



# ST. KILLIAN'S NEWS



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



WHAT A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR WE'VE HAD. WE'VE WORKED VERY HARD AND ALL CLASSES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ATMOSPHERE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE SCHOOL. CLUB CARA, OUR OLDER CHILDREN MENTORING INITIATIVE, IS STILL GOING STRONG.

THE NEW WOODEN PLAYGROUND IS UP AND RUNNING, WITH AN EXTRA SWING AND TRAMPOLINE—THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE IT HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY THREE OF OUR SENIOR PRIMARY PUPILS WHO MOVED TONNES OF BARK CHIPPINGS FOR THE PLAYGROUND.

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR NEW PARENTS' ASSOCIATION. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND BEST OF LUCK TO THOSE WHO HAVE ACCEPTED POSITIONS ON THE COMMITTEE.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO SINÉAD AND OLIVIA (HORIZON), MERCEDES (NCSE), AND AMY (NEPS) FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

HAPPY MIDTERM BREAK EVERYONE.

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### NEPS WELLBEING PILOT PROGRAMME

AMY FROM NEPS HAS BEEN DOING GREAT WORK ON 'FEEL YOUR BEST SELF' WITH HAZEL, WILLOW AND ROWAN CLASSES. THIS IS A HUGE BENEFIT TO THE SCHOOL. SHE'S CURRENTLY TRAINING STUDENTS TO BE WELLBEING AMBASSADORS IN THE SCHOOL. THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

### HORIZONS – SLT AND OT

SINEAD O'NEILL AND OLIVIA DOWNEY CONTINUE WORKING WITH CLASS TEAMS, SUPPORTING SLT AND OT NEEDS, BENEFITTING STUDENTS AND STAFF DAILY.



### NCSE PROGRAMME – 'RELATE' PILOT

MERCEDES MOYLAN IS CONTINUING HER WORK ON THE NCSE RELATE PROGRAMME, PROVIDING VALUED SUPPORT. THIS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY STAFF ACROSS THE SCHOOL.



### MUSIC WITH EIMEAR



IN OUR MUSIC CLASSES, STUDENTS GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE CREATING & PERFORMING MUSIC. THEY LEARN TUNES ON KEYBOARDS, UKULELES, & BOOMWHACKERS, & PLAYING ALONG TO POPULAR SONGS WITH SHAKERS AND BODY PERCUSSION. THEY ALSO EXPLORE HOW MUSIC CAN SHAPE FEELINGS & INFLUENCE MOODS.

### ST. BRIGID'S CLOAK



BEECH CLASS ORGANISED A LOVELY COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT WITH ALL THE OTHER MULTISTREAM CLASSES. ALL PUPILS GOT ONE PAGE TO COLOUR AND WE STUCK IT TOGETHER. OUR THEME WAS ST BRIGID'S CLOAK AND WE LEARNT A LOT ABOUT ST. BRIGID. THE 1ST OF FEBRUARY IS HER FEAST DAY AND WE'RE VERY HAPPY WITH OUR BANK HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE IT.

WE DISPLAYED THE ART IN THE HALL FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY, ESPECIALLY DURING THE SPECIAL ST BRIGID'S DAY ASSEMBLY ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE.

### CHOIR & DRAMA GROUPS



THE SCHOOL CHOIR AND DRAMA GROUPS ARE TAKING A BREATHER AFTER A VERY BUSY END TO LAST YEAR, WITH OUR MUSICAL CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY AND THE CHOIR PERFORMING IN BLACKPOOL SHOPPING CENTRE.

### POST PRIMARY HOME EC.



HOME ECONOMICS BEGAN THIS YEAR WITH OUR TWO SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASSES. FIRST ON THE MENU WAS SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE. PRIOR TO COOKING, WE DID LESSONS ON HYGIENE AND SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN, TO PREPARE US TO ENGAGE PROPERLY WITH THE NEW SUBJECT. WE BOUGHT THE INGREDIENTS IN SUPERVALU. NEXT LESSON WILL INCLUDE CHOCOLATE BROWNIES AND WAFFLES.

### POST PRIMARY FOREIGN LANGUAGES

BEGINNING WITH SPANISH IN DAIR CLASS, WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE DEVELOPMENT & INTRODUCTION OF A NEW LEVEL 2 JUNIOR CYCLE SHORT COURSE.

### SCHOOL TUCK SHOP RUN BY THE POST PRIMARY



VERY SUCCESSFUL START-UP TUCK SHOP ON FRIDAYS. TREATS ALL ROUND. WELL DONE TO DAIR AND CUILLEAN CLASSES.

## ROWAN CLASS

WE EXPLORED FOUNDATIONS: SOUNDS, NUMBERS, SPLASHED IN MUDDY PUDDLES, CREATED VALENTINE'S ART, DISCOVERED SPACE & SENSORY "KNOCK KNOCK" MUSIC & MESSY PLAY.



## WILLOW CLASS

WILLOW CLASS HAVE BEEN ENJOYING EXPLORING SCIENCE THROUGH OUR TOPIC ON SPACE AND LEARNING ABOUT FORCES. WE HAVE HAD LOTS OF FUN DISCOVERING HOW THINGS MOVE AND WHAT MAKES THEM PUSH AND PULL.



## ASH CLASS

THIS TERM ASH CLASS HAS BEEN ENJOYING ART, MUSIC AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, USING DIFFERENT MATERIALS TO MAKE AND EXPLORE THEIR IDEAS!



## SYCAMORE CLASS

SYCAMORE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE WATER CYCLE THIS TERM. WE DID AN EXPERIMENT TO SHOW THE WATER CYCLE IN A BAG. WE MADE THESE BEAUTIFUL WOOL ROSES TO GIVE OUR FAMILY FOR VALENTINE'S DAY.



## MAPLE CLASS

MAPLE CLASS LEARNED VALENTINE'S STORY & MADE GIFTS, CELEBRATED CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH ART, EXPLORED THE SOLAR SYSTEM & DISCUSSED NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS, & MADE LOTS OF YUMMY TREATS



## PINE CLASS

PINE CLASS EXPLORED SPACE AND THE ARCTIC IN JANUARY, INCLUDING PAINTING AND COLOURING PLANETS FOR OUR ART BOARD. WE ARE ENJOYING VALENTINE'S DAY ART AND WE WILL CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR ON THE 17TH. HAPPY MIDTERM.



## ELM CLASS

ELM CLASS HAD A VERY PRODUCTIVE START TO THE NEW YEAR: NOVEL WITH LINDA, ART CLASSES WITH VIV, LIBRARY TRIPS, CPEN SESSIONS WITH SINÉAD, LIFE SKILLS CLASSES WITH OLIVIA, MUSIC WITH EIMEAR AND WELLBEING WITH AMY.



## BEECH CLASS

BEECH CLASS COMPLETED PROJECTS IN ENGLISH GROUP ON ANTARCTIC ANIMALS. WE REALLY ENJOYED ART AND BAKING. THANKS TO CAROLINE FOR HELPING US MAKE CAKE POPS. OUR VALENTINE'S ART WAS REALLY FUN AS WELL.



## CHESTNUT CLASS

CHESTNUT CLASS HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD THIS TERM, LEARNING ABOUT SPACE, MAKING THEIR OWN SPACE ROCKETS OUT OF 2D SHAPES. WE HAVE ALSO HAD GREAT FUN MARK-MAKING USING COLORFUL PAINTS, WORKING ON OUR BASIC SHAPES AND LINES.



## OAK CLASS

OAK CLASS HAVE BEEN BUSY THE PAST 2 MONTHS. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT COLORS, PATTERNS, ARTIC ART AND THREADING. NEXT, WE'LL BE FOCUSING ON SPRING. AND CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEW FLOWERS TO GROW.



## HAZEL CLASS

HAZEL CLASS HAS LEARNT ABOUT WINTER & ARTIC ANIMALS. WE EXPLORED HOW TO MELT ICE USING DIFFERENT ELEMENTS IN SCIENCE, WE TOOK OUR PENGUINS FOR A SLIDE. WE ALSO ENJOYED MUSIC CLASS WITH EIMEAR & WELL-BEING WITH AMY.



## YEW CLASS

YEW CLASS HAD GREAT FUN BEING CREATIVE, STORY TIME, WINTER ART, ST. BRIGID'S & VALENTINE'S DAY ART. EXPLORING NEW SENSORY PLAY & CONSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN BE VERY ENJOYABLE. ALL PUPILS HAVE COMPLETED GREAT WORK DESKTOP WORK & HAVE STARTED SWIMMING.



## HAWTHORN CLASS

HAWTHORN WAS BUSY MAKING SNOW FLAKES, LEARNING ABOUT SNOW, WINTER ANIMALS AND WHAT CLOTHES TO WEAR IN WINTER AND DID SOME WINTER OLYMPIC COLOURING.



## BIRCH CLASS

BIRCH CLASS ARE WORKING HARD ON OUR MATHS USING CONCRETE OBJECTS AND FORMING PATTERNS. WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY BUILDING OUR FINE MOTOR SKILLS AND EMBRACING THE VALENTINES SPIRIT WITH OUR HEART ART.



## POST PRIMARY DAIR CLASS

DAIR CLASS EXPLORED SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND BELGIUM, SAMPLED TRADITIONAL FOODS, BEGAN A1 SPANISH, PRACTISED IT SKILLS, ENJOYED SWIMMING, VISITED OLD BANK CAFÉ, AND MUSIC WITH EIMEAR.



## POST PRIMARY CUILLEANN CLASS

CUILLEANN HAVE HAD A VERY EXCITING START TO THE NEW YEAR. THEY STARTED HOME ECONOMICS, WHERE THEY WALKED TO THE SHOP TO BUY THE INGREDIENTS TO MAKE SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE. CHINESE NEW YEAR AND VALENTINES DAY YOGA POSES WERE GREAT TOO.

