



October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have had a busy few weeks in school this month. We had a great day celebrating our KiVa launch and had a very special visit from the Gardaí, Civil Defence and Red Cross. The pupils also enjoyed playing games in their classes and as a whole school to build our friendships further. All the children did fantastic singing during our assembly. Thank you to the parents who could make it in to see them perform. Videos and pictures from the day will be soon on the school's website.

We are all dressed up in our Halloween costumes and have been around the campus for our witches walk, which is always great fun. We hope the children had a lovely mid-term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in November for the second half of Term 1!

Junior and Senior Infants:

We have had a busy month in our classroom. We really enjoyed KiVa day. We sang for the parents and drew pictures about kindness. We have worked hard on learning our sounds and reading. We have learned lots of new Irish phrases. We enjoyed doing some maths games and art during Maths week. We really enjoyed dress up day.

1st and 2nd class:

We have been working hard in October. We have started our English stations. We went on a nature walk and looked at the different trees around our school. We have been learning about autumn and singing Hallowe'en songs. In Art, we painted bat and spider symmetrical silhouettes and we also made windows with lollipop sticks and added our Hallowe'en pictures. In Science, we made spooky slime. Happy Hallowe'en!

3rd and 4th class:

We really enjoyed the KiVa launch day. The Gardaí and Red Cross were there. It was really interesting to see their cars. We have started doing stations. During stations, we work on many different things such as comprehension, grammar and spellings. We really enjoyed Maths week. Our favourite activity was trying to guess how many chocolates were in the jar! We also enjoyed the surprise of having no homework this week. We really enjoyed dress up day too!

5th and 6th class:

We have been busy in October! We are learning the violin each week with Music Generation. We also enjoyed KiVa day. We created artwork based on the community and it was displayed in the hall for all the parents to see it. We are reading the novel called Wonder. We created artwork based on the novel. We have learned lots of new concepts in Maths. We took part in the Credit Union competition. We are working on a project based on the Savannah and have learned all about Nelson Mandela.

Ms Forrest's class:

Our themes this month were Autumn and all about family. The junior boys read the leaf thief, the Gruffalo and owl babies, and we completed lots of activities based on the books. The senior boys worked hard on report writing and we researched different EU countries. Lego building and sensory play (lentils, rice play, water) have been a big hit this month. The boys also enjoyed the visit from the civil defence and especially exploring the emergency service vehicles!

As always, our door is always open and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My admin day is on a Tuesday and I am available to meet or call parents during this day or before or after school on other days. My direct contact is louise.m.gillespie@gmail.com

Please note that policies and minutes from Board of Management meetings can be found on our school website.

Kind regards,

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