

Woodstock ETNS October Newsletter

Message from the Principal

What a wonderful month we had in school in October. We had our first charitable fundraiser of the school year bringing in 250 euro for *Children in Hospital Ireland*. We elected the school's first ever green schools committee and they have already begun working on getting us our first green schools flag for litter and waste. Many children dressed up for Halloween, performed songs, dances and engaged in hands-on activities during the month.

Last Saturday the PAC held their second event of the school year in the Community Centre as a fundraiser for the school. Having spoken to the children who attended the disco I know that they really enjoyed it. A big thank you must go to all those involved in organising the event and helping out on the day. These events create a great sense of community and togetherness amongst the children.

The pictures and names of our green schools committee and students council members will be visible in the hall outside the office for visitors and other students to see. Giving the students a voice is really important in our school and we will support and encourage them as they undertake these important roles. We have a busy 6 weeks ahead of us in the school with winter performances to plan, our first school assembly and many new learning opportunities to engage in. As always please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries you would like to discuss.

Beir Bua,

Philip

Junior Infants

October was a very busy month in Junior Infants. Our themes for the month were Autumn and Halloween and the children had great fun exploring them in engaging and sometimes messy ways.



They spent a lot of time working on the numbers 1-3 and really enjoyed our visitors during Maths Week.



Procedural Writing was the schoolwide writing genre. The girls and boys did super work making Fairy Bread and ordering the procedure pictorially.



A lot of learning and fun was had and even more to look forward to for the month of November!

Senior Infants



October was a busy month for Senior Infants. They learnt all about Autumn and what the different animals do during this time of the year. They had a lot of opportunities throughout the month to do hands-on activities. Vanessa also came in during *Maths Week* to do some activities with the children. The children enjoyed dressing up at the end of October and learning outdoors during the month as well by participating in problem solving trails created by Emma.

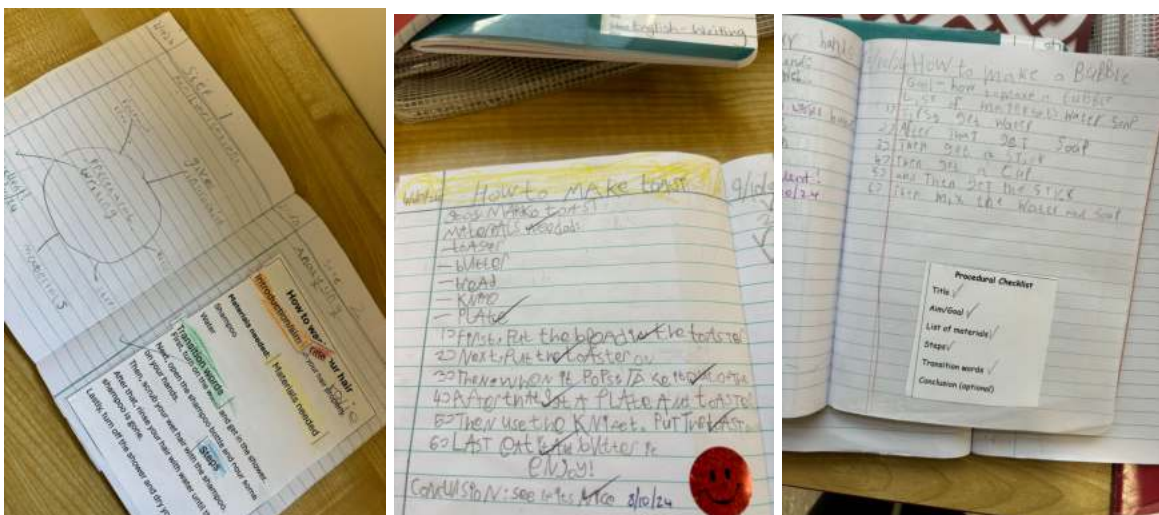
This month the children said goodbye to Nick who had been their class teacher since the start of the school year. They have had a great start to November with Leigh taking on the role of class teacher and I have no doubt that they will have a great month in school.

1st class

First Class celebrated maths week in October. It was fantastic to have so many parents coming in to talk about maths in their jobs/life, a big thank you to all who got involved. Throughout maths week, first class made maths eyes posters, problem-solved, undertook a maths trail and identified uses of maths in sport. It was a busy week with plenty of maths talk!



During October, we also looked at the genre of procedural writing in English. The children studied the genre of procedural writing through the following seven steps: familiarisation, analysing, modelled writing, shared writing, guided writing, independent writing and finally writing for an audience. I am so proud of all the amazing procedural writing pieces the boys and girls wrote!



2nd class



October has seen 2nd class learning all about procedural writing. This was supported by team teaching which took place in the class every Tuesday and Thursday. Impressively some children completed procedural writing tasks in English and also in their home languages.

In Irish the children learnt new frasaí to support their spoken Irish. They also learnt about Oíche Samhna and revised the days/months of the year. During maths week Rosín and Jitka came in to talk about how they use maths everyday in their jobs, they also did some activities with the children which they really enjoyed.

In one of the pictures above you can see 2nd class assessing the procedural writing done by 3rd/4th class. Self assessing their own work and other work samples has been very beneficial to the children's learning and improvement throughout the school year so far.

3rd/4th class

Third and Fourth Class did lots of work on procedural writing in October. We spent a few days reading examples of procedures and analysing their features. After that, each of the children planned, drafted, edited and published their own piece of procedural writing. Once we had finished all of this hard work, we celebrated by following the instructions from one of the children's procedures on 'How to Make a Smoothie'.



Lots of Third and Fourth Class students represented the school at the second Wicklow Invitational Cross Country event. We had a great day out in the fresh air competing against many other schools from around Wicklow. Third and Fourth class all looked amazing for our Dress-up Day!

