



Scoil Ghráinne CNS Newsletter

November 30, 2021

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

DATES TO REMEMBER

Winter Break: School closes Wednesday December 22nd 2021 @ 12.00 for winter break and will re-open Thursday January 6th 2022.

Hello everybody ,
We have been very busy here in Scoil Ghrainne as you will see from our newsletter . We are focussing on our school rules over the past few weeks : Be safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Kind. If we all remember these expectations , we will all get along better together. Talk about it at home and remind your children from time to time.

We are delighted to tell you that we have raised just over €5000 on our "Mad Hair Day" fundraiser for Noah . His family are very grateful for all the support and well wishes. We wish Noah well in the months ahead and we hope our donation will help in some way with the challenges ahead.

A big shout out to all our senior pupils who are getting used to wearing masks. This is just another way to help reduce the spread of the virus. We appreciate that it is difficult for everyone but we have to following protocols and symptomatic children must remain at home.

Our P.A. have booked the online pantomime again this year for all our students. We look forward to that next week before we break up for the winter holidays. The school calendars have been ordered and are on their way also. These funds go to the Parent's Association. Congratulations to Claudia Gichuhi who has agreed to take on the role of chairperson for the P.A. She is a parent to one of our junior infant children . The P.A. is a very important group who are invaluable to the school .You will find them on facebook and remember they are always open to new members.

After the winter break we are asking all students to be vigilant with regard to school uniforms. It is important for them to learn and understand the importance of personal presentation and for them to develop a sense of belonging. Ties are available from the office and further information is available on our website. You can also order items through www.grantsclothing.ie.

Our Parent Teacher meetings are scheduled for the last week in January. It looks like they will be held over the phone but we will keep you posted .

Take care everybody,

Junior Infants have been very busy this past month. We have enjoyed reading lots of stories such as Owl Babies, Peace at Last, Handa's Surprise and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. In Aistear the boys and girls had great fun playing in the café. They also created beautiful butterflies and caterpillars in Art. Recently, we have been learning all about "Oscar Organisation" and the children in Junior Infants are trying their best to be organised in school. Keep up the great work everyone!

Senior Infants have been learning all about Space! We learned lots of facts about the moon, the sun, the planets and stars. Did you know that the sun is so big that 1 million earths would fit inside it!! Our role-play area in Aistear was set up as a space station, we even had astronaut costumes and aliens masks! We learned some new poems including 'zoom zoom zoom we're going to the moon' and 'the solar system' song. For SPHE we have been focusing on Getting Along and talking about how to be a good friend. We also discussed Internet safety.

First class have been learning about dinosaurs and fossils and toys in SESE. We were revising our school Code of Conduct and learning how important it is to Get Along with others. In Maths we did Capacity and we have started subtraction. In Art we painted Dinosaur silhouettes, clay fossils and we even made our own toys! We also had great discussions about Internet Safety.

Second class have been learning all about the theme of Water. We have learned all about ocean habitats and we completed our projects on different sea life-- dolphins, sharks, orcas, octopus, turtles, and jellyfish. We also learned about the life cycle of the sea turtles. We discussed the importance of water, and we wrote a persuasive letter to our leaders to protect our oceans and seas. In Art, we have used lots of different techniques to create 'Under the Sea' paintings.

Third class have been working extremely hard this month. In Maths we have started Multiplication. We have been practicing our times tables and are getting very good at skip counting! We had great fun celebrating Science Week and did lots of experiments! In History and Geography we have been exploring Egypt. We loved learning all about the Pharaohs and the pyramids, and we even created self-portraits of us as ancient Egyptians in Art. We used the information we learned to write information reports about Egypt and presented them to our classmates.

Ms Benville's class The Junior Croí class have been busy working on their fine motor skills, painting and completing their daily obstacle course. We have been sitting on our chairs for circle time and learning to take turns picking a song for music. We have been having great fun with Martin from Erin Go Bragh GAA club on Fridays learning new skills and having lots of fun in the Halla.

Ms. Kavanagh's Class have been learning all about the Post Office for the last few weeks. We have been writing letters and addressing envelopes to our friends in Ms. Winters' 5th class. We have also been learning about time, using and reading analogue and digital clocks, learning about the different seasons and reading the calendar. We are enjoying GAA with Erin go Bragh every Friday.

Fourth class have been working very hard over the last few weeks. In English we learned all about 'writing to socialize', we wrote letters, notes, and emails. In maths, we learned all about fractions and decimals. In SESE we explored the country of Italy and looked back at what life was like during the Roman Empire. It was internet safety month, so we looked at ways to stay safe while we are online.

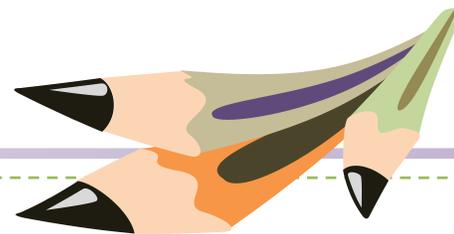
Fifth class have been learning all about our body and how we breathe and how our heart works. We even made lungs using water bottles and balloons. We have researched the differences between medicine today and in the past. Did you know they used to tie frogs around their necks to try and cure a common cold. We have been learning about decimals and fractions in Maths. Ms Winters class have also been creating projects using Lego- we have made satellites, robots and windmills.

Sixth class were writing to socialise and have been busy writing letters. I nGaeilge, bhí na páistí ag foghlaim faoin téama: Ag Siopadóireacht. Fractions and Decimals have been the focus in maths and the children have been enjoying solving word problems. The children have been learning all about Brazil in Geography and have been working in their pods in order to create poster presentations.



YELLOW FLAG NEWS

We really enjoyed celebrating Black History Month and learning about the celebration Diwali. The children on the committee met with Sian from the Yellow Flag Initiative to chat to her about our plan for the year. The children decided they would like to get the boys and girls in their class's ideas to bring awareness to Our Yellow Flag. So they were hard at work collecting information. In December we will all be learning about Human Rights! **December 10th was HUMAN RIGHTS DAY.** Again if any parents would like to get involved, please contact Me, (Ms. O'Connor) by email. Beverlyconnor@scoilghrainneacs.ie



MS. HENNESSEY

Introducing Ms. Megan Hennessey! Ms. Hennessey is loving working in Scoil Ghraíne! She has taught 2nd and 3rd class here and loved both of these classes. There are 6 people in her family; her mam, dad and three younger brothers Jamie, Aaron and Nathan. Ms. Hennessey is from Dublin. She has a dog named Marley, who is 8 years old! Ms. Hennessey studied a B.A in Irish and History in Maynooth University before she went on to complete a Masters in Primary School Teaching in Marino Institute of Education. Reading and staying active are her favourite hobbies. She really enjoys spending her weekends hiking, running, going to the gym and walking her dog. She also really loves travelling...it's her favourite thing to do. She has visited lots of European countries such as France, Spain, Italy, Malta and England. This year, she hopes to travel to more countries and maybe even travel a little more around Ireland. Ms. Hennessey's favourite subjects to teach are English, Irish and History! It's always so lovely to see Ms. Hennessey's bright and bubbly smile around the school. She brings such positivity to the staff and to the children in her class! Ms. Hennessey is always happy to join in and get working!!