By Hollie Muddiman, 1<sup>st</sup> Class - Ms Downey



# News from Senior Infants



## Senior Infants School Tour Mrs Black

Senior Infants have worked so hard this term and have enjoyed lots of end of year treats as a result. We had our school tour on June 2<sup>nd</sup> when Woolly farm came to visit. We were so excited that morning as we saw all the animals set up home in our school yard. We had a chicken on our arms, a duck that nibbled our collars, we brushed a goat until his fur was shining. There was a cute piglet that loved having his photograph taken and we fed the pet lamb. Then we went to the petting station. We found it really hard to pick our favourites. We held bunnies and Guinea pigs and had a chick who loved to sit on our heads. We loved interacting with all the animals.



**Part 2** of our tour was our Teddy Bears Picnic. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> we set off with Mrs Black, Mrs Kelly and Celine on a long walk through Squirrel wood and on to the river bank. We had a yummy picnic and some fun games there. We all brought our favourite teddies. We really enjoyed our tours this year.



# History



## World War 2

We made a World War Two project. The war started in 1939 and it ended in 1945. We learned all about Spitfire planes and how they worked. We also learned all about the important battles like the Battle of Britain, D-Day and the Battle of the Atlantic. We figured out their special way of communicating. They used special machines to find out where the German army would strike and drop bombs. There were two sides - The Allies and The Axis Powers. Some countries weren't involved. We found out that these were called neutral. Ireland was a neutral country. Some children were sent to Ireland from the United Kingdom to avoid the war. Dublin was bombed accidentally by a German bomber plane because it was so foggy and they thought they were over Belfast. Some people still think that they did it on purpose because Northern Ireland was in the war.

We also learned about Blitzkrieg. We figured out a tactic of the German army. It means Lightning War. So first they sent over the bombing planes, then they went with tanks and then they sent the troops. Germany started World War Two when they attacked Poland. {Poland was unaware that this was going to happen}. Other countries had to step in and help Poland because their country was terribly damaged.

By Dylan, Míah and Ayra. Room 14



# Sports Day

## Sports Day 2021

Our Sports Day 2021 was a little different this year. Our parents could not come in to watch us doing our races and activities. We started the day by doing a sports quiz, then we had soccer skills. After that, we had our races. We did an egg-and-spoon race, a sack race, and the girls' and boys' races. Then we got ice creams! This was followed by dance and we learned a whole routine. Then we did yoga and practised our breathing exercises and yoga positions. We had such fun. Although this year was different, it was just as much fun!

Lucy O'Connor, 4<sup>th</sup> class



## School During Covid: 5<sup>th</sup> Class, Mr Breen

I liked the way the yard was divided for each class bubble - it was easier to play and there were fewer arguments!

I loved the school tour - in the GAA. There were more activities and we got to have fun from 9.30a.m. to 3p.m. as we didn't have to travel to a venue. I did miss the travelling on the bus as that is always great fun.

5<sup>th</sup> Class got to play football at lunchtime this year which was great. Usually we get to play in the lunchtime leagues but as these couldn't happen this year, this was the next best thing.

I don't really like the pods - it is harder to chat to others in the class.

Having to stay in pods meant that we couldn't switch our places regularly which I missed.

I like the staggered breaks.

I didn't like having to have the windows and doors open - it is fine now in the warmer weather but it meant we had to wear lots of extra layers to stay warm in the winter months.

I missed doing our Christmas Open Day and our Christmas play.

I missed being able to sing in the classroom.

# School Events



## GAA coaching

This year we have been learning GAA and learning new skills. We now know how to hand pass and solo. We have played Captain's Ball and the weaving game. It has been great fun and we are getting better each week!

By Larien, Tyrese, Daniel Mc and Ellie. Room 12



## Rugby coaching

We are also learning how to play rugby. It has been so much fun! The name of our coach is Luke. We learned skills such as different types of passing, dodging and scoring tries. It was so much fun trying to tag each other and collect as many tags as we could.

By Daniel S, Lauren, Lizzie and Christopher.  
Room 12



## News2day

When News 2day came to our class we were very excited! First, we were recorded taking out our skipping ropes. Then the cameraman recorded us walking out of the school onto the yard. We all started skipping and some of us were recorded skipping. Emma, Dylan and Zoe were interviewed and they spoke about different mountains we had 'climbed' and how excited we were. After that, we gathered in a semi-circle and Aisling, the presenter of the show, was skipping in the middle. Emma and Nicole even double skipped on camera! To top off a brilliant day, Ms. Fadian gave us just one thing for homework....to watch RTÉ 2 at 4:10pm that evening! Our entire class and most of the school watched our appearance on TV. We were all so happy with it!

Annabel Lucas, 4<sup>th</sup> class

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By Lucy Dalton 5<sup>th</sup> Class Mr Breen

# School Events



## Skip-a-thon

This term we had a very healthy school challenge to do. The Student Council thought that it would be a good idea to introduce an activity to keep all the children in the school fit and healthy! We had to skip and skip and skip and skip! Lots of us couldn't skip at the start and we had to learn this skill. Some of us were so fast and could do tricks with the rope! We all caught up and managed to climb many mountains from around the world. One skip equalled one metre! Lots of us now have our own ropes and skip everywhere. Mr Reilly made us a very long rope so we can skip in groups! It's great fun and we think you should try it at home!

By Thomas McCabe, Andrew May, Arshiya Anand & Joseph Lynch, Room 15



## Growing by Kate Tone

We planted vegetables. We planted peas, beans and onions. The onion seeds flew away and we don't know if they're growing or not growing! We also planted nasturtiums. They are a type of flower. When they grew a bit, we brought them home. Mine is growing lots and it has two babies! I like the plants a lot.



## Butterflies by Penny Larkin

In Miss O'Connor's 2<sup>nd</sup> class, we've been looking after butterflies. We learned about the life cycle of butterflies too. We had ten real caterpillars which we watched evolve into butterflies. We let nine of them go into the wild. One of them had wings that got very crump so that meant we have to look after him. Hopefully he will fully recover soon.



## Intercultural Day by Martyna Pomorska

On 18<sup>th</sup> of June it was International Day. We got to bring in our country's clothes and food. We wrote about our countries. My partner and I wrote facts and information about Poland and we hung it in the hall. We also told each other how to say 'hello' in different languages. Some people brought in items from their countries, to show us such as passports and chopsticks.



Ms O'Connor's class - Room 13

# News from the infants'



## Junior Infants: End of Year Newsletter

Ms O' Gorman

**Luke:**

I met lots of animals like rabbits, chicks, and goats. I touched the goat's horn, I thought it would hurt but it did not! That was my favourite part. I also saw a sheep and called it Bo-Peep!

**Reigh:**

The garden centre was one of my favourite Aistear activities. We had to build a garden centre using the polydrons, we made lots of garden tools using Play-Dough, we made seed packets in art, we built a village with houses and gardens and the small world people lived there and we became gardeners in our role-play station.

**Romy:**

My favourite part of sports day was going on the bouncing castle because it was so bouncy and fun! My favourite race was the sack race. I saw lots of people falling over!

**Callum:**

I loved the pigs because I got to hold one! They were so cute! We also got to see a goat, we called it Billy Goat's Gruff.

**Shibhani:**

Art lessons were so much fun. I enjoyed making a print of a butterfly using lots of different colours. We tore paper to make our froggy fingers strong and made a multicoloured fish. We made cheery blossom trees using popcorn! The smell of popcorn made us hungry!

**Ayda:**

Sport's Day was the best day ever. We got to do some many things. I loved the bouncy castles, yoga, football in the GAA, races and of course getting an ice-cream cone. We were so busy all day long! We had fun activities from morning until home time.

**Lily:**

This year we had a goodbye assembly for Miss Lohan on the big yard. We said goodbye to her in a special way with lots of songs, memories, and gifts. She is our principal but will be retiring in June. We will really miss her in September. She helped us to come into school each morning.

**Sean:**

My favourite part of Junior Infants was the friends I made in my class. I have so much fun with them everyday in class and on the yard. We got to go on walks together, we went to the GAA for football, we had Sport's Day together, we watched the Christmas in the Helix on the interactive whiteboard and had our farm visit too. I love my friends and all the fun we have together in Room 8.



**Tyler:**

I loved the races on Sport's Day. My favourite thing to do is run fast. I tried my best and had so much fun! I couldn't breathe afterwards.

**Rosie:**

I had so much fun when we learned all about the garden centre in Aistear. We became gardeners and got to plant seeds in school. We needed a pot, soil, seeds, and a watering can for the water. They are growing so fast on the windowsill.

**Mohammed:**

I really enjoyed athletics and having lots of races with everyone. I loved the funny races and seeing everyone laugh. My favourite race was when the beanbag was under my chin and the quoits were on my arms. The hula hoop race was great fun too.

**Karolina:**

I love writing and putting lots of words into sentences. I write on my whiteboard and in my copies. Sometimes I put words on flashcards into sentences too. Afterwards I draw a picture of my sentences. I like reading out my sentences to the class.

**Rebecca:**

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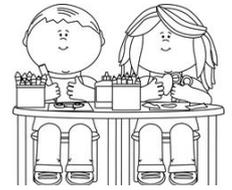
**Sam:**

I loved GAA skills with Coach Michael. We worked on kicking, striking, throwing, and played lots of fun games. The car game was great because we had a partner. One person was the driver, and the other was the engine. The engine had to follow the driver.

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# News from the Infants'



In Junior Infants we learned 'The Garden Song' by John Denver. It was our favourite song and we sung it everyday during our Aistear activities. During role-play we picked up our gardening tools and pretended that we were gardening. We used the trowel, spade, bucket, watering-can, hose, seeds and the rake while singing 'The Garden Song'.

## The Garden Song

By John Denver

Inch by inch, row by row  
Gonna make this garden grow  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe  
And a piece of fertile ground  
Inch by inch, row by row  
Someone bless these seeds I sow  
Someone warm them from below  
Till the rain comes tumbling down  
Pulling weeds and picking stones  
Man is made of dreams and bones  
Feel the need to grow my own  
Cause the time is close at hand  
Painful rain, sun and rain  
Find my way in nature's chain  
Tune my body and my brain  
To the music from the land  
Plant your rows straight and long  
Temper them with prayer and song  
Mother Earth will make you strong  
If you give her love and care  
Old crow watching hungrily  
From his perch in yonder tree  
In my garden I'm as free  
As that feathered thief up there



## Room 4 - Ms Downey's, 1<sup>st</sup> Class

My favourite day from Easter to summer was Sports Day. It was on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. We had amazing vanilla ice-cream. I had lime sauce. We got to do yoga and we tried to do handstands. We went to the G.A.A and coach Michael got to teach us.

By Gabriela Borta



Last week we learned about shadows. We had lots of fun tracing our shadows in the yard with chalk. We went out a few times in the day to see if our shadow changed.

By Leja Satkauskaite

I loved Sports Day. It was the sportiest day ever. It was fun and active. The inflatables were so much fun! It was amazing. We got ice-cream and my favourite sauce was lime and mint!

By Sofia Rosca



# Science

## Volcanoes

In school, we made volcanoes out of clay and then we erupted them using water, baking soda, food colouring, vinegar and washing up liquid. We used a plastic cup as our magma chamber and were so excited when the lava flowed down our clay volcano.

By Aadi, Josh, Cian, Malinsa and Wiktorina.  
Room 12



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By Lucy Dalton 5<sup>th</sup> class, Mr Breen

## School during Covid - 5th Class Ms. Hallissey

I don't like not being able to hug my friends...  
I don't like having only one section in the yard  
I wish that we could go on yard in the morning before school  
Sometimes if washing our hands takes too long, it wastes our break  
I don't like lining up at the dots, I preferred the shapes!  
I wanted my little brother to be on the same yard as me this year but he's not..  
I don't like sitting like this - in different pods  
I miss the class not getting split up any more if our teacher is absent!

I like having the yard to ourselves, we don't have to look out for little kids you might run over!

I like zoom assemblies.

I like not having to sing in the classroom

I like having our own ways to come in in the morning instead of a hustle of people

I like the way we don't have to bring home a lot of books.

Because I'm left handed, I like sitting at the end of a table and not bumping my elbow off someone!



# 5<sup>th</sup> Class Ms Hallissey



# Sport



## **The Rules of Volleyball**

There are seven people on a volleyball team - three wing spikers, two middle blockers, one libero and one setter. In volleyball, you're not allowed to hold the ball or touch it twice in a row. On the third hit, the ball has to get over the net. When you're in the front row, you can block. The only person who can't block is the libero. When the libero is in the front, they have to be subbed off. The rotation goes clockwise and the back right has to serve. If you touch the net, the other team gets a point. The setter sets the ball to middle blockers and spikers. The blockers block the spikers and they can do quick attacks. Wing spikers spike the ball. The libero can't attack, they can only defend. It is a great sport!

Constantin Tabacaru, 4<sup>th</sup> class

5<sup>th</sup> Class Ms Hallissey

## **Rachel Blackmore Interview**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 5<sup>th</sup> Class listened to an interview with Rachel Blackmore on Zoom. Rachel Blackmore won the Aintree Grand National, making her the first woman to win. Rachel grew up with her family on a farm in Tipperary. On a tour in Primary School, Rachel saw the horse Istabraq which got her thinking about her career later in life. Her influences were her parents, Ruby Walsh (who in her opinion, is the best jockey of all time) and Katie Walsh. Rachel wanted to become a vet in secondary school but didn't get enough points in the Leaving Certificate. She said that as a jockey you need to cope with failure quickly but that the most important things in life are being happy and healthy.

By Ciara Thornton

## **5<sup>th</sup> Class Ms. Hallissey**

### **The Eurovision**

On Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> our class did individual projects on the Eurovision. Each member of the class chose a number between 1 and 24 and we were assigned a country that was taking part in the 2021 Eurovision. We were then given ipads to research our country and A3 paper to present our project. We took a long time researching and writing about our countries. The final was on Saturday night. All the countries performed very well and it was a very close competition. Italy came first with a band called Måneskin. The lead singer was called Damiano David. Leah had Italy so she won a prize. Our class really enjoyed completing our projects. It was great fun.

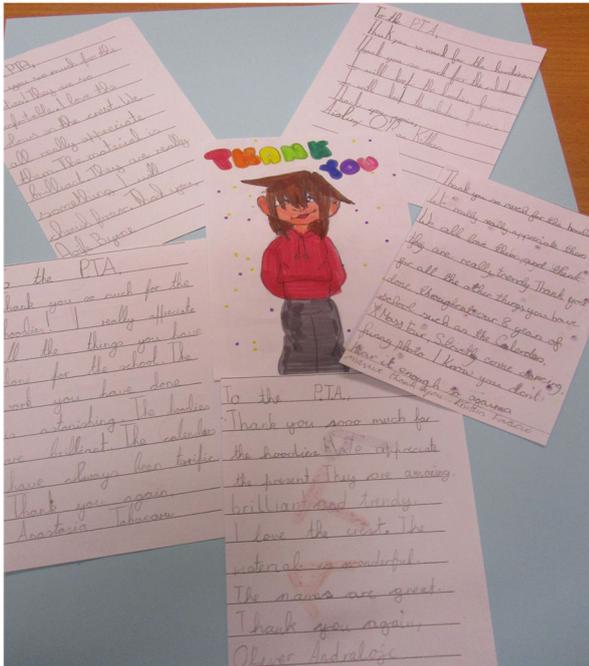
By Áine Nealon and Ellie Doyle

### **5<sup>th</sup> Class school tour**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> Class had an unusual school tour - for once, our tour came to us! Our tour was in St. Mary's G.A.A.. On Tuesday morning, once everyone had arrived, we set off to the GAA. We were asked to come onto the pitch and our class was split into 3 groups; navy bibs, non bibs and light blue bibs. The first activity was a carting activity. This took place on a track in the GAA car park. After the carting, we headed over to the section of the field where junior paintball was being held. The coaches there gave us helmets and face guards to make sure the paintballs didn't hit our eyes. We played two different games, trying to hit our opponents. Following this we played archery. After lunch, we played minigames such as races, puzzles and human foosball. The class had a great day!

By Bronwyn Grey, Liam Lynch and Durjaya Pudigadda

# Scoil Eoin Phóil



## End of Year Assembly - Farewell Ms. Lohan



### Gardening with Mr. O'Reilly

Every few weeks we have been helping Mr. O'Reilly with cleaning and gardening around the school. It is important for us to take pride in keeping our local environment tidy. We planted lupin seeds also!

By Ruby, Lucy, Lukas and Ryan. Room 12

