



Monthly Memoirs: November, 2021

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November Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Taylor, Kany, Marc, Michael, Noura, Ammar, Chantelle, John and Manal.

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 Michael and Edvard. We hope 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.

Congratulations:

The board of management and staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate David Quinn and family on the birth of his new son.

We are also so delighted to announce that Mary Hartogh will take up a new role as SNA in the Hazel class.

New devices:

The school was delighted to receive funding from the MAEDF and we have used this to purchase 3 interactive flat panels for the school. We hope that the children and parents benefit greatly from their use!



Covid Awareness:

This is just a quick reminder that if your child has any of the symptoms on the list below, you should not send them to school. Contact your GP for advice and arrange a PCR test if needed. Even if the PCR test is negative, your child should be 48 hours symptom free before returning to school.

If your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, you should follow the advice at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/contact-tracing/if-your-child-is-a-close-contact/>. Our main aim is to keep everyone safe and we thank all our families for their support in keeping our school safe for everyone.

Advice for parents during Covid-19:

Symptoms to look out for

If your child has any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and contact your GP:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- A new cough
- Loss or changed sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has become worse
- Fatigue
- Aches or pains
- Sore throats
- Headaches
- Diarrhoea
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Feeling sick or vomiting

For more see gov.ie/backtoschool

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Dates for the Diary:

Friday 17th December draw for the Christmas raffle
Monday 20th Christmas pyjamas day, all children to bring in €2
Tuesday 21st December School Christmas Dinner.
Wednesday 22nd December School closing at 12pm for the holidays



A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Holly Class:

Children in Holly Class have had a very busy month of November. We have been looking out for the signs of Winter. In Aistear we have been learning all about being a DOCTOR.

We set up a Doctors Surgery in class and have been sorting out all kinds of illnesses.

After reading the story The Three Little Pigs we built houses of straw/sticks and bricks. All the boys and girls collected resources needed out around the school grounds.

We took part in Science Week. We carried out lots of fun and crazy science experiments.

We also celebrated lots of birthdays in November.

will bloom this spring. A vertical garden was made by each child with their own plants. Another highlight was the nature trails we went on, hunting and foraging for leaves and bugs around the school.

We've been busy with arts and crafts also! The class have been busy with crafting pompoms and learning how to weave on looms. Learning phonics and tens and units has never been more captivating then with the fun games and materials we've used in class.

A very happy November from Beech class!



Hazel Class:

Hazel class have had a fantastic month learning about healthy eating and doing lots of fun science experiments! We've had lots of fun having our friends in the Elm class visit us in our own classroom to play and eat together!



Elm Class:

Elm class have been so busy this month. We had great fun during science week with a lot of exploding experiments. The children had so much fun. At the beginning of the month we were learning about healthy eating, we had great fun trying different foods. We have also been learning about Winter, we have gone on some nature walks looking for signs of winter and walking on the icy grass to hear and feel the crunch from the frost. Elm class also went on a big adventure to the Kids' Klub where we got to have lots of fun with our friends.



Rowan Class:

Rowan class have had an exciting time in November. We were delighted to make our first trip to the Ennis Library. The children enjoyed choosing books that were of interest to them and we look forward to these monthly outings. We have also been learning about the work of Romero Britto, an exciting Pop artist from Brazil. We really enjoyed creating art inspired by his work.



Beech Class:

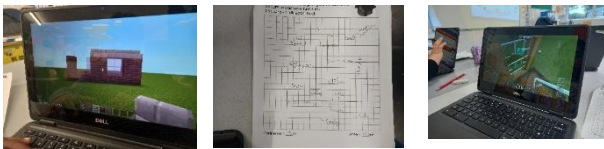
Beech class has had a wonderful November! Biodiversity was a big theme this month with the closing of autumn. Biodiversity experts Dave and Sinead visited the class and talked about the life cycle of violas, their environment and growth conditions and how they bloom all winter despite the cold conditions. Each child had the opportunity to sow their own flower bulbs on the perimeter of the school grounds which



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Oak Class:

5th and 6th class have been busy using Minecraft: Education Edition as part of a new digital programme provided by Microsoft Ireland and RTEjr. In the first of six lessons, pupils logged into their Minecraft accounts and completed the "My Dream Home Challenge". As part of this lesson, pupils used their literacy and numeracy skills to plan the area and perimeter of, design features and build their dream home in a virtual Biome Minecraft World, whilst also learning about sustainability while undertaking the challenge.



Dino School

The Incredible Years © Small Group Program - Dinosaur School.

The Incredible Years is a series of evidenced-based programs, supported by over 30 years of research. Junior Infants are attending the Small Group Program via Dinosaur School one session per week. The aim of the program is to teach the pupils how to be successful at school and in general promotes pupils positive self-esteem and social and emotional competence.

The program is supported by two very important participants, Wally & his sister Molly, pictured here with Junior Infants. It is a structured program and the pupils are currently in Wally's Detective Club where they are learning to Problem Solve. The program is provided in the school by the School Completion Program (SCP) and is facilitated by Julie, Pupil Support Worker.



Students of the month:



Winter Raffle:

We are holding a winter raffle this year. We will be sending home raffle cards to families on Monday. Raffle cards have 15 lines at €2 a line. All card need to be returned to the office regardless of being sold or not. If you have any families or know a business that would like to donate a spot prize please let us know. Spot prizes will be displayed in our main lobby. All raffle card to be returned before Wednesday 15th December, draw will take place on Friday 17th of December. Winners will be contacted by phone.

