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## Monthly Memoirs November 2023

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### November Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Neil, Taylor, Miroslav, Michael, Sofiia, Tymur, Ammar, Akif, Ruby, Chantelle, Adele, Anna and John.



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

### New pupils:

We'd like to welcome some new children who have joined our school this month. These include Tymur, Blaze and Chase.

### Peace Proms:

Our school choir are busy preparing for the Peace Proms concert which takes place in UL on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We are really looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic occasion for all those taking part. For parents who would like to attend a show to remember, follow this link to buy your tickets.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/peaceproms/10506262/#> Tickets are selling fast so avoid disappointment by booking early!



### Board of Management 2023-2027:

We have been busy preparing for the term of our new Board of Management which begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. David Dineen will commence in his role as the BOM's Chairperson and Darina Greene will return as treasurer and Patron Nominee for another term. Tricia Ó'Cuailín is our teacher's nominee while Clare Buckley and Jason Noone will join us as parent nominees. We'd like to thank all our board members who are willing to give up their time voluntarily to help ensure the smooth running of the school. Our Community Nominee's will be confirmed in the

coming weeks. As a new term begins, huge thanks must be given to our outgoing BOM members Mary Fallon, Pamela Rochford, Orla ní hÉilí and Áine Sotscheck who have given considerable time to the school. The school community are very grateful for your commitment to Ennis ETNS and we wish you well in all your future endeavors!!



### Uiscenauts:

We were delighted to have had the opportunity to take part in a gameshow called Uiscenauts. Check out the following link to see some of our stars, both past and present, perform so well in a grueling battle on the shores of Lough Reel!!

[https://www.rte.ie/player/series/uiscenauts/TG4\\_VWlzY2VuYXV0cw?epguid=648706](https://www.rte.ie/player/series/uiscenauts/TG4_VWlzY2VuYXV0cw?epguid=648706) . Well done to all involved, you did us proud!!

### Building Works:

Work has started on the installation of a new classroom and two new SET rooms. Please exercise extreme caution for the weeks ahead as there will be extra traffic and machinery around the school grounds. We ask all drivers in particular to pay attention to the road and to park your car safely when picking up your child.



### **Beech Class:**

Beech class had great fun for Science Week in November making lava lamps while learning about the density of liquids. We were learning all about the festival of Diwali and how it is celebrated. The children have been doing lots of exercises inside and outside for our active schools. As well as this, we have enjoyed learning rugby with Cian, our rugby coach, every Wednesday. The children have been having fun playing together in class. This all develops social skills, turn taking and problem solving. We had Akif's birthday and his mum brought in a beautiful cake for all the children to share. Yum!!



### **EAL 1:**

Children from Junior Infants to Second Class are learning about food and clothes. We are also learning about 'The Post Office' and 'Toys' in relation to Aistear this month. We are developing our communication skills through working on how to ask and answer questions based on our age, family, favourite food etc. We love learning new words through songs and games in relation to food, clothes, the post office and toys. We are now able to recognise, understand and name various foods, clothes, items from the post office and toys. We are able to put our new words into sentences. We also loved listening to the stories 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Smartest Giant in Town! We enjoy learning some of our new words in each other's languages. We are having so much fun in the EAL room this month!



### **EAL 2:**

We were learning all about the supermarket this month in EAL 2. We learned a lot of new vocabulary associated with going to the supermarket. We did role plays where one child pretended they were the cashier and another child pretended they wanted to buy some groceries. We used sequencing cards to put sentences relating to what

we do at the supermarket in order. We also played the shopping list game which is always great fun.

Other groups were learning about film magic and how it works. We did sentence scramblers, CVC words, wow words, games, conversation cards and poems this month. We also studied language that we can use to help us when we are playing on the playground with other children.

### **Hazel Class:**

Hazel Class have has a busy month. We went to the Gymnastics club over 4 weeks. All pupils had an amazing time using all the equipment there. We had a fantastic Halloween Holiday but we enjoyed coming back to school! We had lots of little trips to the Garden Centre, Clare Haven Charity Shop, Lidl and Fun Kidz Club. We have been learning all about winter and busy getting our Winter Art work ready to display. We helped our gardener Aine to empty the polytunnel of all the plants. We are all doing very well with our IXL Maths. For Science Week, we looked at How to Take Care of our Bodies. We learned lots about healthy and unhealthy foods and made healthy shopping lists. We celebrated Thanksgiving and coloured beautiful turkeys!!



### **Elm Class:**

What a busy month Elm class have had!! We were learning all about winter and different kinds of winter animals. We have had so much fun doing all our wonderful winter art and crafts. We had some outings also this month. We visited Kidz Klub, Lidl, the gymnastics club, McDonalds and Vaughan's garden centre. We also celebrated Ruby's birthday. We enjoyed getting to do some wonderful gardening with Aine.



### Holly Class:

This month Holly class learned about the Post Office in Aistear. We wrote and posted letters to Dublin Zoo which the children were so excited about!! As part of Science Week, we built towers using marshmallows and we learned about hot and cold substances by making jelly. We dug and replanted vegetables in the polytunnel with the gardener Aine. Last week we started to learn how to play rugby with Cian from Ennis Rugby Club. The children were playing games and getting familiar with how to pass the ball. A massive thank you to Sinead from Heritage in Schools who did a fantastic workshop with Holly all about Irish trees and their importance.



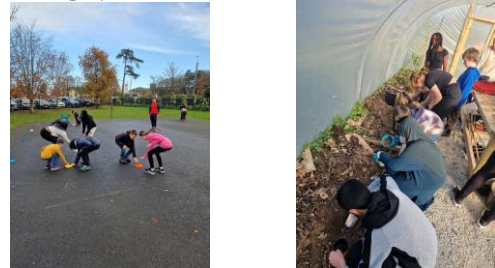
### Willow Class:

Willow had a busy month filled with lots of exciting visitors and a trip to UL. For Science Week, we were lucky enough to have Sharon Brady visit our class for a STEAM workshop. We had lots of fun planning, designing and making a shoe out of recycled materials for David Quinn! David visited our class for a biodiversity workshop. We learned to identify lots of different Irish birds, we had lots of fun drawing these birds and are looking forward to carrying out an experiment that David set up for us. The Peace Proms choir visited UL for their practice ahead of the concert in January. Learning the new songs and dances was lots of fun!!



### Oak Class:

We had a busy November in Oak Class. Practices are continuing with our school choir for Peace Proms and we visited the UL Sports Arena to familiarise ourselves with the venue. We love gardening with Áine and we weeded and re-potted last year's strawberries. We also enjoyed the first of our Tag Rugby coaching sessions with Cian from Ennis Rugby Club.



### Rowan Class:

November has been a busy month in Rowan class. We have been working hard preparing for our performance at Peace Proms. The children are enjoying playing language games as part of guided reading. We designed Jack-Ó-lanterns as part of our art class and we displayed them in our classroom. Also, Aine has been inspiring us to get our hands dirty in the polytunnel and we planted up lots of strawberry plants for next year. Now that is something to forward to!



### Parent classes

There are still some places left on the Winter Decoration-Making class for parents on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Contact David on 0894771298 to book your free place! In the New Year, we will be running gardening classes for parents again, after our very successful run last year, which resulted in our amazing plants, flowers, vegetables and sunflowers. Watch this space for details!



**Student Council:**

Children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes recently shared with their classes why they would like to be considered for the Student Council 2023/2024. There were some fantastic ideas shared throughout the school and we are delighted to confirm our new council for the year ahead includes Steven, Pat, Taylor, Wissiam, Luca and Arina. They had their first meeting this week and are already making big plans for the year ahead!



**Parent Teacher Meetings:**

We were delighted to welcome so many parents into our school during the week to share the progress of your child this year. Thank you to our parents for coming in to meet our teachers. It is a great opportunity to ask any questions and to celebrate successes! Of course, if you ever need to discuss anything with your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to make an appointment through the office.



**Condolences:**

We wish to offer our condolences to Marian McCullough and her family on the recent loss of her mother Mary. Our thoughts are with Marian at this sad time.

**Date for the diary:**

December 20<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinners  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>: School holidays at 12pm  
January 8<sup>th</sup>: School reopens

**HSCL:**

As parents, you have a critical role in ensuring your child's attendance at school. Please read the following about the importance of good attendance, and if you have any concerns in this area, contact David Rundle on 0894771298.



**Help Your Child Succeed in School:  
Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Starting in Junior Infants, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and lateness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in secondary school and beyond.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack schoolbags the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required vaccinations.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in term.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, HSCL, and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

**When Do Absences Become a Problem?**



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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