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PUMPKIN FUN IN 1ST CLASS!

WISHING YOU
ALL A LOVELY
MIDTERM
BREAK!

IN 1ST CLASS THIS FORTNIGHT WE
WORKED ON A PUMPKIN INQUIRY. WE
WROTE DOWN LOTS OF QUESTIONS
WE HAD ABOUT THEM AFTER MAKING
SOME OBSERVATIONS, SUCH AS:

- HOW MANY SEEDS DO THEY HAVE?
- HOW DO THEY GROW?
- DO THEY COME FROM IRELAND?
- DO THEY FLOAT OR SINK?
- HOW HEAVY ARE THEY?
- ARE THEY ALWAYS ORANGE?



WE THEN CHECKED TO SEE IF THEY FLOATED OR
SANK; RESEARCHED ABOUT WHERE AND HOW
THEY GROW; AND THEN CUT THEM OPEN AND
COUNTED OUT THE HUNDREDS OF SEEDS INSIDE.

WHAT A GREAT INQUIRY!



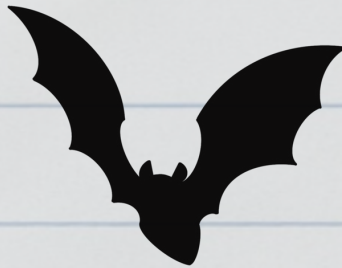
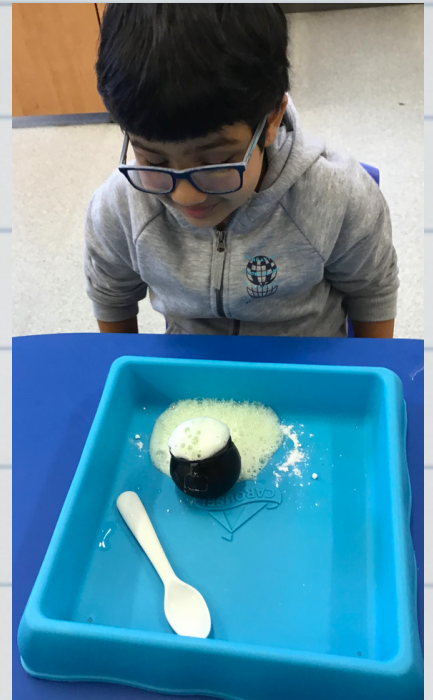


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HALLOWEEN SCIENCE EXPERIMENT IN LORNA'S CLASS !

THE CHILDREN IN LORNA'S PURPLE CLASS BREWED UP A WITCHY POTION FOR HALLOWEEN. IN OUR MINI CAULDRONS WE MIXED GROUND BONE OF NEWT (BAKING SODA), FROGS BLOOD (GREEN FOOD COLOURING), SLUG SLIME (WASHING UP-LIQUID) AND BAT TEARS (VINEGAR). WE CAST A WITCHY SPELL AND WATCHED AS OUR CAULDRONS BUBBLED OVER.





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OCTOBER'S CORE VALUE: CO-OPERATION

COOPERATION IS...

- helping one another
- working together with patience
- working together in harmony
- working together to reach a goal

EVERY MONTH THERE WILL BE A FOCUS ON ONE OF THE LEARN TOGETHER CORE VALUES FOR THE JUNIOR CLASSES AND ONE CLASS WILL PRESENT THIS CORE VALUE AT OUR JUNIOR ASSEMBLY. THIS MONTH'S CORE VALUE WAS CO-OPERATION AND JUNIOR INFANTS BLUE LED OUR ASSEMBLY - LET'S SEE WHAT THEY DID!



WE DREW PICTURES TO SHOW HOW WE HAVE CO-OPERATED TOGETHER IN THE FIRST TERM OF SCHOOL, SUCH AS PLAYING TOGETHER, HELPING EACH OTHER AND TIDYING UP TOGETHER. WE SHOWED THESE AT ASSEMBLY AND ALSO RECITED A POEM CALLED 'TEAMWORK.'



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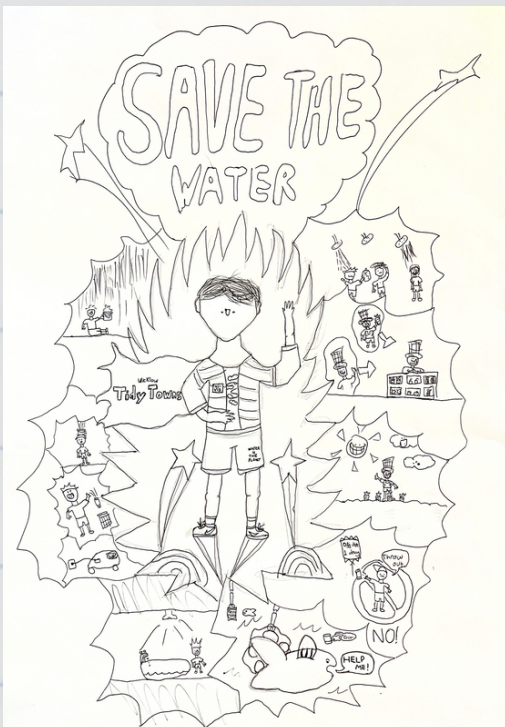


JUNIOR ASSEMBLY CONTINUED...

SHARON ALSO GOT A FEW VOLUNTEERS UP TO DEMONSTRATE HOW SOMETIMES WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET THE JOB DONE!



WATER CONSERVATION ART COMPETITION IN 5TH CLASS.



LAST WEEK, 5TH CLASS BLUE STARTED AND FINISHED AN ART COMPETITION ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION. THIS ART COMPETITION WAS BASED ON MAKING A POSTER SHOWING HOW YOU CAN SAVE YOU WATER AT HOME. ALL OF 5TH CLASS MADE LOVELY POSTERS CONTAINING ALL OF THEIR CREATIVE IDEAS. ALL THESE POSTERS WILL BE SENT OFF TO THE JUDGES AFTER THE HALLOWEEN BREAK. WE WISH ALL PUPILS FROM 5TH CLASS BLUE GOOD LUCK!

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CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS:



ON TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER, SOME OF OUR CHILDREN FROM 3RD-6TH CLASS REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL IN A CROSS-COUNTRY RACE IN AVONDALE. 3RD-6TH CLASS RAN 800M AND 5TH-6TH CLASS RAN 1000M. DESPITE THE HEAVY RAIN AND MUDDY CONDITIONS, A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, WITH SOME GREAT INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES. WELL DONE EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART!





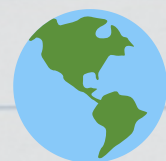
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JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANTS AISTEAR THEME:
AUTUMN/THE FARM



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BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR INFANTS HAVE HAD GREAT FUN DOING THEIR HALLOWEEN THEMED AISTEAR ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK. THERE WAS ROLE PLAY, MESSY PLAY, SALT DOUGH GHOSTS AND PUMPKINS AND LOTS OF PIECES OF ART WORK!





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MONTHLY UPDATE FROM MERCEDES' 4TH CLASS

IF YOU WALKED INTO OUR CLASS, YOU WOULD SEE SOME AMAZING THINGS. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE DONE. WE WENT ON OUR FIGHTING WORDS TRIP. WE ALSO DID TWO WEBINARS. A MATHS QUIZ AND AN INTERNET SAFETY TALK. THE PEOPLE WERE VERY KIND AND NICE TO LISTEN TO. WE HAVE LEARNED LOTS OF THINGS FROM DIVISION TO MULTIPLICATION AND THE BRONZE AGE AND LOADS MORE, THANK YOU FOR READING.

BY LYRA PICKERING

HI I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU WHAT MY CLASS HAS LEARNED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. SO LETS GET STARTED. IN 4TH CLASS GREEN WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING BASKETBALL SKILLS. THEN MERCEDES SAID WE WERE DOING A BASKETBALL MATCH. THEN I WAS SCARED, BUT I ACTUALLY PLAYED PRETTY WELL. I EVEN SCORED A BASKET. MERCEDES HAS MADE ME LOVE BASKETBALL.

BY SEAN LEVY

OUR POSTER OF OUR FIGHTING WORDS CHARACTERS



THIS MONTH OUR 4TH CLASS WERE VERY BUSY. WE HAD LEARNED LOTS OF THINGS. STARTING WITH OUR FIGHTING WORDS TRIP. WE HAD LOTS OF FUN, FIRST WE DONE A CLASS STORY ALTOGETHER. THEN WE HAD OUR LUNCH AND WE WERE ALLOWED A SMALL TREAT. AFTER LUNCH WE HAD A CHOICE TO CONTINUE THE CLASS STORY OR DO OUR OWN STORY AND I THINK EVERYONE DONE THEIR OWN STORY.

BY JOEY MITCHELL





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MONTHLY UPDATE FROM MERCEDES' 4TH CLASS

THIS OCTOBER WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY! FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT SPACE. WE HAVE LEARNT THAT YURI GAGARIN WAS FROM THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIET UNION WAS THE FIRST TO SEND SOMEONE TO SPACE, BUT AMERICA WERE THE ONE'S WHO FIRST SENT SOMEONE TO THE MOON. THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SENT TO THE MOON ARE, NEIL ARMSTRONG, BUZZ ALDRIN AND MICHAEL COLLINS. ANOTHER THING WE LEARNT ABOUT SPACE WAS THAT THE FIRST WOMAN IN SPACE WAS VALENTINA TERESHKOVA. ON THE TOPIC OF AMAZING WOMEN, WE ALSO LEARNED ABOUT MALALA YOUSAFZAI. ON THE TOPIC OF MALALA, WE READ HER STORY CALLED 'MALALA'S MAGIC PENCIL.' IT'S ABOUT HOW SHE WISHES THAT THE WORLD WAS A BETTER PLACE. I THINK THIS MONTH WAS CRAZY, BUT IT WAS VERY FUN. BY JENNA LAASSRI

WE WERE ALSO LEARNING ABOUT MALALA YOUSAFZAI AND READ A STORY ABOUT HER. FOR ART WE DREW WHAT WE WOULD DRAW WITH OUR OWN MAGIC PENCIL! SPEAKING OF ART WE ALSO MADE PAPER MACHE PLANETS. FIRST OF ALL WE BLEW UP A BALLOON (IT WAS QUITE TRICKY!) THEN WE COVERED IT IN NEWSPAPER, AFTER IT DRIED WE PAINTED THEM. IT WAS VERY MESSY! FOR DRAMA WE GOT PUT INTO GROUPS AND CHOSE A SETTING. THE OPTIONS WERE VERY COOL. THERE WAS A LIBRARY, A FAIRYTALE CASTLE, A OLD CREEPY BUILDING, A SECRET CHAMBER IN THE WOODS AND A BEACH WITH PIRATES. THEN WE HAD TO ACT IT OUT AND OTHERS HAD TO GUESS. BY ISLA NOWAK

4TH CLASS GREEN HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE BRONZE AGE. I WILL TELL YOU SOME FACTS ALONG THE WAY. SO LET ME START YOU OFF WITH A FACT. DID YOU KNOW THE MOST IMPORTANT AND WEALTHIEST PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN THE METAL TRADERS WHO BOUGHT AND SOLD METAL FROM THE MINES. AND 4TH CLASS LEARNED HOW TO MAKE METAL BY USING TIN AND COPPER MIXED TOGETHER. BRONZE IS AN ALLOY METAL (A MIX OF METALS) IT IS MADE FROM 90% COPPER AND 10% TIN. 4TH CLASS HAVE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE BRONZE AGE. BY PIPER NI DHUBHGHLAS





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LOOK AT WHAT 3RD CLASS HAVE BEEN UP TO..

3RD CLASS HAVE HAD A VERY BUSY OCTOBER. EARLIER ON IN THE MONTH, WE WENT TO GLENDALOUGH VISITOR CENTRE. WE LEARNT A LOT ABOUT ITS HISTORY AND WE WERE VERY LUCKY WITH THE WEATHER AS WE WALKED AROUND. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN BUSY DOING SOME AUTUMN ART AND BOTH CLASSES CREATED SOME LOVELY PUMPKIN ART DISPLAYS.





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2ND CLASS TRIP TO GLENDALOUGH!



2ND CLASS WENT ON A TRIP TO GLENDALOUGH. WE HAD BEEN LEARNING ABOUT COUNTY WICKLOW, FAMOUS LANDMARKS IN IRELAND, VIKINGS, CASTLES AND BUILDING MATERIALS IN SCHOOL. WE EXPLORED ST. KEVIN'S MONASTERY AND TOOK A TRIP TO THE VISITOR'S CENTRE. THERE WAS A LEGO RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MONASTERY THERE!

JEN'S 4TH CLASS LEARN ABOUT SPACE!

DURING OCTOBER WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT SPACE AND OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. FIRST, WE LOOKED AT THE SPACE RACE AND HOW RUSSIA AND USA WERE FIGHTING TO BE THE BEST AT DIFFERENT THINGS SO THEY COULD SHOW THAT THEY WERE THE BEST COUNTRY. WE LEARNED ABOUT NEIL ARMSTRONG AND HOW HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON ON THE MOON. WE ALSO LEARNED HOW LAIKA WAS THE FIRST DOG IN SPACE. SHE WAS A STRAY ON THE STREETS AND UNFORTUNATELY DIED BECAUSE OF HEAT. WE LOVED LEARNING ABOUT ASTRONAUTS AND WHAT THEIR LIVES ARE LIKE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION





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JEN'S 4TH CLASS LEARN ABOUT SPACE!



WE REALLY ENJOYED MAKING OUR OWN SOLAR SYSTEM OUT OF PAPER MÂCHÉ. WE STARTED BY BLOWING UP BALLOONS - WE HAD TO MAKE THEM DIFFERENT SIZES JUST LIKE THE EIGHT PLANETS.

SOME PEOPLE TORE UP STRIPS OF NEWSPAPER AND OTHERS MIXED THE GLUE AND WATER (YOU NEED A 50:50 MIX!). THEN WE GOT SPLIT UP INTO GROUPS AND WE DIPPED THE NEWSPAPER STRIPS IN GLUE AND PUT IT ON OUR BALLOONS. IT WAS MESSY BUT FUN! WE HAD TO WAIT FOR THE PAPER MÂCHÉ TO DRY. AFTER, WE PAINTED THE BALLOONS WHITE TO GIVE THEM A NICE BASE FOR PAINTING. THEN, WE PAINTED THE PLANETS THEIR ACTUAL COLOURS E.G., MARS IS RED AND NEPTUNE IS ROYAL BLUE. JULIE KINDLY MADE US A SUN AND PAINTED A BIG BOX BLACK WITH WHITE SPLATTER AND THEN SHE PUT UP THE PLANETS. WE DID A LOT ON SPACE OVER THE TWO WEEKS.

DURING MUSIC WE LEARNED 'THE PLANETS SONG' WHICH HELPED US REMEMBER THEIR ORDER FROM THE SUN. WE ALSO INVENTED OUR OWN IMAGINARY PLANTS AND DREW THEM ON PAPER. WE CAME UP WITH NAMES FOR OUR PLANTS, DECIDED ON THE HEAT THERE AND EXPLAINED THE COOLEST THING ABOUT THEM.
WRITTEN BY KEELA, STAR AND ZARA (4TH CLASS BLUE)

