

Woodstock ETNS Review: Ciara's Junior Infant Class.

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome back after our Winter break, as you can imagine we have had a busy start to 2023.

Literacy/phonics

We are working hard as ever at our Jolly Phonics programme and we finished group 3 (g, o, u, l, f, b). We have been working so hard at our writing too, we linked our Aistear topic into our literacy and our writing, and we brainstormed all the things we knew about penguins and polar bears.



Maths

We have spent the month learning about 2D shapes and the number 5. As always, the children love working with the hands-on concrete materials. They all worked really hard making some of the 2D shapes we were learning about using counters & sticks.



We also had a great time building sets of 5, ordering, partitioning, and going on the hunt for sets of 5 in the classroom.



Aistear

Our Aistear theme this month was all about 'Polar Regions'. We learned all about penguins and Antarctica and polar bears and the Arctic. We dressed up as 'Polar Explorers' and explored both Antarctica and The Arctic. We also made our own snow too.



SESE

We tied our Aistear theme into SESE and we learned all about the Northern Lights and we worked collaboratively to paint the beautiful scenes in the sky.



In science, to tie in with our celebrations of the Chinese New Year we made our own fireworks in a cup. Unfortunately, they didn't turn out the way we hoped but that is what being a scientist is all about, not all experiments work all the time.

Ethical Education



We got to celebrate Chinese New Year this month. Here are some of the lovely images of the fun activities we got to do to celebrate. We tried writing our names in Chinese, we made some wonderful fireworks in art using salt, glue and paint. We visited our very own Chinese restaurant. We learned about the story of the Chinese Zodiac and how each of the animals competed in the great race. To end our lovely celebration we learned how to sing happy new year for Chinese New year.





That's all for this month, I'm already looking forward to what next month holds for us in Junior Infants.

Kind Regards

Ciara 😊

