

# 2nd Class Newsletter!

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Classes

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## Second Class News Update

It has been a very busy first term so far in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class! We've been learning lots of Gaeilge, Maths and English. We've also been doing work on Maps, Castles, Anti-Bullying, Peace and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. Not to mention the massive amount of art and music and PE we've been enjoying! Here's a quick summary of what we've been doing!

**English.** We've been learning so much in English! Each class has power hour twice a week where we become better readers and writers. We worked on Instructional writing for a while, and now we're doing adventure stories! We've also been learning and writing poetry, improving our handwriting, reading harder library books and listening to Roald Dahl's autobiography 'Boy: Tales of Childhood' and some other novels.

**Maths.** We spend an hour on maths every day, so we've learned lots about adding, subtraction, place value, the calendar, 2-D shapes, estimating and problem solving! We're a right bunch of mathemagicians!

**Learn Together:** We learned about Peace and how it is so important for the world in September. We wrote acrostic poems about Peace on Doves.



## A Blustery Beach Day!

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September the whole school went to Skerries Beach! It was so much fun! It was a very windy day, but that didn't stop us from playing games, going on a scavenger hunt, and making sandcastles!



**History:** We love learning about the past, and we're learning a lot about what schools were like many years ago by listening to Roald Dahl's autobiography. We also learned about the story of Oisín in the land of Tír na nÓg, and the history of Hallowe'en and old card games! We had a great day where some of our parents came in where we played all sorts of card games, like Twenty Five!

**Science:** In September we did an experiment to find out what the different parts of soil looks like. While out on the garden trail, we identified different types of materials and their features. October was the start of Autumn so we learned about how the seasons change and why. As part of our Homes project, we are learning about the homes of foxes and badgers.

**Geography:** In September we explored the school garden and identified different plants and vegetables that were growing there. In October we learned about maps and created our own maps of our favourite places. At the moment we are learning about types of homes around the world.

### **Class Dojo:**

Every Friday we can use our hard earned points for special prizes and privileges. We can earn points by working hard, trying something new, being kind and working as a team.

### **PE:**

At the moment we are doing creative dance and some folk dances. We've been doing relay races, skipping, kicking skills and football, and playground games. We'll be doing gymnastics and more games soon.

### **Coming Up:**

We're going to be learning about Christmas around the world, a lot about water, fractions, weight, money and more!

**Finally here is just a taste of some of the wonderful art we've been doing!**

