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Monthly Memoirs
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Welcome Back:

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We are absolutely thrilled to welcome all of our students, families, and staff back to school for the September term. A special, warm welcome goes out to our new Junior Infants and any pupils joining our school community for the first time. The classrooms and corridors are buzzing with energy once again, and we are so excited for the year of learning, friendship, and growth ahead. Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this new journey together, and let's make this our best school year yet!

September Birthdays:

Happiest of birthdays to Isaac, D.J., Jamaal, Phiwayinkhosi, Emily, Joao, Ifechukwu, Nefeli, George, Marat, Oleksandra, and Mudiwa.

We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

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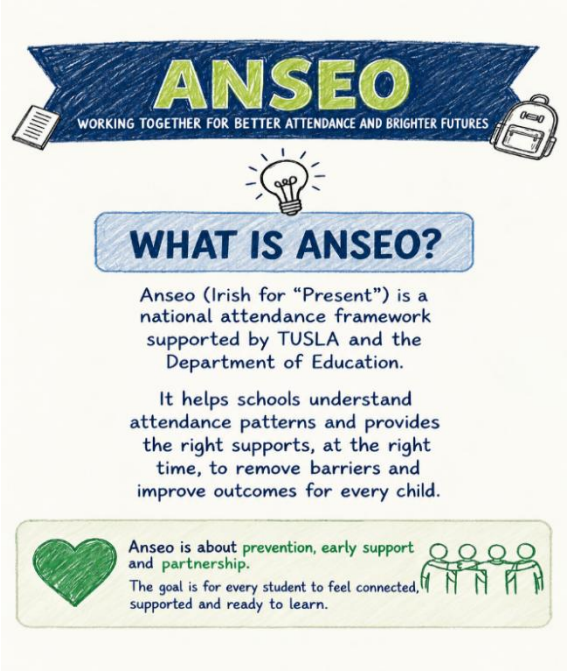


We are delighted to be have been invited to join the ANSEO initiative, promoted by TESS and Tusla. This programme gives our school an opportunity to work with our school community to promote good attendance in school. It helps us identify things we can do to help support children and their families to recognise the importance and many benefits of good attendance in school. We love to see so many children in school and we miss them when they're not here. We are committed to sharing this message with you over the course of the year so that we can all recognise that school attendance leads to good routines from an early age. Thanks to you all for getting this year off to such a good start!

New Students:

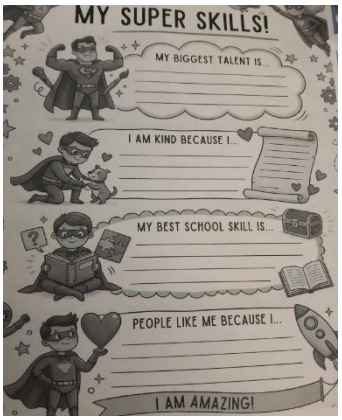
A special welcome to all our new students including Wadih, Shelby, Heaveline, Abiodun, Salahaldeen, Emily, Sara, Mudiwa, Yahia, Adam, Charlie, Cameron, Elliott and Elisa. We would like to welcome you to our school family where new friendships, exciting challenges, and a wonderful journey of learning await you!

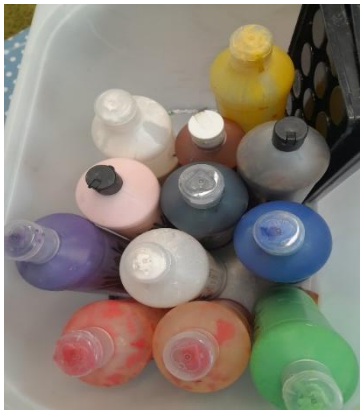
Dina School:

The Incredible Years: Children's Small Group Dina Programme has commenced in our school. With the help of Wally & Molly (pictured) the children will develop social and emotional skills, including managing feelings, solving problems, making friends and building positive relationships. Through fun, interactive activities, stories and games, children will have opportunities to practise these skills in a supportive small-group setting. We look forward to seeing the children enjoy the programme and develop their confidence and emotional wellbeing over the coming weeks.

Cherry Blossom Class:

September has flown by in Cherry Blossom room. After plenty of initial talk and discussion and catching up on news from the summer months, pupils attending Cherry Blossom room have been focusing on their many skills and talents. Pupils have spent plenty of time reflecting on and identifying their skills and talents. They have taken the opportunity to make lists of their skills and talents, draw pictures of themselves displaying their talents and skills whilst also understanding that their individual lists of talents and skills are growing all the time. Pupils have also been afforded ample time to further hone their individual skills and talents by undertaking their preferred activities such as painting, drawing, dancing, colouring and various sports. This ahs lead to September being a really positive, confidence-boosting and uplifting month in Cherry Blossom room.





Holly Class:

Holly class have had a brilliant month in September and have settled back into school really well. We have been learning all about the different types of homes and houses this month! The children have gotten a chance to role play in the house and cook dinner, set the table and serve the food. They have been building houses out of different materials and have learnt about the different types of homes we live in and the names of different animal homes too. In English, we have been drawing and writing our news each Monday and we have also completed two big books, The Little Red Hen and The Three Little Pigs. We based some of our art around these two books also! In Maths, we have learned the name of all of our 2D shapes and have been learning all about the numbers 1 and 2. In Juniors and in Seniors they have been looking at the numbers all the way to 10!

Hazel Class:

Hazel class have had a fantastic start back to school. We said a sad goodbye to our friend Isha as she moves away. We had a warm welcome for Asim in Elm who joined our class. It is the first time we have had an all-boy Autism class in EETNS. We have been working really hard on our tables. We are learning about the story of each number. We have done some practical life skills in the kitchen. We made yummy toasted sandwiches and then we wrote about it in our copies. We have also been learning about the signs of Autumn. We have really enjoyed getting out in nature.

Beech Class:

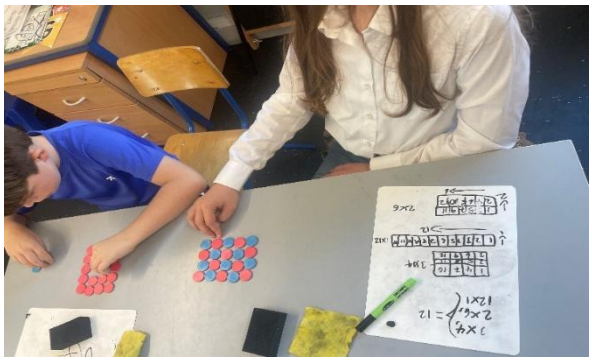
September has been a busy month of getting to know one another and exploring the world around us in Beech Class! We began by reading 'Our Class is a Family'. Through stories, discussion and activities, we thought about how to make our classroom a place where everyone feels welcome and included. In Geography, we learned about our locality and County Clare. We explored the Cliffs of Moher and the birds that live there, then took a closer look at our natural environment. A scavenger hunt around the school grounds helped us discover just how much we can find in our own green spaces. One pupil even reported spotting a squirrel! We celebrated Dot Day by listening to the story 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds, and designing colourful dots inspired by Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We enjoyed his imaginative style so much that we went on to create our own Hundertwasser-inspired townscapes. We are excited to display them in our classroom, the vibrant colours will certainly brighten up our walls! In Art, we made Minecraft self-portraits, using blocks of colour to show what makes each of us unique. In Science, we learned about our teeth and the everyday habits that help keep them healthy. We had great fun honing our brushing and flossing skills with a giant set of teeth borrowed from Ash Class! History, saw us travelling back into Irish legend with the story of the Brown Bull of Cooley. We enjoyed creating comic strips of the story afterwards. It has been a lovely start to the school year, full of creativity, curiosity and new discoveries together!

Ash Class:

What a wonderful first month we have had in Ash Class! The children have settled brilliantly into First and Second Class and made a fantastic start to the school year. Our September theme was *"Myself and My Place in the World."* We celebrated what makes each of us unique and created colourful self-portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso. We also explored our place in the wider world, learning that we live in Ennis, in County Clare, in Ireland, in Europe and on planet Earth. A special highlight was a visit from a wildlife expert, who taught us about butterflies native to County Clare, their habitats and the importance of protecting our local environment. We have also been busy making friends, learning new routines and enjoying lots of creative activities. It has been a happy and exciting first month. Well-done, Ash Class!

Rowan Class:

Rowan class has had a fantastic and busy start to the year! We have focused on building a strong, supportive community, and it has been a joy to see the children settle in so well. The class had a fabulous experience in our school garden, where we harvested apples and worked together to press them into fresh juice, experimenting by adding carrot and orange to enhance the flavour. The children strengthened their friendships by crafting beautiful bracelets for each other using embroidery thread. We have enjoyed plenty of hands-on Maths lessons, and in PE, the children demonstrated brilliant teamwork by designing and building their own creative obstacle courses. We also celebrated International Dot Day, inspired by the vibrant, bold colours of Keith Haring's artwork to create our own unique dot-themed masterpieces. It has been an incredibly enjoyable start to the term, and we are so proud of how quickly Rowan class has come together. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead.



Willow Class:

Willow Class have had a great start to the new school year. They have spent a lot of time getting to know each other and making new friendships in 5th Class. This month, they have enjoyed learning about Ireland; its counties, provinces and famous landmarks including Newgrange in County Meath. In Music, they have been reflecting on the life and music of country-music legend Dolly Parton who passed away during the summer. As a tribute to her musical legacy, Willow Class are learning her song 'Jolene' which they will sing in next month's assembly. In Art, Willow Class celebrated World Dot Day by creating dot art inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama. It was great to work with paints and explore patterns using dots. In Irish, the class have worked very hard on their conversational skills and are now able to speak about themselves as Gaeilge! In Drama, Willow Class have been busy exploring emotions and expressing emotions using body movements. They've particularly enjoyed playing 'Charades'! Lastly, in Science and Geography, our class were delighted to welcome David McGrath from Heritage in Schools who spoke to us about biodiversity in our local streams. The children loved getting stuck into the activity of fishing out various little creatures that were hiding in a water sample that David had collected from a local river. They found creatures such as stoneflies, mayflies and their larvae. They learned that not all creatures are good for our rivers and streams as some can be a sign of pollution!!

Oak Class:

September has been a very busy month in Oak class. 6th class have been learning about our artist of the month, Georgia O' Keeffe. We drew and painted our happy flower with lots of bright colours. We have also been busy learning about place value, directed numbers and factors. We've loved our morning meetings and have had great class discussions. Following on from our morning meetings, card games have been a big hit in our class. Well done on a great month of hard work and fun in Oak class.

Student of the month:

Congratulations to our incredible September Students of the Month! You have kicked off the school year with outstanding focus, leadership, and positivity. Thank you for setting such a wonderful example for your peers and demonstrating what dedication truly looks like. Keep up the fantastic work!

Kindness Certificates:

Congratulations to all the students being recognised today for their exceptional kindness! Your willingness to support, encourage, and lift up those around you makes our school a brighter and more welcoming place for everyone. Thank you for leading by example and showing that a small act of empathy can make a massive difference. Keep spreading your positive energy and being the wonderful human beings that you are!

Athletics:

Congratulations to our brilliant athletics team for representing our school with such great pride at Lees Road! You all showed fantastic energy, determination, and sportsmanship on the field. We are so proud of your hard work and how well you wore our school colours. Thanks also, to the wonderful parents who showed up to support us!

Aladdin:

As part of enrolling your child in our school, we request that parents register with the Aladdin app so you don't miss out on important messages and so parents can communicate absence reasons with the school also. Alan is currently organising to meet with families who might need support in getting this important app installed on your phone. It would be of great benefit and much appreciated if all parents and guardians would sign up to this.

Road Safety:

We would like to remind our school community of some safety measures we ask all families to follow in order to keep all our children safe. Traffic gets very busy, particularly at drop off and pick up time so we greatly appreciate your cooperation, care and patience with each other. Reminders of how you can help:

Remember that children are very small and may not always be seen in your car mirror. It is up to each and every one of to ensure the safety of all our children. Many thanks for your help.

Contact details update:

If you ever need to change your phone number, we'd really appreciate you letting a member of staff know so that we can update your details in the school. Many thanks in advance.

Parent teacher meetings:

We will be inviting all parents and guardians into school on November 24th and 25th to meet with class teachers to discuss your child's progress in school to date. As always, we ask for at least one person to attend this important annual meeting.

Secondary School Open Days/Nights:

Before secondary schools in Ennis open their admissions window for 1st year applications for the school year 2027/2028, pupils in 5th and 6th classes are invited to attend their Open Days and Open Nights. We would strongly encourage all families to attend these as they will share important information with all families about their school will help you decide what secondary school you would like your children to attend. Alan will be in touch with all families with further information on these dates.

Junior Infants 2026/2027:

Our school will start accepting applications for 2027/2028 from 1st October. If you have a child or know of anyone who has children of age to start their primary school journey next September, we'd love to hear from you. Please pop into Clare in the office and she'll be happy to give you enrolment application forms for you to complete. We ask that these are returned to us by 1st December so we can make place offers to everyone. Click on this link to find further information on our website.

Dates for your Diary:

2nd October: School closed
3rd October: Coláiste Open Day
8th October: Ennis Community College Open Night
16th October: St. Flannan's College Open Day
22nd October: Rice College Open Night
23rd October: School closes for mid-term at 2.50pm
2nd November: School reopens
13th November: School closed for staff training
18th November: School closes at 1pm
24th + 25th November: Parent teacher meetings