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WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY SINCE RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER THE MIDTERM BREAK! READ ALL ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO...

2ND CLASS GREEN

FOR SESE THIS MONTH, 2ND CLASS EMBARKED ON A JOURNEY TO DELVE INTO THE FASCINATING LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NEIL ARMSTRONG, EMPLOYING A MULTITUDE OF ENGAGING LEARNING STRATEGIES. THEY FURTHER EXPANDED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM BY COLLABORATING ON CREATIVE PROJECTS, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING LEGO ROCKETS AND SPACE STATIONS.



A VISIT TO THE LIBRARY PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 2ND CLASS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ENTHRALLING COMIC WORKSHOP HOSTED BY RENOWNED AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR ALAN NOLAN. UNDER HIS EXPERT GUIDANCE, THEY UNEARTHED THE SECRETS OF CRAFTING CAPTIVATING STORIES AND LEARNED TO BREATHE LIFE INTO DIVERSE CHARACTERS. THE EXPERIENCE WAS A SUCCESS, AS WELL AS A LOT OF FUN.



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MARINE BIOLOGY TRIP FOR 5TH CLASS

2 WEEKS AGO 5TH CLASS WENT ON AN AMAZING TRIP TO THE BLACK CASTLE WITH MONA MCCREA, A MARINE BIOLOGIST, WITH EXPLORERS EDUCATION PROGRAMME. ON OUR WAY DOWN WE SAW THE GORGEOUS MARITIME MURALS IN WICKLOW. AS SOON AS WE HAD ARRIVED, WE HAD OUR LUNCH AND THEN MADE OUR WAY DOWN TO THE BEACH. AFTER GETTING INTO OUR GROUPS WE COLLECTED OUR EQUIPMENT AND SET OUT TO SEARCH FOR TREASURES OF THE SEA. WE FOUND HERMIT CRABS, LOTS OF MERMAID PURSES AND, OF COURSE, SEAWEED AMONG OTHER THINGS. OVERALL WE HAD A FANTASTIC DAY AND LEARNED LOTS OF FACTS ABOUT OUR OCEAN!

CAITLIN FRANNEY (5 GREEN)



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TIME TO INVESTIGATE SOME HOUSES FOR OUR JUNIOR AND SENIOR INFANTS

AS PART OF AISTEAR THIS MONTH, BOTH THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR INFANTS SET OFF ON A FIELD TRIP TO CARRAIG BEAG BESIDE THE SCHOOL TO INVESTIGATE AND FIND DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSES AND DIFFERENT FEATURES OF HOUSES. IT WAS A GREAT CHANCE TO GET OUT OF THE SCHOOL AND LEARN IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT!

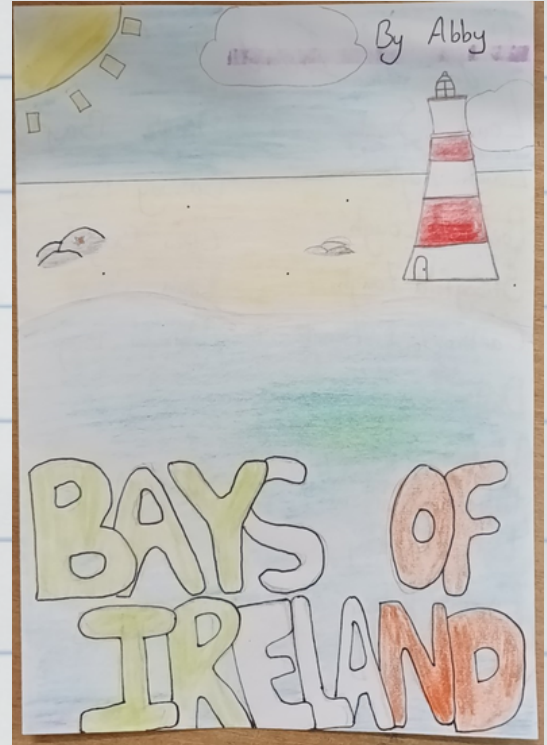


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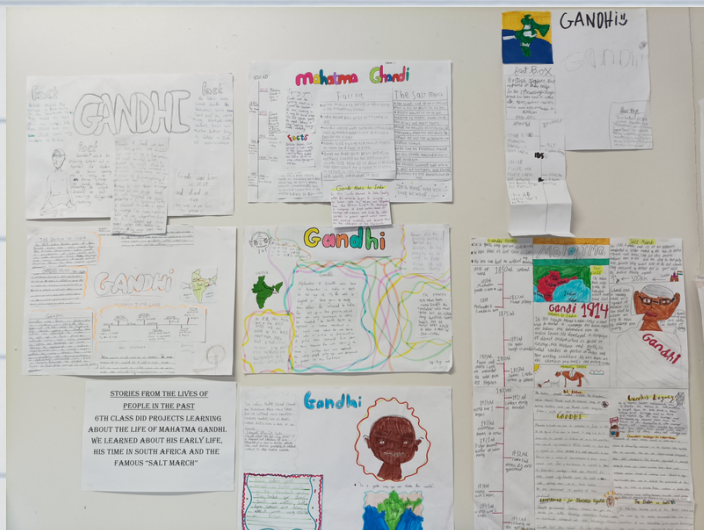
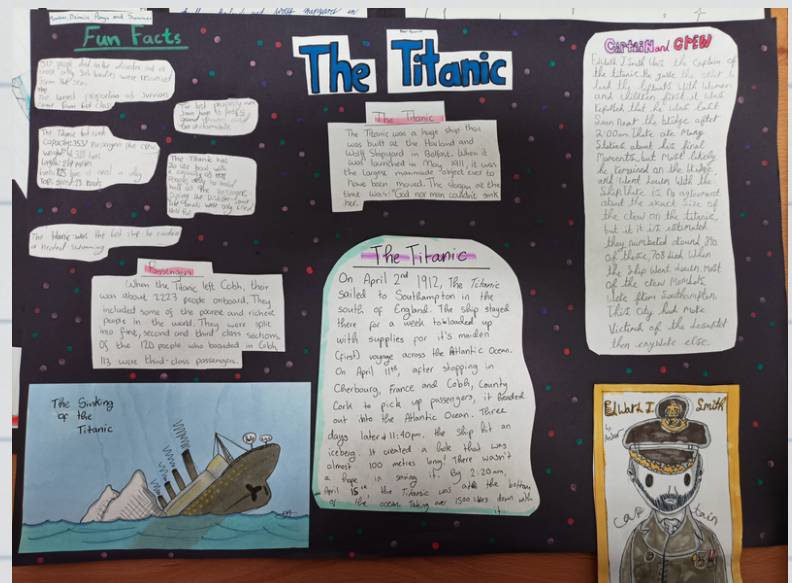


PAUL'S 6TH CLASS NEWS

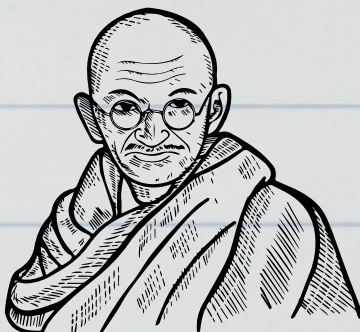
WE HAVE HAD A BUSY TIME IN 6TH CLASS. WE HAVE BEEN DOING COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS ON GANDHI AND THE TITANIC. WE ALSO CREATED POSTERS AND BROCHURES FOR SOME FEATURES OF THE IRISH COAST SUCH AS THE BAYS OF IRELAND. WE HAD FUN CREATING RANGOLI PATTERNED ARTWORK USING 3 DOT, 4 DOT, AND 5 DOT TECHNIQUES. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN PRACTICING OUR REPORT WRITING SKILLS, WRITING ABOUT SPIDERS, WETNS SCHOOL AND ANIMALS WE CREATED SUCH AS THE GIRGANUTAN, A SNARK, A FEATHERBACK TURTLE, A DEEP SEA CAPYBARA AND A GLOB FISH.



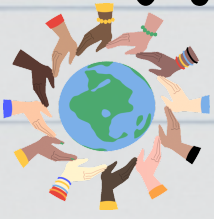
TITANIC PROJECT



GANDHI PROJECTS



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LET'S SEE WHAT JEN'S 4TH CLASS HAVE BEEN UP TO!

ART

DURING NOVEMBER WE COMPLETED A LOT OF ART PROJECTS. WE MADE DECORATIONS FOR THE WINTER FAIR. OUR FAVOURITE THING THAT WE DID WAS THE 3D SNOWFLAKES. WE MADE THE SNOWFLAKES BY FOLDING AND CUTTING PAPER SIX TIMES AND STAPLING THEM TOGETHER.



SPORTS

NOVEMBER WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR SPORTS! WE PLAYED UNI HOCKEY THIS WEEK IN PE. WE MADE THREE TEAMS - YELLOW, RED AND BLUE. WE PLAYED THREE GAMES EACH AND IT WAS A LOT OF FUN! WE ALSO STARTED PLAYING TAG RUGBY THIS WEEK AND WE REALLY LIKE IT. WE DO GAA EVERY TUESDAY FOR SIX WEEKS. OUR COACH, JACK, HAS BEEN SHOWING US HOW TO DO HAND PASSES AND KICK PASSES. WE ALWAYS PLAY ULTRA TAG TO WARM UP!

A FEW DAYS AGO, WE GOT SOME NEW EQUIPMENT. WE GOT HULA HOOPS, SKIPPING ROPES, TENNIS RACKETS, TENNIS BALLS AND CONES.

THE NEW STUFF IS REALLY GREAT!

(JAMIE, LUKA, AXEL, TOM, CALLUM, ELWOOD AND JACOB, 4TH CLASS BLUE).

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IN MATHS, WE LEARNED ABOUT LINES AND ANGLES AND THEN USED THIS INFORMATION TO COMPLETE ISLAMIC ART TILES DURING LEARN TOGETHER LESSONS.

WE ALSO DESIGNED COVERS FOR THE CALENDAR COMPETITION. THIS WAS A LOT OF FUN AND WE ENJOYED LOOKING AT EVERYONE'S DESIGNS. PAIGE'S ARTWORK WILL BE ON THE BACK COVER OF THE 2024 CALENDAR!



SCIENCE

WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT ELECTRICITY DURING NOVEMBER. TWO WEEKS AGO, WE BUILT ROBOTS WHO COULD DRAW! WE STARTED OFF PUTTING ON THE MOTORS. THEN WE GOT A PAPER CUP AND ATTACHED 4 MARKERS ONTO IT. THEN WE CONNECTED THE RED AND BLACK WIRES THAT MADE THE MOTOR START MOVING THE CUP. WE ALSO PLAYED ELECTRICITY CIRCUIT GAMES LIKE TRONEX. WE HAD TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND BUILD THE CIRCUITS CORRECTLY IN ORDER TO TURN ON A LIGHT, ACTIVATE A SPINNER OR PLAY A SONG. WE HAD A GREAT TIME LEARNING ABOUT ELECTRICITY!

(PAIGE, STAR, SASHA & KEELA, 4TH CLASS BLUE)




WE MADE OUR GEORGIA O'KEEFFE FLOWERS BY DRAWING THE PETALS WITH A BLACK OIL PASTEL AND COLOURING THE PETALS WITH PAINTS (BENJI, SEB, GRAHAM AND ODHRÁN, 4TH CLASS BLUE).




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NEWS FROM NATALIE'S 3RD CLASS



IN THIRD CLASS GREEN WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON OUR NARRATIVE WRITING. ON ONE OF THE DAYS, WE ANALYZED AND CRITIQUED DIFFERENT STORY OPENINGS TO SEE WHICH ONES WERE BORING, OKAY AND INTERESTING. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO PUBLISHING OUR WORK SOON!



IN THE RUN-UP TO THE WINTER FAIR, THIRD CLASS WERE KEPT BUSY HELPING SINEAD MAKE LABELS FOR THE SPIDER PLANTS THAT WERE TO FEATURE IN THE PLANT STALL. WE HAD A PLANT-ASTIC TIME AND TREELY TRIED OUR BEST!

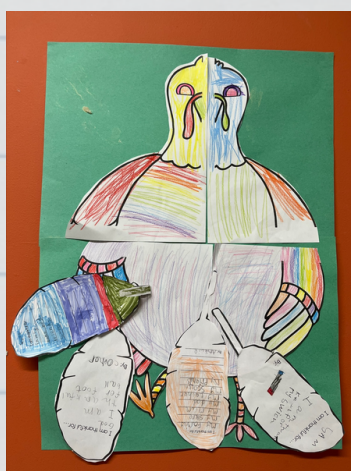


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LOOK AT THE GREAT WORK GOING ON IN 1ST CLASS

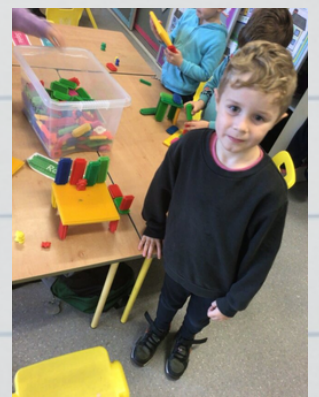
IN FIRST CLASS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ALL ABOUT SPACE. WE HAVE SEEN HOW ASTRONAUTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WORK TOGETHER ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION. WE WERE AMAZED WATCHING HOW THEY MANAGE TO DO SOME NORMAL THINGS LIKE BRUSHING THEIR TEETH, WASHING THEIR HAIR AND EVEN HAVING PIZZA NIGHT, ALL IN LOWER GRAVITY. USING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF 3D SHAPES FROM MATHS, WE CREATED SOME OF OUR OWN WACKY PLANETS IN ART. WE WORKED TOGETHER ON TWO COLLABORATIVE PIECES OF ARTWORK WHICH ARE DISPLAYED AROUND THE SCHOOL.



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AISTEAR IN
JUNIOR AND
SENIOR INFANTS:
HOMES AND
HOUSES



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NEWS FROM 4TH CLASS MERCEDES

WELCOME TO OUR CLASS'S NEWS. I HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR WRITING. IN MATHS WE LEARNED ABOUT FRACTIONS, THE STEPS TO LONG DIVISION AND LINES AND ANGLES. IT WAS QUITE HARD TO LEARN AT FIRST. BUT WE ALL GOT THE HANG OF IT. IN IRISH WE WERE TAUGHT BIA (FOOD) AND DRÁMÍAOCHT (DRAMA). BIA WAS EASY ENOUGH. FOR DRAMA WE HAD TO PRETEND WE WERE PEOPLE IN A RESTAURANT. IT WAS SOME OF THE BEST FUN EVER. WE ALSO DID PROCEDURAL WRITING. IT'S WHERE YOU TELL PEOPLE HOW TO MAKE, DO OR PLAY SOMETHING. WE MADE LIMEADE WHICH IS LEMONADE BUT WITH LIME. IT WAS SUCH GREAT FUN AND TASTED SO GOOD.

- BY EMILIA JOLLEY

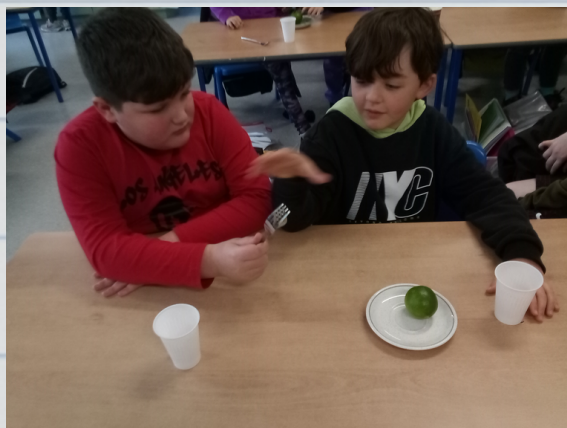
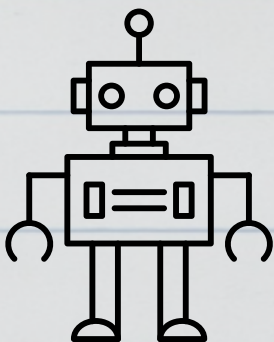
MY GROUP WERE CONNECTING WIRES TO START A LIGHT AND WIRES TO THE BATTERIES AND WE EVEN GOT TO MAKE LITTLE ROBOTS THAT CAN DRAW ON PAPER. HERE IS HOW TO MAKE ONE. YOU CONNECT THE BATTERY PACK TO THE MOTOR THEN TAPE IT TO THE EDGE OF YOUR CUP. THEN YOU PUT FOUR MARKERS ON THE CUP. IT CAN DRAW.

BY LEON NUGENT BYRNE



I MADE A ROBOT THAT COULD DRAW. WE HAD A SHORT TIME TO PLAY WITH THE ROBOT, I WANTED TO USE IT FOR LONGER. WE ATTACHED MANY PENCILS TO THE CUP AND THE MOTOR ON THE BACK TWISTED AROUND AND WAS CRAZY. I LIKED MY ROBOT.

BY NAZARII KULYK



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NEWS FROM 4TH CLASS MERCEDES

THIS MONTH HAS BEEN VERY EXCITING. WE'VE BEEN LEARNING LOTS AND ARE VERY EXCITED TO SHARE WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. ONE OF MY PERSONAL FAVOURITES WAS OUR PERSUASIVE WRITING. IT WAS VERY CREATIVE. FIRST, WE GOT SPLIT INTO TEAMS OF TWO OR THREE. THEN EACH TEAM GOT A (TERRIBLE) ITEM TO ADVERTISE E.G A FLAT TYRE. THE TEAM WITH THE BEST WRITING WON A PRIZE. DID YOU KNOW THAT WE (BOTH 4TH CLASSES) ACTUALLY MADE THE MAJORITY OF DECORATIONS FOR THE WINTER FAIR. IT WAS VERY FUN. FIRST, WE MADE PAPER CHAINS USING COLOURED PAPER. THEN WE MADE 3D SNOWFLAKES USING SIX SHEETS OF PAPER. THEY WERE VERY CHALLENGING. OVERALL I REALLY ENJOYED THIS MONTH AND I CAN'T WAIT FOR DECEMBER.
- BY OLIVER POWDERLY

THIS MONTH WE WERE LEARNING HOW TO SEW. WE STARTED BY SEWING ON A PIECE OF PAPER THAT HAD A FEW LINES THAT SHOWED US HOW TO DO IT. THIS WAS A BIT HARD. WE LEARNED HOW TO DO A RUNNING STITCH, A BACK STITCH AND A CROSS STITCH. THEN WE MOVED ONTO FABRIC. IT WAS A BIT TRICKY BUT THEN WE MOVED ONTO OUR EMBROIDERY HOOPS. IT WAS VERY FUN. - BY JJ HANLON

WE HAVE BEEN SO BUSY WITH THE WINTER SHOW I AM HOPING YOU ARE COMING TO SEE US. THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL EXPECT. SOME SPEECHES ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING, TWO SONGS WHICH ARE AMAZING AND ONE OTHER THING! MEANWHILE WE HAVE BEEN DOING GAA WITH JACK. HE HAS TAUGHT ME TO LOVE GAA, NOT AS MUCH AS DANCE AND GYMNASTICS BUT I STILL LOVE IT. - BY MATILDA CAULFIELD

