



Monthly Memoirs: October, 2021

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October Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Monika, Nella B, Nella M, Daniela, Kyle and Annalise.

We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

Happy Birthday!



Congratulations:

We are very proud of all our pupils who are working hard on improving their Maths skills on IXL. Recently, they passed the milestone of answering a total of 10,000 questions! IXL is used in school on our Chromebooks, but the pupils can also use it at home on a computer, tablet or phone. If you don't have your child's password, ask the class teacher or David Rundle (HSCL). Keep up the good work!



Door Competition:

We would like to thank all children and staff for their hard work over the last few weeks while decorating their classroom door. We have been blown away with the creativity and talent. We hope you all got a chance to vote for your favourite door. Congratulations to the Elm Class for a whopping 224 votes.

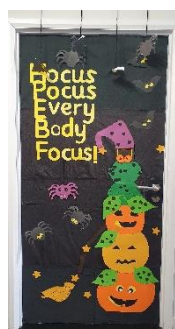
Covid Awareness:

We continue to maintain high levels of vigilance in the school and we ask that if your children have any of the following symptoms that you keep your child at home until at least 48 hours after symptoms have gone. We always encourage families to seek the advice of your GP should your child develop any of the symptoms related to Covid 19.

Our main aim is to keep everyone safe and we thank all our families for their support in keeping our school safe for everyone.

Symptoms:

- ☐ Fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above).
- ☐ A new cough
- ☐ Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties.
- ☐ Loss or change in your sense of smell or taste
- ☐ Fatigue
- ☐ Aches and Pains
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Headaches
- ☐ Runny or stuffy noses
- ☐ Feeling sick or vomiting
- ☐ Diarrhoea





A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Holly Class:

Holly Class have been very busy this October. We are learning hurling skills with our G.A.A coach Ollie every Monday morning.

In Maths we are leaning all about Patterns and 2D shapes. We are using IXL on our class tablets and having lots of fun.

We are listening to stories and learning nursery rhymes. Halloween is coming so we have set up a Witch's & Wizards Corner. We have been making lots of weird and wonderful potions as we get ready to celebrate Halloween. We decorated our classroom door and it is SPOOKTACULAR!



Hazel Class:

Hazel class have had a wonderful month learning all about autumn! We have gone on some lovely nature trails with our friends! The boys have perfected their pancake making skills and are looking forward to cooking something new in November!



Beech Class:

Beech class have had a very busy month! Biodiversity was the theme and the children learned the importance of trees in the world as sources of oxygen, shelter, food source, material supply etc.

Pupils engaged in a local trail to the trees around the school and Cois Na hAbhna grounds. Here they identified trees, made bark rubbings, collected seeds and leaves, measured the trunk of a tree and root span of a tree. In class, the pupils compared seeds and leaves, bark rubbings and were encouraged to collect

different leaves and seeds from their own homes for the classroom.

A local potter Jackie Maurer visited the class and the children made their own clay tiles inspired by the biodiversity in the school grounds. The tiles are being fired by Jackie and next month we'll have the end product.

The children have had great fun decorating our classroom door for our school "Best Halloween Door" competition and also brought in the natural foliage available on our school grounds to decorate it. Check it out on social media!!

Our class joined in with other local schools in De Valera's library's "Children's Book Festival Week" and thoroughly enjoyed the story telling and illustrations session by author and illustrator Alan Nolan.

There's great enthusiasm for hurling and football in our class and you can see how skilled our class is becoming in learning the skills of our national sports throughout this month.

Haunting stories, ghouls and witches abound in our classroom during this special month as we discover the ancient Irish roots of Halloween or Óiche Shamhna.

Happy Halloween everyone from Beech Class.



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. The children had great fun playing with the balloons. We had some gooey fun when we designed our pumpkins and cleaned them out. Elm class also did a class trip to McDonald's and the children got to eat their favourite foods (chips were a big hit with all children) we finished our trip with some ice-cream.





A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Oak Class:

5th & 6th class have been doing lots of great Art work over the last few weeks.

Aside from completing a fabulous and spooky Halloween Door along with other Halloween Art, they have also been busy learning about the art work of Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky and even created their own Kandinsky inspired Concentric Circles.

Recently, 5th and 6th class also studied the topic of perspective. In particular, they learned about one point perspective, vanishing points and horizon lines and used pastels to draw one point perspective Art.



Rowan Class:

Third and fourth class have been busy this month. We have been exploring our local habitats and identifying plant and animal species. On our walk in Ballyalla, the children were excited to discover a wading grey heron! In art we created still life drawings and paintings. We used pumpkins and gourds as our inspiration. The children were extremely creative in music lessons and they even made their own percussion instruments!



Aladdin Connect:

You will now have received your sign up text for Aladdin Connect. If you have any problems with the app, please speak to our HSCL David Rundle, on 0894771298



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 superheroes, hippies, witches, rock stars, wendy, cookie monster and much more. We also had a fantastic whole school assembly outside where each class got to show off their Halloween costumes. We hope all our children and their families have a lovely break together next week. Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 1st November.

BOM Parent Nominee:

The Board of Management would like to thank Jason Noone for volunteering to join our BOM in the role of father's parent nominee. Jason is the parent of a child in Junior Infants. Parental voice and perspective is very important to us so you will be a welcome addition to the Board, and we are delighted that you will join our mother's parent nominee, Pamela Rochford.

Student of the Month:



Date for the Diary:

Tuesday 16th November School will close at 12.00 for all children to facilitate training for the staff.