



Second & Third Class November Woodstock ETNS Review

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2nd/3rd class children have had a busy November. Along with our usual school activities we have been designing planes, boats, experimenting with hot air and also learning about Diwali. We attended the Science Foundation Ireland virtual show for Science week and we've been doing our Olympic movement breaks each day inspired by Coileán and Laila who participated in videos for the programme with some of Ireland's Olympic heroes. The children have also been showing off their language skills in school. Last week the children responded in 15 different languages to let me know they were present in class during our daily roll call, *dobrze zrobiony!*

Here are some of our 2nd and 3rd class students doing hands on experiments in maths using non-standard measurements.



Gaeilge

In November, we focused on the theme of Aimsir (weather). With the days getting shorter and the weather getting colder the children learnt how to describe the weather as *gaeilge*. The children are going to record their own weather reports as *gaeilge* in the coming week. *Tá sibh thar barr!*

Literacy

The children have begun a new 6 week reading initiative with myself and Leigh. For our literacy circles reading initiative the children are reading different books in groups of 4 or 5. Each day after the children read, they become an artful artist, a passage picker or a connector. After that they discuss their work with the other children in their groups showing their understanding of what they read and learning from each other



Numeracy

During November the children focused on learning all about measures mainly weight, length and capacity. They measured using both standard and non-standard units of measure. The children designed paper aeroplanes using previously used paper in school, they then estimated and measured the distance their planes could travel. They tested their knowledge of weight by designing tin foil boats that could carry marbles and competed in teams in a class capacity challenge. On Friday mornings the children still focus on hands on maths tasks and games, this has helped them to reinforce what they have previously learnt in class, we have added some new games for the children to play including pokemon wars which they seem to really enjoy.



SESE

This month we learnt all about the different types of weather, Irish myths and legends and we also participated in Science week. The children undertook experiments looking at the difference between hot and cold air and its effect on different materials. The children really enjoyed it and hope to participate in more national science events throughout the school year.





Ethical Education

This month the children learnt about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights which took place on the 12th of November. In class we read the story of Diwali and created Rangoli designs.



Sport

This month four third class students competed in the Wicklow schools trail race run over 2km in Avondale. Well done to James, Sahka, Aishton and Ali who represented the school with great pride and determination.

Every second Monday the community hall and pitches are booked for Woodstock ETNS. I am currently doing training for 2nd and 3rd class. The training will relate to whatever sport the school is competing in. Our next training is on the 18th of December, and we will be doing basketball.

Best wishes,

Philip