

# 5<sup>th</sup> Class Newsletter No. 1

Fiona & Gráinne's Class

November 2016



## New Update

We have had a very busy time since being back at school! A highlight was definitely beach day – check out some fabulous photos below.

**English** - In the first half term, Gráinne's Class read *Carrie's War* and Fiona's Class did Power Hour. They have switched over for this half term.

*Carrie's War* is about a girl called Carrie and her brother Nick. They were sent to the countryside to live with the Evans family during WW2.

**Power Hour** – We did four stations – Cloze Tests, Grammar, Short-story reading and then a mixture of handwriting, SRA Reading Laboratory and Reading for Literacy on the computer. We thoroughly enjoyed it!

**Maths** – The big thing we have been learning in Maths is long division. First we would do it with a 1 digit divisor, then 2 digit divisors and sometimes, as a challenge, a 3 DIGIT divisor! It was challenging at first, and most of us were totally confused when we first started, but we are feeling much more confident about it now!

**Gaeilge** - An mhí seo, tá rang a cúig ag obair ar an téama siopadóireacht. Táimid ag foghlaim faoi siopaí éagsúla agus na urláir difriúla sa lárionad siopadóireachta. Táimid ag léamh scéalta freisin, ag cleachtadh comhrá, ag déanamh drámaí beaga, ag foghlaim gramadach agus focail nua.

## Beach Day Photos -



## We've done a few different art activities since September -

### Hallowe'en Art -

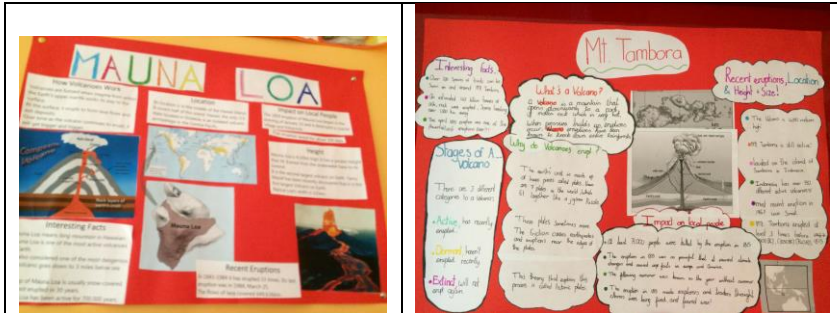


### Beach Art – Wind Chime Mobiles and a moving ocean collage



## Volcanoes

We started off this term by learning all about plate tectonics and volcanoes. We learned that there are three types of volcanoes – active, extinct and dormant. We also learned about how and why the tectonic plate movements can cause volcanic eruptions. Our first research project was on volcanoes – have a look at a few of these photos.



**Music** This year 4th and 5th Class are doing Peace Proms. It is where lots of schools learn about eight songs. Then some time in February all the schools go to the RDS and perform the songs with the Cross Border Orchestra, in front of all the parents. Some dances, singing and other acts will also perform. Two of the songs we are learning are the Pop Medley which includes 'History' by One Direction, 'Sax' by Fleur East, 'Bills' and 'Can't Stop the Feeling.' We are also learning 'Best Day of My Life.' Once we know all the songs we will learn dances to them. We are really enjoying it!

**Other work** - Here are a few other photos of work and things we've done in and around school over the last couple of weeks. Fifth Class – make sure you explain these photos to your parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, etc. Enjoy!



## PE:

This year in PE we are mainly working on building up our stamina. The way we do this is at the start of every PE lesson, we start off by jogging and we try to see how long we can jog without stopping. We do GAA on Fridays with a coach called James. We mainly practise passing but we do a lot of other things including a few matches. At the moment in PE we are learning to play basketball. We play a game called hot seat a lot. We also played a few matches.

## Coming Up:

It's our month to have an art display in the front foyer – so watch this space.

We are doing World War One in History over the next few weeks. We are also going to be learning about the Gorillas in Rwanda, Uganda and the DRC.

## Did you know?

Both Ireland and Zanzibar export seaweed and seaweed products to other countries.

Ireland joined the EU in 1973.

In Ancient Egypt, they believed that when the pharaoh died, he returned to the sun.

Oíche Samhna – an dán iontach!

