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Monthly Memoirs January 2023

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January Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Yasser, Taysir, Shirrelle, Karma, Thomas, Katelyn, Peter and Steven.



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

New pupils:

We'd like to particularly welcome all our new children who have joined us including Dahlia, Pavol, Brianna, Katelyn, Miguel, Akif, Miada and Munashe. We hope all your parents have gotten used to you coming to our school each day and we look forward to building strong connections with all our families throughout your time here in our school.

Home School Community Liaison:

This term we look forward to welcoming parents into the school for coffee mornings with the HSCL, as well as hopefully beginning gardening classes for parents using our new poly tunnel and shed. As always, contact David Rundle on 089 4771298 for any extra information on these, or indeed if you have any ideas!

Students of the month for January:



Student Council:

The Student Council had their first meeting last week. We created our constitution which will be displayed on our notice board once it is ratified by David. We composed an email that we will send to local companies

regarding sponsorship for basketball jerseys. We welcomed Chantelle who is the new representative from Jane's class. Daniela took the minutes at today's meeting. David spoke to us about the school's admissions policy. Our next meeting is on the 20th of February. If anyone has any suggestions for the school that they think we could help with, please let us know.



Peace Proms:

On Saturday night, January 21st, our school choir and staff travelled to University of Limerick to take part in the Peace Proms concert. There, we joined over 1000 other children and the full CBOI orchestra to provide entertainment to a packed venue for the night. We had so much fun and it was a really cool experience to be a part of such a big production. We have been practising our songs and dance moves for the last few months and we are so grateful to all the staff who prepared us and joined us on the night also. Special thanks to Jane who took a lead role in coordinating the whole event for us. We also got to see bagpipes and uilleann pipes being played, a soloist singer and a variety of dance groups join us throughout the night. It was an amazing night and will keep memories of the night for years to come! The children represented the school so well and made us very proud of them. We are looking forward to next years concert already!





A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Rowan Class:

We have had a super start to the year in Rowan Class. The children came back to school full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. In Science, we have been learning about the planets in the solar system and the phases of the moon. We were delighted to go to the Peace Proms in Limerick for our singing performance. We will definitely miss our choir practice with Jane, but the singing will continue with John Lillis as we compose our very own rap song. In Golden Time on Fridays we are focused on collaborative and fair play.



Oak Class:

5th and 6th class have had a busy start to the new term. The Amazon Rainforest and Brazil have been our themes for the month in SESE. There has been some great learning on the former with pupils now able to identify the four layers of the rainforest whilst in pairs they also researched and presented to their peers about one animal which can be found in the rainforest. In the last week, the class have commenced creating scenes from the Amazon Rainforest using Scratch coding. There has also been some great work done on Brazil too, as it is one of the eight countries which the Amazon Rainforest is part of. We drew and labelled maps of both South America and Brazil. The class also undertook two wonderful Art lessons on contemporary Brazilian artist Romero Britto. These included studying cubism and pop art which is very much Britto's style and we enjoyed creating pieces of work in his style which features black border lines, bright and bold colours and various patterns.



Elm Class

Elm Class has had a busy month settling back in after the break. We have been learning all about animals. We have talked about pet animals we have at home. We have also been looking at farm animals and sing Old McDonald had a Farm. We got to celebrate Eoin's birthday as we missed it in December. Everyone loved the chocolate cake it was yummy!! Elm class have also been playing with our stomp rocket and seeing how far and high we can make it go. It's so much fun.



Hazel Class:

Hazel Class have had a wonderful January. We celebrated the New Year 2023 on our return to school. It has been very cold outside so we had lots of indoor activities Body boards, peanut balance ball, sensory room etc. We enjoyed being outside and finding and playing with the ice. We learned all about extreme environments such as the arctic and desert regions. We can identify and name different animals from these regions too. In Maths, we are focusing on time. We walked to Elm Café last week and enjoyed having a treat there. We celebrated Karma's birthday this month and had a lovely party. The Chinese New Year was on the 22nd and we enjoyed learning about and celebrating the Year of the Rabbit! We are looking forward to the weather getting warmer and spending lots more time outside!!



EAL Class 1:

We started off our year looking at some New Year resolutions and discussing what we are excited about for 2023. We did some New Year's crosswords and word searches. Our 4th and 5th class students were learning about different types of transport this month. We looked at PowerPoints explaining the different types of transport to us. We did lots of written activities, matching and cutting activities, comprehensions, songs and played guessing games. Our 3rd class were learning about 2D shapes. We discovered there are lots of 2D shapes in our classroom and our environment. We examined plastic shapes and counted the sides and angles in each. We practiced drawing 2D shapes on our whiteboards. We sorted and named 2D shapes. We made paper pizzas using 2D shapes as toppings. We made paper ice-cream using circles and houses using triangles and squares.



EAL Class 2:

Since returning from the holiday break our EAL children have continued learning about the season of winter. They created fact-files about winter weather, temperature, and the changes that happen to plants and animals during the season and winter clothes. Last week, our younger EAL learners practised their colour vocabulary, while our older children had fun identifying opposites in the classroom and through games.



Willow Class:

It has been an exciting January for Willow class. In History, we have been learning about the Aztecs and are currently working on projects on the Chromebooks. We have been very busy learning long multiplication and some of us are now even multiplying by millions! We have started composing our own rap song with John Lillis and have been having lots of fun making lyrics and recording

piano and drum tracks for our song. We have just started hurling with Peter and really enjoy these sessions. Our most exciting news is that on Saturday the 21st of January, we performed in the Peace Proms concert in the arena in UL. We sang in a choir with 1000 children and a full symphony orchestra played with us. It was an amazing experience and we had lots of fun singing and dancing and watching the amazing musicians and dancers!



Beech Class:

In Maths we have been learning all about data and revising our months and seasons of the year. We reinforced this learning with our 5th Class Buddies using the IXL programme on our school Chromebooks. We have started yoga classes with Máire and are loving learning all the new poses. Maura has even showed to us how to stand on our head! We also started our hurling lessons with Peter from Clare GAA. We practised the correct way to run with a hurley and how to solo with the ball. We continued our partnership with 6th Class Reading Buddies and had great fun reading them our favourite stories. We continued reading our class novel "Fantastic Mr Fox" and we are really enjoying the tricks Mr Fox is playing on the farmers!



Holly Class:

Everyone returned happily to school this January after a busy Christmas. The weather was stormy and we did lots of dancing and yoga inside to keep our bodies and brains moving! In Aistear we were covering the theme of hospital so we were learning all the associated vocabulary, practising being doctors, nurses and patients and looking after our toys if they were injured. We started hurling lessons on a Tuesday which was very, very exciting and we learned how to turn sharply on the field. Junior infants began their adventure towards being incredible readers when they started to learn their sounds, and senior infants are already well on their way. I will miss you all, you are the most fabulous class, and I'll see you all again soon. Doireann

Dates for the Diary

School Closed Monday 6th Feb (new bank holiday)

School Closed Thursday 16th/ Friday 17th for midterm.