



Woodstock Educate Together National School

October Review

Message from the Principal:

Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled Óiche Shamhna. There was Craic, Cluichí agus Spraoi at our Spooktacula Halloween Fun classroom on Friday!

Thanks to the Fifth Class for helping out. They made sure each class got to enjoy their Halloween games. Great work.

All the teachers and pupils hope you enjoy our latest October class reviews. These give a small glimpse into the new learning and diverse teaching that has taken place this month.

On the final page, you will also find updates on our GAA/Sporting events alongside some happenings at the Gardening Club. Enjoy!



Notes for the Diary



Friday October 31st The PAC are hosting a fun Halloween Event at the school - all are welcome!

Monday 3rd November: School Re-opens

Tuesday 4th November School closed for Óide Child Protection Training

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/>.



Le gach dea-ghuí agus oíche shamhna shona daoibh go léir.

Nicola (Principal)



Emma's Junior Infant Class:

October was another very busy month in Junior Infants. The themes we focused on this month were Autumn and Halloween.



In Maths, the children have been looking at Number, counting up and back from 10. The children have been identifying how many numbers are in different sets.

In literacy, the children looked at group 2 of the Jolly Phonics programme this month, the sounds are c, k, e, h, r, m, d. The boys and girls have been doing literacy stations each morning focusing on these sounds.

In Gaeilge this month, the children have been learning about 'An Fómhar' and 'Oíche Shamhna'. The children have really enjoyed listening to songs and playing games as Gaeilge. The children celebrated Diwali this month and coloured in some lovely Rangoli's.

I hope everyone has a restful, but fun break over the mid-term and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in November!



Rose's Senior Infant Class:

Senior Infants

October was a busy month for Senior Infants. This month our themes have been Autumn and Halloween. We have read lots of stories about Autumn. 'The Leaf Thief' and 'The Squirrels who Squabble' were some of our favourites. In role play we tried matching some animals to their footprints. In construction we made the tallest trees we could. We got to play and sort lots of autumn materials too, such as conkers, pine cones, acorns and leaves.



The second theme of the month was Halloween. We got to make potions in the witch's kitchen. We wrote recipes for potions and made pumpkin suncatchers for art. We enjoyed making halloween items with our playdough and made haunted houses with our blocks. It was lots of fun!



We have really enjoyed doing lots of active maths this month too. Some of our favourite lessons were drawing long and short items with our partners in chalk on the playground. We also enjoyed making wide and narrow items with our playdough. We had another fun month in Senior infants and hope everyone enjoys their midterm break!

Cathy's First Class:

We have had a busy October here in 1st Class. Our theme this month was Autumn. We have been learning about Oíche Shamhna in Gaeilge. We created mini books with our new words. We also played fun games like bingo and snap to learn new vocabulary and also did a role play to learn our phrases.



2d shapes was a big hit in 1st class Maths. We used lots of different materials to create 2d shapes. We also made 2d shapes monsters. We drew our ideas with chalk first and then made them with paper. They were all so different and creative!



In Literacy, we are making great progress with our UFLI lessons to improve our phonics skills. We visited the library this month twice a week and really enjoyed choosing from the huge selection of books.

In SESE, we have been learning about the history of Halloween, spiders and Diwali. Art has been great fun this October. We drew bare trees, and then painted them with leaves falling using dot painting. We also made scary pumpkins of all shapes and sizes.

Happy midterm and looking forward to what November will bring!



Philip's Second Class:



October has been an enjoyable month in 2nd class. We have been learning all about Halloween, Divali and also about how some animals are preparing to hibernate. The whole class planted broad beans in our school garden too!

In numeracy we continued to work on our numbers. We created mystery numbers for our classmates to guess and we played number games like floppy fingers and 10 to 5. The class works with myself and Leigh each day for maths as we do team teaching in numeracy. Having Leigh in the class has been really beneficial. The most enjoyable moment this month in numeracy was our hour of code. For this we had help from Cian and students in 3rd and 4th class.

This month has also included a science experiment to find out what liquids are bad for our teeth, learning all about An Fomhar and Oíche Shamhna as gaeilge and continuing our phonics work in English which is going very well. I have been really impressed with the progress we have made as a class.

Brian's Third Class:

October has been a very productive month in 3rd class. We created some Halloween silhouette art works. The children blended oil pastels to produce a spooky dusk sky. They then cut out scary shapes from black paper to create their silhouettes!



In reading, we started to work on the 'Visualizing' reading comprehension strategy - good readers create images in their mind as they read. To practise this strategy, the students read a passage from Oisín in Tír na n-Óg and drew the image that they created in their mind.



In Maths, we have been learning about different strategies for subtraction such as the column method and the number line method. We also learned about data and had lots of fun creating our own bar graphs.

Cian's Fourth Class:

October:

4th class has had a great month of working hard. In Maths we focused on problem solving and multiplication strategies. As part of Maths week, we participated in Figure me out! Where we designed Math posters, full of math word problems to be solved about ourselves. We also participated in an hour of coding activity where we coded (and fixed "bugs") in Minecraft. Bhíomar ag foghlaim faoi "scoil" sa Ghaeilge. D'imríomar cluiche bingo agus rinneamar cleachtadh ar cheisteanna faoi scoil a fhreagairt trí go leor cluichí agus gníomhaíochtaí (We played bingo and practiced answering questions about school through lots of games and activities)



Our 4th class has been learning all about the ancient Egyptians! We built amazing pyramids out of marshmallows and toothpicks, just like real Egyptian builders. Then we turned ourselves into pharaohs, in art using our side profile pictures. We also built levers and pulleys, just like the Egyptians and linked it into our Math skills to try and carry heavy loads.



Alison's Fifth Class:

October was a busy month for 5th class.

We learned about home in the past and present in Geography and integrated our learning about lines and angles in Maths to create floor plans and design houses. We then presented our designs to the rest of the class. We definitely have some future architects and engineers in our class.



We learned about the life of Frida Kahlo and her significant contribution to empowering people to express their individuality and talents. We completed fact files about her and then compared her art work, finding connections to our own lives. Finally, we painted our own self-portraits in which we expressed ourselves as the wonderful, unique and talented children that we are.



GAA



2nd, 3rd and 4th Class girls had a great day out at the Cumann na mBunscoil Gaelic Football Blitz in Bray Emmets GAA Grounds. They showed amazing teamwork and skills, winning 3 out of their 4 games and drawing the other game. Many thanks to Claire Downey for helping out on the day. Woodstock abú!

For the first time in Woodstock ETNS history, 3rd and 4th class boys participated in a GAA blitz in Bray Emmets. This was a great opportunity for them to showcase their skills from the afterschool training sessions. The spirit and team work was amazing. We would like to thank parent Leah for helping out with her tactics on the day! Woodstock abú!



Gardening club

This month saw the start of Woodstock ETNS gardening club. The children in 2nd class who are a part of the club have been planting onions, garlic, broad beans and spring bulbs. They have also helped build new planters and harvested potatoes from our school garden. The school is a part of the grow at school initiative and will be growing fruit and vegetables throughout the school year. The children have also begun the difficult task of clearing and planting the beds at the front of our school. We hope that this will be enjoyed by all the community in the months to come.