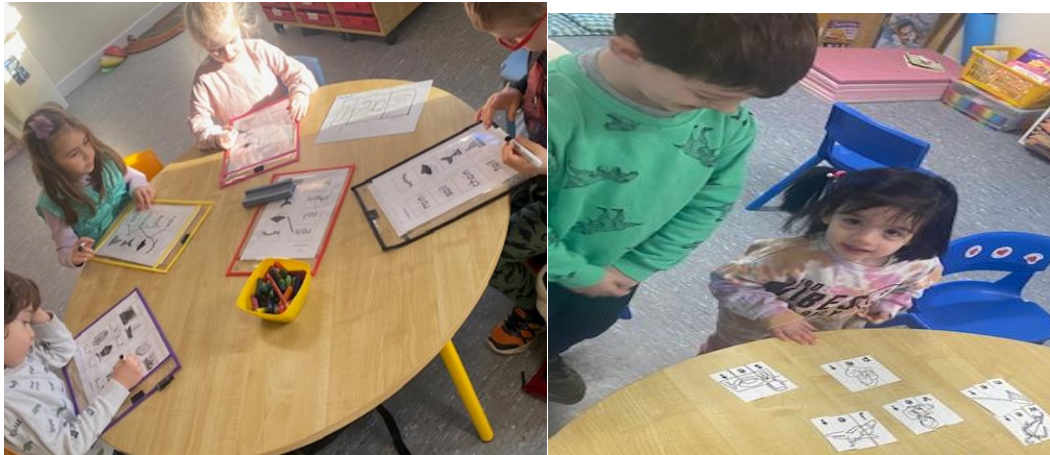


Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone enjoyed the midterm break. We have had a very fun and very busy February in Junior Infants.

### Literacy

We have started on Set 5 of The Jolly Phonics programme and the children are all working so well on blending their sounds. I would also like to thank Eimear (one of our lovely JI parents ) for coming into to us on Thursday mornings to help with our station work.



We have been working so hard on our writing this term, and the class have been putting in super efforts when we have been writing 'Our News' on Monday morning's or going to the writing area in the classroom to practice their writing during the day. We have been learning about space this month and we all brainstormed what would we see if we went to space, everyone got to write what they would want to see if they went to space and draw a picture of it afterwards.



**Maths-** We have been doing loads of work on number and quantity this month, and as usual the class are loving working with all the hands-on concrete materials to help consolidate their learning. We have also been working really hard using the concrete materials and all the different ways to make the number 5.



**SESE-** This month we started the completing our tasks for the 'Incredible Edible Healthy Eating Programme'. This is a hands-on SESE linked programme can strengthen geography, science and maths learning as well as giving pupils the tools to make better food choices. We have been working through task 1, task 2, and task 3 this month. We've been learning about how our food gets from farm to fork and planting some of our fruit and vegetables.





**Music-** We started tin whistle with our music teacher, Courtney. The class have been absolutely loving the experience. Courtney has been teaching the first few notes of tin whistle and they have been learning to play hot cross buns.



**SPHE-** We started doing yoga on a Friday morning this month with Viv. It's such a nice calming way to start our Friday mornings. The children have been transported to different places around the world and turned themselves into superheroes while working on their poses.



**Aistear-** Our theme for this month has been 'Space'.

We have had an amazing time learning all about the solar system. Our theme 'Space' gave us loads of exciting learning opportunities for learning through play. We started off by designing and making our very own astronaut helmets. We turned our role play area into a spaceship, which allowed the children to go on many exciting adventures to the moon, the International Space Station, and exploring other planets.



For art, we turned ourselves into astronauts exploring space and in science we designed and made our very own rockets and launched them, using vinegar and baking soda as our fuel.



Of course, we had to celebrate Valentine's Day, so we made our very own red roses to give to someone special, I hope some of you at home were the lucky recipients 😊. We painted our own solar systems based on what we know about each of the planets.



We got creative with clay and designed our very own aliens and once the clay was dry we painted them. They all turned out so well, and I know the children are all very proud of the hard work they did. In construction we had a great time we spent our time making spaceships, space stations, and space buggies.



That's just some of the amazing work Junior Infants did over February. I can't wait to show you all what we get up to next month. 😊

Kind regards

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