

Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to start off by saying how nice it was to meet with you all this month during the parent teacher meetings, it was lovely to welcome you into our Junior Infant classroom. We have had a very busy fun packed November and I can not believe how fast it went by.

Literacy/ Phonics

We have covered all of Group 2 (ck, e,r,h,m,d) in the Jolly Phonics program. The children have been working very hard on finding the initial sound in words and listening out for the final sound too. We have even been working on blending CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words with the sounds we have covered. The movement and sounds from the Jolly Phonics program are an amazing resource when used together, so keep reinforcing it at home with the home activities each day. We also read the story 'The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, which was a big hit. We did loads of fun activities based on the story, including drawing our own Gruffalo's and creating our own monsters like the brave little mouse did.

Maths

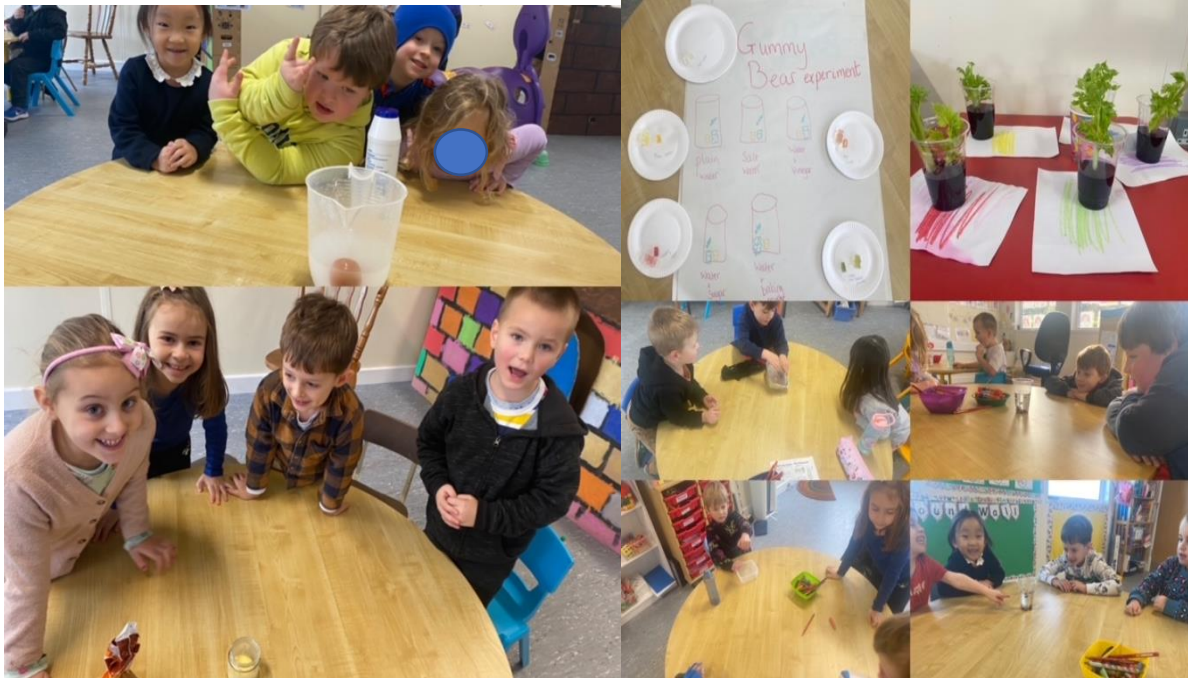
We were learning all about the number 3 in maths this month. The class really enjoy working with concrete materials to make sets of 3 and matching sets.



SESE

We had an amazing time for science week, we really put our investigation skills to the test. We did loads of experiments in class and during Aistear. We tested how to make eggs float in water and how to make butter (There were a lot of sore arms after all the shaking). We got to taste our own butter too and it was delicious.

We also investigated how to grow gummy bears by adding them to water with loads of different things, we made raisins dance, we investigated how plants drink water, we investigated sounds by making our own guitars, and we investigated what happens when you mix baking soda and vinegar (I think that was everyone's favourite).



In art in investigated how to make colours using the primary colours on the colour wheel, the class did a great job making colours.



Aistear

Our theme for the month of November was the restaurant, the class got to practice their ordering skills and their cooking skills in the role play area, the children really enjoyed the restaurant when we turned it into a pizzeria. In construction we made our own pizzeria's out of Lego.



We made our own pizza dough, we weighed out the ingredients, mixed them together and then we practiced kneading the dough and rolling it out.



Then came the most important part, we made our own pizzas and had a little pizza party 😊.

Well done everyone on the home activities that are coming back each Friday, keep up the good work.

We had so much fun this month, I can only imagine the fun and excitement we will have in December.

Kind regards,

Ciara