

Dear Parents,

Happy May! It's hard to believe that we only have two months left of Junior Infants. I am so delighted with how the girls and boys have blossomed over the course of the year. We will work hard to ensure these next few months are just as productive.

We had an action-packed April. Below are a few of the things we got up to:

Literacy/Phonics

The girls and boys arrived home with their first readers this month and I am really pleased with how they are progressing.

An important thing to note: sometimes when reading a story of number of times, the children learn it off. If you feel that this has happened, I suggest pointing out words at random and encouraging them to read it or calling out a word and encouraging them to find it. This will ensure that they are genuinely identifying the words.

We also worked the rules of sentence structure this month:

- Start on the left hand side.
- Write on the line.
- Finger spaces between words.
- Full stop at the end.

This is a work in progress and I would encourage practice at home as well.





Gaeilge

This month we focused hugely on the theme 'Bia' (food). We learned vocabulary like:

- Arán (bread)
- Im (butter)
- Subh (jam)
- Baine (milk)
- Bosca Lóin (lunchbox)

We also practiced phrases like:

- Is féidir liom (I can)
- Is maith liom (I like)
- Ní maith liom (I don't like)

They love acting out their phrases so I would encourage this at home!

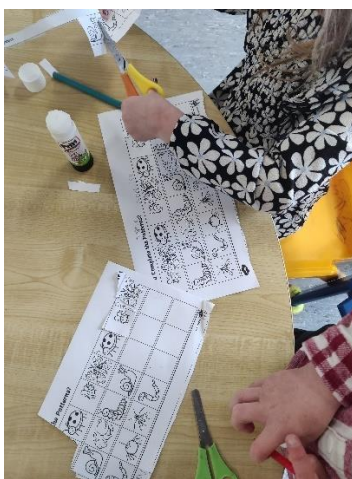




Numeracy

This month, we have been working hugely on number. Below are some of the objectives we've covered:

- Develop an understanding of the concept of time.
- Sequence daily events or stages in a story
- Use the language of ordinal number: first, last.
- Order sets of objects by number, 1–5
- Combine sets of objects totals to 5



Aistear

Our Aistear theme for April was 'The Doctor's Surgery'. We learned all about the important work doctors and nurses do everyday.

Here are a few of the activities they completed:

- Making their own xray hands
- Playing nurses, doctors and patients in a doctor's office – doing examinations by checking each other's pulse and pretending to check blood pressure
- Making their own medicines
- Making their own ambulances using lego
- Using different coloured card to make nurse pictures





Special Visitor - Siobhán:

In line with our Aistear theme, we were so lucky to welcome Celine's mum, Siobhán to our class. Siobhán is a nurse and shared many fantastic facts about her job with the class. She also brought medical paraphernalia that the children could use. Thanks Siobhán!



That's all the news for now!

Kind regards,
Gráinne