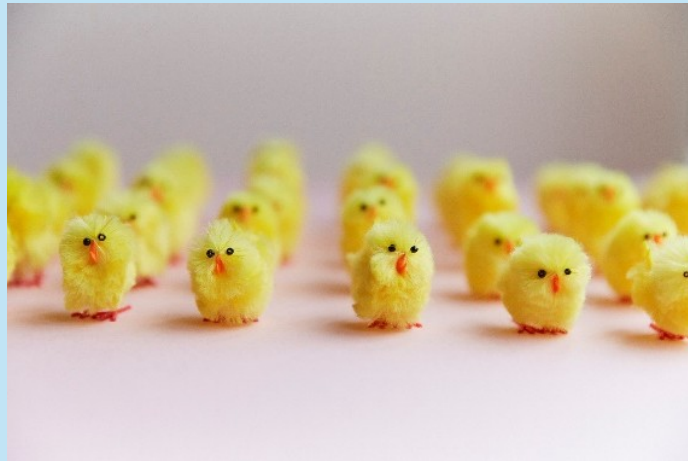

WETNS EASTER NEWSLETTER



We have been very busy over the last few months learning new things and having fun in school! Let's catch up on some news from each class...



Junior Infants Blue

Junior Infants Blue have been working hard and having lots of fun this term. The big thing we have learned this term is how to write the different letters of the alphabet. We are now all writing our own names correctly and beginning to write and spell words and sentences. When asked about our favourite thing about term 2 this is what the junior infants had to say.

Astrid – ‘We got to make playdoh, and I really liked to knead it to make it soft.’

Indie – ‘We coloured in tin foil and sprayed it to create Mother’s Day art to give to our moms.’

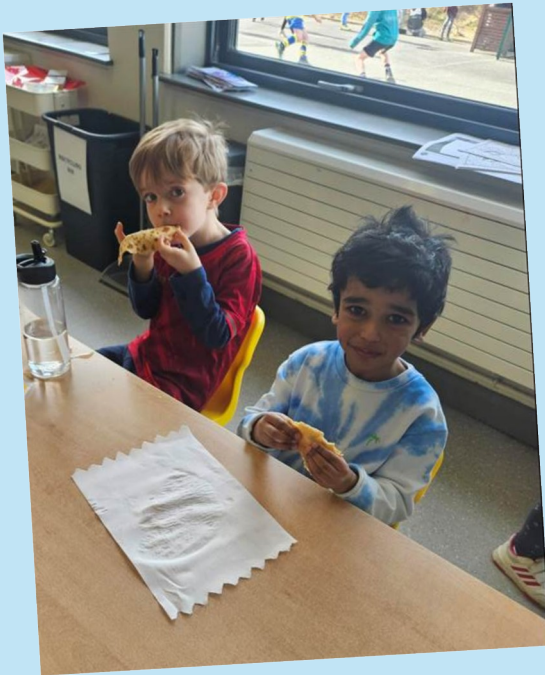
Izzy – ‘We made flowers from egg cartons, we saw frogspawn outside Sinéad’s office, and we went on a Spring walk.’

Hamish – ‘I really liked the pancakes and the frogspawn.’

Elijah – ‘I loved planting flowers in Spring.’

Max and Bonnie – ‘We did a St. Patrick’s Day parade in our yard for the rest of the school. We wore our hats that we had made in class.’





Junior Infants Green

We have had an extremely busy term in Junior Infants Green. The children have enjoyed lots of playful, engaging activities. They have learned how to hold their pencils correctly and form all the letters in the alphabet. Our most recent theme has been 'Spring and new life'. The children

visited our new school pond and observed some tadpoles along with lots of insects and living things!

Here is what some of the children have enjoyed most... Róisín said “I love free play and Art in school”. Noah said, “I like planting seeds and watching them grow tall and green”. Indie said, “I loved when we made playdoh and using flour and salt”. Melisa said, “I love investigations and finger-painting rainbows”.

I’m so proud of all the children and all their wondering learning. We’ve made great friends and memories so far. We are so excited for all the lovely learning we have planned for the Summer term 😊!

Senior Infants

Senior Infants Blue have been learning about Spring Festivals, including Holi and Easter.

We've had great fun experimenting with paint!



Senior Infants Green

Senior Infants Green have been busy learning all about Spring and Food. We have been very lucky to explore this with our student teacher Patrick. We have taken part in lots of lovely activities including planting sunflower seeds, creating our own mini books as well as printing using different fruit and vegetables. We even created our own maps of the school grounds!

The children enjoyed putting on their scientific hats to create rain clouds in jars. They also experimented with different materials to make dancing raisins!

First Class Blue

The wonderful engagement of 1st Class Blue in their learning has been evident recently, with great progress in regrouping in Maths. The new addition of tadpoles to our school has also generated much interest, and it's been lovely to observe the children actively sketching their transformations before they are introduced to the school pond – an activity they've clearly enjoyed. Their focused creativity during Creative Hour, whether in art or construction, has also been a real highlight and a pleasure to witness. We are eagerly awaiting the start of our final term when we return after the Easter holidays.

First Class Green

We've had an exciting term in 1st Class Green and the children are loving getting outside and enjoying the sunshine, whether it's through outdoor learning, games or simply soaking up some fresh air! Our class has been diving into the fascinating journey of water! We've learned about the water cycle, mixtures and what substances dissolve in liquids. We also explored the different types of clouds in the sky! From fluffy cumulus clouds to wispy cirrus clouds, the children have become cloud experts.

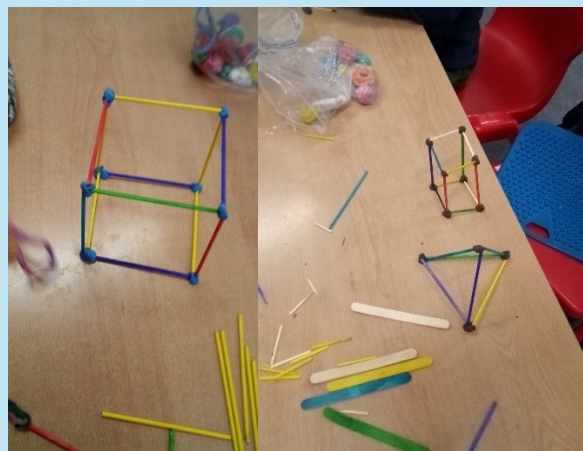
In science, we planted sunflowers! The children had a fantastic time planting the seeds and eagerly watching them grow, and discussing the factors that affect their growth! Here are highlights of the term from some of the 1st Class Green students - Luna has loved learning about

addition with regrouping and practicing her doubles in Maths! Saoirse said her favourite time of the week is practicing her cursive writing. Aarav enjoys our Stay Safe lessons, where we all get to share our feelings and Eddie has loved learning new words and putting sentences together in Gaelge! We are looking forward to a super Summer term!



2nd Class Blue

2nd Class Blue have had a very productive term. We really enjoyed having another teacher, June, with us in February. She taught us lots of interesting things including how to make 3D shapes.





We produced some lovely artwork!



We enjoyed learning all about St. Patrick and making hats.



2nd Class love using the laptops. We have used them to play maths games, read books, do quizzes, research animals and the weather and we have also started using them for coding.



2nd Class Green

Second Class Green have had a wonderful term 2. We have been doing map work as part of our Maths curriculum and have enjoyed making pirate treasure maps. Recount and procedural writing formed a big part of our English work this term and the children enjoyed retelling events from the past. With the arrival of spring, the children have loved learning about the life cycle of the frog. Sinead had some frog spawn outside her room and the children have been visiting it daily to observe the changes. We listened to Paul McCartney and were completely enthralled by Rupert & The Frog Song!

3rd Class Blue

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in 3rd class blue. For World Book Day, some of us dressed up and we wrote book reviews of our favourite books. We also got some new books for our library which we have really enjoyed. With the fine weather, we have gone up to the top field for P.E. and created our own games. In history, we have been learning about clothes and even tried making some of our own!

We learned how to make our own looms for weaving and enjoyed using them to create friendship bracelets. We have also been busy doing science investigations to discover the different states of matter and investigated how plants drink up water. We also made bath bombs and observed how chemical reactions happen. We planted spring onions and cress and are looking forward to seeing them grow. In Art, we created 3d animal portraits and made fairy doors out of clay but the thing we most enjoyed doing this term was reading our Mister Men books to the junior infants. It has been a busy couple of weeks and we are looking forward to our break!

3rd Class Green

The students in Third Class Green have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks. In maths, they have been getting to grips with the tricky topics of time, as well as multiplication and division with bigger numbers. They've also been putting their creativity and engineering skills to the test through some amazing design-and-make projects. From boats that can carry an impressive amount of potatoes to disaster-proof houses and high-flying parachutes, the class has shown brilliant teamwork and super problem-solving skills. It's safe to say that we certainly have some future architects, engineers and inventors in our midst.

4th Class Blue

It has been a very busy term in 4th Class Blue which all started off with each one of us writing a book! These books have been sent to Blackrock Education Centre's Write a Book Project and we are eagerly awaiting feedback!

One of the highlights of the term was learning about the Normans, we discovered that the Black Castle in Wicklow was built by the Normans, and we even made our own castles and motte and baileys! We displayed them for other classes to enjoy and answered questions about our designs.



We also explored Forces in science and made our own simple machines.

One of our topics in maths was learning about 3D shapes so we used construction materials to build giant constructions!



In art we've continued to explore different ideas and techniques such as creating willow patterns, learning about Impressionism and Claude Monet and creating a variety of Spring Art!



Another favourite part of our week was going swimming and we were lucky that the sun always shone on a Wednesday!

All in all, it's been a great term in 4 Blue.

4th Class Green

It has been such an enjoyable term for 4th class Green. All of the class were working incredibly hard on their Write a Book project. There were some amazing books and the teacher who has to pick a winner will have a difficult time.

The highlight of maths this year was definitely creating 3D shapes with cocktail sticks and marshmallows (see photos below.) I got all the cocktail sticks back but had less luck with the marshmallows!

In SESE, I was particularly impressed with the habitats and the space projects which were of such a high quality.

We were very lucky to have a zoom call with the author of "The Bird of Destiny" which we were reading as part of our Learn Together project on our environment. A real highlight of the year so far.

I look forward to our next term in 4th class.





5th Class Blue

This term, 5th Class Blue had a busy and exciting few months filled with learning and fun! We visited CEART: Wicklow Travellers Group, where we learned about the travelling community and their culture. We also took a trip to WETSS to watch their transition year students' performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, they showed some great talent! In Gaeilge, we explored the theme of Teilifís, through games, songs and fun activities. We also used our student devices to research Irish Writers and create projects based on the information we collected. In maths, we had great fun getting to use our protractors and compasses to measure angles and draw circles.

5th Class Green

5th Class Green had the pleasure of visiting The Wicklow Travellers' Group in early April. We were fortunate to enjoy beautiful, sunny weather as we made our way there, and we received a warm and friendly welcome from the staff. During our visit, we took a guided tour of the building and the workshop, where we had the chance to see the creation of stunning woollen garments available for sale in the centre's shop.

We also gained valuable insights into Traveller history and culture, with plenty of opportunities to ask questions and deepen our understanding. Afterward, we split into groups—one group crafted paper flowers, while the other had fun playing in the outdoor youth club area.

It was an unforgettable day, and we were so grateful for the opportunity to learn and engage with such a vibrant community.

6th Class Blue

This term in 6th class blue we did many exciting things. It kicked off with the long-awaited football tournament where we had two phenomenal teams. Our girls' team was led by former Ireland captain, Rory Connolly and our boys' team by Barcelona centre midfielder, Paul Lowen. The girls got to the semi-finals and the boys got to the quarters. We also had student teacher, Eva Lawless, teaching in our class who amongst other great lessons brought us up to date with cultures and festivals from around the world. Special mention to Pradyun Pravish who dominated in the Wicklow school's chess tournament this term. Finally, we are fortunate to have artist Padraic Nolan working with us for a total of 8 weeks and we are nearly half way through his art residency with 6th class.

6th Class Green

This term we have done lots of exciting things such as the football tournament in Greystones Football club, the boys' and girls' teams both did really well and we had a wonderful time with teachers Paul and Rory. Some of us took part in the Wicklow schools chess competition and we won for the second year in a row. Focusing on books, we had a visit from Eilish Fisher who is a children's Author and she spoke to us about her poetry book 'Fia and The Last Snow Deer'. We are also fortunate enough to have the artist/illustrator Padraic Nolan delivering art workshops with us for a number of weeks. This term we also got our fashionable hoodies which we adore. We have been working hard on a number of projects and booklets such as ones on Daniel O'Connell, Babylon, Travel and Climate change to name just a few! We have been working so hard this term that we are almost finished our Maths and Irish books. In Art, we experimented with line perspective and colour to produce David Hockney inspired landscapes. Written by Caitlin & Isaac.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break!

