



# **WETNS Summer Newsletter**

## **June 2025**

*This last term has been very busy with school tours, sports days, Bike to School and lots of other events. Let's catch up on some news from each class and reflect on another wonderful school year...*



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## Junior Infants Blue



Junior Infants Blue have really been enjoying the last few weeks of school. They particularly enjoyed doing sponge races, role-playing in the ice cream parlour, creating fun summer-themed sunglasses art and much more! Most importantly, over the last week, they have had their first ever school tour and sports day of primary school! And what great fun was had. The Junior Infants said they really enjoyed the playgrounds and seeing all the farm animals in Glenroe Farm, and some of their favourite sports day activities were the parachute and sack races 😊



# Junior Infants Green



We had a wonderful year in Junior Infants this year!

We've worked hard on our phonics and reading skills, and it's been such a joy to see each child develop a love for books and storytelling.

In Maths, we've explored numbers, patterns, and problem-solving through games and hands-on activities.

We started learning and speaking *as Gaeilge*, explored our Learn Together values and sang lots of songs and rhymes in Music.

Junior Infants is about more than just academics—it's also about learning how to be part of a group. The children have built lovely friendships, learned to share and take turns, and developed important social skills along the way.

## Some highlights from the children:

"I loved the bus to the school tour", Danann

"Sports day was lots of fun", Noah

"I like story time at the end of the day", Jacob

"Our role play ice cream parlour was fun to play in", Niamh

"I loved the butterflies we had in our class", Darragh

"Remember the grown ups visited our class at Christmas for our show?" Róisín

To our wonderful Junior Infants—you've made us so proud. We hope you enjoy a summer full of sunshine, laughter, and play. Wishing you all a happy, safe and

restful Summer 😊 Niamh Small (JI Green)



# Senior Infants Blue



Senior Infants Blue have worked so hard and had a lot of fun this year. Some highlights include our Winter Concert in the classroom, our school trip to Kia Ora farm and Sports Day. The class have worked really hard with their cursive writing and have all become UFLI flyers! Recently, we've tackled the concepts of 'more than' and 'less than' in maths. We enjoyed a Teddy Bear Picnic during the last week of school.

"I really liked doing PE" - Robin

"I had a lot of fun in Senior Infants" - Sophia

"I really liked maths" - Kejsi

"I liked doing Gaeilge, arts and crafts" - Bruno

"My favourite part of the year was Sports Day" - Martha

"I loved the school tour" - Reuben

"My favourite part of the day was Aistear" – Reid







# Senior Infants Green

We have had an extremely busy summer term and year in Senior Infants Green.

The children have enjoyed lots of playful and engaging activities. They have learned how to write in cursive letters, apply new spelling rules to their reading and writing as well as tell the time to name a few. Our most recent theme 'Summer & Holidays', has taken us to faraway places in our role play area of the airport and transported us to the beach through our small world play. The children loved getting outside and enjoying the lovely sunshine this term.

Highlights have included our school tour to Kia Ora farm, where the children had lots of fun seeing baby bunnies, feeding the animals, playing on the go karts and in the playground. We also really enjoyed our sports day.

Everyone should be very proud of all their hard work and learning this year. We have made great friendships and memories this year!







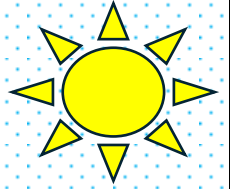
# 1<sup>st</sup> Class Blue



What an absolutely incredible year it's been for our First Class students! They truly had a wonderful year and because they worked so hard all year, we had some fantastic celebration days. We kicked off with **Robotics Day**, where the children learned all about how robots work, exploring their fascinating functions. Then came **Creative Day**, a vibrant explosion of art and imagination as they expressed themselves through various crafts. **Pets Day** was a heartwarming highlight, with everyone bringing in pictures of their beloved animals and sharing wonderful stories. And finally, as a grand finale, we had **Yes Day**, a day of pure fun where almost anything they asked for (within reason, of course!) was a "yes!" It's been a privilege to watch them grow, and we're so proud of everything they've achieved.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Class Green



What an incredible year it's been in 1st Class — and what a way to finish it!

This past week was bursting with fun and laughter: our school tour to Avondale was a huge highlight, with the Tree Top Walk, the super slide, and the playground all proving big hits. The children were full of joy, curiosity and adventure from start to finish, and their behaviour was outstanding. They truly did themselves (and the school) proud!

Earlier in the week, they took part in a Rounders Blitz and showed just how much they've grown, not just in skills, but in kindness, teamwork and sportsmanship. They supported each other, played with great spirit, and celebrated every effort and achievement together. We also had a cosy Pyjama Day, complete with delicious, homemade pizzas!

But while this week was full of fun, it's also a reflection of the fantastic journey the children have been on all year long. Over the past ten months, they've worked so hard and grown in so many ways. They've tackled the challenge of cursive writing, become budding readers and made amazing progress in adding, subtracting and solving problems. They've deepened their understanding of the world through science experiments, explored the past like young historians, and shown growing confidence using their cúpla focail as Gaeilge! They've been artists, engineers, nature lovers, storytellers and friends.

It's been a year filled with learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories. We're beyond proud of all they've achieved — and they should be too. What a wonderful year it's been in 1st Class!





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Blue



2<sup>nd</sup> Class Blue have had a fantastic year full of learning and fun. They loved dressing up at Halloween.



The students have produced some amazing artwork during the year.





2<sup>nd</sup> class really enjoyed doing STEM activities



We loved using the laptops for Maths games, reading, typing, coding and research.



2<sup>nd</sup> Class had a wonderful school tour to Wells House in Wexford. We went bird spotting on a train, met some gorgeous animals and got a tour of the house which is over 300 years old!







## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Green

Second Class Green have had a fantastic year full of creativity, fun, and learning! They are a wonderfully imaginative group and love making amazing creations with junk art or building with LEGO and enjoy nothing more than a good game of chess by the “fireside” or a lively round of 4 Square in the yard.

Highlights of their busy and exciting year include their brilliant Winter performance where they wowed audiences with the acclaimed ‘Three Little Pigs’ and Queen’s ‘Don’t Stop Me Now’, the fun of Halloween Dress Up Day,



action-packed GAA training, Sports Day, and of course, our school tour to Wells House. Well done to everyone in Second Class Green for such a fantastic year! Wishing you all a relaxing summer ahead!









## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Blue



What a year we have had in 3rd class Blue! While we can't fit everything into this newsletter we would like to share some of our highlights with you. We got straight down to work in our English, learning how to write fluently in cursive writing and across lots of different genres. We even had to test out our apple and cinnamon muffins recipe! In our Maths, we tackled division, multiplication, fractions and lots of other new concepts. We learned lots of new phrases in Gaeilge and used them throughout the day.

But it wasn't all about hard work! We did lots of interesting science experiments like dancing raisins, planting seeds, taste tests and showing how water travels using tissues and food colouring.

We got two new additions to our class, Posie and Peanut the giraffes. We wrote and performed our own play and went to see the play Grease in the Dominican. We did lots of fantastic taitneamh projects for homework and lots of projects in school, but our favourite was on France, when we made croissants and crepes!

We watched a movie with our teddies, had an "amazing" school tour to Greenane Maze, had a super sports day and a day where we did nothing but Art. We cannot believe it is the end of the year and we are getting ready to go into 4th!!





## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Green



What a fantastic year we've had in Third Class Green! From maths challenges to messy science experiments and everything in between, we've certainly packed a lot into the last few months.

This year, we were especially excited about the new addition of laptops. Whether we were coding in Scratch, researching for projects, or improving our chess skills, we definitely clicked with the laptops and improved our digital skills along the way.

We conducted lots of investigations in science this year, making our own playdough, mixing oobleck, and even getting some raisins to dance! We also put on our inventor hats to design parachutes, build disaster-proof houses, and tackle a deceptively tricky challenge: creating boats that could hold as many potatoes as possible.

To top it all off, we wrapped up the year with a bang by finally winning the Golden Boot, having a well-deserved Creative Day, attending our first senior sports day, and enjoying a wonderful school tour of Greenan Maze.

All in all, it's been a busy, brilliant year. Now, on to our final (and possibly greatest) challenge...cleaning the classroom!





## 4<sup>th</sup> Class Blue

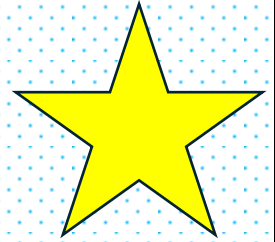
We have had a great, fun year in 4<sup>th</sup> Class Blue! Here are some of our highlights!



- ❖ We have enjoyed exploring the Coill Beag and watching the tadpoles grow.....
- ❖ We have almost mastered playing the recorder and learning to read music! Our favourite tune is Joe Joe !
  - ❖ The Write a Book Project was a huge achievement for everyone.
- ❖ Sports have been a big part of our year, playing football, no man's land, rounders, capture the flag among other games.
- ❖ Another great achievement was the reading of the whole ' Under the Hawthorn Tree' trilogy, by Martha Conlon McKenna, which helped us appreciate how life in Ireland was very different long ago.
- ❖ Art was varied and fun, exploring everything from Still Life, Monet, clay pots and even Roman and Norman buildings.
- ❖ Games, algebra and long multiplication made up a good part of our Maths lessons where we loved our daily Chilli Challenge.
- ❖ To top it all off we were the winners of the Golden Boot on 6 consecutive weeks!



## 4<sup>th</sup> Class Green



✨ What a Fantastic Year We've Had! ✨

What an exciting and fun-filled year it has been at school! We've learned so much, made great memories, and had lots of laughs along the way. Here are just some of the amazing things we did together this year:

### Maths Fun with Marshmallows

We used marshmallows and toothpicks to build 3D shapes like cubes, pyramids, and even tricky prisms. It was sticky, silly, and super fun – and we learned a lot about shapes too!

### Roman Architecture Day

We became mini architects and builders when we made 3D models of Roman buildings using cardboard. There were arches, columns, and even the Colosseum! Everyone worked so hard, and the results were amazing.

### The “Write a Book” Competition

You all turned into real authors this year! Everyone wrote their own story for the Write a Book competition, and we were so proud of your imagination and hard work. There were dragons, detectives, space missions, and more!

### Fighting Words Workshop

At the Fighting Words workshop, each of you helped to create an original story from scratch. The ideas were wild, creative, and funny — and best of all, they were yours.

### Reading Matilda & Movie Day

We had so much fun reading Matilda together — what a clever and brave girl! After finishing the book, we celebrated with a popcorn-filled movie day.

### Our Amazing Tour to Clara Lara

Our school trip to Clara Lara was one of the highlights of the year! With water slides, swing rides, boats and games, there was something for everyone.



## Representing Our School

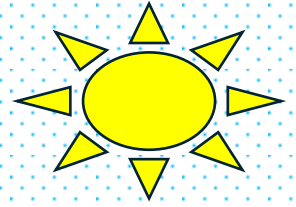
Well done to everyone who took part in GAA matches, chess competitions, and athletics events this year. You showed great teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit — we're so proud of you all!

## A Big Well Done to Everyone!

You've all worked so hard this year and should be very proud of everything you've achieved. Eamonn



## 5<sup>th</sup> Class Blue



This year we really enjoyed learning Gaeilge. We learnt lots of new grammar and vocabulary, we found it hard at the start but it got easier the more we worked on them. We went over lots of topics and played fun games too. Slán!

– Axel & Louis

I loved swimming in the swimming pool and learning how to swim. The walk was very long but I didn't mind because I love to walk. My favourite part was swimming like a dolphin and mermaid. – Anastasiia

My favourite part of this year was when we got a visit from a Marine Biologist called Mona. She told us a lot about the sea and we were lucky enough to go on a Sea Safari with her. We went to Travlahawk beach at the black castle. We found lots of different things such as shells, seaweed, seaglass and mermaid purses. We really enjoyed our time with Mona! – Jamie





My favourite thing we learned about this year was 'chance' in Maths. This topic was really fun and we played games to help us learn. Some of the words used with chance are: even chance, possible, likely, unlikely, impossible and certain. Here is an example: There is an even chance you will land on tails when you flip a coin. – Graham

I have really enjoyed 5<sup>th</sup> class but my favourite part was when we made Dragons Den projects. In groups, we all created a product including it's price, how it's made, what it does, the cost of making it etc. We made advertisements for our product and practiced some questions the Dragons might ask us. After we presented our projects to the Dragons (Hannah & Bernie) they had to decide if they wanted to invest in our product or not. This project was super fun and I hope we do something like it in 6<sup>th</sup> class! – Keela & Zander



We were really lucky this year to have Lisa from Germany come in to our class and teach us German once a week for 4 weeks. She taught us lots of words such as colours, sports and school subjects. I really enjoyed learning a new language. – Seb

This year I loved when Sadbh Devlin (a local picture book author) came into our class for a workshop. Each week was different and by the end of the workshop we had created our own picture books using our own characters and drawings. We had the opportunity to look at all of the schools new books and try out different genres. We all loved working with Sadbh and we hope to see her again in 6<sup>th</sup> class! – Zara & Tom

At the start of 5<sup>th</sup> class we all came up with 'Our Class Goals'. We each had to think of something we wanted to accomplish this year. Some people chose learning a new trick or skill or improving in their hobbies. I chose to start



something new, song writing. This was an amazing year, have a nice summer! –  
Elwood

This year I enjoyed making our own lava lamps for science. This was an experiment to prove that oil is less dense than water. Once we added food colouring and shone a flashlight underneath, it looked really cool and like a real lava lamp. – Luka



We had some fun days in 5<sup>th</sup> class this year, two in particular were our Winter Show and Sports Day. We worked really hard for the winter show, we performed three songs and we didn't think we'd be able to learn the Gaeilge one but it worked out in the end. We also loved sports day this year, we played lots of different sports game such as tug of war, rounders, tag rugby and long jumping. It was a tiring but really fun day! – Star & Sasha

## 5<sup>th</sup> Class Green



5<sup>th</sup> Class this year has been truly spectacular. We have literally done everything from fun drama games with Amy to quirky jokes with Liam. I have had a truly wonderful 5<sup>th</sup> class experience, with the highlights being cereal box making, plays and visiting teachers. – Oliver

I have had a good year in 5<sup>th</sup> class this year. We have been so busy from work to games. The games this year have been really fun. We have played Groups, Night Watchman, Bang and lots more. For maths this year one of the things we have learned is long division it was hard at the start but then we got used to it.  
- Joey

One of my highlights was the visits from the author Sadhbh Devlin. She is a published children's book author. She came in and told us how to write good books. We also got gifted 100 books for our school library from Children's Books Ireland. - JJ

My highlights include history, PE and almost every single lunchtime. Let's start with history, I think history is important for learning about civilizations and is just fun in general. PE means exercise and games. Lunch is time to chat. I also enjoy group activities because team work will be important growing up and it's very nice – Cian

My highlight was the Football Tournament. We had to go to Greystones Football Club. Only three girls came from 5<sup>th</sup> class. Rory was our football coach and I was meant to play in goals but Rory said I was very good outfield. I then played striker for the rest of the tournament. We got to the quarter finals. I scored in almost every match with 5 goals in total – Vytaute

The athletics was so fun! Most of our school won medals. It was in Enniscorthy, and the activities were long distance sprints, long jump, high jump and turbo javelin. Matilda, Isla, Ciaran, Sean and I went from our class. I won a gold medal for javelin. Isla won a bronze medal for high jump, Ciaran won a gold medal for javelin, Sean won silver for javelin and Matilda came fourth in high jump. – Piper

One day a marine biologist named Mona came in. She brought in real sea creature bones and taught us about (unsurprisingly) the ocean. A day or two

later she took us down to the Black Castle and we found lots of seaweed, mermaids purses and also golf balls. It was a great day! – Ciaran

All of our inside jokes were a 5<sup>th</sup> class highlight for me. We have the crow dance from when Micheál saw a crow dancing outside of the window. Another one is when Amy forgot the word goosebumps and came up with goosebumples. We also have 2 class dogs Fluffles and Flurffles – these arrived when Liam made up a dog called Fluffles and Piper drew a picture of him. Cal then drew a demon version. We spend lots of time laughing in our class! – Matilda

For April's Fools Day Liam made us write down facts about marshmallow trees. It was really funny but luckily I didn't fall for it. – Nathan M

One of my highlights was the Winter Performance which most of our parents attended. It was so "slay". During our dress rehearsal I fainted but I still did our performance because all my friends made me feel better. – Emilia J

I loved doing the Alice in Wonderland play because I got picked as a director. I got to organise everything. It was fun making props and decorations and costumes. Then the other 5<sup>th</sup> class came in to watch our show (we only prepared for 24hrs!). I was kind of nervous when the other class came in but thankfully it went smoothly. – Seán

I enjoyed watching Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in the Secondary School. It was a good play with singing and dancing it was well put together, I also loved doing the Alice in Wonderland drama, it was lots of fun to work in a group, act and do costumes. It was challenging to get done because we only had a day to finish it. But it was fun to act and perform in front of the other 5<sup>th</sup> class. - Hana

One of my favourite things was decorating our own cereal boxes. There was Happy Os!, Lucky Arms, Woodland Bites and many more. It was very fun to make our funny ads. I also really enjoyed our Taitneamh Homework this year. It was really fun to see all of the projects, baking, videos, powerpoints and posters. I also loved performing the Spark, Somewhere Only We Know and Roth Mor an tSaoil. Although it took a while to learn off the lyrics, we still really enjoyed it! – Lyra

We have performed many plays this year. We have done important ones, history, Irish and many others. My favourite was called Christina Columbus based on the story of Christopher Columbus. The cast was Emilia J, Matilda,



Micheál and I. We got to perform it in front of our class and the other class at assembly. It was so fun to do because we even had costumes and everything! – Isla

We have done lots of fun plays this year in 5<sup>th</sup> class. When we were learning about the Aztecs and Incans four of my friends did a play about Christopher Colombus invading North America and it was a very good play. We also did an Alice in Wonderland play before the Easter Holidays and I was the Queen of Hearts. We did the play in 24 hours and all of us enjoyed it a lot. We also got to see a play in the Educate Together Secondary School. It was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and my cousin was one of the dancers. We have seen and acted in many plays, and all of the plays were very enjoyable! – Jenna

We love classroom games. We love playing Night Watchmen. It's a game where you have to act like you're a statue and have to move when they are not watching. You might be wondering who they are, they are the night watchmen and they try to spot people. We also enjoy playing groups. We all love this game so much, it is a game where someone calls a number and you have to quickly get into groups of that number. We play it as Gaeilge. If you hear "duine" you have to freeze. It's a good way of practicing our vocabulary – Olivia.

I really like our teachers Amy and Liam. They were very good. They put in a lot of effort to teach us and it would be hard to find a teacher as good as them. – Micheál

One of my highlights is when we went to the Traveller Community called The Wheel. I really enjoyed learning about the Traveller Community because I never really knew a lot about them but now I know lots. One of my favourite things is that they share stuff like food or other different types of things with their neighbours. – Jacob

My favourite part of 5<sup>th</sup> was probably swimming because it was really fun and you got to do whatever you wanted to do on the last day of swimming. It was also cool to learn how to swim in school with our friends. – Nathan K

My favourite part of 5<sup>th</sup> was also swimming. I liked swimming because it was fun and it was good because we got biscuits for our walk home! – Ruarí

The trip to Kilmacurragh was one of my highlights. I went with the Green Schools Committee. We learned loads about exotic trees and plants. It was a great day all round! – Cal







## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Blue



We had a great time in 6<sup>th</sup> Class this year. It was a great start with Paul and Rory bringing us on a really good trip to GoQuest as a team building exercise. We had a great time learning and having fun in the puzzle challenges. We did lots of interesting project work on topics such as Chernobyl, Babylonia, Climate Change, Kitty Wilkinson and the Organs of the Human body. In outside school sports we did a Tag Rugby tournament with Paul and managed to win all our matches. We did Athletics, boys and girls Football, Chess and Tennis tournaments also. Everyone learned how to skip and to play basketball, soccer and 4-Square. We really enjoyed the opportunity to keep fit and learn new sports. We had lots of fun in class and in the yard. In fact, doing our end of year tests was the only time we didn't have fun in the whole year! Altogether it was a really great 10 months.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Green

This year in 6<sup>th</sup> Class, we have done lots and been very busy with Paul and Rory. We've had a great time learning and playing lots of sports, it was such fun. We have also gone on lots of trips like GoQuest, a Heritage walk around Wicklow, and of course Alive Outside. All of us have had an opportunity to compete in lots of competitions like GAA, Football, Tag rugby and Athletics. We won lots of medals at the Athletics. Throughout the school year Paul has expressed his amazing unique ways of teaching, and we haven't been bored once on his watch!

6<sup>th</sup> Class had their graduation ceremony on Tuesday.





**Brendan O'Connor Award for Spirit of WETNS:**

Daniel Kazakov & Dara Colohan

**Laura O'Brien Award for Unequivocal Personal Growth:**

Alannagh Browne Douglas & Sophie Jones