

## **Home Economics**

It has been a busy term for students making Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter Treats. We are all excited to share the news that we got an Interactive Board in the Home Economics Room.

I wish you all a Happy Easter!

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**Class 3**

Class 3 have been busy this term with lots of sensory activities and creating our Spring and Easter art.



## Class 4

We welcomed everyone back to school in January for term two after a lovely restful Christmas break. Class 4 learnt all about feelings and emotions. We made emoji from recyclable materials and incorporated music sensory games to discuss why we feel the way we do. During Art lessons we created cards for mothers, St Patricks day and Easter. We finished our spring display board including making rainbows, lambs, grass, the sun and the sky from recycled materials. For SESE we collected conkers, leaves, daffodils. We then set up a spring table to display all our findings. We enjoyed the lovely prayers and reflections on a Wednesday morning in the church.

Room 4 continued work on their JC1 programme and enjoyed musical dress up games for drama and dance. During literacy lessons we are completing handwriting without tears using a multi-sensory approach to writing and creating the first letter of their name and initials. We are working on using switches and multisensory approach to story-telling.

For the PE strand we focused on using sensory stimuli to create dance movements. The students loved Draocht. They explored their senses and stimuli and listened to a wonderful collection of sounds and singing. The students enjoyed focus groups attending girls group, dance, yoga, choir and sports. This is a lovely opportunity to socialise with their peers outside their class.



## Class 5

We have been very busy the last term here in Room 5. We have gone to the local shops like Spar and Centz to practice using our money and develop our numeracy and social skills. The children really loved buying their favourite sweets and nice treats. The children also enjoy going to the school shop every Friday. It a great way for them to develop their money and social skills.

On one of our social outings we went to see the Papal Cross in the Phoenix Park. We had a break and enjoyed a picnic on the benches there. On the way back we got to see the Gardaí on horseback and they kindly introduced the horses to us and let us rub them if we wanted to.

Last month the class entered an art competition and the children all enjoyed participating and making their kindness tree using their hand prints as leaves. All the children loved partaking and making the kindness tree as a group.

For six weeks the children participated in bike club. Each child got the opportunity to partake and develop their skills. The children were delighted with their certs they received after the course had finished. Every Tuesday the children go swimming and enjoy having fun with their class in the pool.

Every day we are working on our numeracy, literacy and social skills. The theme we are working on this month is animals, the children are learning about the different animals and deciding which one is their favourite. All the children are doing great work.

Hope everyone has a lovely Easter.





## Class 6

### **Room 6 had a very industrious and exciting term**

**Pupils have made excellent progress in their Literacy and Numeracy curriculum; they have been working very hard on their JC1 programme, they have grown in confidence and self-esteem and are thriving weekly in their Independent and functional skills. This term has been very busy with pupils participating in the bicycle club and creative dance; we have also one of our pupils participating in Swim group.**

Room 6 have also entered the Texaco art competition creating an array of beautiful work displaying the theme kindness,

The pupils also created wonderful display boards for St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Step in to spring, and Easter,

Room 6 have worked very hard creating a fabulous classroom garden, the pupils have designed their own flower pots whilst planting a wide variety of bulbs and herbs,

They have tracked the growth of the plants from planting stage to bloom and have learned all the different parts of the flower; they have also been very busy partaking in food dudes growing potatoes and strawberries. We are looking forward to building our Polly Tunnel in our garden area where we will further develop our planting off a wide variety of vegetables and flowers.

Room 6 have been very lucky to receive a gorgeous fish tank donated by the Pet Stop in the Blanchard town Centre. We are very excited to welcome Sparkle and Splash after the Easter Holidays.

For Chapel Assembly room 6 celebrated International Women's Day in a lively and informative presentation with the girls conducting a unique display of colours, Green for Hope and Strength, White for Purity .and Purple for women.

We finished with lighting a Purple candle for all women in the World and sang this Little light of mine holding up high the Italian choice of flower, the Mimosa yellow flower which signifies Strength, ending with a blast off song from AMY Winehouse Valera.

Confirmation pupils in room 6 are going to be very busy preparing for their big ceremony in May, creating beautiful memory books of their journey to Confirmation, with class peers celebrating with them in the school choir.

Room 6 pupils enjoy circle time every day interacting and engaging with stories of their news, Days of the week, Seasons, Weather and a wide range of literacy activities.

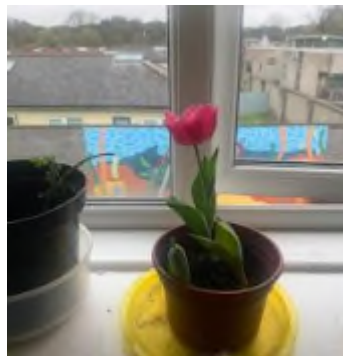
Pupils also attend shop on a Friday where they have the opportunity of using their own money to purchase their choice of treat, developing independent skills and building on their numeracy topic Money.

Room 6 are taking part in the Green Flag biodiversity and recycling programme with the intention of winning a green Flag for our school.

We have many ideas to work on after our Easter Holidays.

We are all so excited for our Easter Holidays and we look forward to returning to Our Summer Term full of happy learning and happy days ahead.

Wishing all the wonderful parents from room 6 a very Happy, Peaceful and joyful Easter.



## Class 7

Class 7 have had a busy term. After a relaxing Christmas it was time to get going into Term 2. We have continued with our Social Training. We have gone into shops where the students had to pick out what shoes they would like and in their correct size. They have been to the post office buying stamps and posting letters.

We have also started running a dance circuits for the rest of the school to participate in. The students are modelling and showing the other children in the school how to do the different activities in the circuits.

We have gone to visit the National Gallery of Ireland and looked at their artwork and sculptures. It was a great day out.

Focus Groups are continuing every week and it is a great opportunity for the students to experience different activities within the school.

We have also planted our own fruit and vegetables and we are watching and waiting patiently for them to grow!

It has been a great term and we look forward to coming back after Easter for the final term in school for some of the students in Class 7.

