

4th Class Newsletter

Anne & Sinead's 4th
Classes

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Fourth Class News Update

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We are now all well settled into fourth class and are busy working hard. We have learned lots more Gaeilge, Maths and English. Discussed and learned lots in Learn Together, as well as doing history and geography projects and science experiments. Here follows some photos and news about some of the things we have been doing.

English. We have started our class novels; Matilda in Sinead's class and The Suitcase Kid and Charlie's Birthday Bash in Anne's class. We are now expert poets and are becoming authors as well, as we have started writing our own stories. Friday tests are much harder this year but we are rising to this weekly challenge!

Maths. We are flying through our Maths topics and have completed lots of exciting games and activities in Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction, Data and Time. Have a look at our bar charts and bar line graphs below.



Learn Together: In September our theme was Peace. We looked at different symbols of Peace and read the story "Sadako's Cranes for Peace". Our classes joined together and created Sadako inspired origami and wishes for Peace. In October we took part in the World's Largest Lesson and this month we have focused on Anti-Bullying.



Special Events in RALET!

We had a fantastic day at the beach in September. Here are a few pictures of us having fun on Skerries beach:



We have started practicing for the Peace Proms concert coming up. We have learned songs from Annie, a pop medley and 'The Best Day of My Life'. Here is a picture of us all:



Last month we had a visit from our next door neighbours in transition year. They spent the morning playing maths games with us.



History:

Our first topic in history was the Romans. We learned about Roman traditions, customs and everyday life. We studied the gruesome fighting in the colosseum, chariot racing in the Circus Maximus and the Roman baths. We made our own Roman art including clay pots and mosaics. We also dressed up in togas for the school photo. After this we studied the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii, The Legend of Hercules and the life of Marco Polo.



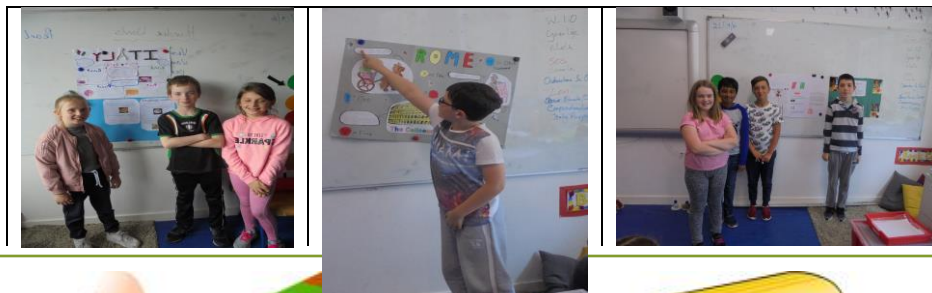
Science. At the beginning of the term we did a nature trail in our school garden. So much had grown over the summer. We used the apples from the garden to bake apple roses. They were yummy! Here is a link to the recipe if you would like to make them at home.

<https://www.puffpastry.com/recipe/apple-roses/>

We also had lots of fun making hover crafts in groups and building and testing out single span and arch bridges like the Romans used to do.



Geography. We started the year with a project on Italy. We learned all about Italian food, traditions, cities and famous landmarks. Then we presented them to our class.



Our Golden Rules:

Listen carefully
Be gentle
Concentrate on your work
Be kind and help each other
Be honest
Look after Property

PE:

We have done a lot of team games this term including; basketball, rounders and soccer. At the moment we are focusing on athletics and also have GAA with James on Fridays.

Art:

We have produced some amazing pieces of art this term. We made clay pots, self-portraits, mosaics. Check out our Edvard Munch inspired blow paintings.



Coming Up:

Peace Proms workshop on January 16th in Swords and Concert on 5th of February in the RDS.

Don't forget

Coats, hats and gloves on these cold winter days! Brrrrrr!!!

