



St. Michael's N.S. Newsletter

April 2022



News from Junior & Senior Infants

We are all so busy in Junior and Senior Infants getting ready for Term 3. In Senior Infants we know all our 26 sounds and Junior Infants have 6 more to learn. We are working so hard every day with Ms. Toolan & Ms. Colleary. We are also working on our Free writing. We get 10 minutes every day to write in our Golden Copy about whatever we want. We all love free writing. Our favourite topic to write about is Spring and Life on the farm.

We were very lucky to have Ms. Gunning teaching us for the month of February and up until St. Patrick's weekend. Ms. Gunning was very nice to us all and we got to learn lots of fun things with her. Topics included Valentine's Day, Spring, Life on the Farm, Lent & St. Patrick's Day. We also played lots of games with her and we got the chance to be mystery students. We had lots of fun and we look forward to seeing Ms. Gunning again in the future.

Don't Forget...

Homework folders need to be brought into school every day and Seesaw checked often to keep up to date with our busy Infant classroom.

Please check our school website for ongoing school activities.

Important School Dates

Easter Holidays Friday 8th April

First Holy Communion 14th May

New Infants will visit the school on Thursday 26th May



News from First and Second Class

Hello Everyone from 1st and 2nd Class! We are really enjoying the lovely weather and hope you are too. 😊

We have been very busy learning all about Australia for the month of March. Imagine it would take us a full day and night to get there! We learnt lots of interesting facts about Australia and found out about some very cool animals that live there. We explored the Aboriginal peoples and their lovely Art.





In English, we are doing procedural writing. We learnt the steps to plant seeds and we got to plant our very own seeds. It is so exciting to see our seeds growing into real plants. Soon we will have our very own peas, salad leaves and radishes to enjoy. We know the steps so now we can plant more any time at home. We are really proud of ourselves.



Please see these photos and more on our class blog. Visit cloonacoolns.ie

Wishing you all a very happy Easter from 1st and 2nd class 😊



News From Third and Fourth Class



In 3rd and 4th class we have been having soccer coaching sessions with Raf. After some warm up activities, the first day, we concentrated on team skills, dribbling skills and especially being able to 'chop' the ball.

The second day we concentrated on dribbling the ball and shooting - remembering control, head up and accuracy.

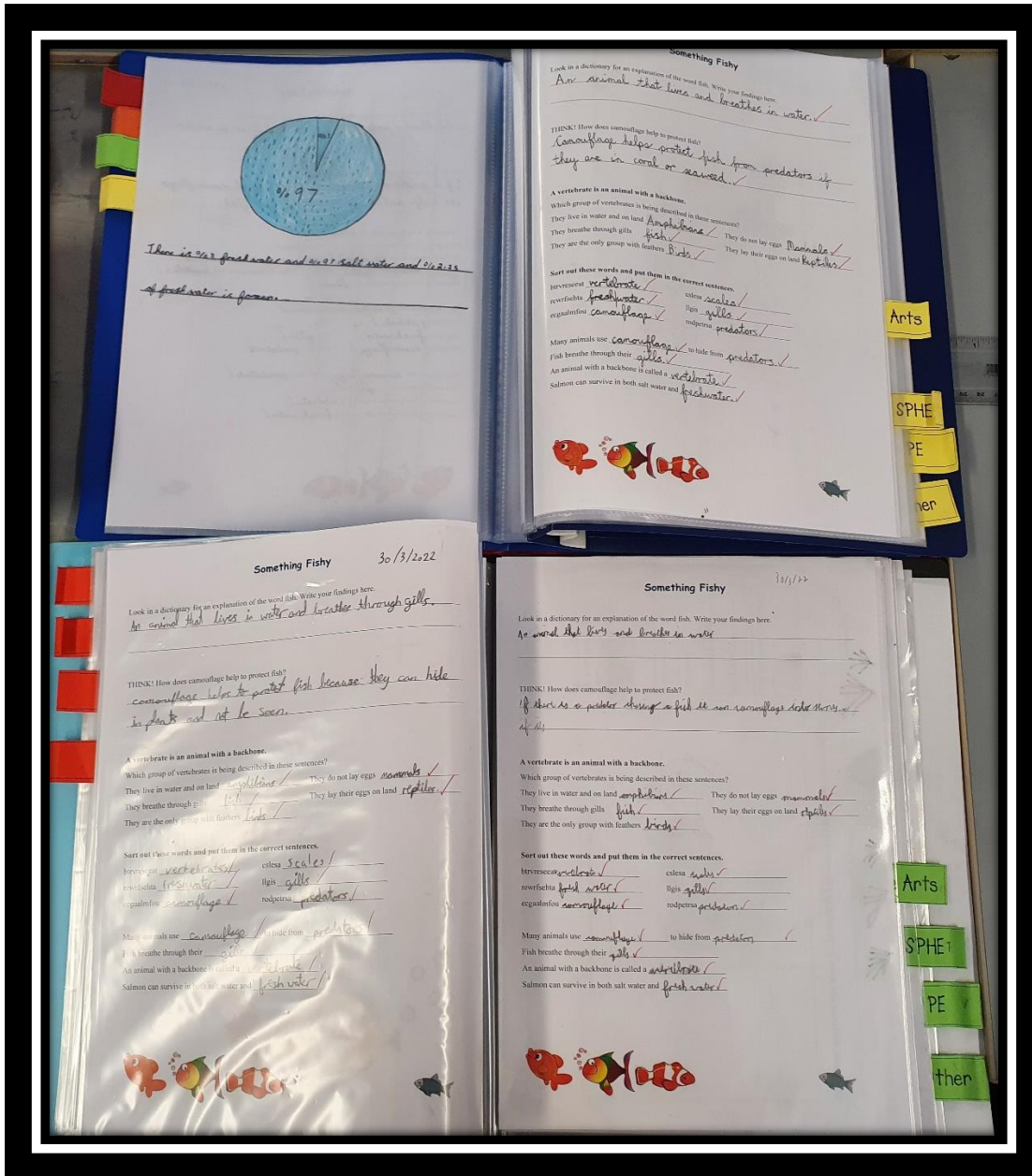
Lastly each day we played some games.



We are just finishing our class novel *James and the Giant Peach* in 3rd & 4th. It was very enjoyable! We wrote about our favourite character and we also compared two characters. In our stories copies we wrote an extra adventure for James. We did an art activity where we drew 4/5 scenes from a part of the novel. It was great to work in groups! At each picture we created a little drama scene for the class.



In 3rd & 4th we have started work on the Something Fishy programme. We hope to have a class visit from Markus Müller, Angling Advisor with Iascach Intíre Éireann (Inland Fisheries Ireland) in May and a field trip in June.



So far we have learned about water and the importance of respecting the very tiny amount of fresh water on planet Earth. Less than 1% of the water on planet Earth is unfrozen fresh water!

We also have learned about fish. Over the next few weeks we will learn a lot about Bradán - the salmon.



We wrote "All About Me" books with Mrs Colleary. We took pictures at home about our interests. We printed them in school and wrote all about them. We put it all together in a book. The best part was writing about Our Pets. We had lots of fun and enjoyed making our books.





News from Fifth & Sixth Class

UNESCO Projects

5th and 6th class completed a project with Martina Killian, about our local environment. We were delighted that our project was so good that we were awarded a place in the semifinal of UNESCO projects. We went to the River Moy with John Brennan, Martina and Ms. Kelly. We then worked in teams recording our learning. Some people created illustrations, some people wrote stories and poems We have made a PowerPoint Presentation about where the salmon comes from. We will be presenting our project to the UNESCO judging panel on Tuesday 5th April. Thank you, Martina for helping us so much

By KT,NMC and JB





GAAmigos

Stephen Henry came to our school to decide who would compete in the GAAmigos skills. We all practiced our skills. Oran Clarke, Nuadha Haughy, Senan Clarke and Cian Rowley Hopkins were the boys who got through. Neasa McCarrick, Kate Taffe, Lucy Johnston and Katie Kilcoyne got through for the girls. On Monday the 27th of March, all of the competitors went to Coolaney. All of the schools from South Sligo were there. There were three people competing in each game. The first game was soloing left foot and right foot. The second game was kick passing in a triangle. The third drill was shooting and catching. Everyone played brilliantly and had a great experience. Well done to the eight competitors!



By C.G.,L.J. and K.K.



Robotics and Coding

5th and 6th class have entered a robotics competition. It is a national competition. Mrs Kelly went to Sligo IT last Friday to learn more about robotics. Mrs Kelly's son Rian went to the training too and he will help us when we are making our robot. We are building the robot after the easter break. We are going to be coding the robot to do something. If we get to the finals, we will get to go up to Dublin on a class trip. Mrs Kelly has collected all the parts we will need and we look forward to building the robot. We will be busy after Easter.

By N.H. and S.C.



Green School News

We are currently working towards our 10th Green Flag. Our topic for the next 2 years is Global Citizenship: Food and Biodiversity. Ms. Toolan has engaged with online training and is awaiting further guidance on implementing this programme. If you would like to offer any help, please contact cloonacoolinfants@gmail.com. Year 1 involves acting locally and preparing the school garden to grow crops that we can eat. Year 2 involves working alongside an external chef that will show us ways that we can use food from our garden. Keep an eye on the school notice board and website for further information.

We also took part in An Taisce's National Spring Clean on Friday 1st April. We picked up litter around the school and we walked as far as the Community Centre. We are happy to report that we did not pick up much rubbish. Well done all!



Infants Cleaning Up!





Tired but happy children.



**Wishing you all a very Happy Easter. Enjoy the chocolate and we
look forward to bringing you more news during Term 3**

From all the Pupils & Staff