

Project of Cloonacool

In SESE we are learning all about Cloonacool. Michael Calvey came in to us to talk about the history of our school. We are going to make a brochure all about Cloonacool. In Geography we made maps showing our journey from home to school and maps of the school. We are going to make a detailed map of Cloonacool. In science we were looking at wildlife around our school. We studied the snail. We know lots of facts about snails. We brought snails to school and had a snail race. Niamh's snail won. By David Burke



Football Coaching

Pat Kilcoyne comes every Monday. He teaches us gaelic. He plays fun games to teach us moves in gaelic. We like playing tag. We like playing DVD. We like to playdodge ball. We like Pat. He is so good at gaelic. We always have fun. He blows a whistle. We do football skills. We do solos. By First Class

Hurling

For the last five weeks Benny has come to our school teaching us hurling. We play Bomb the house and play hurling matches with him. He has been teaching us how to hand pass and hit the ball with the hurley. He also teaches us how to pass the ball. The three steps when you hit the ball are ready lock strike. We always put our helmets on before anything else. Thank you Benny By Shane

Active Flag

As you all know we are a very active school. We are hoping to have this recognised by an active school inspection which takes place every three years. Ms. Toolan is to attend a training course in the teachers centre Sligo on 16th October at 6pm to find out how we can go about setting up a committee and applying for this blue flag. Further details will follow in our next school newsletter.

Snail Race

Recently we have been learning about snails at school. We learned that snails move by contracting and relaxing their muscles. This requires a lot of

energy and that is why snails move slowly. Snails are gastropods. There are land snails and water snails. Snails eat by gliding across their food and using their radula. The radula is a tiny tongue. The snails have over 1000 teeth. Birds, frogs and other animals eat snails. We organised a snail race in the classroom. We put the snails on black paper

because snails prefer dark places to bright places. Some of us brought more than one snail and we shared them out between us. Niamh's snail won. We saw the slime trail behind the snails on the black paper. When the snails finished the race we inspected them with magnifying glasses. We saw the tiny dots on the snail's eyes. The snail's eyes are on the longer pair of tentacles. The shorter pair of tentacles are used for smelling and feeling. When the snail feels threatened it retreats into its shell. The snails shell is a spiral shape which can be seen in the shape of hurricanes and galaxies. Snails have existed on earth for over 600 million years. The largest land snail ever was found in Sierra Leone. It weighed 900g and was 39 cm in length. The largest sea snail weighed 18kg and its shell was 90cm in length. French people

like to eat snails. Snails eat garden plants and are considered a pest. By Ciaran Oliver

Tree Booklet

We did a tree booklet for science and we went outside. We drew a picture of a tree and had to get every detail of the tree. Every child in the class paired up and picked a tree and wrote about it. We worked for three weeks on it. By the end of the booklet we knew a lot about trees. Kyle and Orla

Friends

Our oral language theme for September was all about friends. We made many new friends during the month and we even found a secret friend. We played lots of fun games together and we learned how to be kind to each other and help each other. We are all good friends in Junior Infants.

Autumn

It is Autumn. The leaves are falling down. The weather is getting colder. Last week we built a Hedgehog Hotel. We hope that a hedgehog will hibernate in it for Winter. We made the hotel cosy by lining it with leaves, berries, flowers and all the Autumn treasures we could find. We even put some apples in it. We will check our hotel again in Spring to see if any hedgehog decided to make our school garden its home for the Winter. By Anna Kate and Senior Infants

We welcome new pupils Liam, Eamon, Amy & Bláithín to our school





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Treat Time

A magician came to our school. His name was Fred. He was a comedian as well, he was so funny. He did cool tricks. He had a book of magic spells. It was blank inside. The magic feather wrote "Please Give No Homework" in the book. He made scarves turn into sticks. He had a spinning wheel and we had to look at the wheel and he had to count to ten. When he stopped counting, we had to look at his head and when we looked at his head we could see his head growing. He did lots of juggling. He could juggle hoops and balls and skittles. He could spin five plates together. Fred was very intelligent. He played lots of musical instruments. He played the trumpet and we clapped to the song. We enjoyed our Treat Time.

By Second Class

Listening

October is the month of listening for the school. We are playing games for our listening in 3rd and 4th. Listening is important for us. We use our listening skills every day. We use our ears to listen. Our school is all about listening. Everyone is working very hard in school. Katelyn and Zach

Baby News

Congratulations to Tara Healy and her family on the birth of baby Reuben



Whiteboards

We got new whiteboards when we came back to school. They are in the G.P. room and corridors. Each class has their own display board. Our work looks super on the boards. We have a Literacy board. It says October is listening month. This is a month when everyone in the school tries to listen as much as possible. We had an assembly on Friday the 10th of October. At the assembly Ms. Murtagh played a game with us. It was a listening game. One person said a paragraph of a story, and then another person said the same paragraph but with some slight changes. The aim of the game was to guess the word that was changed in the shortest time possible. By Tara



Procedural Writing

We are doing procedural writing. We did procedural writing about potions. Lots of people enjoyed writing the potion procedural. We started procedural writing about five days ago. Our teacher showed us some procedural writing online. We saw one about lemonade. Our procedural writing was a recipe. We did a procedural last year. We all improved our writing this year. The idea for our potion recipe came from our reading book. Before our procedural writing we had recount writing and it was fun. After midterm we will be writing recipes for a book and this will also help our writing.

Diarmuid and Kevin

Green School News

We are all very busy working on our final year of Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste. Our Green School meetings are the last Thursday of every month. Our September meeting was very successful. According to our Action Plan we are on target to receive our 6th Green Flag. The closing date for application is 27th March and we will have a school inspection before this date.

By The Green School Committee

Our New Infants

We welcome 11 new infants this year, They are Mairéad, Kate, Aaron, Michaela, Katie, Jane, Nessa, Lucy, Clodagh, Danielle & Jack.