



1st and 2nd Class - December Review

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to get the opportunity to meet you all during the Parent Teacher meetings. December was a very busy month and the children were very excited to perform for you all during their winter recital.

Here is a brief overview of what we got up to during December, starting with an exciting new member to our class, Bob.



Numeracy

During this month First Class learned about 'Money' and to identify the different coins we use here in Ireland. We used our interactive piggy bank to shake and count how much money we have saved. Second Class used 'Time' vocabulary to sequence events and then identified the different months in each season. Both classes learned about 'Place Value' - exploring, identifying and recording place value. The children then expressed numbers as tens and units.

Literacy

First class focused on 'ai' and 'oa' sounds this fortnight and second class focused on 'ei' and 'eigh' and 'ph'. The children played snakes and ladders incorporating these sounds. The children learned about nouns this month also. As you are aware, the children worked very hard learning their English poem 'A reindeer for Christmas' by Kenn Nesbitt this month also.



Gaeilge

Our Gaeilge theme for November was 'Ócáidí Speisialta'. We focused on 'Oíche Nollag' and learned some new vocabulary: crann Nollag, stocaí Nollag, cártaí Nollag, bronntanais Nollag, soilse Nollag, réalta, coinneal, cuileann, Daidí na Nollag, carr sleamhnáin. The children also spent time rehearsing their poem 'An Fear Sneachta' for their Winter recital.

SESE/Ethical Education

The children read and discussed the myth 'The Children of Lír' this month. The children learned about how different countries celebrate Christmas and made some bunting to represent their new learning. The children learned about Hanukkah and how there are different celebrations at this time of year.

SPHE

First and Second Class discussed different ways we can be kind and show respect towards each other. First and Second Class led the Amber Flag initiative of a 'Kindness Calendar' for the month of December. The class came up with different acts of kindness that could be completed each day and if a child completed the designated act of kindness for the day, they could put a love heart on our kindness tree. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for this initiative.



I hope everyone had a wonderful Winter Break and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Kind regards,
Emma

