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Monthly Memoirs March 2025

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March Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Saorlaith, Daniil, Matthew, Eileen, Sofiia, Eliana, Nathaniel, Polina, Sandro, Favour, Patrick, Sara, Pavol and Cameron.



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

New pupil:

We'd like to offer a céad mile fáilte to Heaven who has joined our school community recently. We hope you are making loads of new friends and are settling well into life in EETNS!!

Home School Community Liaison:

Our parents' gardening classes are now in full swing. We have weeded the sunflower beds and planted early seed potatoes and carrots. In our polytunnel, we used seedling trays to start sunflower, tomato, aubergine, chilli, peas, brussels sprout, marigold and broad bean seeds. As always, we would be delighted to have new parents on board. Our 'Dads & Lads' soccer sessions will also begin after the easter break so please contact Alan to get on board!! Our next attendance drive will take place in May where classes will compete against each other with prizes up for grabs. Well done to all parents and students for the huge improvement in attendance over the past few months!! A special mention to the Ariff family who took part in 'Our Traditional Table'; a book of traditional recipes shared by families of all nationalities. We were delighted to see our school represented so well at the publication of this book in De Valera Library, Ennis on Thursday.

Spar FAI Primary School 5-a-side Soccer:

On Thursday the 22nd of March, our boy's soccer team had a great day in Lees Road, Ennis participating in the annual Spar FAI 5-a-side soccer tournament. Local primary schools competed on the astro playing field in ideal conditions. Our boys acquitted themselves very well in all games, displaying great skill and determination against Lissycasey NS and Clonmoney NS. All pupils represented our school brilliantly and all involved had a great day out.



The Incredible Years® - Small Group Dina: Class of 2025 - 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. They are pictured here celebrating their Graduation Day.



Holly Class:

The Pizzeria was our theme this month for Aistear. We learned a pizza song, made our own pizza art with paint and playdoh and worked in the pizzeria role play area as chefs. In Geography, we were learning about Inuit people who live in the Arctic regions. Holly class loved World Book Day. Thank you to everyone who organised the donations of books so that we have new books for our class library and also books to bring home. Jill also came to our class and read us a very funny story, *There is an Alien in your book!*



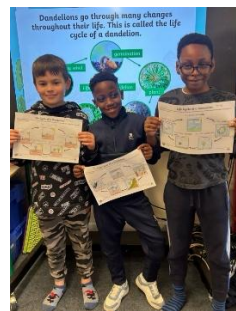
Ash Class:

Ash Class have spent the month of March learning about some really exciting things! We have been learning all about spring time. We studied some flowers and types of trees in Ireland and learnt all about the different parts and their names. We have been looking at some different life cycles. We have learned all about the life cycle of frogs and also of butterflies. In Learn Together we had a very busy month. Ash class have been working really hard on their maths stations throughout the entire month. We learnt all about Lent and what happens in the lead up to Easter. We found out lots of information about Ramadan and Eid! Finally, we studied the story of St. Patrick and we even completed some St. Patricks day art!



Beech Class:

Beech class have loved the fine March weather, and began the month with a 'Signs of Spring' scavenger hunt outside. Some of us even claimed to have spotted a lamb around the back of the school! We took a walk to the park, and had great fun with the Imagination Playground equipment during Golden Time. In Science, we learned about the life cycles of both frogs and dandelions, and were amazed to hear about the health benefits of the roots, leaves and flowers of this humble little plant most people think of as a weed. Beech class are big fans of Minecraft, and in advance of the upcoming Minecraft movie, were very excited to create our own Minecraft selfies. It was tricky not being able to use any curved lines, but we managed it well, and they turned out great! We also learned about Eid-al Fitr, and were delighted to hear from our Muslim classmates about how they celebrate the end of Ramadan. Ayse, our visiting SNA from Turkey, also helped us to understand this special time. Eid Mubarak!



Rowan Class:

Rowan Class have had a busy month of learning in March. We have however had a number of standout moments! One of the best experiences was taking part in a hurling blitz in the Fair Green. We learned new skills and made some new friends. All the kids represented our school fantastically and we hope to take part again in the future. We were also delighted to welcome Aaron Carroll, our STEAM expert, to Rowan Class. As usual, we had great fun and learned lots of new scientific facts by exploring the Archimedean theory of displacement. In Literacy we are learning about persuasion. The kids even managed to persuade the adults to take us to the park!



Willow Class:

We have learned a lot this month in Willow class! In English, our focus has been on plurals and homophones. We made a homophone pair/pear display to demonstrate all of the homophones we know as a class! In Maths, we have been busy constructing 3-D shapes and their nets and have now moved on to measuring. Our focus in Gaeilge this month is An Teilifís, we used the Chromebooks to practice our Irish writing and showcase our favourite tv shows! For St. Patrick's Day, we designed and made leprechaun traps. We worked in groups to design these traps, decide on materials and construct them. They were colourful and shiny to attract leprechauns and we had great fun with this activity! Willow class were lucky enough to get to see Ennis Community College and the Gaelcholáiste perform 'The Addams Family' in Glór earlier this month, it was a fantastic day out! We have also enjoyed a trip to the park in the sunshine and have been busy celebrating the many March birthdays in our classroom!



Elm Class:

Elm class had a great month of March. We listened to lots of stories and picked out books to take home for World Book Day. We made beautiful hand printed art and painted lots of pictures. We used sponges to create beautiful art work. We made numbers and letters out of playdoh. We did lots of cutting and pasting exercises. We made lovely designs using lollipop sticks. We went on nature walks, visits to the garden centre, the charity shop and Barneys.



Oak Class:

March has been an exciting and fulfilling month for our class. We had the opportunity to attend *The Addams Family* show at the Glór Theatre, which was a fantastic experience. We also celebrated International Women's Day by completing inspiring projects on remarkable women like Katie Taylor, Rosa Parks, and Michelle Obama. For World Book Day, we enjoyed shared reading sessions with the junior infants, fostering a love for books. Additionally, we began learning Spanish every Thursday, expanding our language skills. Many of our classmates proudly represented the school in basketball and soccer tournaments this month. We are incredibly proud of the achievements we've made and the memories we've created together!



Hazel Class:

Hazel class have had a very busy March. We were learning all about Spring. We went on some nature walks looking for signs of Spring. We were also learning about our emotions. We are working on regulating our emotions and being able to identify our emotions. We also got to enjoy some lovely outdoor play and enjoy the fine weather. We made some lovely art for the people we love in our lives. We have also been learning about length which has been so much fun.



EAL Class 1:

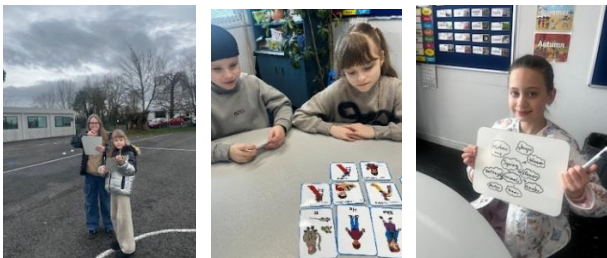
Our EAL students from Junior Infants to First Class are really enjoying their EAL sessions this month.

Throughout March, we have been busy learning about positional words, pronouns, farm animals and spring. We love going outside to look for the different signs of Spring. We saw daffodils, buds, nests, birds and flowers. We went on a Spring Hunt and completed a worksheet outside. It was so much fun! We enjoy playing games and completing matching, colouring and drawing activities when learning about positional words, pronouns, Farm animals and Spring. We are learning new vocabulary in relation to Aistear-Pizza Parlour and Flowers. We love learning our new words through songs, stories and games. On a daily basis, we work on our vocabulary by revising our favourite colour, favourite farm animal, pets, hobby and feelings. We really enjoy working in pairs speaking English and in our own languages. We are revising all sounds learned in phonics and we learned the following new sounds this month-*oa*, *ie* and *ee*.



EAL Class 2:

This month in EAL 2 our students from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd have been learning about prepositions, pronouns, and the season of Spring! We gave each other lots of instructions to learn all our prepositions. We hid 'under' the table, put items 'on' the table, and put items 'in' boxes. We also went outdoors and engaged in a prepositional treasure hunt. Children had to locate items that matched the preposition. We learned about pronouns and played some board games to practise putting pronouns into sentences! We also have begun learning about Spring and all the beautiful aspects of the new season. Well done everyone!



EAL Class 3:

EAL 3 group studied and learned about people living in different countries and how to journey from one part of the world to another. They worked out a journey Katinka would have to take to visit her home country, by travelling to Berlin in Germany. Katinka is helping with the work in Willow class this year and is a great addition. Hotel prices and airport costs are included in the calculations. If anyone wants a week's break in Berlin, check the details here. We made some short trips outdoors to visit a local landmark and calculated how long the walk takes.



Eid Mubarak:

Many of our children have made huge personal sacrifices while fasting during Ramadan since 28th February. Last weekend, they got to celebrate Eid al-Fitr. May this special time bring peace, happiness and prosperity to you all.



Wellbeing Week:

Our Student Council, Lisa and Jane have loads of plans for our school to celebrate wellness week next week. Each day will have a different area of focus including: Mindful Monday, Thankful Tuesday, Wellbeing Wednesday, Try-it-Out Thursday and Fun Friday. We look forward to looking after ourselves and each other and having fun while doing so!!

Dates for the Diary:

April 7th-11th: Wellness Week

April 11th: School closes at 12pm for Easter

April 28th: School reopens for summer term