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Monthly Memoirs October 2024

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October Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Michael, Mert, Jan, Dahlia, Tomas, Kyle, Ijeoma, Charlotte and Winita.



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!



Halloween:



We had a spooktacular day to mark the start of our Halloween break. Children and staff celebrated by getting dressed up in costumes ranging from witches, to goblins, to doctors, princesses, clowns to superheroes. We hope all our children and their families have a lovely break together. We look forward to seeing you all after the Halloween break on Monday 4th November.

We are very excited to have been accepted into the Peace Proms choir which will take part in UL on 1st of March 2025. Preparations have already begun and our choir had a few practices before midterm. They have loads of catchy tunes to be rehearsing in the coming months and we are looking forward to the show already and singing our way into the New Year!! Many thanks to Jane and Amber for giving of their time to promote singing in our school.

Cash for Clobber:



We will be running a Cash for Clobber (clothes recycling) in the school until November 15th. If you are cleaning out the wardrobes over the midterm, we'd appreciate any donation of clothes. Many thanks in advance.

Drop offs and Collections:



We'd like to thank all our parents for co-operating with our traffic management plan to ensure the safety of all our children. We'd like to remind all parents that we ask you to park your car in a parking spot before coming to the gate to pick up your child. We also ask that the one-way system is kept free for cars to continuously move rather than stop here and wait for your child to get into your car.

Peace Proms:

Holly Class:

Holly class were very excited this October preparing for

Halloween. As part of Aistear we had Halloween stations such as the witches kitchen, autumn sensory tray and making potions. We read the story *Jake Makes a Monsters Cake*. We had great fun making up our own spooky monster recipes. Our class also went to Glór to see the musical *Bully Bully* which the children absolutely loved and represented their school to such a high standard. Holly class also participated in a STEAM experiment where the children were challenged to see who could make the loudest and quietest noise. Happy Halloween!



EAL 1:

Our EAL students from Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class are really enjoying their EAL sessions this month. Throughout October, we have been busy learning about the different parts of the body and our school. We love playing games, matching, colouring, drawing and writing activities when learning about school and ourselves. We are learning new vocabulary in relation to autumn and Halloween during Aistear. We love learning our new words through songs, stories and games. We are able to put new words learned into sentences. On a daily basis, we work on our communication skills and grammar by learning to say our names, ages, where we live and how we feel each day in school. We really enjoy working in pairs speaking English and in our own languages. We are learning the following new sounds in Jolly Phonics this month-s,a,t. First class are learning to blend sounds to read words.

Ash Class: Ash class have had a fun month in October. They had a chance to visit Glór to see the show *Bully Bully* which the children found very funny. Ash Class have been really focused on all things Halloween this month, they read the book 'The Magical Muddle' and have had a chance to create 'Brainbox' potions based on this book. They have also had a chance to build haunted houses out of toothpicks and mini marshmallows and also helped design and carve two class pumpkins. Ash class also got a chance to practise some of their balances and stretches completing some yoga.



EAL Class 2: This month in EAL, we learned all about autumn. We read an autumn story and chatted about all the things we love about autumn. We went on an autumn trail around the school and found acorns, chestnuts, berries, trees, flowers and much more. We had lots of fun! Well done everyone.



EAL Class 3:

The EAL senior classes were busy learning the vocabulary for clothes this month. The children were working on describing their outfits and describing what other children were wearing. They played bingo games and did cutting and sticking activities to reinforce new vocabulary. We also worked on autumn and Halloween vocabulary and went on a nature hunt outside to find conkers and autumn leaves. We then did some chalk outlines of leaves to decorate our classroom. Some of the children were working on adjectives and did a great job writing a description of a monster using lots of excellent adjectives to make our writing more interesting.



Hazel Class:

What a great October Hazel class have had. We were learning all about autumn, our emotions and Halloween. We got to make some spooky Halloween coloured rice for our sensory play. We added some rats, eyes, bats and other creepy items. We got to listen to some fun Halloween stories but 'Room on a Broom' was the class favourite!! We all dressed up on Friday before the midterm and looked spooky. We had a party with our friends from Elm and had so much fun. Happy Halloween!!



Willow Class:

Willow class have become data detectives this October. The children have worked on pictograms, bar charts and line graphs to represent data. They have designed surveys and collected data from other classes and made big graphs to demonstrate the information. In art, the children have been working on colour mixing and have created colourful eyes and haunted houses. A lot of work has gone into creating descriptive writing pieces this month. The children's use of exciting adjectives and spooky adverbs has greatly improved and they have described some creepy haunted houses.



Elm Class:

We have had such a lovely month in Elm class. We have been learning all about autumn. We've been learning lots of new words associated with autumn like pumpkins, conkers, pine cones and hedgehogs. We have been doing fantastic autumn art which we have proudly hung on our 'Sense of Autumn' board. We have also been learning about Halloween and have been listening to lovely stories about witches and broomsticks. We made some spooky spiders and creepy bats. We have also been doing lots of sensory play with sand, foam and water.

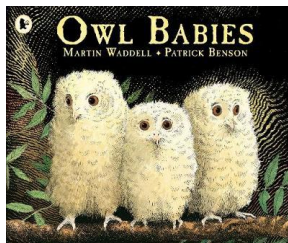


Rowan Class:

Rowan Class have had a wonderful month of learning. I suppose the highlight of the month was our class trip to the Ennis Fire Station. The fire fighters gave us a wonderful experience and we had a great day out. Our 'Value of the Month' for October was bravery. We studied heroes from the civil rights movement like Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King to inspire us to show bravery in our lives. We are also conducting a monthly 'Show and Tell' which was a great success. Ellie brought in a real 100 dollar bill! Now that was exciting!



Beech Class:



We enjoyed sharing in on the birthday celebrations with Mert, Dahlia and Kyle this month!! Our favourite story of the month was Owl Babies and we did loads of extra activities like chalk art which was based on this story. Halloween is one of our favourite times of the year and we had great fun getting dressed up and making smoky Halloween cauldrons!!

Beech Class:



We were delighted to have had the opportunity to be the first class to perform in our monthly assembly this year. We sang Dreams by the Cranberries. Caitriona joined us

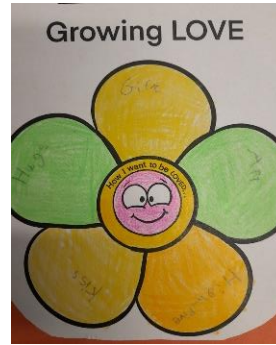
on her guitar and we look forward to learning loads more songs with her throughout the year. We also welcomed the author Méabh McDonnell who visited our classroom. Méabh wrote the book "Into the Witchwood". We talked about how to use the things that both frighten and inspire us together to make the perfect spooky tale!

SCP:

The After School Homework Club has been up and running since the middle of September. Both Junior and senior clubs are well attended. The younger pupils continue their learning through play, storytelling and using their imagination. Some examples of their work are pictured here. The Senior Club use their time to complete homework as prescribed by their class teachers. Some are busy mastering maths tables, a key building block for success in mathematics.



Cherry Blossom: Love has been our area of focus in Cherry Blossom since the end of September. Pupils have read love-themed books such as "A Little Spot Of Love" amongst others. We have learned that love is full of a lot of other feelings such as peace, happiness and confidence. One of the most enjoyable aspects of this topic was learning about the many ways one can show love to others. There was some excellent discussion around which is the best way to receive love from others such as a high-five, spending quality time, a hug or a fist-bump. October was a love-ly month!



Student Council:



HCSL:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank David Rundle for all his work in the HCSL role over the last 3 years. A warm welcome to Alan as the new Home School Community Liaison for our school. If you need to contact Alan, please do so using the following number 0894771298.

Happy Graduation Day!:



Congratulations to Michelle and Jill who both graduated last week from their studies. You have both worked very hard to get to this special occasion and we are very proud of you both!!

October got off to a busy start with huge interest from children in 3rd-6th classes who prepared and presented speeches to their classmates convincing them as to why they should be elected on to the student council. We are delighted to announce that Shirelle, Michael, Ishioma, Pat, Martin and Mackenzie are our Student Council representatives for the year ahead. They have gotten stuck in straight away and we look forward to hearing their new podcast after the midterm.

Dates for the diary:

- 4th November:** School re-opens after midterm
- 8th November:** School closure due to staff training
- 19th/20th November:** Parent-teacher meetings
- 27th November:** School closes at 12.45pm