



Woodstock Educate Together National School

September Review

Message from the Principal:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning pupils, parents and teachers. Settling-in September is an important month as the children become re-acquainted with school routines, meet their new teachers (Rose, Cathy and Cian) and start preparing for the diversity of learning and home-work activities ahead. The class reviews that follow, offer parents a glimpse into how well each class is progressing and the creative learning that has been achieved.

Thank you to everyone for attending the September Parent-Teacher Introductory meetings.

The Parent Association Committee (PAC) are holding their AGM on **Monday 20th of October**. Time yet to be confirmed. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in the Woodstock ETNS whole school community. The committee will be seeking nominees for class representatives; so all are welcome on the night. Details to follow.

Treasurer of the BoM: Thanks to the many parents who put themselves forward for the role of Treasurer. It was wonderful to see the enthusiastic response. After the BoM vote, I can confirm Aiden Mc Groarty will be joining the Woodstock ETNS BoM. The Board Members would like to extend a warm welcome to Aiden and are looking forward to working together.

Just a reminder on Attendance: Please use the Aladdin App to update any absences from school. At Woodstock ETNS we are keen to ensure that all children continue to uphold an excellent attendance record. Attendance at school not only supports their learning but also helps each child to thrive socially and manage friendships. Thank you to all parents for your continued support and co-operation in this matter.

Notes for the Diary

Monday 6th October 2025 -Online Admissions Open. Alongside the Junior infant places (26) we will also have a significant number of pupil places available in next year's 5th (12) and 6th Class (6) so please spread the word!

Tuesday November 4th School closure for mandated Óide Child Protection planning. *I appreciate how challenging closures can be, so I am also giving advanced notice of two additional PLF school closures in 2026: Monday 23rd of

February and Friday the 15th of May 2026.

(GAA) Mondays: Please wear runners and suitable clothing.

Midterm Break: Monday 27th- October-3rd November. (Dress up Day to be confirmed)

After school activities (Anyone for Science, Play ball, Irish Dancing and Art & Craft camp) are in full swing. Please note it is important parents/guardians have contact details for the outside providers as these are optional paid extras. Lastly, just a reminder that you will find helpful information, policies and relevant updates at our website: <https://woodstocketns.ie/>. Remember, alongside our 'Monthly Reviews' we also have regular communications illustrating our experiential learning, outdoor fun and class activities on: <https://www.facebook.com/WoodstockETNS/>.

Kindest regards,

Nicola (Principal)

Emma's Junior Infant Class:

September was a very busy month for Junior Infants. It has been wonderful to see the boys and girls settling into their new school so well.

In Maths, the children have been busy sorting and classifying colours and objects.



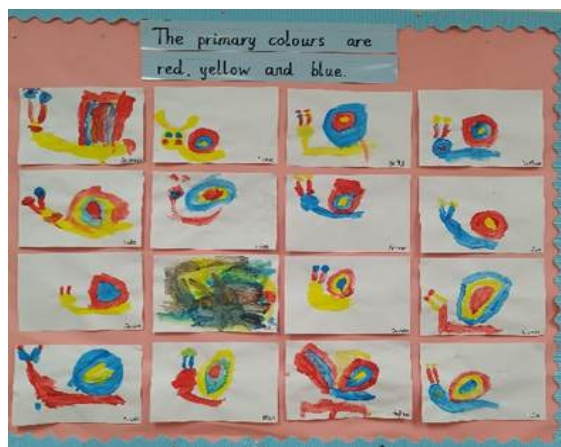
In literacy, the children learned some nursery rhymes and sequenced them. They also learned the following phonics sounds - s, a, t, p, i, n.



The themes the children have explored this month have been 'Myself' and 'School'. In Gaeilge, the children have learned the following phrases: Cé tusa? Is mise ____ and Cad é sin? Sin _____. The children have particularly enjoyed learning some songs in Irish such as 'Rólaí Pólaí', 'Is mise an Traein' and 'Tá Teidí ag Siúl'. We are looking forward to what fun October will bring!



Rose's Senior Infant Class:



Senior Infants are off to a great start this September. Our first theme was 'Birthdays' and we had lots of fun holding a birthday party for Teddy and making cards for him. We have been busy adding and making sets up to 5 in Maths. We also used ordinal numbers – 1st, 2nd and 3rd – to guess who would win a marble race. In Art we have been learning a lot about primary colours and made snails using only the primary colours – red, yellow and blue. We also learned a little about Piet Mondrian who liked to use those colours in his artwork.

Our next theme was 'The Dentist' and we discussed how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. We really enjoyed our role play area of the dentist office and took turns being the dentist, receptionist and patient. We also had playdough, junk art, construction, sensory play and craft stations. We had lots of fun!



Cathy's First Class:

We have had a busy September here in 1st Class. Our theme this month has been Myself. We have been focusing on Myself- Mé Féin in Gaeilge learning about our different body parts and greeting one another. We have also been learning the days of the week! In Maths, we have been working on numbers up to 20 and counting in doubles. We have been revising our addition and using blocks/lollipop sticks and even acorns to help us count.



In Literacy, we focused on recount writing. We wrote about our summer and more recently our weekends, focusing on who, what, where, when and why questions. In SESE, the children have been learning about a bird's eye view of places. We looked at our school from a birds eye view on Google Earth. We could see all the focal points in our school including our yard, the school prefabs and our lovely school garden.



We had Kate, Fiadh's mum, helping us plant acorns in the school garden . We read the lovely story 'The Oak Tree' by Julia Donaldson in the garden and looked at its life cycle. In Art, we drew self portraits of ourselves including all our lovely features. We also did some leaf monoprinting with Kate.

In SPHE, we discussed words to describe ourselves. We created colourful name bows and chose 5 words that best describe ourselves. It's been a busy September and we look forward to lots of October fun!



Philip's Second Class:



September has been a really enjoyable month in 2nd class. We have been learning all about Autumn and the changes that occur during this time of year. We had great fun planting acorns collected in Newtown in boxes in our school garden. These oak trees will eventually be planted in our new school grounds for future generations of students to enjoy!

In numeracy we played games related to what we were learning in class. During these games children were given a choice about what they would like to play. Creating choice and multiple means of engagement has been really important as it supports all learners. The children have used our maths boxes and hands on materials each day too which has really supported their learning.

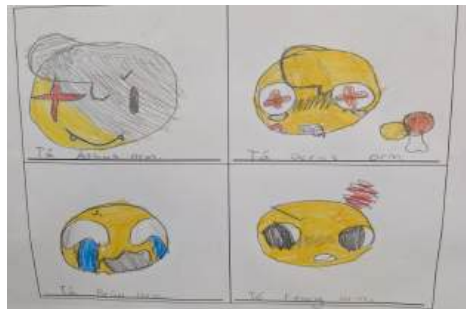
In Gaeilge we learnt new frasaí and made green screen videos of our conversations as Gaeilge. During our visual art lessons we've created our own self portraits and learnt about foreground and background in paintings by studying the artist Bev Doolittle's paintings.

Brian's Third Class:

Third Class have had a great start to the new school year. We worked together to create our class charter. The children also joined in lots of games and activities to share their interests. They created these brilliant 'Get to Know You T-shirts' that you can see in the picture below.



The Third Class students have also been very busy across all subject areas. In Maths, we worked on our Place Value and Addition skills. The children have been learning to write in the Recount genre by retelling stories of different events. In Irish we have been learning to talk about Myself (Mé Féin) and The Feelings (Na Mothúcháin). Below are some pictures of Third Class' work on The Feelings (Na Mothúcháin).

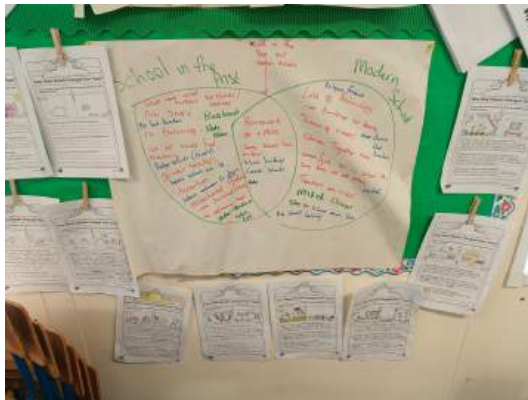


Cian's Fourth Class:

The 4th class pupils have settled well so far this year. Cian met most of the parents at the early morning meet and told the jokes we listen to on a daily basis! We have been working hard this September and have had some key focuses across all subject areas. In Maths, we worked on “Big numbers” and “Data” where we collected answers to our surveys and put them into barcharts, line graphs and pie charts. Like the other classes, we have been developing our Recount genre writing skills, by writing about schools and pupils in the past. In Irish we have been learning to talk about Myself (Mé Féin). We are also working on our Athletic and GAA skills this September. In Geography we designed an e-book on Wicklow which we sent home to the parents. We also completed some optical illusions in Art with our use of line and perspective.

Below are some pictures of 4th Class' work this month.

Here are our combined Wicklow Books;
<https://read.bookcreator.com/K0Fp48U7qTYDENirdXgVIViHXZI1/xlRJIXZ2QFuoDA4jnj4XzQ>



Alison's Fifth Class:

5th class had a great September settling back into school. We welcomed some new members to our class and everyone has bonded really well.

In English, our writing genre was recount writing. Children wrote in the past tense, used chronological order and sequential words to complete some great recount writing work.

In Maths, children learned all about angles and degrees. They had great fun making and measuring their own angles in this really fun group work activity.



The theme for Gaeilge this month was “Mé Féin”. Children worked hard and can now ask and answer the questions: Cad is ainm duit? Cén aois atá agat? An bhfuil deartháireacha nó deirfiúracha agat? Cé hé an duine is sine i do theaghlach? Cé hé an duine is óige i do theaghlach?



Children learned about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and his techniques and methods for creating abstract art. Children learned about Roy Lichtenstein to further develop their understanding of “Pop” art.

