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Monthly Memoirs March/April 2024

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March Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Saorlaith, Daniil, Eileen, Polina, Hannah, Favour, Sofiiia, Sandro, Erik and Pavol.



April Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Kairo, Sofiiia, Aodhla, Timofii and Martin Gerard.

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 Abdullahi, Rumezsa, Ester, Marharyta, Mark and Oleksandar. We hope you are settling in well!

Home School Community Liaison:

Games for Fun: Games for Fun moved to Willow Class for the month of April, with parents and grandparents visiting the classroom to spend time playing some fun board games with their children. The sessions were enjoyed by all, adults and children alike, and we'd like to say a big thank you to the parents who were able to come and play!

Attendance: As we are now in the final school term of the year, it is as important as ever that a good effort is made to make sure that your child is at school every day. *Every school day counts* - and as you can see from these pages, there is a huge amount of interesting things going on in school that your child does not want to miss out on! If your child is sick, please use the Aladdin app to inform the school, or contact David on 0894771298.

6th Class Transition Programme: As our 6th class pupils are in their final term with us in EETNS, we have begun to prepare them for the change to secondary school. SCP project worker Julie Golden is now delivering weekly sessions to the class which will help them adjust to the exciting changes ahead!

Classes for parents: We hope to be running both Gardening and Summer Art sessions for parents/grandparents in May and June. David will be in touch with more details soon!

Extra-curricular activities: Our school was very well represented in basketball, soccer and chess over the last couple of months. Well done to all our children who took part and did so well. Thanks to our staff who gave of their time so generously to coach each group after school.

Swimming: Beech and Rowan classes will start their swimming lessons in the next couple of weeks. All children must attend these classes as they are an integral part of the primary school curriculum. Your teachers will be sending notes home with further details after the bank holiday break

STEAM workshops: We look forward to welcoming Maeve O'Dwyer back to our school this Friday to deliver the next workshop as part of a STEAM pilot programme that Willow class are participating in. The class have created some very imaginative constructions so far and we look forward to their next inventions!!

Creative Clusters: Our school have been participating in a creative cluster with Scoil Chríost Rí, Ennis CBS and St. Anne's Special School over the last few months, culminating in a flash mob on O'Connell Street in March, and a group drumming performance after Easter in the CSB National School. The pupils from 2nd and 3rd class have really enjoyed learning new skills, exploring their creativity and meeting friends from other schools.

Rowan Class:

Rowan Class have had an awesome March/April. We really enjoyed all the activities prepared for 'Wellbeing Week'. We have been taking advantage of the fine weather and taking some of our lessons outside. We have been super active playing basketball, gaelic football and yoga! On Friday the 19th, we had our final drumming workshop followed by a performance at the CBS National School. The performance was amazing and enjoyed by all!



a Wellbeing Week in April and we took part in all the different activities with others classes including Wake Up Shake Up, mindful colouring, bubbles and chalk activities on yard, activity stations on yard and music with Oisín. We are learning all about food from around the world and are making pizzas this week in class. We are learning all about the life cycles of plants and flowers and this week we are focusing on the life cycle of a frog.



Elm Class:

Elm class had a busy March and April. In March we were learning all about spring. We went out on nature walks looking for signs of spring and found beautiful daffodils, buds on the trees and nests being built in the trees. We also made some St. Patrick's Day masks and Easter cards. After the Easter we started Gymnastics with Clare Sports Partnership in the gymnastic club in Barefield. We are having so much fun and have one more week left.

EAL Class 2:

In March and April, our EAL students were learning all about spring. We were learning about the seasons and different types of weather. We took a nature walk around the school grounds and noticed the buds on the trees blossoming and flowers starting to come out. We did lots of writing activities, matching games, word searches and quizzes. We were also reading about parts of the world that are hot and parts of the world that are not. We learned desert foxes have enormous ears which help them cool off from the sun! Our EAL students also created some beautiful art work called 'Learn Together to Live Together' which is hanging up in our school corridor. We are very proud of the work put into it so well done to all the EAL students who worked on it!!

Hazel Class:

Hazel Class have been very busy in March and April. We have been learning all about spring and looking for signs of spring outdoors. Elm and Hazel classes have been going to the Gymnastics Centre every Monday and are having an amazing time using all the different equipment. We learned all about St Patrick's Day and celebrated World Book Day. We continue to go to Barney's Fun Club once a week and have so much fun there. Our school had

EAL Class 1:

Our EAL students have really enjoyed our spring season so far. In early March we learned about prepositions, St. Patrick's Day and Easter before moving on to Animals and Plants. We went on walks to explore the different plants and animals around our school grounds. We identified the different parts of the plant. We planted cress seeds and will be monitoring their growth over the coming weeks. We have read 'The Preposition Story' and 'The Frightened Little Rabbit' and sang songs like 'This is the way the Bunny Hops' and 'Five Green Shamrocks'. On a daily basis, we work on our vocabulary by revising our name, age, family, feelings, days of the week and months/seasons of the year. In Aistear we have learned about The Ocean, The Farm, St. Patrick's Day & Spring. We have added the 'j', 'x' and 'z' sounds to our list of phonics and our students continue to challenge us with words and phrases in their native languages. We are ready for summer weather now!



Oak Class:

We had a great Easter in Oak Class! We started our gaelic football training with coach Tom and learned about the mechanics of running and practised our kick passing. We have begun our swimming lessons and have completed three already. We soaked up the sun for 'Wellbeing Week' and enjoyed the outdoors. A scavenger hunt was the perfect end to the week!



Willow Class:

Willow class enjoyed continuing to learn about Italy in March. The children created projects on famous Italian tourist attractions and on Ancient Roman entertainment, gladiator fights and chariot races. The children made their own mosaic style art and artwork inspired by the gondolas of Venice. We have been lucky enough to have parents and guardians come in on Fridays to play board games with the class. This has been lots of fun! Thank you to David Rundle for organising. The children have started to learn about weight, capacity and area and perimeter in Maths stations. The children have been taking part in lots of different activities to learn about these topics.



Holly Class:

Holly class have settled back in after Easter holidays. Our Asitear theme was 'The Flower Shop where we planted cress seeds, worked as florists in the shop and learned about new flowers such as sunflowers and foxgloves. As part of Wellbeing Week, we went on a nature scavenger hunt and found birds, nests, spiders and leaves. Friday of Wellbeing week was the highlight for our class as we got to play outside with bubbles and chalk. Thank you to Jane and the Student Council for all your hard work organising a great week. We had loads of fun climbing in the trees. We also learned about the life

cycle of a frog and how it grows from frog spawn to frogs. Holly class participated in a story-telling workshop with the Clare library.



The Incredible Years ® - Small Group Dina - Class of 2024 - 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.



Beech Class:

Beech class really enjoyed their numeracy intervention with lots of hands-on learning taking place. They drew lots of lovely bunnies for Easter too! We had a great week for Wellbeing Week and really enjoyed the yoga and colouring activities. We went on a scavenger hunt and found lots of interesting things and we did a fun egg drop challenge as a STEAM activity with the children really working well as a team.



Condolences:

We wish to offer our condolences to Lisa Quinn and her family on the recent loss of her stepdad. Our thoughts are with Lisa at this sad time.

Dates for the Diary

School Closed: 6th-10th May inclusive