



September 2021

Newsletter

Welcome back to school! We have had a great first month in 5th & 6th Class as we have all settled back into our school routine. It has been lovely to see everyone back in school after the summer and we have been very busy with lots of school activities!

We are very lucky to have three new students join 6th Class this year. Pippi, Gingi and Alyssa have been such lovely additions to the class and all three girls have fitted into the class very quickly!

You can read all about what we have been up to this month below 😊

Miss Cooke

Our Quote of the Month

"Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world."

- Roald Dahl

Reminders

- School will close at 2pm on Friday, 22nd October 2021 for mid-term.
- School will re-open at 8:20am on Monday, 1st November 2021.

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What Have We Been Learning?

ENGLISH

- Roald Dahl Day
- Recount writing
- Story writing inspired by Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Debate: Should animals be used for scientific experiments?
- Outstanding animals

GAEILGE

- Theme: Mé Féin
- 6 questions about ourselves
- Reading comprehension work
- Mé féin agus mo chlann

MATHS

- Revision of previous year's topics
- Place value
- Rounding
- Addition and subtraction strategies
- Daily 10 challenge games
- Decimal numbers and place value
- Countdown game
- Maths stations with Ms. Boyle - card games, Maths Fight, Multiplication Space Invaders

SESE

- History: The story of Diarmuid & Gráinne, The Fianna
- Geography: Counties of Ireland, Map work
- Science: The respiratory system, light refraction

ARTS

- Art: Art folder covers, BFG Dream Jars, Sunglasses art, Tumbling Names
- Drama: 'Oh no - it's all gone wrong!' scenes in pods
- Music: Beethoven's life, Ode to Joy, Moonlight Sonata and 5th Symphony

OTHER

- PE: Timed sprints, line ball, football skills, bench ball, ultimate tag and European Schools Sports Day
- SPHE: We are all unique, listening skills, personal timelines, cooperation
- RE: Belonging, family crests, Malala Yousafzai

Some September Artwork



Dream Jars

(inspired by Roald Dahl's *The BFG*)

We used watercolour paints for the design, and wrote down our dreams and things we are grateful for.



Tumbling Names

We designed Tumbling Names artwork by 'dropping' the letters in our names onto our page and creating line patterns in between each letter.



Sunglasses Portraits

We chose two of our favourite summer memories and designed our memories in the lenses of the sunglasses.

Student Highlights of the Month

NEW STUDENTS

PIPPY: 'Wednesday, 25th August was my first day of my new school. I was very excited and very shy at the same time. When I entered the classroom two girls brought me to my pod desk. Their names were Hannah and Joanna and they were both very kind... Before I knew it, it was yard break and that's when I became friends with another new girl called Alyssa. She was very kind and friendly!'

GINGI: 'The three new students were all greeted by our pod members Joanna and Hannah, and we were brought to our desks. Alyssa, Pippi and I all made friends quickly and we played together on our first break!'

ALYSSA: 'Since I am new to this school this year I didn't know anyone at first but soon I came to be best friends with the twins Pippi and Gingi, who are the other two new girls... On the first day of school we talked about what makes a good friend, teacher and class. We came to the conclusion that a good teacher should be friendly but also a little bit strict when needs be, and in a good class everyone has to respect each other. It has been working great so far!'

CLASS JOBS

CONNIE: 'All of us have class jobs and the jobs are pod captains for each table, tech manager, PE assistants, Art assistants, homework monitors and class messengers... Sophie, Harry, Gus, Joanna and Oisín are pod captains. Nicky, Meghan and Gingi are tech managers. Charlie and I are PE assistants. The Art assistants are Naomi, Amelia and Hannah. Seán and Hugo are homework monitors and Anna and Lexie are class messengers.'

SPORTS DAY

LEXIE: 'We had a mini sports day because it was European Schools Sports Day. We did a running race, a hula hut race and an obstacle course.'

SOPHIE: 'Each class did different races. My class did a hula hut race, a race where we had to hold a ball in between our legs and hop the whole time, and at the end we did a huge relay race using the whole yard. It was really fun!'

AMELIA: '...At the end of Sports Day we all got a certificate for participation!'

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ROALD DAHL DAY

NICKY: 'On 16th September it was Roald Dahl Day and we did Roald Dahl-themed activities all day. We also designed a Roald Dahl Land with a partner - it was fun!'

NAOMI: 'We designed a Roald Dahl theme park. My partner was Marion and our theme park had a Miss Trunchbull rollercoaster, a Willy Wonka restaurant, a gummy bear boat ride, a Twits petting zoo, a glass elevator drop ride, an Esio Trot apartment hotel, a Fantastic Mr. Fox burrow maze and finally a Witches Haunted House!'

ANNA: 'On Monday 16th we designed Roald Dahl Worlds and learned all about him. It was really fun!'

JOANNA: 'My favourite activity so far was designing our own Roald Dahl Land!'

REWARDS

DOMINIK: 'Miss Cooke showed us the new rewards. We get pod points in our pods and Dojo points for individual work. We all have a Dojo Monster!'

NICKY: 'We have two point systems, Dojo points and pod points. Pod points is where we work as a pod to get the most points and at the end of the week the pod with the most points gets a prize for everyone in the pod. Dojo points is where we get points by ourselves and get a prize when we get 10 points, then 15 points, then 25, 30, 35 and 45 points.'

MARION: 'I like doing the Dojo points!'

MATHS GAMES

HUGO: 'My classmates and I have done lots of fun things! Maths games are so much fun - my favourites are the card games because they are creative and a bit of a challenge.'

Student Highlights of the Month

SCIENCE

ANNA: 'In school we have been learning a lot of amazing things. For example in Science we have been learning about the respiratory system. We also made lung models with a plastic bottle cut in half, balloons and tape.'

SAILING

OISÍN: 'Sailing started for the school. I did it for the first time - it is really fun! It starts at 2:30 and ends at 5 o'clock.'

SEÁN: 'Almost everyone in 5th Class has joined sailing. It is really fun! So far we have learned how to tack.'

ASSEMBLY

MEGHAN: 'We had our first Assembly in 1½ years. In it we did a sort of play about Abraham and his travels.'

SOPHIE: '...it was really fun because we got to act out Abraham's journey in the church. We ran around the church pretending it was his journey around the world.'

FOOTBALL

GUS: 'At 20 past 12 we all go outside for lunch and play football. Last year when 5th Class played against 6th Class 5th normally lost but this year the teams are more even and it's more fun! 5th Class is a great class.'

CONNIE: 'Every day during big break we get to play football. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we do 5th vs. 6th and on Tuesdays and Thursdays we do mixed teams which is where we pick two captains and they get to choose who they want on their team.'

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BUDDIES

NAOMI: 'Three weeks after school started we got buddies! My buddy is Felicity. We went outside with Dee and asked our buddies questions. During our sports day we helped our buddies with the obstacle course that Miss Furney made. Everyone did really well at it. I love having my buddy and I'm so happy we get to have one!'

SEÁN: 'In September we got buddies... My buddy is in Junior Infants and he is called Jason. He is awesome!'

AMELIA: 'We met our buddies in Junior and Senior Infants - they are very adorable! On European School Sports Day we took our buddies into Reverend Hayes's garden to teach them how to do an obstacle course - it was lots of fun!'

MEGHAN: 'Meeting our buddies was fun. Mine is called Ellie-Rose. She was really cute!'

JOANNA: 'Meeting our buddies was very fun because we finally got to see the Infants after so much time!'

HARRY: 'My buddy is from Junior Infants - they are sooo cute! My buddy is called Charlie.'

