



Monthly Memoirs: October, 2022

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October Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Wissiam, Mert, Nella, Nela, Daniela, Malika, Anna, Harvey, Kyle, Annalise and Oleksandr.

Happy Birthday!



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

Covid Awareness:

Thank you for your continued cooperation in relation to Covid-19 measures in the school. We ask that all staff and children continue to use good infection prevention measures to keep everyone safe. We remind you to keep your child at home if they have any symptoms relating to Covid 19. They must not return to school until 48 hours after their symptoms have passed. As always, we advise you to take advice from your GP in relation to testing and isolation. Our main aim is to keep everyone safe and we thank all our families for their support in keeping our school safe for everyone.

Home School Community Liaison:

October was a very busy month for parent classes in the school! We have English and Art classes up and running next door in Cois na hAbhna, and we had Kayaking lessons on the River Fergus and Ballyalla Lake over the past few weeks. After the midterm break, there will be wreath-making, paper-quilling and Art & Craft workshops for parents in the school! You can contact David Rundle on 089 4771298 if you're interested in any of these.



Students of the month for October:



New website:

Exciting news today as our new website has gone live since 12pm today. Please check it out on www.eetns.ie We are very excited to launch our website which builds on the connections we make with our families and the wider world. Our site will be updated regularly so please check it out to keep up with our news. We will be adding class blogs, photos, school news and information for parents in the months ahead. We have a Kids Zone where our children, and visitors to our site, can practise and play different subjects and fun activities. Our site will also have an interactive calendar on the homepage which will tell you when we have different events in our school. Can you find our staff section where you will read some of our biggest secrets and get to know us even better?!! Thanks to everyone involved for their hard work in getting this website up and running. We are very happy with how it turned out and look forward to how it will grow in the years to come!

Enrolment for September 2023:

If you have a child or know of anyone hoping to start in Ennis ETNS September 2023, we ask that you have a look on our new website and fill in an expression of interest form and a member of staff will give you a call back to discuss or alternatively contact the school (065-6820700) as soon as possible so we can send you out an enrolment form to secure a place.

Student teachers:

We have been very lucky to welcome Philip Talty to Oak class and Róisín Travis to Beech class over the last month. The children learned lots of interesting things from you over the last month and we really appreciate all the time and effort you put into teaching us! Wishing you all the best for the rest of your teacher training!!

County Final Fever:

There is great excitement in the school in recent weeks as Eire Og competed in the senior hurling final last weekend and contest the senior football final this Sunday. Unfortunately the hurlers lost but we have high hopes for the footballers, particularly with Philip being an important member of the team! We hope you get to lift the Jack Daly cup on Sunday and bring it to us after Halloween!! The children have been very busy decorating the school and we hope it gives you some extra motivation!!

Marathon adventures:

In June, Róisín ran a marathon in Cork and in doing so, raised some welcome funds for our school. This Sunday, Róisín's going to push herself to her limits again as she runs Dublin City Marathon. We hope the last few weeks in our school have trained you well for your lap of honour! Well done on a super achievement!!

Graduation celebrations:

We have been very fortunate to have Jane and Robin working with us since the end of August. They have settled in to our school really well and it feels like they've always been here at this stage!! On Friday, they celebrate an important day in their careers as they graduate from Mary Immaculate College. We hope you enjoy the well-earned celebrations!! Congratulations to Jane who finished top of her class and will also be presented with the College Gold Medal as part of the graduation ceremony. You both have excellent careers as teachers ahead of you.

Retirement:

Congratulations to Frances Buczek who recently retired after 22 years of service to Ennis ETNS. Thank you Frances for your contribution to our school and we wish you well on an exciting time in your life!!



Staff changes:

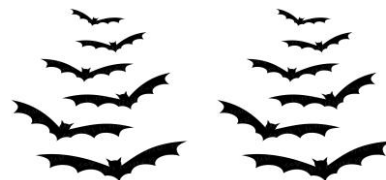
We'd like to offer a Céad Míle Fáilte to Ramsay who has been working with us since the end of September. Ramsay comes all the way from Scotland. He's an excellent Mathematician and there have been rumours floating around the school this week that he is a Magician in his spare time also!! We'd like to thank Kevin who has been working with 3rd-6th classes since the start of the year. You have helped us greatly over the last couple of months and we wish you all the best for the future...particularly for your and Karen's big wedding day coming soon!! We'd also like to wish Naomi and David the best of luck as they get married in November also...love is in the air!! Finally we'd like to welcome Lisa Quinn and who will start working in our school after midterm break. We look forward to many adventures with you in the years to come!!

First steps to Hollywood!!

4th, 5th and 6th classes visited Bay Sports in Athlone recently to take part in a TG4 tv programme called 'Uiscenauts'. Mehreen, John, Marc, Luca, Marharyta and Mariia represented our school in a number of challenges and they were cheered on loudly and proudly by their classmates!! We look forward to seeing the programme when it's on TV in January. It will be really exciting to have TV stars in our classrooms!! David was very happy to take a phone call during the week from one of the TV producers who told him that our children represented our school really well and she was full of compliments for the children's standard of Gaeilge as well. We are very proud of you all, well done everyone!!

Peace Proms:

We are very excited to have been accepted into the Peace Proms choir which will take part in a huge concert on January 21st in UL. Preparations have already begun and our choir had their first get together this week. They have loads of catchy tunes to be rehearsing in the coming months and we are looking forward to the show already and singing our way into the New Year!! Further details to follow on how parents can get tickets for the concert to see our superstars sing their hearts out!!





A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Holly Class:

This October we explored more about Autumn and Halloween through Aistear. We have been making potions, experimenting with Oobleck, finding spiders in slimy green pasta (yuck!) and creating bubbling cauldrons of colours using baking soda and coloured vinegar. Junior Infants have been learning nursery rhymes, about syllables and rhyming while senior infants have been doing some fantastic work on their sounds to help them read. We write sentences every week and are using words from our environment and class reading to help build our vocabulary. We celebrated Diwali the last week in October. This week Junior Infants will be learning how to use IXL maths to challenge themselves while Senior Infants will start into a new year of online maths support and fun. Neil de Burca came in to tell us a fantastical story through Gaeilge and we all joined in, it was great fun. We used the parachute outside and had a great time trying to keep the ball out of the hole in the middle- lots of shrieking and shouting! We hope everyone enjoys the Halloween break.



Elm Class

Elm Class have been very busy this month. We have been learning about all things Halloween. We had great fun decorating our classroom door and making lots of spooky arts and crafts. The children really enjoyed the story 'The room on the Broom' and we have tried to recreate it a few times. We have also put a lot of work into our handwriting and we are so proud of the hard work. We wish everyone a happy Halloween and a safe midterm.



Hazel Class:

We have had a busy October still learning all about Autumn and animals getting ready for winter hibernation. The weather has been getting colder and the grounds around our school are covered in autumn leaves that have fallen from the trees. Welcome back Karma and Isha. We missed you and it is so good to have a full class again. We have spent a lot of time talking about friendships and what makes a good friend. We have also spent time outdoors playing together and spending time with Elm Class. Halloween is coming and we are very excited. We have decorated our class room, carved pumpkins and decorated Halloween buns. We are listening to SPOOKY songs and really enjoy The Addams Family. We are looking forward to getting dressed up for Halloween!



Rowan Class

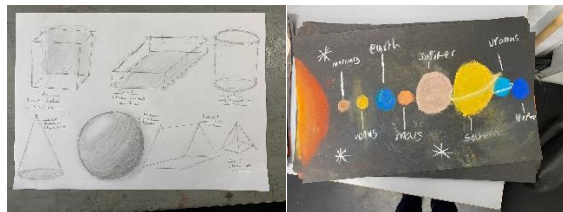
October has been an interesting month in Rowan Class. We have been learning about the history and origins of Halloween and why we dress up and Trick or Treat. We have been looking closely at ornamental gourds and displaying our artistic works in our 'Gourd Gallery'. During the month we were fortunate enough to pay a visit to the Garda Station where we learned all about the people who work in our community and keep us safe from harm!



Happy Halloween

Oak Class:

Last week 5th and 6th were learning about an abundance of different topics like the solar system, the Stone Age, Clare, etc with Philip (our teacher for the last few weeks). The first topic we learned about was The Solar System and all the planets within it like: Mercury, Venus, Earth, (the planet we live on) and Mars. There are also many stars, and dwarf/exoplanets in our galaxy which is called The Milky Way. Moons are small (planets) that orbit around planets. This happens because the planets are so big that they get their own gravitational force, this force is called Gravity and it keeps us on the ground we stand on. It's also the reason apples or leaves fall down. "But why do the leaves fall slower than the apples?" some of you may ask. This is because the leaves weigh less or have less mass than the apples. A simple way of putting it is, if you have a heavy and light object and drop them at the same time, the heavier object will hit the ground first. We had a great time learning about The Solar System and all the other topics with Philip and are looking forward to the next time he teaches us.
By John Mitchell (6th)



EAL Class:

This month our Ukrainian students continued to attend the world of welcome program in the library. They made puppets, created drama and dance, artwork, creative writing and created a podcast. This work was then displayed in Glòr last week. The senior end of the school came to Glòr to view the beautiful work. Our students gave a performance of the song they learned on stage. They also danced and we heard the podcast they created. It was a really great morning. We are so proud of our students. Thanks to Robin and Patricia for bringing us each week.



Beech Class:

October was a month full of Music and Art in Beech Class! We are looking stylish in our homemade Tie-dye t-shirts. We brought in an old white t-shirt and designed and created our own shirts. We learned all about mixing colours. We love singing in Beech Class and we learned many new songs including 'The Addams Family', 'The Lion Sleeps', 'Óró Sé Do Bheatha' and 'Stand By Me'. We even made our own instruments to play along to the songs with. With the help of our buddies in 5th Class we are completing our IXL Maths programme on our school chromebooks. We love meeting up and working with our mentors! There is great excitement in the school with Eire Óg reaching the hurling and football finals. We have our banners made and are ready to support on Sunday!



Willow Class:

Willow have had a very exciting and busy month this October! We learned all about the solar system and female astronauts during Space Week and completed daily challenges and problems during Maths Week. In SESE, we have been learning all about tourism and Ancient Egypt. We have really been enjoying our discovery of the pharaohs, pyramids and life in Ancient Egypt! Our Halloween art is now in full flow and we created sugar skulls and creepy charcoal portraits. Willow have been on some very exciting trips this month. We had a tour of the Garda stations and met the firemen and Garda horses. We also went to Glór and watched our classmates perform.



Cherry Blossom Room:

We were delighted this month in Cherry Blossom Room, as we were presented with an award from Nurturing Schools Ireland and Educate Together for our participation in the nurturing schools project. This project has been ongoing for the past two years and has really shown and celebrated the need for nurture rooms in schools across Ireland. We are now one huge step closer to becoming a nurturing school. We are so proud of the nurture journey we have taken so far.



Halloween:

We had a spooktacular day today to mark the start of our Halloween break. Children and staff celebrated by getting dressed up in costumes ranging from witches, to goblins, to doctors, sesame street characters, to superheroes. We hope all our children and their families have a lovely break together next week. We look forward to seeing you all after the Halloween break on Monday 7th November.

Dates for your diary:

31st October to 4th November inclusive; School closed for midterm break.

Visit to the Garda Station:

3rd to 6th classes visited Ennis Garda station recently to meet various people from local emergency services. It was such an interesting visit. We met Gardaí, the armed response unit, the Garda horses unit, the Civil Defence and members of the fire station also. The children got to use speed cameras and spray the firemen's hose also!! Many of our children and teachers had to take a breathalyzer test and as always, we aced it!! Thanks to Garda Irene O'Flynn from community policing for inviting us to attend the day!!

