

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Newsletter

Simon's and  
Georgina's 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes  
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## Simon's Third Class News Update

**English:** Simon's class started the year with a class novel. We read Mr. Stink by David Walliams. It was really good and funny, but a little sad also.

**Maths:** We work hard every day at our maths. We love to play interactive times tables' games. We are getting much faster at recalling our tables!

**Learn Together:** We have had some really important Learn Together assemblies over the last few months. We did loads of work during "Anti-bullying Week". Simon's class learnt a really nice song for the "One World" assembly, called "Song for the Divine Mother of the Universe".

## Georgina's Third Class News Update

**English:** Georgina's class have been enjoying power hour for English three days a week. We spend 15 minutes on each activity including reading, poetry, writing, comprehension and grammar with the extra support and guidance of Dermot, Margaret and Barry.

**Gaeilge:** We try to use as much Gaeilge during the school day as possible. We use interactive games, drama and music to practice our 'cúpla focal' and increase our vocabularies. We can even spell some words as Gaeilge now!

**Maths:** We have learned lots of new things since the start of third class! We enjoy playing 'buzz, beep' and have begun learning our multiplication and division timetables. We also had a visit from our neighbours from Lusk Community College who taught us a lesson about chance and gathering data. We had lots of fun with the transition year students!

## A Visit from Nutritionist Niamh Arthurs

Niamh Arthurs came to visit our school and told us all about good nutrition and eating healthily. She showed us the different nutrients that we all need to stay fit and healthy. She organized a tasting workshop in the hall, where we got to sample simple nutritious snacks. It was fun!



## A Flying Visit

Both classes really enjoyed the day we got our photographs taken by Steven Flynn, who brought his really cool drone into our school. He flew the drone high up over the basketball courts and took some pictures, one of which will be in the school calendar.



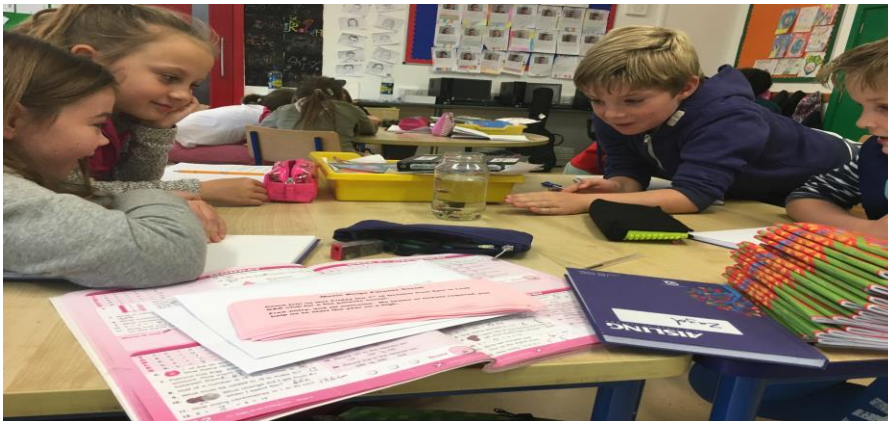
### History: Simon's Class

Both classes have been lots of history over the last few months. We started the year off 5000 years ago and studied the Stone Age people. It was really cool to learn about how they made weapons and tools from wood and stones. They were great hunters! We did some nice artwork based on the Stone Age period. We also learnt about the Vikings and how they weren't just skilled raiders but farmers and brilliant craftspeople too.



### Science: Simon's Class

Simon's class has done some cool experiments in science. We looked at what happens when you put raisins into a jar of lemonade. The bubbles in the lemonade stick to the raisins and make them float to the top, where the bubbles burst and the raisins float back down. We also showed how water travels through tissue paper, just like the roots in a plant. This is called capillary action.



### PE: Simon's Class

Simon's class is busy working away at their soccer skills at the moment. They spent the first few months practising their basketball and hockey skills.



### Drama: Simon's Class

As part of our Anti-Bullying Week, Simon's class did the "Mannequin Challenge". We all posed in various positions in the classroom and stayed REALLY REALLY still while being filmed. If you would like to see the video, you can watch it on the school website: [www.ralet.ie](http://www.ralet.ie) Our message was: "Don't stand still. Stand up! Speak out!"





### History: Georgina's Class

We had great fun learning about the Stone Age people and how they used different tools to hunt and gather their food, we even made bows and arrows from willow growing in our very own school garden. We spent some time learning about the Vikings and how they travelled to Ireland in longships. We then created our own using clay. We learned that the Vikings even had connections to our own town of Lusk, where the round towers were built to protect the monk's valuable gold and silver from the Viking raiders.



### Science: Georgina's Class

So far this year we have investigated living things, learned about the bones that make up our skeleton, and made lava lamps. This experiment taught us about chemical reactions and showed us that water and oil do not mix. We also learned about the nine planets that make up our solar system and created some beautiful artwork inspired by space travel.



### PE: Georgina's Class

We have spent the last few weeks perfecting our athletics skills and have had great fun running relays, jumping, throwing and skipping! The beginning of the year was quite competitive when we took to the basketball court to show off our shooting, dribbling and throwing skills and play against our classmates.

### Learn Together: Georgina's Class

For the International day of peace, we wrote peace poems and hung them on the trees outside our classroom to remind us of the importance of peace in our school and in our world. As part of this years anti-bullying fortnight we wrote a song called 'Be a good Buddy' and performed it on 'Radio RALET.' We also worked on a project with second class with the simple message that we should, "always include, and never exclude!"



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