

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For this March review, I decided to focus on the big events we had in Woodstock ETNS over the past few weeks. Below is an overview of the fun things we got up to in Junior Infants.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We had a jam packed Seachtain na Gaeilge in Woodstock ETNS. The students learned loads of new phrases and vocabulary; they also took part in many fun activities. Below is a selection of things they did:

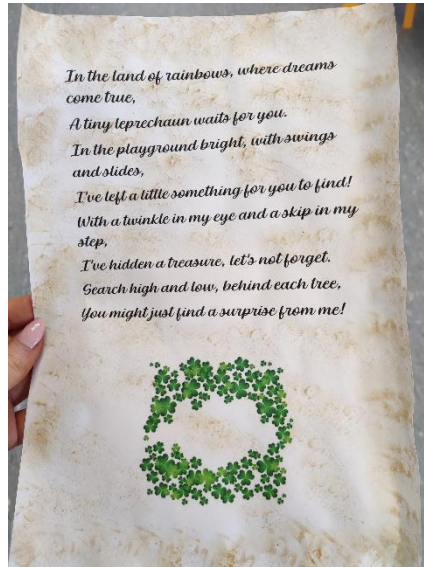
- Céilí mór: they learned and performed the 'Baillí na Luimní' with some 2nd and 3rd class volunteers.
- Boardgames as gaeilge
- Tráth na gCeist (quiz): with members of Senior Infants, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The Junior Infants particularly excelled at the dathanna (colours) round.
- Irish folklore: Junior Infants learned how Setanta became Cúchulainn
- Colouring competition.
- Scannán as gaeilge: Students had an Irish language movie morning where they watched 'Amhrán na Mara' (Song of the sea) with fruit and popcorn.
- Guest visitors: We had visits from Stephen O'Connell who played traditional tin whistle for the kids. We had gaeilgeoir Michael in who did more wonderful activities as gaeilge. 1st class teacher Alison also visited to teach the students a song as gaeilge.





Leprechaun Hunt

We learned all about St. Patrick and leprechauns this month in preparation for St. Patrick's Day. The Junior Infants were shocked when this letter arrived at the classroom. It was decided that a leprechaun hunt was needed. We all headed down to the playground and searched high and low for the pesky leprechaun. It turned out that he was too tricky to find. However, all was not lost, he hid coins for all the girls and boys. A lot of excitement was had!



World Book Day

We had two World Book Day celebrations this month. For the first one, the boys and girls brought in their favourite books. They thoroughly enjoyed showing them off to their classmates and explaining why they were chosen.

For our second World Book Day celebration, we dressed up as famous book characters. The girls and boys had fantastically creative costumes. Maith sibh!



Yoga:

We had another wonderful yoga class with Viv in the Community Centre. The students love Viv's calm demeanor and are already improving in their yoga practice. A new generation of yogis is upon us!



In April:

- Our Aistear theme in April is: **The Doctor's Surgery**. If you have any books or toys you are willing to donate, we would very much appreciate it.
- With regards to academics, in particular phonics, a **new homework plan** will be put in place after Easter where the Junior Infants will get high frequency words and books to read. More information on this will follow.

That's all the news for now!

Kind regards,
Gráinne