



# January 2025

*Dear Parents,*

January has been an enjoyable month, with lots of brilliant work happening around the school. We have been lucky to avoid the worst of the bad weather during both storms and thankfully school has gone on as normal - hopefully that's the end of our weather issues!

Find out more about what each class has been doing in January below!

## *Junior Infants*

Junior Infants were learning about the Arctic and the Antarctic this month. They learned about polar animals and did a lot of crafts. They also did some polar bear art!



## *Senior Infants*

This month, Senior Infants were learning all about houses. They went on a fun trip to the estate agents in Rathfarnham Village! For Green Schools Week, they made houses out of recycled paper bags!





## 1st Class

First Class have been learning about the Maoris in New Zealand. We learned about the Haka. We made paper airplane launchers out of lego to learn about elastic energy. We wrote our own stories and read them to each other. We wrote kindness poems too! We have been learning about money and made pictures by coin rubbings.



## 2nd Class

In 2nd Class we have been very busy learning lots of new things. For Green Schools week we did energy experiments with fourth class, lessons on energy, and watched 5th Class energy presentations. We also read books about the environment and did activities. We tried to turn our board and lights off each break, and to close the doors.

We are also learning about the Chinese new year and report writing. In music we learned about traditional Chinese music and instruments. We learned about bullying in the Stay Safe programme too. See our Chinese New Year Lanterns below!





### 3rd Class

In 3rd class this month we have been learning about time. It has been great fun - time charades was the best! We have been learning about the shops in Irish. They were really fun lessons. We had lots of fun drawing our shops in Irish. In Literacy we were learning about plastic and when, why and who made it. It was interesting to learn about.

In religion this month we were learning about Moses. We were doing a journal about him and it was great fun. In stay safe we were learning about feelings and people we could trust. In art it has been really exciting. We have done 2025 art, neurographic art and St. Brigid.



### 4th Class Green Schools Week

On Wednesday 4th class started to make the green schools board. We made the earth, chords and logo. We only used recycled materials such as magazines, newspapers and cardboard.

On Thursday we taught 1st, 2nd and our buddies some cool static electricity experiments. We also had a visitor called Clare. She taught us about Ireland's biodiversity. We all really enjoyed that!

On Friday we all wore green and went on a litter pick with our buddies. We collected 5 bags.

4th Class had a brilliant Green Schools Week!



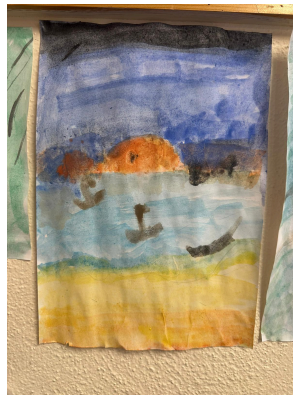




## 5th Class

In 5th Class we were learning about different energies including solar, gas, geothermal and more. We made projects in pairs and showed them to the other classes during Green Schools Week.

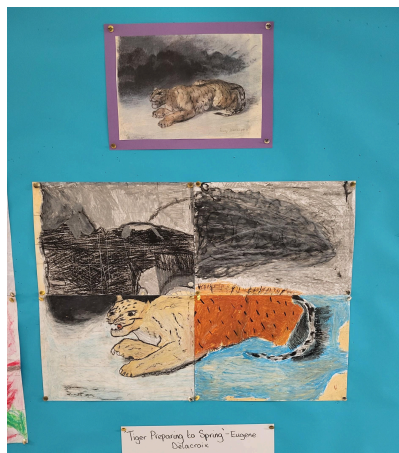
We were learning about France for Multicultural week next week. We were also learning about Claude Monet in art and painted pictures!



## 6th Class

This month, we did a lot of fun things. We did some oil pastel art in groups of 4. Some people came in from MOTUS to talk to us about emotions and wellbeing. In Irish, we are doing “An Siopa” and designing our own interactive shops. On a rainy day, we got to do a table tennis tournament in our class for PE.

For Wellbeing Week, we did some mindfulness activities such as writing things we are grateful for. For Green Schools Week, we did a litter pick with 5th Class and a visitor spoke to us about birds!





# Coming up in February....

## Multicultural Week (10th - 14th February)

We will have our first “Multicultural Week” next week. Each class are learning about a different country, its cultures and traditions. On Friday, we will all have the opportunity to visit the other classrooms and see what each class has been learning. We are really looking forward to the week ahead!

## Léim Thart Skipping Workshops

We are delighted that Eoin from Léim Thart will be with us to do skipping workshops with 3rd-6th class commencing 24th February. Thank you to Mrs. Correll for organising.

## Christchurch Singing Workshops

The Christchurch singing workshops we are taking part in this year will recommence after February midterm, in advance of a concert in Christchurch Cathedral in May. More details about the concert will follow in the coming weeks.

## GAA Lessons

GAA lessons for Junior Infants - 2nd Class will commence on Thursday, 27th February during school. Thank you to Mrs. Correll for organising!

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

As part of our Amber Flag and Active Flag initiatives, we will be starting Wellbeing Wednesday this week. In the morning, each class will have an area in the yard to leave their belongings, and they will start the day outdoors in the fresh air and moving their bodies between 8.20 and 8.40am. Teachers will be in the yard with their classes. This will be a great start to a Wednesday morning!

## Other Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 5th March: Teacher training day - **school closes at 12pm.**

10th - 14th March: Seachtain na Gaeilge

30th March: School Choir are singing in Church at 10.30am Service

31st March - 4th April: Neurodiversity Week

Thursday, 10th April: 3rd and 4th Class Play

