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Monthly Memoirs January 2026

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January Birthdays:

Samuel, Niniola, Thomas, Wissam,
Peter, Yohanna, Daniella, Mykahailo,
Sara, Hatem, Nwakaife, Brandon, and
Rumeyza.



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

New pupils:

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

Chess Club News:

Our Chess Club started last week and is already off to a great start! Children from 3rd to 6th class have been enjoying learning new skills and playing exciting games. It's been wonderful to see such focus, teamwork, and sportsmanship at every table. There have been some great games played already, and everyone is improving each week. We are really looking forward to taking part in the Ficheall competition next month. Best of luck to all our young chess players! ♟️



Basketball:

Our boys and girls basketball teams have been busy practising for the annual Marian Keane tournament which will be held on 11th of February in Gurteen. Wishing both teams the very best of luck!!



Cherry Blossom Class:

Senior end pupils who attend our Cherry Blossom room have been continuing the WhyTry Programme since we started back for Term 2. The programme supports pupils in developing resilience, positive behaviour, and healthy ways to manage emotions. Through guided discussions and practical activities, pupils are learning to reflect on their choices and understand the impact of their actions. They are also building confidence and strengthening their problem-solving and social skills. This month we have focused on resistance, becoming familiar with what resistance means and learning how resistance or doing difficult things can make us stronger. We are delighted to see the positive progress and growing self-belief among our pupils as a result of the programme.



Holly Class:

Holly class have had a brilliant January! Our theme for this month is the Arctic and the Antarctic. The children have had a chance to study some of the animals who live in these cold habitats such as polar bears, penguins, seals and walrus. We have been learning about people who live in other lands specifically the Inuit, who live up in the Arctic circle. During Aistear the children have gotten the chance to build igloos and dens for polar bears to sleep in. In science we have been testing out waterproof materials and also got to make our own snow! We made some Arctic themed art which included walrus and penguins. In maths, Holly class started straight into 3D shapes and got a chance to find and explore the shapes around the classroom and the wider school community. We began our English stations and have been working really hard on our reading, writing and oral language skills.



Ash Class:

Ash Class settled back into school life beautifully after the Christmas break. We learned about how New Year's Eve is celebrated around the world and wrote our own New Year's resolutions. Pupils also enjoyed New Year-themed art, creating city silhouettes with bursting fireworks using oil pastels. We are now fully immersed in our Oceans and Coral Reefs theme. Pupils have loved learning about coral reef habitats and their importance. A highlight has been our collaborative coral reef diorama project with Beech Class, which has encouraged teamwork and creativity.

In literacy, pupils have been developing their explanatory writing skills through engaging ocean and sea creature-themed writing activities.



Beech Class:

Term 2 in Beech class began with an exploration of the solar system. We learned about stars, constellations, and the positions of planets in the solar system. We even learned a funny sentence to help us order them correctly! As a new year began, the Learn Together Curriculum got us thinking about all the things in our lives we are grateful for, and we made lovely gratitude mugs to display these. Family, friends, food, warm beds, pets, Nintendos and PS5s all featured! Diving into this month's theme of water, Beech class are very excited to be taking part in the GLOBE Ireland 'Climate Resilience: Rainfall and Flooding (Spongy Schools)' Campaign, a citizen science project that measures rainfall levels at schools. GLOBE is an international environmental and science education program that is sponsored by NASA. Scientist at GLOBE sent us a rain gauge, which we set up outside our classroom. At 12 noon each day from January 12th to February 6th, we read the gauge, record the rainfall level, test the pH of the rain, and log all this information on the GLOBE Observer app. The information collected will help the scientists to better understand rainfall and weather patterns, and help prevent flooding. Beech class are also thrilled to be working on a collaborative art project with our neighbours in Ash class! Together we are studying the oceans of the world, and creating miniature coral reef dioramas with lots of different materials. We are really enjoying the process, and love getting to know our friends next door. Friday morning yoga in Cois na hAbhna is also a big hit with Beech class. We can look forward to the weekend feeling very zen!



Elm Class:

Elm class have been learning all about money this month in maths. We sorted coins into different groups. We were learning all about primary colours in science and what happens when we mix them together. We made cupcakes and created beautiful umbrella and penguin art. We had our weekly trip to Lidl. We planted bulbs and are watching them grow every day.



Hazel Class:

Hazel class have settled in well after the Christmas break. We have enjoyed listening to each other talk about what we did over the break. We heard about all the lovely gifts we received. We spoke about New Years and what it means. We are all looking forward to a wonderful 2026 ahead and working together. Hazel class have enjoyed getting out for a walk most days as part of keeping healthy for the New Year. We love going for our walks and exploring what is around us.



Rowan Class:

January marked a positive start to the new year in Rowan, with our 3rd and 4th class pupils settling back into school routines with great enthusiasm. It was a busy month, full of learning. In English, the children placed a strong emphasis on oral language and narrative writing. The children used graphic organisers to structure their ideas and worked on developing characters, settings and dialogue. A special highlight was our library trip, where pupils explored a wide range of books and drew inspiration for their own narrative writing. Gaelge lessons continued to build confidence in oral language, reading and writing, with pupils enjoying stories and conversational activities that supported new vocabulary. In Mathematics, our focus was on number, particularly division through sharing and grouping. Using concrete materials, pupils explored dividing objects into equal groups and linking division to known multiplication facts. Hands-on activities and problem-solving discussions helped deepen understanding. Across SESE, pupils learned about early peoples, with a focus on Māori culture, and explored local geography in County Clare. In Science, they learned about the human body, identifying major organs and discussing their functions. In Arts, the children responded to themes from History and Geography through art, music and drama. They explored patterns, symbols and storytelling in visual art. Wellbeing was also a key focus this month. Pupils took part in yoga sessions, which supported relaxation, balance and mindfulness. In SPHE and Learn Together, the class explored decision-making, respect, equality and justice. Through discussion, role-play and reflection, pupils considered the importance of making responsible choices and showing respect for others' ideas and feelings.

January was a wonderful start to the year in Rowan, with pupils engaging enthusiastically across all areas of the curriculum. Well-done to all our learners for their hard work!



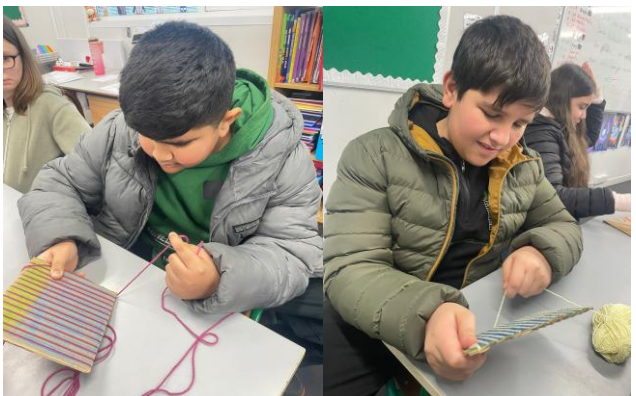
Willow Class:

It has been a very active start to the new year for Willow Class! The kids have been enjoying their weekly table tennis sessions. A big thanks to Con from Table Tennis Ireland for gifting the school three table tennis kits. The children were also excited to start their yoga classes with Kelly this month and we look forward to having them each week. Willow Class have also started their Active Homework in collaboration with Clare Sports Partnership. They have committed to walking or running 10 laps of the basketball court everyday as well as doing an additional activity for homework! It's great to see everyone taking part and taking ownership of their health and wellbeing in 2026!



Oak Class:

Oak Class have been very busy this month learning all about the Famine. We wove our own little cottages as part of our History work, which we really enjoyed. In PE, we have been playing table tennis and practising our skills. In Geography, we have been learning about the counties of Ireland and the four provinces. For literacy, we used the text 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne to create our own diary entries, using lots of imagination and descriptive language. We have also started a new class novel, and everyone is enjoying it so far.



Féile Scoilrámaíochta:

Excitement is building in Willow Class as they put the finishing touches on their Irish play 'Luch sa Teach'. They will compete in the Irish Drama Competition 'Féile Scoilrámaíochta' on Tuesday, February 10th at 1pm in Glór, Ennis. Families are invited to attend the event and tickets can be purchased on the day. Tickets are €5 for a family.



Home School Liaison:

We have had a brilliant start to the new year with parents engaging in Yoga, gardening and Beauty classes. Thanks, as always to CLDC for funding these classes and to Kelly, Mary and Geraldine for leading and educating our parents in these areas. These classes have been a great success and they will continue throughout Term 2 so if new parents would like to join, please contact Alan on 0894771298.



Dates for your dairy:

- 2nd February: School closed Bank Holiday
- 10th February: Féile Scoilrámaíochta (Willow class)
- 11th February: Marian Keane Basketball
- 19th/20th February: School closed Mid-Term