

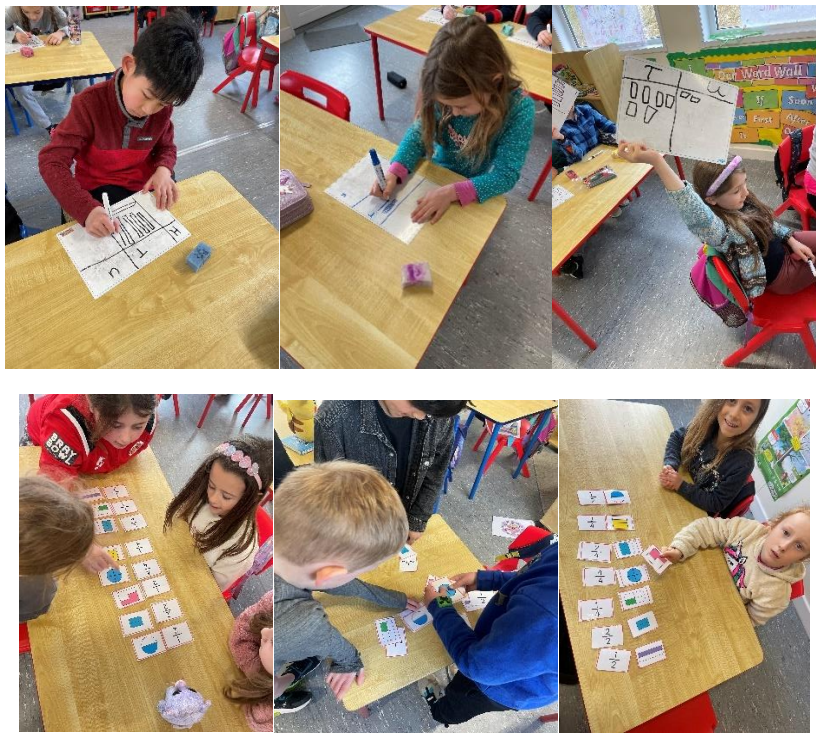
1st and 2nd Class – March Review

Dear Parents,

Below is a brief overview of what we got up to during March:

Numeracy

During maths this month, we explored place value further. We added tens and units and began regrouping and renaming. We then touched on subtracting tens and units with and without renaming. Following this we looked at fractions. We explored whole objects, halves and quarters of objects. We did this with toast and determined how much of a piece of toast each child would get based on the fraction they pulled out of a bag. As you can imagine, the children loved this activity!



Literacy

At the beginning of this month, we celebrated World Book Day. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic children were about their favourite books and authors. This month we continued focusing on procedural writing through planting seeds and playing yard games. We explored the plural endings 'es' and 'ies'. We also learned when to use 'a' versus 'an' in a sentence. The children have been doing guided reading with our SET teacher Leigh and it is great to see their confidence in reading coming on so well.



Gaeilge

During Gaeilge this month, we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge. We lead 'Lá Spóirt' for the school and the boys and girls in First and Second Class showed great leadership skills towards the younger classes. We did a Tráth na gCeist and watched 'Pat an Madra' on Cúl4. This has been hugely popular amongst the children and is always the children's top pick for a rainy day. The children then performed the Hócaí Pócaí for the school during our Céilí. We focused on three seanfhocail during this month:

- Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin
- Tús maith leath na hoibre
- Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam



SESE

During SESE this month, we welcomed Spring! We entered the 'Budding Gardeners' competition that is run by Woodie's. We have been challenged with the task of creating a 1.5m x 1.5m garden in our school and have to document the 'Sow it', 'Grow it' and 'Show it' phase. The children are hugely enthusiastic about this and have some great ideas, including growing lavender for each classroom to make them all smell nice!



Ethical Education/Art

We celebrated the beginning of Ramadan during this month. We completed a Ramadan scavenger hunt as part of 'Buddy Friday' and then tried some dates as

a light snack afterwards. We experimented with clay this month when creating our Mother's Day art. In art this month we also made crescent moons to mark the beginning of Ramadan. The children really enjoyed forming with the clay.



I hope everybody has a lovely spring break!
Kind regards,
Emma

