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Monthly Memoirs March 2026

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March Birthdays:

Happiest of birthdays to... Saorlaith, Daniil, Eileen, Ajwa, Eileen, Ajwa, Eliana, Ruadhan, Polina, Jack, Mohammed, Hamza, Sara, Matthew, Sofiia, Nathaniel, Sandro, Patrick and Pavol!



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

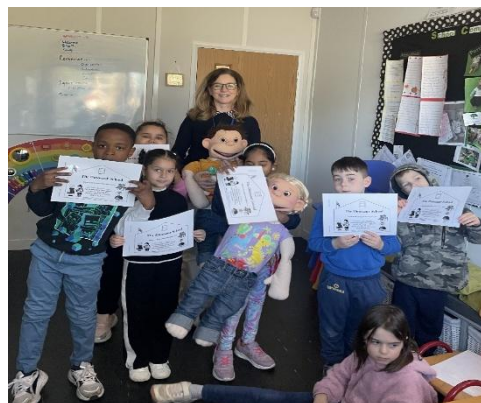
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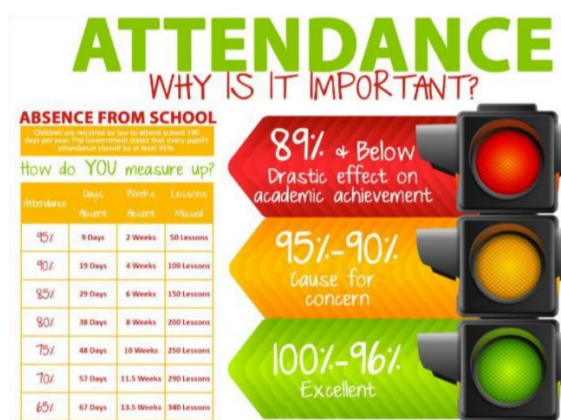
We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. Pupils came dressed as their favourite book characters, filling the classrooms with colour and creativity. Throughout the day, we enjoyed shared reading sessions, storytelling, and fun activities that helped bring stories to life. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our love of reading and inspire everyone to discover new books. A big thanks to Tricia for organising the day's events!

SCP:

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 and how to be friendly in school. They are pictured here celebrating their Graduation Day.



Attendance:



The Attendance Improvement Plan is a nationwide initiative to help improve attendance at school. Regular attendance at school helps children build confidence, keep up with learning, and develop habits that support long-term success.

HSCL & SCP in EETNS are actively working with parents to encourage attendance.

Holly Class:

March has been a really exciting month in Holly Class. In Aistear, we have been learning all about the restaurant especially the pizzeria. The children got a chance to make pizza dough, and run a pizzeria in our role play corner. In English, the children designed menus of their favourite foods for their new restaurant and designed their own pizza with their favourite toppings. In Irish we looked at our new vocabulary all about St. Patrick. We looked at his life and did some colouring based on his life. We were very lucky to have Willow class up to help us with some collaborative art where we did St. Patrick colour by numbers. We celebrated World Book Day and all the children got a chance to dress up as their favourite book character and got to bring home a brand-new book from school.



Certificates:



Congratulations to all the children who were awarded certificates at the February Assembly!

Ash Class:

March was a very busy and creative month for Ash Class as we explored the themes of *Places* and *Special Occasions*. Throughout the month, pupils learned about a variety of celebrations including Ramadan, Lent, St. Patrick's Day, World Book Day and Mother's Day. These discussions helped pupils understand how different people and cultures mark important moments in meaningful ways. In SESE, our focus was on Ireland, where pupils learned about our country's traditions, culture and symbols, especially in the lead up to St. Patrick's Day. The pupils also completed their fantastic interpretation of *The Great Wave* by the Japanese artist Hokusai, which was a wonderful creative project that everyone took great pride in. Alongside this, the class made beautiful Ramadan lanterns and carefully created handwritten paper flower bouquets for Mother's Day. World Book Day was a highlight of the month, with pupils thoroughly enjoying the celebrations and being delighted to receive some lovely new books to keep and enjoy at home.



Beech Class:

March in Beech Class began with a whirlwind of activity, celebrating all things literacy with World Book Day, and the beginning of Seachtain na Gaeilge! For World Book Day, we really enjoyed a deep dive into the book *After the Fall* by Dan Santat. Inspired by the story, we wrote our hopes and worries onto colourful paper, made paper airplanes, and together with the rest of the school, flew them into the sky. We had the best fun! Lots of people dressed up as their favourite characters from books. Where's Wally and Where's Larry bumped into each other, and we even had a visit from one of our favourite characters, Dogman! Seachtain na Gaeilge saw us practising new Irish words and phrases every day, learning to dance the Siege of Ennis, and engaging in lots of fun activities as Gaeilge, including a wordsearch around the yard, Irish morning meetings and a Lá Glas parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. March 15th was Mother's Day, and to celebrate, we had lovely chats about our mothers, how much we love them, and how grateful we are for all that they do, and finished up by making Mother's Day cards using a beautiful frame made by Ash class teacher, Aoife. This week, we are looking forward to a fun filled week of activities for Wellbeing Week, and the start of the Easter break. Happy Easter from Beech Class!



Artist of the month:



This term, all classes studied the artist Katsushika Hokusai, and his woodblock print, *The Great Wave* in particular. This came together in a stunning display of work from junior infants to sixth class, which has brightened up our foyer!

Rowan Class:

March has been another busy and engaging month in Rowan. In English, pupils explored the book *'After the Fall'* by Dan Santat. Through reading and discussion, they reflected on the characters, events and themes of the story, including fear, resilience and perseverance. Pupils practised predicting, questioning and summarising while developing their comprehension skills. The kids loved going outside to fly their paper airplanes to celebrate World Book Day! In Mathematics, our focus was on fractions and decimals. Pupils revised fractions such as halves, quarters and tenths before learning how these relate to decimal numbers. They explored tenths and hundredths using place value charts and number lines and practised converting between fractions and decimals. In History, pupils continued learning about the Vikings. They explored where the Vikings came from and learned about their homes, food, clothing and daily life. The children examined Viking longships and discussed how they travelled and settled in Ireland. In Geography, pupils continued their study of France. In Gaeilge, pupils celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge. They took part in a fun Gaeilge treasure hunt and practised using new Irish phrases every day. Pupils listened to poems in Irish and worked on answering questions and completing written activities. In Visual Art, pupils created shamrock artwork using chalk pastels, experimenting with blending and shading techniques to create vibrant designs inspired by St. Patrick's Day. A highlight of the month was our trip to Glór Theatre, where pupils attended a performance of *Chicago*. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of seeing a live stage production and discussing the music, costumes and performance afterwards. In PE, pupils participated in Yoga sessions, learning poses that helped develop balance, strength and flexibility. They practised breathing techniques and movement sequences that supported focus and wellbeing. In SPHE, pupils continued with the Stay Safe programme, learning about different types of bullying, including cyberbullying. The kids worked in groups or pairs to create posters based on their bullying rules. March was full of creativity, learning and exciting experiences. As usual, pupils approached every activity with enthusiasm and curiosity.



Elm Class:

Elm Class have had a busy month of March. We were learning all about the theme of Spring. We learned about all the baby animals that are born in spring. We went on a nature walk to look at all the buds on the trees and the flowers growing. We were learning all about money and counting in maths. We mixed paint and washing up liquid to make beautiful bubble art. We made some beautiful St. Patrick's Day art and decorated our notice board with lots of beautiful spring art. We are getting so good at Yoga which we love doing. We have been playing basketball every lunchtime and are getting so good at scoring. We had our trip to Barneys and the playground.



Cherry Blossom Class:

Taking turns to talk has been the focus for pupils from the junior end of the school attending Cherry Blossom room this month. Through role-play, brainstorming, discussion and worksheets there has been huge amounts of learning on when we need to take turns to talk and how best we can do this. As a follow-up to the above work some pupils used their fantastic art skills to make their own TV screens and had puppets role-play reading the news and weather.



Hazel Class:

Hazel Class had a wonderful and busy month in March. We really enjoyed taking part in Seachtain na Gaeilge and celebrating the Irish language. On March 5th, we also celebrated World Book Day. Everyone got to choose a book to bring home and read, and we picked some very cool and funny ones. We spent time doing lovely St. Patrick's Day colouring and learning all about St. Patrick, including the story of how he drove the snakes out of Ireland. One of the highlights of the month was our trip to Glór with our friends from 3rd to 6th class to see a production of *Chicago* performed by Ennis Community College and Gaelcholáiste an Chláir. It was an absolutely brilliant show! We were also very proud of Aaron for taking part in the Munster finals in Glór for the County Feile Scoildramaíochta competition. During the month, we learned all about spring and enjoyed getting outside for some lovely spring walks.



Willow Class:

Bhí Rang Willow an-ghnóthach i rith mí an Mhárta! They celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge by using Irish phrases every day and even took part in Bingo through Irish! They enjoyed taking part in the Lá Glás parade and everyone wore green to celebrate the occasion. Well done to Marat who won the 'Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine' award for his great use of Irish this month! During the month of Márta, Willow Class also celebrated World Book Day. The children dressed up as their favourite book characters. They read a story called 'After the Fall' which was based on the story of Humpty Dumpty and the events that took place after he fell off the wall. The children were inspired by Humpty Dumpty and how he overcame his fear of heights. From that, they reflected on and shared their fears and worries. They made paper airplanes, wrote down their fears and worries and then flew them into the air; showing how they were ready to let go of their fears and worries. Students Daniella, Ellie, Nathaniel, Saorlaith and Pat joined by Sophie, Joanna and Martin from Rowan Class and took part in the Feile na hInse Irish singing competition. They sang two songs in Irish and did a super job representing our school! In SESE, the children made their own projects and artwork about China. They learned all about the history of China, famous landmarks, its geography and their traditions. In exciting news, Willow Class began their 'Buddy Time' with Junior and Senior Infant students from Holly Class. They enjoyed doing fun art activities with the younger children and it was a lovely time for bonding, sharing and being kind to others. Finally, Willow Class took to the stage in Glór and competed in the Munster Final of the Féile Scoil drámaíochta Irish Drama Competition. It was such a huge achievement to progress from the County Finals to the Munster Finals and we are extremely proud of our talented students. The future is bright!



Oak Class:

This month has been nothing short of fantastic for 5th and 6th Class, filled with fun, learning, and memorable experiences. In Maths, we have been learning all about length. We took our learning beyond the classroom by engaging in active, hands-on activities both indoors and outdoors. Using metre sticks, trundle wheels, and even our hands, we explored different ways of measuring and estimating length in a fun and practical way. As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, we enjoyed a trip to the library where we took part in a comic sketching workshop. We created our own characters and had the opportunity to practise our Irish while doing so, making it both a creative and educational experience. To round off the month, we went on a class trip to Glór to see the Ennis Community College and Gaelcholáiste an Chláir in their production of Chicago. It was an excellent show, and it was especially exciting to see a past pupil from the Oak Class performing on stage. Overall, it has been a wonderful month full of learning, creativity, and new experiences. We have made many great memories in Oak Class and are looking forward to what next month will bring!



Peace Proms:

Our school choir had a fantastic experience attending Peace Proms in the UL Sports Arena on Saturday, 7th March. The children have been working very hard over the past number of months, learning songs, actions and choreography, and their dedication truly paid off on the night. Performing alongside a full orchestra and choirs from other schools was an unforgettable experience for all involved. The excitement and joy on the children's faces was wonderful to see, and they represented our school with great enthusiasm and pride.



Table Tennis:

Our students had a wonderful day at the Schools Table Tennis Festival on 24th March. We were delighted to have teams representing the school from 3rd and 4th class as well as 5th and 6th class, with both boys' and girls' teams taking part. The children displayed great skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. A special congratulations goes to our 3rd and 4th class boys' and girls' teams, who both emerged as winners on the day. They proudly returned to Ennis Educate Together with gold medals, a fantastic achievement for all involved.



Condolences:

Our school community extends our deepest condolences to former principal, Sean Ó'Confhaola, on the recent loss of his mother Kathleen. May she rest in peace.

Dates for your dairy:

- **27th March-12th April:** Easter Holidays
- **14th April:** Swimming 1st-3rd classes
- **24th April:** School tour deposits due
- **4th May and 5th of May:** May Bank Holiday
- **20th May:** Literacy Standardised Testing
- **25th May:** Staff Training Day
- **26th May:** School tour(Juniors-2nd)
- **28th May:** Numeracy Standardised Testing
- **29th May:** June Bank Holiday