



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a busy, fun filled first month. Junior Infants have spent September settling into school and making new friends and it's been wonderful getting to know each of the children in the class. We have also spent the month familiarising ourselves with our classroom routines and procedures.

We start each day with our morning activities. We change our activities each day, they help us to develop our fine motor skills, social skills and our ability to work together and cooperate in a group.



Literacy: We spent the month of September developing our phonological awareness, in preparation for starting the Jolly Phonics program next month. We have done loads of work on identifying rhyming words and syllables. We had a great time learning nursery rhymes, such as Incy Wincy Spider and Humpty Dumpty. I know 'All the King's Horses and all the King's Men' couldn't put humpty together again but here in Junior Infants, we managed to solve the problem.





Maths: We spent September working on our early maths skills. We've been matching, classifying, sorting and comparing different shapes and objects.

Aistear: Our theme for the month of September was 'Me, myself, and I'. We had a lot of fun doing our different activities (role play, construction, art, small world, science, and playdough) based on our theme. At the Art station the children drew their own self portraits, while at the playdough station the children made their families (pets included). Finally at the science table, we dusted for fingerprints and investigated what type of fingerprints we had (loops, whorls, and arches). This linked nicely into our SPHE/Ethical Education lessons celebrating our individualities.



Gaeilge: We have been having a great time covering the topic 'Mé Féin' (Myself). We have learned the names of our body parts. We love doing the actions and singing the song 'Ceann, Gualainn, Glúain is Cos' (Heads, shoulders, knees and toes.) We have also learned the poem 'Lámh, Lámh eile', I'm sure each of the children would be very happy to recite it for you all at home, if you ask nicely 😊



SESE: In science we have learned about the various body parts and our 5 senses. We made our own Mr Potato Heads to help us remember each of our senses.



We also went on a senses hunt with 1st and 2nd class around the school yard. The children all had the chance to work together with a buddy from the older classes and we had a great time working together.



PE: We started Gaelic Games with Jackie (Wicklow GAA) this month and had a great time taking part in warm up games and drills. We also got to go to the hall in the community centre across the road for our PE lessons. So don't forget those runners on a Tuesday and Thursday! 😊





Ethical Education: We focused our lessons on embracing our uniqueness' and celebrating our similarities and differences. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year festival, began at sundown on Sunday, September 25th and ended on the evening of Tuesday, September 27. The children enjoyed learning about the traditions of the festival, and they really enjoyed trying the custom of dipping apples into honey to symbolise the hope of a sweet year ahead.



We have had a busy and fun filled time during the month of September, and it flew by.

I cannot wait to see what October brings us.

Kind regards,

Ciara