Dear Parents and Guardians,

I can't not believe we have reached the end of May already. Here are some of the super things that we got up to in Junior Infants over the last month.

### Literacy

We have finished all 7 groups of the Jolly Phonics Program. I am so proud of the work done by everyone, they all worked so hard, and it is a fantastic achievement. We have been doing loads of different literacy activities to help with our revision.







Our Aistear theme this month was on the farm, so to link it to our writing, we wrote about all the animals we see on the farm.

## Maths

We were learning all about weight in Maths. The Junior Infants made their own balance scales and went on a hunt around the classroom to find different objects that they could weigh using their scales and record what was heavier and lighter.





#### **SESE**



To link all our learning with our Aistear theme of the farm, we got the opportunity to meet the lovely hen 'Maisie'. We also learned all about the life cycle of a hen. The jobs that the farmer has to do on the farm. We looked at machines used on the farm from the past and compared them to the mordern ones we see today. We learned all about loking after cows on a dairy farm and we labelled the parts of a cow.





Together in groups the Junior Infants shared all the information that they knew about one farm animal. Then each group presented their information to the rest of the class. We all enjoyed listening to each presentation. The groups all did fantastic jobs.

# **Aistear**

The Junior Infants really enjoyed our theme this month. It gave them loads of opportunities for play and learning. In our role play area, the children imaged they were farmers doing all the jobs a farmer does, they even got to milk a cow.





In small world, the children built their own farms and in construction they built their own barns and farmhouses.

We took inspiration from Irish artist 'Eoin O Connor' and his lovely cow paintings, and the children drew and painted their own cows. Eoin would be very proud of the effort the class made.



## **Active week**

we had an amazing 'Active Week/ Bike Week', each day the school got to try different activities, from taking part in a GAA Blitz, to dancing, to ball games, to yoga. We were very busy. We were also very luck to have had Heather come in to talk to all the boys and girls about sport and teach us all some very important bike and scooter skills.



## **Ethical Education**

We continued learning about biodiversity and the importance of our minibeasts. The children went on a hunt around the school to find objects to put in our school bug hotel that suit the need of each of the minibeasts.



We also built our own class wormery. We had a great time creating it and finding worms to add to it for our classroom.



That's just a little look into the May fun in Junior Infants. It is hard to believe we only have one month left. I have a feeling we are going to have a very busy month.

Kind regards,

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