



Dear Parents,

We have had a jam-packed March in Senior Infants and First Class. We were so fortunate to have Aoife in our class to teach the children tin whistle. Linda and I particularly enjoyed listening to the childrens' budding musical talents. We can't wait for her to come back after Easter! 😊 We also had great fun preparing for our role in the St. Patrick's day parade. The level of support from parents was really appreciated by all staff.



Below is a little peek into more of the fun things we got up to in March.

Literacy/Phonics

This month our book choices were based on our Aistear theme, 'Spring'. The children had great fun searching for signs of Spring in our neighbourhood and writing descriptions of what they saw, smell, felt and touched.

We're still reading, 'Danny, The Champion of the World' and are having a great time predicting, visualising and summarising the story so far.

I ask that you continue to encourage your child to read as many varied texts (fact/fiction etc) at home to help broaden their vocabulary and reinforce their understanding of style and structure.



Gaeilge

For the month of March, we have been focusing on the themes 'Ócáidí Speisialta – Lá 'le Pádraig' (Special Occasions – St. Patrick's Day) and 'An Teilifís' (The Television). We spent much time learning songs, playing interactive games and practising our gaeilge neamhfhormúil (informal Irish)

Some of the key phrases we have been working on which you could implement at home:

- Cé atá ar an teilifís? (Who is on the television?)
- Tá ___ ar an teilifís. (___ is on the television) – fear an phoist, garda, múinteoir, fear grin, doctúir, feirmeoir, buachaill bó, siopadóir.
- An ___ é/í (fear an phoist, garda, fear grin, doctúir, feirmeoir)? Is that a postman, guard, clown, doctor, farmer?
- Sea/Ní hea (It is/It isn't)





Numeracy

As both classes were focusing on capacity and weight this month there were many opportunities for hands-on active learning. While making St. Patrick's Day rice krispie buns and Irish flag themed playdough, the students learned about measuring ingredients in tablespoons, cups, litres etc. They also estimated the weight of various ingredients and discussed the importance of accurate measuring.



Aistear

Our theme for March was, 'An tEarrach' (Spring). The children worked on their fine motor skills while making fantastic art pieces including beautiful flowers, birds and bees. We also did loads of very fun baking (noted above in maths). The children really enjoyed measuring the ingredients and mixing them together but of course, nothing can beat the end result of eating the rice krispie buns 😊

Their problems-solving skills were put to the test in our Construction area when the children were tasked with making Easter Eggs, Spring flowers and even Easter bunnies. Linda also kindly donated costumes to our Roleplay area which have gone down an absolute treat!



That's all for the month of March!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Gráinne