

# School News

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## Welcome back everyone

The chess season is back in full swing. Congratulations to **William Hackett, Niall Kearney, Adam Gardiner, Evan Watkins and Adam Doyle** who fought a very hard match this week against Johnstown N.S. At their next match against St. Catherine's they drew the match. Well done boys. Also playing a friendly match against St Catherine's were **James Spedding, Adam Hildebrand, Beatrice O'Chonghaile, Harry O'Neill, Mark Doyle, and Cormac and Eoin Eason.**



Thank you **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class** for baking such beautiful cakes for the cake sale. €256 was raised on the day. Thank you to everyone who helped.



Dale from Naturally wild visited the school recently and spoke to the children about bio diversity.

We have had two assemblies since returning to school, one on New Year's resolutions and the other on road safety. Talking of



road safety a very friendly traffic Garda stopped at school the other day and lucky **Mackey Brennan and Jack Humphries** got to try out his bike!

## Around the Classes



**Junior Infants** have been exploring magnets. They created lovely pictures and patterns with pebbles. Look at some of the wonderful block constructions too!



In Art, **Senior Infants** made lovely snowy penguin pictures and terrific tiger pencil toppers. They were learning about hibernation with Mouse and had fun in the school garden hiding nuts just like the squirrels do. They hope they remember where they hid them!!!

They were also learning about road safety. In their assembly they reminded everyone in school how to cross the road safely and to 'BE SAFE, BE SEEN'. They said the 'Safe Cross Rhyme' and sang the 'Safe Cross Code Song'.



This month **1<sup>st</sup> Class** enjoyed testing objects to find out if they **float** or **sink**. They had fun designing boats using plasticine. Their boats are all sorts of different shapes and sizes. Many of the boats floated and some of them even held up to 6 marbles before sinking!



They also created maps to show various buildings and features that they see on their journey to school every morning.



Pandy, the class teddy, is having plenty of fun visiting some of the children's houses. So far he has been swimming, playing, skating and much more! He has also kindly helped with homework. **1<sup>st</sup> Class** love when Pandy returns with his scrapbook of photos and stories. They look forward to hearing about the rest of the visits he will be going on over the next few months!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class** have been learning all about the Arctic and the Antarctic regions. They learned about Inuit people who live in the Arctic and were shocked to learn that only animals live in the Antarctic as it is too cold. They learned a lot about the animals that live in the two regions and chose their favourite ones to make using clay. It was great fun! They also learned about great Irish explorer Tom Crean.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Class** are looking forward to seeing their Art Zone work at the exhibition in February. They have also been working on Tweety Bird pictures recently. During Golden Time a number of pupils worked together to create a very large Lego structure. They have also enjoyed learning an African playground song called Kye Kye Kule.



The author of the month in **4<sup>th</sup> Class** is Jacqueline Wilson.



**4<sup>th</sup> Class** have been learning all about rocks in Geography and in art have been painting monasteries.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class** have been working so hard on their amazing birds with Louise from Artzone. After many weeks of work, they have just finished their creations. They are sure you will agree that they all look brilliant! They are very proud of their work and are looking forward to displaying the birds at their exhibition night.

They have also finished their history projects after doing lots of research and putting together individual projects. They are very impressive. They have all learned a lot about famous people throughout history and are looking forward to presenting them to the class.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class artwork.**



**6<sup>th</sup> Class** are studying figurative language in English at the moment. So far, they have learned about onomatopoeia, idioms and personification.



They have been learning about World War 1 in History and read the poem Dulce Et Decorum Est by the war poet Wilfred Owen and they drew illustrations to reflect the theme of the poem.



The children have been working on music projects too. Some of the subjects chosen are the history of the guitar, disco, music of the 1970's, The Beatles, rock music and many more.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Kids Movie Night-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**