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Monthly Memoirs March 2023

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March Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Saorlaith, Daniil, Jamie, Hannah, Sofiia, Mehreen, Ali, Sandro, Vanessa, Erik, Pavol, David and Cameron.



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 Katelyn, Sophie and Jamie. We hope you are settling in well.

Home School Community Liaison:

Quiz Night

On Friday March 13th 2023, staff, parents, colleagues, friends & families of EETNS took part in a Table Quiz to raise funds to help those in Turkey and Syria affected by the recent devastating earthquakes. An amazing €1500 was raised, which was donated to the Irish Red Cross. Many thanks to all those who helped out on the night, and to all who took part. Huge thanks as well to local businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the quiz and raffle.

We hope everyone enjoyed the quiz: well done to the winners, and our gratitude to all participants - your generosity will help a worthy cause. See the 'Our News' section of our website for more photos and other items of school life. www.eetns.ie



Gardening for Parents

On Thursday March 16th, our parent gardening group met for the first time in our brand new polytunnel. Under the guidance of tutor Shane Shannon, we had great fun learning about different vegetables and flowers. We sowed seeds for a variety of plants: cornflowers, peas, onions, beetroot and carrots. We are using techniques that make as least waste as possible, and get the maximum use out of everything we can. We look forward to seeing our seeds grow, and we'll be busy sowing, planting and tending over the coming weeks! If you're interested in joining the group (Thursdays @ 9.15), or can help out with tools, seeds or other items, please contact David on 089 4771298.



Parents' Association

Shortly after the Easter holidays, we will be holding a meeting for any parents interested in forming a Parents' Association in the school. Exact date and time will be confirmed in a text/email soon. It would be great to get as many parents as possible involved in sharing your time and skills in helping with school activities and fundraising. Please come along- we'd like to get a working group started as soon as possible. Contact David on 0894771298 for more information.

Condolences:

We wish to offer our condolences to Mairead McGivney and her family on the recent loss of her dear mother Anita. Our thoughts are with her at this sad time.

Basketball:

Our basketball team recently competed in the Marian Keane competition, hosted at Scoil Chríost Rí. They represented our school really well and played a number of tight contests which went right to the wire! We were delighted to hear from other schools on how impressed they were with our pupil's attitudes and sportsmanship on the day.



Soccer:

Last Friday, our soccer team participated in the Spar 5-a-side soccer competition. Despite playing in consistently wet conditions, the weather didn't dampen our team spirit as we played four competitive matches. The highlight of the day was a solid 3-0 victory and getting to go home early for a hot shower!!



Art Competition:

Clare Education Centre recently invited all schools in county Clare to submit one piece of art to represent our school in celebrating 50 years of the Education Centre's existence. The winning piece was created by Ali Adnan and will be proudly framed and displayed in the Education Centre for years to come. Well done Ali!!



Congratulations:

The month of March got off to a great start with the wonderful news of the arrival of Sarah Bradley's beautiful daughter Keelin. We look forward to hearing of great adventures with your new arrival!!

St Patrick's Day Celebrations:

We really enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day where the whole school took part in a huge parade. It was lovely to see so many people decked out in green. When the parade was over, the entire school took part in the Dreoilín dance out on the yard...we nearly stopped traffic!!



Chess Champions:

This year, great progress has been made in teaching the children how to play chess. 10 children in Willow and Oak classes participated in a monster event in Ennis NS called Ficheall (Irish for chess). It was a super day out and we enjoyed being able to say check mate!!



Ukelele lessons:

If you are interested in your child taking part in ukulele music lessons after Easter, please return the note sent home to Robin. Places are limited so your place can only be held by returning the note or messaging David on 0894771298.



Swimming:

Lessons begin for 4th-6th classes on Tuesday April 18th for four weeks. The cost of these lessons is €12. You can bring €3 each week or pay your child's teacher for the four classes in advance if you'd prefer this. Swimming lessons for 1st-3rd classes will begin on May 23rd.



Rowan Class:

Rowan Class have had a brilliant learning journey in March. We have immersed ourselves in the topic of 'Ancient Egypt', learning how to write using hieroglyphics and arrange dates on a time line. We studied about King Tutankhamun, the layout of his tomb in the 'Valley of the Kings' and even about the process of mummification. Closer to home, we had a fantastic time celebrating St. Patrick's Day.



Hazel Class:

Hazel Class had a great time getting ready for our St Patrick's Day parade in school. We had so much fun learning all about parades and watching examples on YouTube. We learned The Dreoilín and the actions and got to perform it with other classes in school. Oisín came to visit the school and sang songs as Gaeilge. We enjoyed listening to them. In Maths we learned about 3D shapes and are doing very well on our IXL programme. We are learning about our Solar System and how important the sun's energy is on our planet Earth. We are looking forward to warmer weather and being able to play outside.

Elm Class:

Elm class have had another busy month. We have been learning all about spring, St. Patrick and Easter. We made some beautiful spring flowers for our notice board. We enjoyed looking for signs of spring outside. We had great fun for St. Patrick days and really enjoyed our school parade. We even got to make some leprechauns. We got to take a walk to the park when it wasn't raining and had great fun on the slide. We are planning on having a small Easter hunt and can't wait for it. We are looking forward to the Easter break and hope to eat lots of chocolate.



EAL Class 1:

We were learning all about spring this month in EAL. We learned a poem called 'Spring is Here' and drew lovely pictures to match the poem. We did spring word searches, code breakers, jokes and cross words. We studied comprehensions and answered questions. We did some spring art- spring lamb and daffodils. We studied a spring senses mat and wrote a poem based on all the sounds and senses associated with spring.

EAL Class 2:

During March our EAL children have been busy learning about people who help us, the places they work and the vehicles and equipment they use. We have been exploring this topic through vocabulary games and stories. March has also been a busy month for festivities. We have been looking at the customs and traditions of St Patrick's Day, Easter and Ramadan. Finally, we have been learning new spring vocabulary and changes that occur in this season.



Oak Class:

For the past six weeks, Oak class have been working extremely hard during their Numeracy station-teaching lessons. Taking place four days a week (Mon - Thurs) from 11:55 to 12:45, class members have really enjoyed examining a range of topics from the Maths curriculum. The class have been very fortunate to have the help of Paula, Kellie, Patricia and Darina to assist them at each station. Time was the first area studied by the class, weight followed, whilst other topics covered during our station-teaching block were fractions / decimals/ percentages and more recently length. Class members really enjoyed, working with the concrete materials such as fractions/decimals/percentages walls, analogue and digital clock, weighing scales and metre sticks. They also really enjoyed using IXL each day during their lessons. Maith sibh Oak Class!



Willow Class:

March was a great month for Willow! Miss Ireland, Ivanna McMahon, visited us in the beginning of March and talked to us about dyslexia, CPR and her work as Miss Ireland. We learned a lot and got to practise CPR. For Seachtain na Gaeilge we were busy learning the Dreoilín and teaching it to our buddies in Beech. We also tried to use more Irish in the classroom and made some posters for others to encourage their use of Gaeilge. In Art, we focused on printing and printed using tinfoil and markers and used styrofoam and paint to design and make our own prints. Most recently, we visited the library for a talk on astronomy from an amateur astronomer David McDonald. It was a very interesting talk and we learned a lot about space!



Holly Class:

We have had an exciting month in Holly. We had great fun with Amber and Aoife while they were teaching us. We opened a flower shop during our Aistear time and have recently created a zoo! We hosted a mini-céilí for our parents on the 16th of March as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge and really enjoyed it. We sang songs and danced. It was a lot of fun. We also made shamrock crowns for our school parade and enjoyed wearing green to school. This week we are singing about *What Can Make a Hippopotamus Smile* and have been following the leader while moving around the classroom as different animals. Fun new counting songs we've been singing in Junior Infants include: *Five Currant Buns*, *Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer* and *Five Little Chicks*. We are very lucky to have access to the Jolly Classroom and it's helping us to learn all of our sounds.



Beech Class:

What a busy month in Beech Class! We welcomed an amazing musician called Oisín into our class to sing us songs as Gaeilge. We have progressed to standing on our heads in our weekly Yoga lessons with Máire. Our 5th Class Buddies taught us the 'Dreolín' dance and we performed it as part of our St Patrick's Day celebrations! We also paid our first visit to Ennis Library and picked out our favourite books to read.



Date for the Diary:

School finishing at 12pm on March 31st

School reopening Monday 17th April



The Incredible Years ® - Small Group Dina - Class of 2023 - Graduation.

Some Senior Infants have completed The Incredible Years ® Small Group Dina Program. They have learned tools and strategies to be successful in school. Some of the themes include: Problem solving and finding solutions, communication skills, learning to apologise and to give compliments and managing their behaviour more effectively in school. We can see some of them here celebrating their Graduation day. Well done graduates!!



World Book Day:

All pupils enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. We chose 'The Day the Crayons Came Home' as our theme for the day. Pupils dressed up in a specific colour or as a character from their favourite story book. We had a day filled with wonderful costumes and colour. All pupils enjoyed sharing their favourite books and characters with their class!!



Ramadan Mubarak:

Many of our families are observing Ramadan which started last week. Wishing you all the best during this special time!



Student of the month for March:

