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Monthly Memoirs May 2024

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May Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Adriel, Luca, Ester, Nicolas, Maire B, Sophie, Oleksandr, Leonid, Patrick S, Niamh, Tyler, Joshua, Gabriel and Mykyta.



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 Amy and Ray. We hope you are settling in well.

Home School Community Liaison:

Summer Art with Parents

We had a lovely arts and crafts session this morning making some paper flowers for summer! The children really enjoyed seeing their parents work! HSCL David and Nurture teacher Seán got hands-on with the crafting too. Many thanks to CLDC and tutor Andrea for a wonderful time!



School garden

A huge thank you to the hard-working parents who helped out with the school garden. Our sunflowers are now ready to plant in the beds you prepared! We can't wait to watch them grow over the coming months.



Changes ahead for 6th Class!

6th Class have participated in the 6th Class Transition to Secondary School Programme provided by SCP. They have had the opportunity to consider, discuss and role play many of the new scenarios that they will encounter in 1st year. They have learned tips and information that will make the move to secondary school much easier.

Condolences:

We wish to offer our condolences to Mandy Murphy and family on the recent loss of her aunt Kathleen McKeon, to Sarah Cotter on the loss of her brother-in-law Martin Cotter. Our thoughts are with you both all at this sad time.

Dates for the Diary:

School closed on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June
School closed on Friday 7th June due to the local election
Active schools week is Monday 17th to Friday 21st June
Summer holidays Thursday 27th June at 12pm



Rowan Class:

Rowan Class have had a marvellous May. We have had our first of five swimming lessons and it was a great success. We are really looking forward to seeing improvements in our abilities over the coming weeks. Activities such as Gaelic football have been great fun and everyone enjoys taking part and supporting each other. We are delighted to report that our end of year exams are over us and we all approached them maturity and self-belief. We even got to celebrate with ice-pops on the sun!



Elm Class:

Elm class had a very busy May. We have had lots of adventures. We have gone exploring on our nature walks. We have been busy with learning about recycling. We have stored some plastic bottles in our class and we have brought them to the Lidl bottle bank where we disposed them and got a token with money and we went and bought some yummy ice-creams.

Nurture:

May has been a very busy month in the Nurture room. Confidence has been our area of focus over the past month. In particular pupils have worked hard on developing strategies and routines that help build confidence in ourselves and others. Using positive words, being a good friend, being kind to all and accepting each other's uniqueness are all very important in this regard. A lot of our learning in this area has been through story reading, associated art activities and questioning. We have examined a number of confidence themed stories by Diane Alber and completed some beautiful art linked to these stories.



EAL Class 2:

In EAL this month we were learning about people who live in other countries. We learned all about children who live in India, Singapore and the Australian outback. We learned that some children in the Australian outback live too far away to travel to school so they study from home. Other groups were learning about the circus and the horse that learned to count by tapping his hoof off the ground! We did lots of word searches, played matching games, oral language games. We expanded our vocabulary by studying lots of new words relating to summer. We used our dictionaries to help us with more difficult words.

Hazel Class:

Hazel Class have been enjoying the weather and getting out and about in our community for walks. We have visited the local Garden Centre and recycled plastic bottles at the new Recycling Bank at Lidl. We are learning all about summer, lifecycles and mini beasts. Our Parent's Association hosted a wonderful Cake Sale and we enjoy eating some delicious treats. Our school ran a Wellbeing Week and we took part in all the fun activities on yard. In class we are focusing on sharing and playing together, taking turns and learning new games. We are playing lots of maths games on the interactive white board. We love doing Comic Yoga in class and are really good at following instructions. We are looking forward to a lot more sunshine and spending time outside.



Oak Class:

Oak Class were busy this month taking part in the One Minute Myths programme. It is an initiative run by Ennis library which promotes our proud story-telling tradition with an emphasis on our native myths and legends. The students loved creating their own stories and the recording process. A huge thank you to John Lillis who made it an amazing experience.



EAL Class 1:

Our EAL students from Junior Infants to Second Class are really enjoying their EAL sessions this month. Throughout May we have been busy learning about people and places in other areas. We love learning about the various famous landmarks, people, food and homes from around the world. We enjoy talking about food and clothes from our own countries. We have also been learning about Our Local Community. We are learning about all the people who work in our community as well as the various buildings in our area. We enjoy creating our own maps of our local area. We really like playing games, cutting and pasting, matching, colouring, drawing and lots more activities in our EAL room. We are learning new vocabulary in relation Aistear-'The Hairdressers' and 'The Zoo'. We love learning our new words through songs, stories, role play and games. On a daily basis, we work on our vocabulary by revising our favourite colour, food, drink, place, hobby and feelings. We really enjoy working in pairs speaking in English and in our own languages. We are revising all sounds learned in phonics and we are learning the following new sounds this month- i,v,y,I,o,u,qu,oi,er and ar.

Beech Class:

Beach Class have had lots of activity in May. They made their own playdoh by mixing flour oil paint and salt. The children were able to adjust the ingredients to suit and make the playdoh exactly the way they wanted. We were able to recycle the old playdoh tubs and use them for the new ones. We made God's eyes art to bring good luck, a tradition in Mexico. Tricia showed the children how to weave their chosen colours on to the two sticks. The results were beautiful. The Bake sale meant that there were so many delicious treats to choose from. Our parents baked and set up a long table and everybody got to choose and eat the cakes. There were so many delicious buns to choose from!!



Willow Class:

Willow class were lucky enough to have our third STEAM workshop. The children were tasked with making lighthouses and used an electrical circuit to make the lighthouses light up. The lighthouses were very creative and all groups succeeded in making their lights turn on! Willow class thoroughly enjoyed the 5 weeks of swimming lessons and it was great to see the progress being made each week. In Irish, the children have been learning about an Aimsir and have been practicing telling and writing the weather forecast. In Art, children have been focusing on printing. They created prints using paint and leaves and flowers gathered from the yard and also used tin foil and markers to create silhouette prints. Thanks again to Thomas from Éire Óg for football on Fridays!



Holly Class:

Holly Class have been learning about the Zoo the last few weeks. We created different animals, read 'The Star of the Zoo', built animal enclosures using Lego and made a book about animals that you would find in the Zoo. Holly class completed another STEAM activity this month. Using the Billy Goats Gruff as inspiration, we made a birdge that could hold 20 bears using only four cups and 4 lollipop sticks. The highlight of our month was the school tour. We went to Moher Hill Farm. The children got to ride go karts, play on the bouncing castle and ball pit and outdoor playground. We got to go around the farm to learn about and feed different animals. We saw alpacas, deer, highland cows, sheep, rabbits, lamas and emu just to name a few. We are looking forward to loads of fun activities in June!



