



## Woodstock ETNS March Newsletter

### *Message from the Principal*

March was a lovely month in the school. The weather improved and the children were able to learn outside the classroom a lot more. We held St Patrick's day celebrations at our whole school assembly and the children got to dress up in many wonderful shades of green to mark the occasion. Our assemblies this school year have helped to promote the student voice in the school and have also reflected the values of our school and patron body. Work has continued on our school library and we are delighted to be able to announce that the library will be open to all students from the 28th of April with an official opening to happen at a later date.

This month the Say Yes to Languages module started in the school, our 3rd and 4th class have been learning German with Claire. Our school was delighted to be selected to participate in this module and we hope to extend it across the school in the coming years in conjunction with the new primary school curriculum.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things which the classes in the school have been doing during the month of March. We have many exciting events and activities planned in the coming months. In the meantime don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Le gach deea-ghuí,

Philip

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## Junior Infants

In March our Junior Infants participated in their very first Seachtain na Gaeilge. They learned loads of new Irish phrases, took part in a céilí, a tráth na gceist and a very exciting leprechaun hunt.



Another celebration was World Book Day. Storytime is one of our favourite parts of the day in Junior Infants and the boys and girls (and staff) went all out to celebrate.



A big focus this month was science and all things nature. The girls and boys learned about the lifecycle of plants and even planted their own sunflowers. Outdoor learning is something we are very passionate about in Woodstock ETNS.



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## Senior Infants

March was a great month in Senior Infants. In literacy we have been working really hard with our reading and Jacqui from SET has joined us for these times. Their reading has come along so well and they should all be very proud of themselves!



Learning about the history of St Patrick and celebrating St Patrick's day was great fun. The learners had a great time in the park looking for coins and we did a great art project.



We had a great dress up for World book day, everyone looked great in the costumes and we had a lovely day reading many books and poems and finding out everyone's favourite story.



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## 1st class

March was a very exciting month for First Class as they celebrated both World Book Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge.



The children explored length in Maths and how to measure using both standard and non-standard units of measurement. They had great fun building ramps to see whose toy car would go the furthest length. The boys and girls also explored symmetry this month and found lines of symmetry in everyday items around them.





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## 2nd class



March was an exciting time in 2nd class. We had Sophie, a student teacher working with us who did a lot of exciting lessons that all of the children really enjoyed including making parachutes! Aoife taught the whole class a new game as gaeilge and did some cool art lessons with them. We celebrated Lá Fhéile Pádraig with our lá glas, our whole school assembly and through our gaeilge lessons during the month.

We continued our team teaching with Jacqui and worked on our comprehension skills. Children were focusing on their tone of voice when reading, making connections and predictions when reading also. We also celebrated world book day this month too. Designing our classroom door in the style of the *13th storey treehouse* book which we read earlier this year. Narrative writing was another area of focus this month and the children enjoyed creating amazing stories after learning how to structure a story through our lessons in class.

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### 3rd/4th class

In March, 3rd and 4th class learned about 3D shapes. We learned about the names of different 3D shapes and how to describe them based on their faces, edges and vertices. The students used cocktail sticks and blu-tac to create their own 3D shapes.



The children got their hands dirty while planting some potatoes in our new vegetable patch. Thanks to Ruth for donating the potatoes and lending us the planting tool. We look forward to seeing how they've grown in a few months!

