Cáisc Shona Daoibh

Scoil Eoin Phóil Times

Easter Edition 2019

*School re-opens on Monday, 29th April

An Easter Prayer

May Easter be happy

May your days be bright

May you enjoy the treats

And sweet delight

But remember the meaning,

Remember God's gift,

Remember the Resurrection

May your soul uplift.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

We enjoyed so many fun and exciting activities during Seachtain na Gaeilge. During PE lessons we learned some Irish dances. We joined 6th Class and Ms O'Shea's Junior Infants in the halla. We focused on the following dances 'Damhsa Mór', 'The Shoemarker's Dance,' 'Come To Me' and 'Skip to My Lou'. It was so much fun working with 6th Class and getting to know them. We danced with the same partners for each lesson and learned all the steps very quickly. Khloe was even lucky enough to dance with her big sister Amy. After we had practised all the dances we had a Céilí Mór on the yard. It was so much fun listening to the intercom play the music and watching the entire school dance at the same time.

This year we had an Irish dancing teacher called Mandy Shields to help us learn our dance steps. Mandy focused on three areas: body posture, foot position and timing. Mandy put us through our paces and we had to learn a whole dance in one lesson! We learned how to make a bridge with our partners and it was so tricky sticking to the beat of the reel. We loved Irish dancing with Mandy.

We had great fun singing songs and listening to Mr Fallon and his friends play different tunes in the school hall. Our favourite songs were 'Molly Malone' and Ireland's Call'. Mr Fallon asked us loads of quiz questions on Saint Patrick and Ireland. Jack in our class got the correct answer and won a jigsaw!

In class we learned many songs and poems and enjoyed learning about Saint Patrick's life. Our favourite poem was this one!

Lá Le Pádraig

Táimid ag foghlaim an dán seo do Lá Fhéile Pádraig.

Lá le Pádraig,
Lá le Pádraig,
Lá le Pádraig, hip huirea,
Bígí ag seinm, bígí ag mairseáil,
Lá le Pádraig hip hiuraé.

Naíonáin Íníon Ní Ghormáin

Ms O Shea – Junior Infants

Term 2 has been a busy one for Junior Infants! In January we had a busy month learning all about the Doctor's Surgery. We even had a visit from a real doctor and nurse! It was exciting to see real medical equipment and hear about life inside the hospital.

We also learned about The Chinese New Year. We are lucky to have children in our class celebrating this festival and they were excited to tell us all about their culture. We even had a visit from Faye's Mum who told us all about the Chinese New Year, the meaning behind it and she even read us a story called 'The Great Race' – it explained how each animal got a year of its own and it had beautiful illustrations.

March was another busy month where we tried hard to use Gaeilge as much as possible. We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge by learning all about Ireland, Leinster, Leixlip and Kildare. We did some Irish dancing with the older children from 6th class. We even had a visit from an Irish dancing teacher who taught us a new reel. We learned new songs, phrases and poems. It was a busy month and it finished with our Lá Glas – where we dressed up in the Irish colours and sang some traditional Irish songs. We just loved singing Molly Malone!

So far this month we have been learning about Easter and the season of Lent. We are preparing for Easter celebrations with some lovely art work! We are reading a new book each day as part of World Book Week and cannot wait for dress up day!

On top of all that we have now learned all of our numbers 1-5. We have just finished all of our letter sounds. We are writing sentenc es and have started our new book 'GG is Too Big!'

Junior Infants has been so busy for everyone and we are looking forward to seeing what's in store for Term 3!

Springtime in Senior Infants

We have been very busy in Senior Infants this month! We have been learning all about Spring and how the weather is changing. We love to see the new plants grow and we have planted seeds. This month we have written poems about spring time and painted pretty spring flowers. We have been very busy preparing for our March assembly too. In our assembly, we sang an Irish song we learned called 'Cad atá sa Ghairdín?' and we sang a song about Lent called 'I'm Sorry God'. We really enjoyed practising our singing and performing for the school! We are also learning about the post office and preparing for a visit from our postman. We have lots of questions to ask him! In Aistear we have been playing in our very own post office. Some of us have written about our favourite things in Aistear.

Senior Infants Room 2: Ms Healy

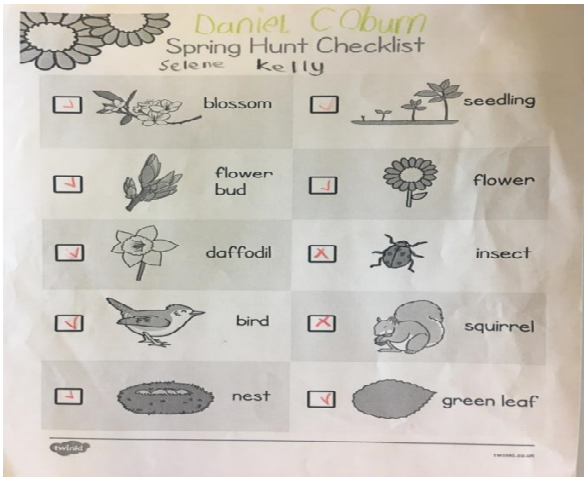
Our Doctor's Visit

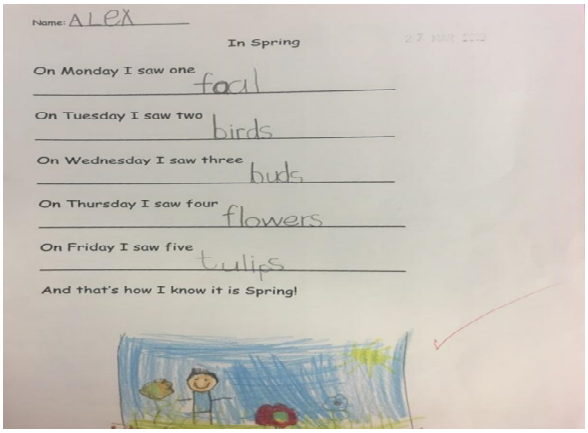
On Friday the 8th of March we had a special visit from the doctor. The doctor's name was Dr Borta and she was Gabriela's mammy. Ms O'Shea's Junior Infants came to Ms O' Gorman's classroom. We had learned all about the doctor's surgery in Aistear and we had lots of questions to ask. Dr Borta told us she became a doctor because she wanted to help sick people get better. She is a special doctor called a paediatrician. A paediatrician helps children when they are sick in the hospital. It takes a long time to become a doctor. This is because you have to learn about the different parts of the body and how they work. Dr Borta told us that everyone in the hospital has to wear specific coloured clothes. This is to help people identify the different jobs that people do in the hospital. She wears a white coat but in the operating theatre she wears blue clothes. Dr Borta showed us the equipment a doctor uses. We learned how to examine the heart and the lungs using a stethoscope. We also learned about an auto scope and a reflex hammer. It was very interesting learning about life as a doctor. We really enjoyed our guest speaker.

Junior Infants, Ms O' Gorman

Ms Brophy's Senior Infants Room 4

We have been learning all about spring in room 4. We created our very own spring flowers using forks and paint. They turned out great! We also wrote our very own spring poems. We even went on a spring walk around our school. We worked together with our partner using a checklist to tick what we found and an iPad to take pictures. We showed our pictures to the whole class. It was hard to get pictures of the birds because they kept flying away!





First Class

"Wonderful Strawberry World"
Once upon a time, there was a beautiful girl named Aoife. She saw a weird looking door. She opened the door and saw a very bright light. She walked in. She saw some sweets flying up into a cloud of candy floss! She looked around and saw a wonderful strawberry-yummy-looking castle!
A fairy flew over to her. Aoife got a fright, but the fairy was kind. The fairy's name was BB. She brought Aoife into Strawberry World. Suddenly a wand appeared in Aoife's hand and she was wearing a ball dress! She touched her head and felt a crown. Aoife was a beautiful fairy too!

By Ruby Conlon, 1st class, Ms Smyth

"Sam the Dog"
Sam, the dog was naughty sometimes. He always woofed in the night. Once he bit a poor old man who had glasses and a walking stick.
He sat on the sofa beside his owner Mary. They decided to go for a walk. Off they went. Poor Sam fell and got a cut. He had to go to the vet in a car. Sam had to get an injection. Sam and Mary lived happily ever after.

By Ella Riordan, 1st class, Ms Smyth

First Class – Room 7

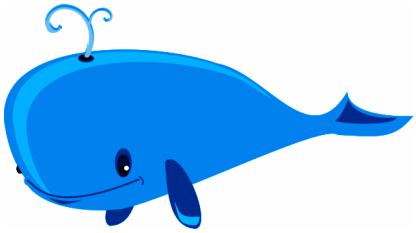
Nature Walk: On April 3rd the children in room 7 set off on a nature walk to find different plants, flowers, trees and insects. We worked in pairs using the iPads and clipboards to record our findings. We went to the Wildflower Garden.

Irish Legends: In class we were learning all about The Children of Lir. First Ms Cleary read us the story, then we watched a version of the story on YouTube. After that we got into groups of seven and acted out the story. In our SESE copies we retold the story in our own words. Conor is now going to retell the story in his own words:
A long time ago in Ireland there was a girl called Fionnula, and three boys called Fiachra, Conn and Aodh. Their father was King Lir and their mother was the Queen. One day their mother died and they were very sad. King Lir decided to get married again. He married Aoife. Aoife was jealous of the four children. She thought Lir loved the children more. So she made a plan. She brought the four children to the lake and they swam around for a few minutes. She took out her magic wand and she turned them into swans. She told them that they will spend 900 years in a lake. When King Lir heard what happened he turned Aoife into a very ugly moth and banished her from the castle. Every day King Lir went to the lake and sang songs to the swans until he died. The swans were very sad and lonely. One day they met a monk and then they heard a church bell. The swans turned back to children and the monk was shocked. The End. By Conor Tighe.

Maths: This term in maths we have been learning about length. We were learning lots of new maths vocabulary such as length, longer, shorter, wide, narrow, distance, centimetre and metre. Using the metre stick and the trundle wheel, we measured the length of the school yard. We were learning how to draw a straight measured line using a ruler.

In Miss O Keeffe's 2nd class we have been busy learning about report writing. We read about the blue whale in our Away with Words and then wrote reports on it afterwards. Have a read of our reports:

The blue whale is the largest mammal in the world. It is eight elephants long. In summer, blue whales go to colder waters. In winter, blue whales go to warmer water. In summer they give birth to their babies. Some people think that blue whales will become extinct. Their call can be heard from five hundred miles away. Whales cannot stay under water for a long time or else they will drown. Blue whales like eating krill. Blue whales have blubber under their skin and it is used to make oil. Long ago people used blubber to make clothing. You can tell the blue whale's age by looking at its earwax



By Alexander Vancea, Room 8

The blue whale is the biggest mammal in the world. Blue whales have a thick layer of fat that lies just under the skin. It is called blubber. Blue whales also don't have any eyelashes. They move to warmer parts of the ocean in winter. Blue whales move to cooler parts of the ocean in summer. Blue whales have been hunted for their meat and blubber. Blubber can be made into oil.

By Dylan O Connor, Room 8

Some people think that the megalodon is bigger than the blue whale but they are wrong. Blue whales eat plankton. The Blue whale's natural predator is the great white shark. Blue whales are different to land mammals because they don't have legs. They have flippers. Flippers help blue whales swim through the water. They have a tail too. The tail helps the blue whale to move up and down. Baby blue whales drink milk. Blubber is a thick layer of fat under the skin. Blue whales have bad eyesight. They don't have any eyelashes and they also don't have tear ducts.

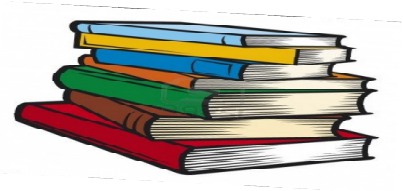
By Fionn Egan, Room 8

Second Class receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We had two practices in the Church on Thursday and Tuesday. We practised our songs a lot before we went. We sang four songs and they were called I'm Sorry God, Parable of Love, Circle of Friends and The Way to Be. The Gospel was all about the tax collector called Zacchaeus. We had to be in the Church by 5.45. Miss O Keeffe came around and had a chat with us before to make sure that we weren't too nervous. Róisín, Darragh and Megan were reading about times when we were sorry. There were a lot of priests there. Fr. Karl, Fr. McNamara, Fr. Laddius and Fr. George were some of their names. Our parents brought us up to the priest and then we told our sins

By Annabel Lucas and Daniel McLaughlin,

2nd Class



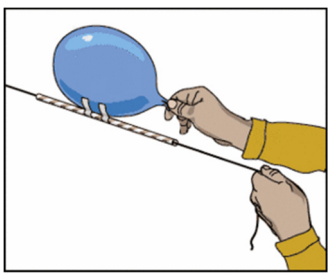
In third class we had a book competition called `Twist the Tale.` Everyone brought in their favourite book and we could either change the ending or write the story from a sub-character's point of view. My favourite book is a Slime Squad book and I told the story from a different character's point of view. It was tricky to think about but because I wrote a draft and then edited it, I think I did a good job in the end! Good luck to everyone who entered the competition.

By Joe Cribben, Ms O'Connor Room 13

Engineers Week

At the start of March we had a visitor called Barry, who was an engineer from Intel. He talked to us about engineers and what they do as an engineer. Then he told us we were going to do a balloon rocket launch! When we started off, we had to blow up a balloon with a pump. Then we picked two people to hold a big long string and one person at either end held it. Then we tied the balloon with Sellotape onto the string and opened the balloon to let the air flow out. The challenge was to figure out how to get the balloon to the end of the string and 3 teams managed to get it to the end!

by Mia Norris and Sophie O'Connor



School

Twenty past nine school will start,
My mammy always says,
'Go to school it will keep you smart,'
I walk to school every morning,
Even though I think it's boring,
My favourite part is playing with my friends,
I hope the fun never ends,
When I go home at the end of it all,
Into my bed I will fall.

By: Seán Farrell, 3rd class, Ms O'Connor

Vikings

We have been learning about the Vikings recently. The Vikings came from Norway, Sweden and Denmark and travelled to the coasts of Ireland and Great Britain. The Vikings were not nice, they attacked the people and stole their gold and food. They used a boat called a long ship to travel, which we learned how to sketch. The boat can fit 60 people in it and can be 30metres long. We learned that Leixlip is a Viking town because the Vikings came up the Liffey to our town on their ships. We also learned songs about some of the Viking Gods, called Loki the Joker and Odin the Mighty Creator. The Vikings are interesting to learn about because they go on lots of adventures and they fight lots of people.

by Noureen Issa and Johanna Fotso

A Geography riddle

What has buildings with no windows, roads with no cars and paths with no people? (A map!)

A Maths Riddle by Abigail Montcheu

Ryan was painting his house, it was 3 meters tall. He was on a 3 meter ladder and he fell off but wasn't hurt! How did he survive? (He was on the bottom step of the ladder!)

by Hailey Dunne

Confirmation

This year in sixth class we prepared for our Confirmation. On the first day of sixth class we said a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to guide us through the school year. We prepared by doing religion homework such as ALIVE-O and taking part in You Shall Be My Witnesses Programme.

On the first of October 2018 we had our Commitment Mass. We understood that in Confirmation we would commit ourselves to Jesus Christ and the church in a new way to take full part in the Confirmation program. We also promised with the help of our parents to do various things such as our prayer cards. The pre-Confirmation Mass was on the 20th of January, we wrote about ourselves onto a yellow card, we then put our cards into a basket. At the end of mass Aoife and three other people gave the cards out to our prayer friend who would pray for us during our Confirmation journey.

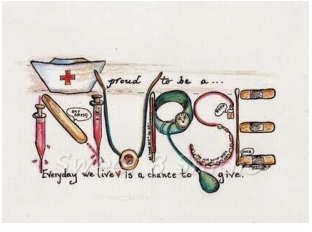
On the 6th of February we had our class Mass with Father MacNamara and he talked to us about our pledges. He advised us not to take any dangerous drugs and not to drink until we are 18 or for life.

On the beautiful sunny morning of 27th of February, sixth class made their Confirmation, Bishop Field, Father MacNamara and Father Karl were also present in the church. My dad and Mrs. Black brought up gifts. When the Mass ended I got a picture with the bishop.
By: **Gabrielle Ugbome**

Nurse Michelle Fahy

During the month of January the boys and girls in Junior Infants were learning all about the Doctor's Surgery in Aistear. We looked at the doctor, the nurse and the pharmacist in detail. We learned about the important jobs that they do in their everyday lives. We especially loved learning about the nurse because so many of us know nurses in real life. Oisín's mammy Michelle is a nurse and she came to visit us in February. We were so excited because we wanted to tell her everything we had learned about nursing. When Nurse Michelle arrived she was wearing a special blue uniform. We learned that all nurses have to wear special clothes so sick people recognise them quickly in the hospital. Nurse Michelle works in a hospital and it is a very busy place. She meets people when they come out of the ambulance. She carries important equipment on her. She carries a torch to check people's eyes, a pen to write down important information and a scissors to cut clothes when it is hard to get them off. Nurse Michelle told us how to keep our bodies healthy and how to stop germs from spreading. We saw Nurse Michelle's blood pressure machine and she showed us how it works. We learned all about x-rays and loved it when Nurse Michelle told us how the machine works. Nurse Michelle answered all our questions about being in hospital and told us that hospitals are kind and friendly places. We even read a book called 'Hopper Goes To Beaumont Hospital'. In children's hospitals there are playrooms and rooms for parents to sleep in when their children are sick. Nurse Michelle also showed us how to give an injection. She used an orange instead of a child! We loved our special visit from Nurse Michelle.

Junior Infants: Ms O' Gorman Room 12



Seachtain na Gaeilge week

During Seachtain na Gaeilge, the children of Ms O Toole's class have been learning lots of things in Irish. We have learned the time in Irish. We played games in Irish. We even did Irish art using the phrases " Níl aon tintéan mar do thintéan féin" meaning there's no place like home, "Is glas iad na cnoc I bhfad uainn" meaning "the far away hills are green" and " Nil in aon rud ach seal" meaning nothing lasts forever.
We are lucky enough to have a teacher who is able to do sean nós dancing. Sean Nós dancing is kind of mixture of Irish dancing and tap dancing. The two 3rd Classes and 4th class took part in this dancing. We enjoyed it!

Lauren Coburn, 3rd class Ms O Toole

Monty and the Big Yeti

One day on a snowy mountain, there was a huskie called Monty. He was very brave and kind. He lived with his two brothers Zack and Tom and his owner Jack. One day Monty was on a walk. He met a yeti. The yeti started chasing Monty. Monty crashed into a rock and hurt himself. He was very scared because he thought that the yeti would eat him. His owner was studying the view and spotted that Monty was in trouble. He called Monty's brothers and they rushed to Monty. His owner picked him up while his brothers bit the yeti. The yeti screamed and ran off. They all went home and had a feast of chicken for their dinner. Monty learned to be more careful in the mountains on his own.

By Darragh Killeen, 2nd Class, Miss O Keeffe

Stay Safe in 3rd Class

In third class we have been doing Stay Safe. We started off by doing a topic which was about Feelings. We watched two videos. One was called Luca's Story. The other one was called Do You Want to Be on My Team? In Luca's Story, Luca went to his auntie's house and he got really scared of the wind. In "Do You Want to Be on My Team?" there were three boys called Kevin, Jason and Michael. Michael asked if Kevin wanted to be on his team for football. Then he left Jason out of the game.
Then we moved onto bullying. We learned that if you are getting bullied it has to be deliberate, repeated and hurtful. Then we learned about cyberbullying. We watched Becky's Story and Stop, Block and Tell. In Becky's Story, two girls cyberbullied Becky. In Stop, Block and Tell children were singing a song.
We did a drama on bullying. Ms O'Toole gave every group a piece of paper that had a sentence on it. Then we had to create a bullying scene with the sentence at the start. When we were all finished doing our drama, Ms O'Toole asked us if we liked being the bully or the person being bullied. None of us liked it at all.

By Áine Nealon
3rd class, Ms O'Toole

CPSMA Art Competition

In March, some of the classes in SEP entered an art competition run by CPSMA (Catholic Primary School Management Association). The theme of the competition was: Celebrating Local Catholic Schools. I was delighted to get a chance to enter as I love art so much! I used colouring pencils and oil pastels to complete my picture. Using an idea from our school shamrock art, I designed a picture which had four heart shaped balloons and the logo *'we care and share and say a prayer, together in the same love'*. Each heart featured something different: one had three friends in different school uniforms, one was made up of a landscape scene with animals and trees in Leixlip by day and night, the third heart had church and school buildings and the last heart had rosary beads which symbolized how we pray together.

I was over the moon with happiness when Ms Lohan announced I had won first place in the 3rd-6th Class category! It was such amazing news! All the winners were invited to a special prize-giving ceremony in the Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone last Friday 29th March. It was such an exciting day. The Minister for Education, a lovely man called Joe Mc Hugh was there to present the prizes. There were lots of other people there for a conference so we had a huge audience when he was presenting our prizes. For my prize, I was given a camera for the school, a €100 voucher for myself and a lovely framed certificate. Marion from CPSMA also gave each of us cool art goody bags. The best part of the day was when I got to see my art blown up to four times its original size! I also loved getting to chat to Mr Mc Hugh, smiling for lots of photographs and cartwheeling out in the garden of the hotel! We all got to go for lunch afterwards and I can highly recommend the delicious strawberry cheesecake in Athlone 😊 I had such a special and fun day.

By Ellie Doyle, Room 14
Miss O'Toole 3rd Class

My Art work and Winners!

Road Safety talk by Sam Hendrick and the children in 4th Class

On the 26th of March, Declan and Garda Murphy came in to talk to us about road safety. They were telling us about how to cross the road safely, to always wear a seatbelt, how to travel safely in a car, what would happen if one person in the car wasn't wearing their seatbelt and how many deaths there were on Irish roads last year. If you do not have your seatbelt on, you could bounce around the car, possibly hitting off the windscreen and other passengers. This is why it is so important to wear your seatbelt at all times. They also spoke to us about wearing our helmets while riding our bikes and that if we are playing football and the ball goes out on to the road that we must always check both ways to make sure that there isn't a car coming before we get the ball back. They asked us for volunteers to show how to wear a seatbelt. Lucy, David, Anastasia and Anna were the volunteers. This was a very informative visit. We had a lot of fun.

My Lenten Promise by Lucy Harrington 4th Class

Sweet as it may be

It is not good for me

Although I love the thought

The urge that I have fought

I really want a hella

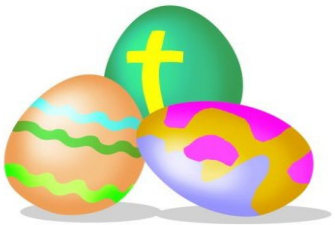
A big lump of Nutella

A lot of time spent

Working on my promise of Lent

Meditation and Mindfulness with Mrs. Gaffney and Mrs. Black by Dennis Gilligan: 4th Class

On Friday, the 29th of March we took part in the first meditation session with Mrs. Gaffney. We brought along yoga mats or blankets and there was a candle and some incense burning to create a calm atmosphere. We learned a number of yoga positions. One of them was legs crossed, eyes closed and breathing in and out for as many breaths as you like. Another position was to loosen your legs in the crossed position and flap your legs up and down like a butterfly while breathing in and out. The last position we learned was to lie down with your hands on your stomach, breathing in and out as many times as you like. The last thing we did was to eat oranges with our eyes closed! We really enjoy this meditation time.



Hurling match by Jack Conlon 4th Class

On Thursday, 28th of March the 3rd, 4th and 5th classes went to Scoil San Carlo in Confey to play a hurling match. Ms. Smyth gathered some of us for training during lunch time so that we could work on our hurling skills. The match was great fun but in the end we lost by a point. We all played really well and everyone on the team got to play. We scored 2 goals and 2 points in the first half. By the end of the match we had scored 6 goals and 2 points. Ms Smyth taught us some cool new tricks and some new moves. It was a great match!

Easter Jokes

Q. What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?
A. Hot cross bunnies

Q. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
A. Bugs Bunny

Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?
A. It might crack up.

Q. Why did the Easter egg hide?
A. He was a little chicken.

Q. What is the Easter Bunny's favourite dance?
A. The bunny hop.

Q. What do you call a dumb bunny?
A. A hare brain

Q. Where do bunnies go to dance?
A. The basket ball.

Hannah Carter

Road Safety Visit

On Tuesday 26th March, 5th Class was visited by Garda Murphy and Community Officer Declan. They came to Room 1 to talk about Road Safety and they discussed the following:

- **Being a safe cyclist**

They told us to always wear a helmet, to be careful of cars on the road and to be aware of pedestrians on the paths. They reminded us that traffic lights are for everyone on the road, not just cars so always stop at red lights.

- **Being a safe pedestrian**

Always looks left and right when crossing the road and never cross in front of or behind a car. Never cross by the bend in a road. Make sure the cars in all lanes have stopped before stepping onto the road. If you are crossing with a lollypop lady, make sure she is in the middle of the road before you cross.

- **Being a safe passenger**

Firstly, make sure you and your fellow passengers have seat belts on. They stressed the importance of this because if one person doesn't have their seat belt on, they could seriously injure the other passengers in the car. Never distract the driver.

By Áine O'Reilly, 5th Class, Ms.Hallissey

The Eason's Spelling Bee

The Eason's Spelling Bee 2019 Kildare County Final was held in St. Brigid's Primary School. I was sent to represent our school because I won our school spelling bee.

When we reached St. Brigid's School, we had to wait in the reception for a couple of minutes while the secretary took our names. She escorted us to the hall and gave us an 'Eason's Spelling Bee' tshirt and a sticker with my name on it. We arrived early so I had a lot of time to revise some spellings. I was a little nervous because I had to stand up and spell in front of a lot of people but I was reassured when a kind lady (the adjudicator) told us the rules. We started with a practice round to get us used to speaking into the microphone. Then we proceeded and the words began getting more difficult. I was knocked out in round 3 when I misspelled 'partition'.

At the end of the Spelling Bee, after they had declared the winner, they gave everyone who participated an Eason's dictionary, a special pen and a book token. I may not have won but I'm glad that I have had this experience and who knows? I may be there again next year!

Rosie O'Connor, 5th Class, Ms.Hallissey

5th Class Science Fair

On Friday 1st March, 5th Class held a Science Fair in our school hall. Our class had a choice to make a powerpoint on our topic or todo an experiment. My partner was Patrick. We chose to work together because we have similar interests so we knew that we could choose a topic easily. The title of our project was 'Why is air not sucked off the Earth?' (The name is long, we know!). We chose this topic because we love space – there is so much to learn! We did some of our work at home and in Leixlip Library. We decided to complete an experiment as well as a powerpoint. Our experiment required a small cup, a big card and some water. It involved putting a small amount of water in a cup and covering with card. If you turn the card slowly the card will stick to the cup. This experiment works as all the air molecules in and around the cup push and pull to keep the card up.

When the day finally came to present our work, we were nervous. Initially we thought everything was fine and then bam at 1.28 our computer broke and the Science Fair began at 1.30!! ! Luckily we got a new computer at 1.38. We also had a secret weapon – Celebrations! From there on out it was smooth sailing. We used the Celebrations as a reward for people who could answer our quiz correctly. At 2.30 it was over and we packed up. The trickiest part was the panic when our computer stopped working and the easiest part was enjoying the Celebrations at the end!

Alfie Healy, 5th Class, Ms. Hallissey

Happy Easter

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Dráma: Bia
Aintín Orla: Dia dhuit.
Rossa: Dia's Mhuire dhuit
Aintín Orla: Tá fáilte romhat! Isteach leat.
Rossa: Tá ocras an domhain orm.
Aintín Orla: Suigh síos. Déanfaidh mé béile brea blásta duit!
Rossa: Go h-iontach! Wooooooooooooooo!
Aintín Orla: Céard ba mhaith leat?
Rossa: Ba mhaith liom pancóga agus sútha talún!
Aintín Orla: Ceart go leor. Seó dhuit
Rossa: Tá sé seo go hálainn. Go raibh mile maith agat!

Ava Coburn
5th class Mr Mulcahy

Stay Safe 5th class Friendship Poem

My Friend

Thanks for making me so happy
When I was so sad,
For all of the yesterdays and tomorrows that we shared
One thing is crystal clear,
You will always be my friend, no one is as sincere.
You give me serenity each time you hold my hand
And the things in life that get me down
You always understand
When I am down you pick me up,
You make me smile again
There is no one in the world like you.
You are my friend.

By Varvara Mordukhova
5th class Mr Mulcahy

Leixlip Tidy Towns

On the 7th of March of 2019, a lady named Berni came to talk about Leixlip Tidy Towns to the two 5th classes. Berni talked about what Leixlip Tidy Towns do, when they go out, where they meet up and what type of litter they commonly pick up. We found out that the most common piece of litter that Berny came across was dog poop! Each week, they pick up dozens and dozens of dog poop and they are fed up!
The Leixlip Tidy Town's group meets up in the carpark in the church. The Leixlip Tidy Town's group have several groups and Berni's group normally goes out on Monday nights.
Berny also asked the 5th classes to create a poster on either the theme of general littering or dog poop. Whoever wins will have their poster displayed around Leixlip.
The Tidy Towns' judges will visit Leixlip in June. Last year, Leixlip received a gold medal award for the town's cleanliness. Let's keep Leixlip clean and win another gold medal. Pick up any litter you see!
By Shareen Issa, 5th class Mr Mulcahy

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Ag Dul ar Scoil

Múinteoir: Fáilte ar ais ar scoil! Cad a bhí cearr leat?
Rossa: Ó bhí pian i mo shrón, mo cheann agus mo chluasa.
Múinteoir: Ceart go leor. An bhfuil biseach ort?
Rossa: Ó tá, go raibh maith agat. Táim ar fheabhas!
Múinteoir: An bhfuil nóta agat?
Rossa: Cinnte. Seo dhuit!
Múinteoir: Suigh sios agus tosaigh ag obair! A pháistí, beidh scrúdú againn!
Rossa: Aitsiú! Aitsiú! Tá pian i mo scornach. Tá slaghdán orm. Tá fliú orm. Táim ag fail bháis!!!!!!! Caithfidh mé dul abhaile!!!!
Múinteoir: Hmmmm. Ceart go leor. Cuirfidh mé fios ar do Mhamaí.

Stop an múinteoir ag teach Rossa. Bhí sé ag gáire agus ag damhsa!
Múinteoir: Rossa!!!!!!!!! Seo duit an scrúdú!!!! Ha Ha Ha Ha!!!!!
Rossa: Go raibh maith agat! Waa!!!

By Lidia Monaghan, 5th class Mr Mulcahy

Soccer League

On the 12th of March, 2019 Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. Mathews organised the teams for the All Ireland Schools' soccer league. The teams were chosen from 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils. The first round was on the 18th of March. Our team was the first team to play. We all had 6 matches to play in the qualifying round. The B team, the team that I was on, sadly lost all our matches and did not get through to the next round, but the A team did the opposite, they won all their matches and got through to the next round. On the 27th of March, the semi-finals were on. Cian hurt his leg so Darragh filled in for him. Cian still went to watch the matches. Unfortunately they lost all of their matches. At 2:45 they came home and told the rest of the class that they did not get through to the finals in the Aviva Stadium but it was a great experience for everyone involved. Many thanks to Mr Matthews and Mr Mulcahy for organising it.

Oisin Blount 6th class

The Easter Story

Jesus had many enemies who wanted to be rid of him. Jesus knew that he had only a short time left. The Thursday before he died, Jesus invited the disciples to have supper with him. It was their last meal together.
"Remember me," Jesus told them, "when you eat the bread and drink the wine. I am going to live with my Father in heaven, but I will be with you wherever you go."
On Friday, soldiers arrested Jesus and nailed him to a cross. Jesus said to God: "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do." When Jesus died, his friends placed his body in a cave and covered the cave entrance with a rock.
On Sunday, a friend of Jesus named Mary Magdalene went to the cave. The rock had been rolled away! The cave was empty! An angel appeared and said: "Peace be with you. Jesus is risen from the dead!"
Jesus came back to visit his friends. He told them to teach about God's love. "Tell the people," said Jesus, "to believe in me even if they can't see me." And then Jesus went up to heaven to live with his Father.

WW2 Facts

- World War II was the most destructive conflict in history. It cost more money, damaged more property, killed more people, and caused more far-reaching changes than any other war in history.

- Hitler designed the Nazi flag. Red stood for the social idea of Nazism, white for nationalism, and the black swastika for the struggle he had in WW1.

- As many as 12,000 Jews were killed everyday in concentration camps

- The First Atomic Bomb ever made was created during WW2 by the Americans and was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The bomb, in a matter of seconds, wiped out 90% of the city and killed 80,000 people. Three days later, another Atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki killing another 40,000.

I really enjoyed learning about WW2 because of how interesting it was such as all of the cancelled projects and ideas and all of the stories from the soldiers.

Mark Maguire
6th class

Soccer

All you need for soccer is a ball,
You can even use a wall.
Soccer is lots of fun,
In the rain or in the sun.

Practice is everything,
Play it with anyone or anything.
Anywhere or anytime,
You will lose track of the time.

I love soccer
It's my favourite sport,
You don't even need a court

By Alison O'Connor

Our visit to Castletown House

On the 29th of March 2019, Mrs Gaffney kindly organised a class trip to Castletown House in Celbridge. When we first arrived we were greeted by a kind man dressed in a red hunting coat, white riding jodhpurs, long black boots and a black top hat. His name was Tom Conolly - he was in character at the time. He showed us the stable wing first where we got to dress up as they did 250 years ago. After that our tour started, we walked into the main hall with an impressive entrance, He told us the story of himself, his wife Lady Louisa and the facts about the house. He showed us the floating staircase and told us why the staircase was so wide. This was because back 100-250 years ago, the ladies would have worn very wide dresses so they made it wide enough so they could glide up and down the stairs as they pleased throughout the night. We then entered the dining room where the Devil appeared, we saw where the devil smashed the mirror and the cracks on the fireplace from the devil as well. He showed us Lady Louisa's drawing room. Lady Louisa's grandmother was French so a lot of valuable antiques were from France. Lady Louisa loved lots of windows in her house, she also loved playing cards, painting, interior design and matching. Lady Louisa and Tom had no children. He showed us his own apartment. The bedrooms are so different to our bedrooms. Tom and Lady Louisa had separate apartments because Lady Louisa snored! Mr. Tom Conolly had lots of hobbies like hunting with the horses, fishing with his friends and writing letters
After our tour with Mr. Tom Conolly we ate our lunch. We were then greeted by another kind lady named Pauline and we did a maths trail with her. We were split into 7 groups of 4 and given a clipboard, a pencil, measuring tape and a map of the grounds. We were given around ten questions. I would really recommend the tour as it was so interesting !

by Alisha Brilly
6th class
Mrs. Gaffney and Mrs. Black

Seachtain Na Gaeilge í Rang 6

Is í Seachtain na Gaeilge an fhéile Ghaeilge agus chultúrtha is mó a bhíonn in Éirinn gach bliain.
Tá sé mar aidhm ag Seachtain na Gaeilge, Gaeilge a spreagadh sa bhaile agus i gcéin i rith féile coicíse gach Márta.
Is é mana na féile ná **"Bain Triail Aisti - Surprise Yourself!"** chun a léiriú gur féidir le gach duine, cibé aois atá sé nó sí nó cibé tír ina bhfuil cónaí uirthi nó air, a bheith lárnach in athbheochan na Gaeilge!

1) Bíonn Seachtain na Gaeilge á cheilliúradh againn sa scoil chuile bhliain.
2) Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar fheabhais an bhlian seo!
3) Bhí spraoí agus sport ag gach éinne I Scoil Eoin Phoil.
4) I measc na n-imeachtaí a bhí againn go dtí seo agus na rud a bhí ar siúl i Rang 6 na:

- Tráth na gCeist
- Comórtas Postaer faoi Seanfhocail Gaeilge
- Comórtas Ghaeilgeoir an lae,
- Céilí
- leachtaí scríbhneora,
- Paidreacha agus danta i nGaeilge
- Seisiúin cheoil sa halla le Donal Fallon agus a chairde – sheinn said an veidhlin agus bhí gach duine ag canadh – chan gach duine Amhran na BhFiann – bhí na muinteoirí ag canadh freisin!
- Ceardlanna drámaíochta
- Nuacht an lae ar an intercom
- Ceol agus dramaiocht as Gaeilge

Bhi ceilí mor ar an gclos agus bhí an scoil go leir ag damhsa. Tar eis tamaill bhí tuirse ar gach duine! Táimid ag súil go mór go leanfar leis an tradisiúin seo sna bliante atá romhainn sa Meanscoil!

ROAD SAFETY

On the 26th of March we had a visit from the Road Safety Authority and Garda Murphy. They both came to Scoil Eoin Phoil to meet with the 5th and 6th classes. They explained and told us some stories about dangers on the roads. We learned that at a green light you must not cross right away. First you need to look left and right to look for any coming vehicles, if there are none then you can cross the road.
We also learned about the pedestrian crossing (zebra crossing). To cross this road you must put your foot at the edge of the crossing line which sometimes is the footpath and wait for the car to see you, then look left and right to be sure there are no cars on both sides of the road then if the roads are clear you may cross the road.
There is also another type of road crossing and that is the lollipop lady crossing. To cross this road, you must wait for the lollipop lady to stand in the middle of the road and wait for her to tell you to cross the road. You must not cross the road without her for that is dangerous and puts lives at risk.
And finally, the first thing to do when you enter the car, or any other vehicle is to put on your seat belt because if you don't you will be putting other lives at risk so always wear your seat belt in the car or any other vehicle. Always put your seat belt on the correct way because it is dangerous if it is on the wrong way. **DON'T FORGET TO STAY SAFE.**

BY VICTORIA ADENIRAN
6TH CLASS
MRS BLACK AND MRS GAFFENEY

Random Acts of Kindness

As a part of the Confirmation programme, we learned about random acts of kindness. A random act of kindness is when someone does something kind or helpful for someone else without being told to or expecting something in return.

During the You Shall By My Witnesses programme we were taught all about random acts of kindness and we tried our best to do a random act of kindness at home, in school and in our community as often as we could. We were asked to do at least one act of kindness in school, at home and in the community. In school, I always smile at people and say hello to them. One time one of my classmates and I went to the art press to get supplies for our teacher. We saw two younger pupils struggling to find something, so we stayed behind and asked them what they were looking for. After a while we managed to find everything they needed. They were very grateful and we were glad we could help. At home I try to do as many chores as possible as my parents work late and they are very tired and stressed when they come home. I try my best to get along with my sister and not fight with her. In the community, I try to help anyone I see who may need my help. Sometimes when I am playing basketball or football with my friends, there are always young children watching us play. We always let them play with us and it makes them and their parents very happy. A random act of kindness is a very easy and small thing to do but it makes a big impact and could make someone's day much better.

By: Meryleen Gevorgyan, 6th class rm16

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Dráma: Ag Siopadóireacht

Seán: Dia dhuit!
Siopadóir: Dia's Muire dhuit. Cad atá ag teastáil uait?
Seán: Tá gluaisrotha ag teastáil uaim mas é do thoil é.
Siopadóir Seo dhuit.
Seán: Cén praghas atá air?
Síopadóir:Céad euro.
Seán: Seo dhuit. Aon rud eile?
Siopadóir: Sin an méid. Go raibh maith agat.
Seán: Tá fáilte romhat.Slán.
Seán Hyland, 5th class Mr Mulcahy

5th Class Science Fair

On the 1st of March the two 5th classes held a Science Fair in the hall from 1:30pm to 3pm. For the Science Fair we had to choose a topic and an experiment, carry out the experiment, type or write a booklet, create a poster and prepare a presentation for the fair. Shareen completed an experiment about cleaning coins with vinegar and salt. I completed an experiment about a growing "black snake". JT did an experiment about a bouncy egg in vinegar. Ellie completed a taste test with the whole class to see if they could identify different flavours using only their sense of taste. The fair was a great success. Lots of classes and adults attended the fair. We got a chance to explain and show our projects off for the whole 2 hours without once having a break from speaking. By 3 o'clock our voices were sore from speaking so much but we had a very enjoyable day overall!

By Paul Golodnik, 5th class Mr Mulcahy

Happy Easter

FRANCE

In 6th class in Geography, we were assigned a project on France,it was a very interesting project. Here are some of the things I learned.

France is a popular and well-known country of Europe. It is one of the biggest countries in Europe. It is located in western Europe beside Germany,Austria and Italy. The capital is Paris and is known for its fashion houses and classical art museums including the Louvre . Claude Monet and Picassso are famous artists from France aswell. France is known for its wines,vineyards and cheeses too. France produces nearly a billion tons of cheese every year in around 1,200 different varieties . The French are a sporty country and are considered to have one of the best soccer teams and they nearly always qualify for the World Cup.

Here are some more interesting facts about France:

- Louis XIX was the king of France for just 20 minutes, the shortest ever reign in history
- The French motto is 'liberty, equality and fraternity
- In France you can marry a dead person!!
- The French have produced a number of world-renowned inventions such as the stethoscope, Etch a Sketch, the pencil sharpener, the hot air balloon and mayonnaise.
- About one million French people living on the border beside Italy speak Italian
- A French woman is the world's oldest at 122 years old!
- The highest mountains in Europe are in France called the Alps mountain range
- Some French cuisine includes snails, baguettes, croissants, crepes, crème brulee, French onion soup, wines and cheeses

BY EVELYN WALSH
6TH CLASS

Facts about house cats, lions, leopards and tigers –

I have decided to do my facts on cats because they are my favourite animal and I have four of my own. I also find their lifestyle fascinating.

House cat facts:

1. Cats have very powerful night vision which allows them to see at light levels six times lower than what a human needs in order to see. They also have a great sense of smell and excellent hearing.
2. A dog and monkey have already been to space but in 1963 on October 18th, a cat named Felicette or "Astrocat", was sent to space. Felicette was the first and only cat to be sent.
3. The oldest cat in the world was thirty eight years old when he passed away. His name was Crème Puff and he was born on the 3rd of August, 1967 and lived until the 6th of August, 2005. His owner was Jake Perry who had previously owned "Grandpa Rex Allen", a cat who lived until he was 34 years old.

Leopard facts:

1. Leopards are very fast and can run at speeds up to 58km/h. They can also leap up to six metres forward.
2. Leopards spend lots of their time in trees. Their spotted coats camouflage them and help them them blend in with the tree.
3. The name "leopard" comes from the Greek word "leopardus" which is a combination of leon (lion) and pardus (panther).

Lion facts:

1. The name for a baby lion is either a "cub", "whelp" or "lionet". A female lion is called a "lioness" whereas a male lion is simply just called: a lion.
2. Lion cubs are born with blue eyes that change to amber or brown when they are two or three months old.
3. A lion's roar can be heard from up to eight kilometres away.

Tiger facts:

1. Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world. Adult tigers can weigh up to 363kg – that's about the same weight as eight ten year old children. They can measure up to 3.3 metres.
2. Unlike most members of the cat family, tigers love water and often they will cool off in pools or streams. They are very good swimmers.
3. Every tiger in the world is unique and no two tigers have the same patterns of stripes.

By Ella Burke, 6th class.

Cup Final

On the 3rd of March 2019, my basketball team, Liffey Celtics was in the U13 Dublin cup final. My team was playing against Malahide. We had beaten Malahide by a lot before but my teammates and I were still nervous and training extremely hard. When the day came we were anxious but prepared. Our team and coaches met at Oblates gym at 9:30 am. There were tonnes of Liffey Celtics fans and people from Leixlip cheering us on at our match, including Mr Sweeney (Principal of Colaiste Chiarain) as he is related to a fellow teammate. The girls on my team wore matching pink warm up tops to support breast cancer and our hairstyles were also matching in two plaits. I started in the first quarter. From the very beginning it was rough as this team was determined to win as they had got this far and wanted to make it the whole way. The supporters were very loud and encouraging. At the end of the first two quarters we were well up as we were a much stronger team. In the third quarter, the other team put up a real fight winning that quarter but still trailing behind by quite a bit. At the last quarter, the crowd was so loud, it was an electric atmosphere. When the final buzzer went, we all went screaming to the subs, the managers, the vice captain, and our coach Jimmy. After our little celebration, we were rewarded with cup winning medals and a large trophy. We were elated to have won our second cup final in a row. It was a great and proud day and I will remember it all my life.

By Sarah Bradley
6th class, Room 16

EASTER

Eating loads of chocolate
All of us are swapping eggs
Screaming while on a sugar rush
Tired after eating too much
Everyone comparing what flavours they got
Really I hope I get a maltesers egg this year!!

By Orlaith Thornton, 6th class Room 16

Our First Debate

Just before Christmas, Ms. Lohan asked for twelve students to represent the school in a nation-wide debate. The School Debate Team consisted of the 12 students from the fifth and sixth classes. Between the twelve students, we were preparing for our first debate. Our topic was '*Should we be fined for not recycling*' and we had to argue that we **shouldn't** be fined. We were asked to come up with reasons for and against fining. Mr. Mulcahy got us to meet up one break time and discuss our findings. Ms. Lohan looked at these sheets and made a speech out of seemingly nothing. The speech had to be completed in three minutes, so some slight alterations had to be made. She got us all to read out the speeches, and from that she chose the members for the first debate. Liam, Carraig and I were chosen with Orlaith, Aoife and Anna as the substitutes. We kept shortening our speeches until they were finally the perfect length. On the day of the debate, we were all nervous. We had travelled to Clane to face Scoil San Treasa. The debate went smoothly. I went first, followed by Liam, followed by Carraig and then I spoke again. The proposing team in the debate always went first. Each speech had to be three minutes and that includes rebutting We had great points such as 'fining is a negative concept and that means that people will think of recycling as a negative concept' and 'there are better ways through incentives to get people to take recycling seriously,' and that is why we won by a few points. The bus on the way home was really cheery. We were on to the second round!

By Joe Evans, 6th Class