



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We've only had two weeks in school over the course of April, but we made sure to make it as action packed as usual.

We began our 'Mellow Mornings' before the school bell. The children have been listening to relaxing music and having lovely chats on their mats. The girls and boys have responded very well to the gentle start to the day.



We celebrated Earth Day by planting saplings in our school garden. Nicola took the lead in showing the school the best way to care for our plants.



We also continued our wonderful Friday yoga classes. The children are slowly turning into fully fledged yogis.



Literacy/Phonics

For the last two weeks we have done a lot of work on dictation. I call out simple sentences using high frequency and phonetic words. This activity enables the pupil to practice encoding words they have learned to decode.

I write their success criteria on the board to encourage them to assess their own work.

- Capital letters at the beginning of sentences.
- Finger spaces.
- Full stops.

They have been doing very well with this and should be so proud of themselves.



Gaeilge

The class was working on the theme, 'Éadaí' throughout April.

Foclóir:

éide scoile – school clothes

éadaí spóirt – sports clothes

liath - purple

ildaite – multicoloured

spotaí - spots

stríoca - stipes

réaltaí - stars

Phrases I have been getting the boys and girls to practice throughout the day:

Tá ocras orm – I'm hungry

Tá tart orm – I'm thirsty

Tá brón orm – I'm sad/sorry





Numeracy

This month we worked on:

- Combining numbers totals to 10.
- Combining and partition sets 0-10.
- Combining three numbers, totals to 10, using a ten frame.
- Combining sets totals to 10, using a ten frame.
- Combining two numbers, totals to 10, using a ten frame.



Aistear

Our Aistear theme for April was 'Spring'. Below is a selection of the activities we covered.

- Spring Hunt
- Cherry Blossom Art
- Spring Junk Art
- Butterfly Making
- Lego Mini Beast Hotels
- Mini-Beast Art



We had a lovely treat last week as Alana showcased her musical talent to the class. She did a beautiful job. Well done, Alana!



That's all the news for now!

I hope you all have a wonderful May.

Kind regards,
Gráinne