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Monthly Memoirs April / May 2023

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April Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Anastasiia, Kairo, Aodhla, Katelyn and Timofii.

May Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Luca, Nicolas, Maire B, Sophie, Oleksandr, Leonid, Patrick S, Anastasiia, Veronik, Niamh, Joshua, Patrick M and Mykyta.

We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!



Polytunnel

The parents' gardening group may have ended for the year, but that doesn't mean the growing has stopped!. Children and teachers continue to tend the plants and vegetables and are learning a lot in the process. Over the summer months, we will be looking for parent volunteers who can come in to keep everything watered and weeded. If you think you can help with this, please speak with David on 089 4771298.

New pupils:

We'd like to particularly welcome all our new children who have joined us including Simon, Patrick, Jimmy, Arsen, Helder, John Paul Sophie and Rehina. We hope you are settling in well.

Congratulations:

The month of April got off to a great start with the wonderful news of the arrival of Denis Moloney's beautiful daughter Aida. We look forward to hearing of great adventures with your new arrival!!

Home School Community Liaison:

Parents' Association

Many thanks to the parents who attended a meeting on May 10th to set up a Parents' Association for our school. The National Parents' Council will be providing training for the working group of parents during the month of June, and we look forward to having a great association that will really benefit the school!

Clare FM

On Monday 15th May Colum McGrath visited our school so that we could take part in the School Run show each morning at 8.15. Colum visited seniors to 2nd Class where they performed 'Here Comes the Sun'. Then he visited 3rd to 6th class where they performed the school rap 'EETNS' which was created through the BLAST art initiative. Colum went on to interview some student from each class. This played on the radio from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May. We will put the full clip on our website for all to hear.

Positive Postcards

Well done to all parents who received positive postcards about their child over the past few months! David really enjoys visiting your homes delivering the good news with messages from teachers to parents. The postcards themselves were designed by children from each class of the school - they all look wonderful!



Condolences:

We wish to offer our condolences to Patricia O' Cualáin and her family on the recent loss of her father-in-law. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

Rowan Class:

We have had a really busy April and May in Rowan Class. Firstly we are continuing to use the services of the local library which everyone is enjoying. We are also taking advantage of the lovely weather and taking our learning outdoors. Sinead visited from 'Heritage in Schools', and taught us all about biodiversity and the trees found on the school grounds. We have been researching about the Titanic and have learned some really interesting facts. Sandro amazed us all by producing a model of the Titanic from scrap LEGO!



Elm Class:

Elm class have been very busy since we returned after Easter. We were very excited to see our new climbing wall in the front of the school and we have had so much fun playing on it. We celebrated Aodhla's birthday in April. We have been enjoying the fine weather and even got some ice pops and ice cream to cool off. Our class got a new hammock which we love to chill out on. We have had lots of sensory play such as making slime and playing with water. We have gone on lots of walks. We visited Kids Club, Vaughan's Garden Centre, the park, Lidl and Hogan's shop. We have been learning all about the planets and the solar system also.



EAL Class 2:

Over April and May, our EAL children have been busy learning about shapes and opposites through drawing instructions, shape hunts, matching activities, card games, and even a pop song! Children of different nationalities came together to create our EAL notice board. They painted their names and flags, and identified their hometowns on maps. The message on the notice board, "Our school, our world," promotes our values of equality, diversity and respect.



Hazel Class:

Hazel Class had a wonderful month of May. We have been learning all about lifecycles of the butterfly, frog, sunflower and plants. We created beautiful pictures based on the artist Georgina O Keffe. We visited Vaughan's Garden Centre and enjoyed looking and smelling the different plants and flowers. Our garden and playground got a huge tidy up. We planted lovely flowers. We like to check how our strawberries are growing in the Polytunnel and got to pick some this week. They were delicious.



EAL Class 1:

Our EAL students have had a busy few weeks. In April we were learning all about spring. We went out into the garden to look at the lovely leaves and flowers that are growing outside. We studied the lifecycle of a dandelion and a sunflower and did cloze procedures. We looked at ways we could protect our planet on Earth Day by recycling more. We also worked really hard to design beautiful artwork for the noticeboard of the main lobby. We decided our title was going to be 'Our School, Our World'. Our EAL students in fourth and fifth class designed a beautiful globe which was placed in the centre of our display. This month we have been learning all about travel and going to the airport. We have been learning lots of new vocabulary. We have been learning about checking in, security and waiting at the gate. We have been doing role plays, designing in-flight meals, flight attendant uniforms and passports. We did cloze procedures, fill in the blank activities, reading and writing activities.

Oak Class:

5th and 6th class have been working as hard as ever during the month of May with Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex, Spanish lessons with our tutor Victoria and the RSE programme just some of the activities which have been undertaken over the last few weeks. Japan has been our main point of focus in SESE this month. The class have covered some great content on Japan's location and climate and have closely examined volcanoes such as Mt Fuji and Sakurajima while pupils have learned a lot about the skills and weaponry of Japan's Samurai Warriors. As usual we have looked at our topic of study through an Art lense with each pupil creating Manga/Anime style art and some fabulous Japanese style Cherry Blossom trees of their own. More recently the class took great inspiration from the work of French artist Henri Matisse to create art in the style of his 'Dancers' art work.



Willow Class:

Willow have started Spanish lessons and are making great progress thanks to Vicky! We thoroughly enjoyed our four swimming lessons with Sean's class, it was great fun getting to improve each week! In Maths, we've been busy working on all things decimals and have been practising hard each day! Gaeilge has been focused on 'An Aimsir', we've really focused on our writing as Gaeilge and can tell the weather forecast and ask and answer questions about the weather. We've been playing weather board games and doing quizlets to practice our vocabulary. We're currently working on a book in history called 'Fashion through the Ages' and we can't wait to show everyone the finished product!



Holly Class:

We've had so much fun in Holly since the Easter break. The fine weather has been amazing and we are taking our learning outside whenever we can. We enjoyed celebrating Bealtaine on May 1st with a trip to Clare Museum. Ruth taught us a new song and dance. Junior

Infants walked to our local library recently and have set up accounts which is very exciting. Clare FM visited our school and we are looking forward to hearing the interviews and singing that they recorded. We are also taking part in *Happy Out Forest School* every Thursday for a total of 6 weeks. Our leaders are Gráinne and Veronica and they are wonderful. Our theme for Aistear is Minibeasts and we are finding lots of creepy crawlies outside around our school grounds. We've found spiders, worms, woodlice, butterflies, ants, bees, slugs, wasps and worms. We are using IXL Maths on the chrome books twice a week which is so much fun! We are creating our own book of rhymes on *Story Jumper* through still-imaging and are looking forward to sharing it with you shortly.



Beech Class:

We are loving our STEM lessons with our Engineering teacher Fiona. This month we have learned all about strength of columns, air-resistance and its effect on flight and the buoyancy of different materials. We have loved getting stuck in to the many associated experiments! We've also been busy gardening. We planted strawberries at the start of April in our new polytunnel and we're excited to see the first batch coming through. We also planted tulips in October and we were delighted to see them blooming in April. The hard work paid off!!



Dates for the Diary:

School closed Thursday 1st to 6th June Inclusive
Infant Open Day 15th June @ 2pm
Active schools week 19th to 23rd
Sports Day 21st June
6th Class Graduation 26th June @ 11am
Summer holidays 28th June @ 12pm

