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Monthly Memoirs December 2022

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December Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Martin, Yehor, Lukas, Kateryna, Arina, Gabriel, Thomas, Ruby, Martin, Adam and Eoin

We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

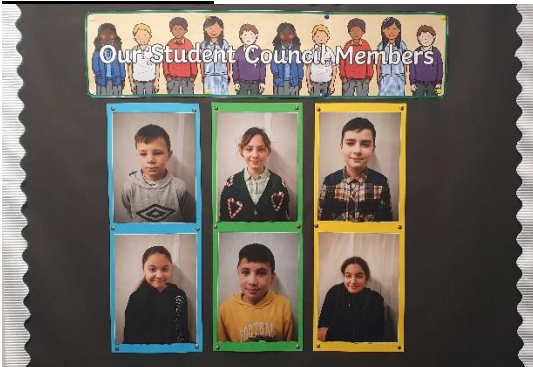


Home School Community Liaison:

Attendance Drive

Well done to all our winners of prizes big and small in this month's attendance drive! Children were excited to receive tickets for coming into school on time every day, and these tickets gave them entries in two Friday raffles. Both parents and children were delighted to receive prizes of stationery, board games and shopping vouchers. Enjoy them over the holidays!

Student Council:



Rowan, Willow and Oak classes recently presented speeches for their classes, outlining why they hope to be elected to our school's Student Council. Every person who made the effort in preparing to be considered were entered into a draw to be elected. Our Student Council for this year will be John, Daniela, Taysir, Veronika, Lili and Thomas. We look forward to having them represent the student voice in our school and appreciate the commitment they've made to help make further improvements to Ennis ETNS. Many thanks to Lisa for preparing the children with their presentations.

Parent Classes:

Thanks to all parents who attended the meeting with Mary Flanagan from the LCETB on December 7th. We got a good indication of areas of interest and hope to start providing classes in the New Year. If you are interested in classes for: Cookery, Woodwork, English Language, Parenting or Music, please contact our HSCL David Rundle on 089 4771298 who can point you in the right direction!

Green Fingers 2023:

We are so lucky to have a polytunnel as a new addition to our school. We have many plans to develop gardening in our school, following on from our sunflower project last year. We look forward to welcoming parents in for classes and to creating a school garden whose journey started with our own hands!



Winter Raffle:

We held our annual Winter Raffle on Monday 19th December. On behalf of everyone in Ennis Educate Together we want to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their support. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all local businesses for raffle prizes. We were blown away by the support from all the families, staff and wider community. We raised a whopping amount of €1640.60. All monies raised will go towards a Small Wall School Product. For more information on what we are buying have a look at [Home - Small Wall School Products](#)



A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Elm Class

Elm class had a very busy month. We went on lots of outings to Lidl, McDonalds and nature walks. We had great fun in the frost looking at frozen spider webs, shaking trees to make it snow. We then warmed ourselves up with yummy hot chocolate. We made our own snow people and displayed it on our class door. We did lots of work on the iPads using IXL Maths. We are all looking forward to the Christmas break.



Hazel Class:

Hazel Class have had a wonderful December. We really enjoyed the cold frosty weather and had fun shaking the snow from the trees. We made a presentation about Ireland for the Winter Fair and enjoyed seeing everyone's work. We have had Yoga with Eimer McCarthy every Thursday and are really good at all our poses. It is Adam's birthday in December so we went to Barney's Play Centre to celebrate. Hazel Class have made lots of lovely winter art. We painted snowmen and polar bears. We watched the Snowman movie and loved the music throughout. Our Elf at school has been up to mischief and made a terrible mess every day! Our school are having a Christmas Dinner and we are so looking forward to it. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and look forward to returning to school in 2023.



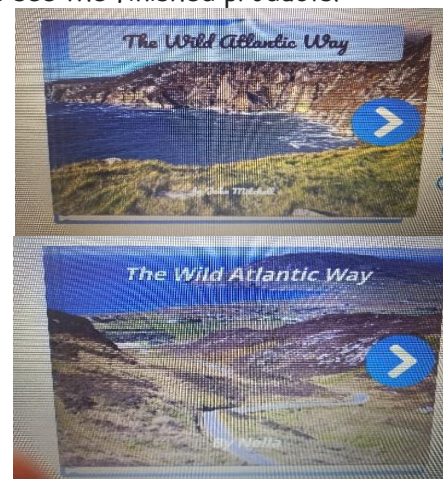
Rowan Class:

Rowan Class have had an event filled December. We have been learning about fractions in Maths and the phases of the moon in Science. We are sad to say that we had our last Yoga session with Eimer but the children have learned lots and really improved as the lessons progressed. We had the pleasure of decorating the display board in the hall and we used it to count down the days to the holidays!



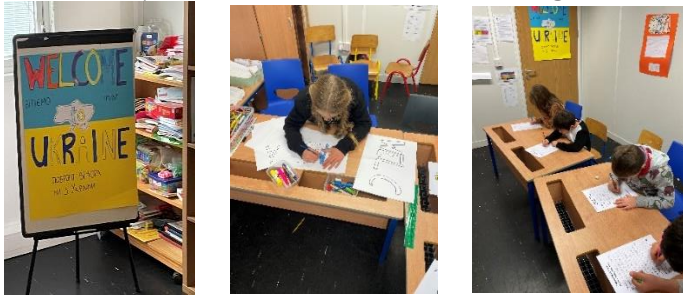
Oak Class:

5th and 6th class have examined The Wild Atlantic Way as their SESE topic over the past month or so. As a class, they learned about why the Wild Atlantic Way was created, the counties it runs through and about many of the famous tourist attractions on the trail especially those here in Co. Clare. There was some excellent map work undertaken on the trail to include all the nine counties which it encompasses. To conclude our learning on the topic, pupils have been working excellently individually and in pairs to create e-books all about The Wild Atlantic Way. Why not check out our new school website to see the finished products!



EAL Class 1:

December has been a very busy month for our EAL learners. We hit the ground running with Winter Fest. Our EAL children from all classes worked really hard to transform the EAL room into Ukraine! They designed bunting, flags, information posters about Odessa and Zaporizhzhia, sang traditional Ukrainian folk songs and spoke about Ukraine in their native languages including Ukrainian, Spanish, Czech and Arabic. Well done, everyone! Throughout December our EAL learners have also been learning about the seasons and the months of the year. Their work includes sorting activities, calendar studies, comprehension tasks, stories and songs.



EAL Class 2:

This month our EAL were learning about different things we find in the classroom. We did lots of oral work, pair work and we played I spy. We worked on fill in the blank sheets and wordsearches. We also learned about Hanukkah. We did an elf crossword and even cracked a Christmas code.

Cherry Blossom Room:

At the beginning of the school year Cherry Blossom room changed to a new location. It's taken a lot of teamwork and good communication skills to pull it all together. We are now so proud of how our new nurture room looks. It's a lovely, calm space for us to carry on our nurture work, we hope you like it too.



Beech Class:

This month we started reading our class novel 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and we really enjoyed discussing the characters - especially the 3 farmers: Boggis, Bunce and Bean! We loved visiting Milano's Pizzeria and making our own pizzas from scratch. In Maths, we have been exploring how to split numbers into tens and units and reinforced this learning with our 5th Class buddies using the Chromebooks. Hannah, Jonath and Kairo represented our class during 'Winter Fest' and we are all very proud of them. Kairo and Jonath even got their picture in the Clare Champion! We had a fantastic time on our class trip to the cinema. We watched "Strange World" and really enjoyed it! We continued our partnership with our 6th Class reading buddies and had great fun reading them our favourite stories. We love singing and we learned Felize Navidad and All I Want for Christmas is You". In Irish, we learned all about the different subjects and how to say which one we preferred.



Holly Class:

In December we celebrated winter and the coming holidays by reading Stick Man and The Snowman. Both stories had themes of home, family and adventure and we explored these through discussion and art. We had a fabulous time outside in the beautiful, cold, icy, snowy weather and we noticed frozen webs, patterns in leaves and new ways of looking at our surroundings. We wrapped presents at our toy shop in Aistear and learned the song Snowflake. As always, December is a month to celebrate the changing weather and the nice things in our lives.



Dates for the diary:

5th January: School reopens

16th January: School closed to facilitate staff training

21st January 2023: Peace Proms concert in UL