



Sixth Class

Bricks for Kids

Bricks 4 kids came to the school and I personally thought it was very good and everyone liked it. I hope we do it again in the future. We built a bulldozer with no gearbox or gears to make it go by itself but if you reached level two, you progressed to build it with a gear panel and it moved by itself. I'm not sure if there was a level three because nobody got past level two as we ran out of time but I'm sure everyone would have liked a lot more time because they were really enjoying themselves and so was I. Every class did bricks for kids and from what I heard all the classes enjoyed it and they hope they'll come back in the future.

Here are some pictures of us enjoying ourselves that our teacher Ms. Darby took.

By Ciaran Mulvaney



6th Class Science Week Projects

Over the past few weeks, the children of 6th class have completed projects on famous scientists. Children worked either individually or in pairs to research their chosen scientists. They used the school iPads to source information. There was a huge variety of scientists covered such as Henry Ford, Stephen Hawking and Stephanie Kwolek. The children then presented their project to the class. So far, we have learned many interesting facts about different inventors/scientists like Josephine Cochrane who invented the dishwasher and Alessandro Volta who invented the battery. The students really enjoyed this project.

By Olivia Clarke Another Presentation Gone Wrong Again!

So we all know about the RSA (Road Safety Authority), a governing body founded in 2006 to make people aware of road safety. They also came to our school a few weeks ago and showed us a presentation. They also did an art competition with us around 2 weeks latter but we'll talk about that in a later issue. So back on track the presentation went horribly. The sound and video went glitching like this e.g. "Never gonna give you up. Never go-... nna- desert you." But what we did see was informative like showing us a video talking about how you cannot see things when you aren't focusing on it, which relates to bikes and how you

can't see them while driving a truck so always look out for them so you don't accidentally run over them. It also featured a moonwalking bear, which I thought I would never hear off in my life here's that vid [Test Your Awareness: Do The Test](https://youtu.be/FrTIS9UgSKc) It was made by another road safety organization "**THINK!**" Which also made these disturbing things <https://youtu.be/FrTIS9UgSKc>. Ugh! Anyway, the presentation contained other things that you would know if you were reading this newsletter. Also, there's only 9 minutes left of school so I really don't have much time so I am going to end it right here. Bye.

By Pdraig Englishby

Silhouettes in 6th class

We have been making silhouette art for the past two weeks. 6th class used whiteboards for practicing the outline and what they did after was simply copying what they drew (on the white board) with a pencil. When they had finished we used



sharpies to colour in our designs and that created the illusion of a shadow. With all that finished, we could finally move onto the colour. We used washable Crayola markers on pieces of tinfoil and created different designs and original ideas on the foil with the markers. 6th class then took a water spray and lightly sprayed the air above the coloured tin foil and let it fall on the surface they repeated this multiple times until it was soaking. 6th class then took the piece of paper and placed it on the foil on the side they used the sharpies to make the shadow. They turned out amazing and 6th class really enjoyed it.



By Emeline Hood

6th Class Stem Projects

From the 7th to the 14th of November, it was Science Week and 6th class completed 3 Stem experiments. They were very fun but it was hard to figure out how to get a good system going. We did them in groups of two or three.

The first one we tried was a paper chain challenge. We were given tape, scissors and one sheet of paper per group and had to make the longest chain. We had to complete this challenge in the space of 10 minutes. Bráin, Christopher and Simone won this challenge.

The next challenge we completed was a paper tower challenge. We used tape, as many sheets of paper as we wanted and 15 minutes to make the towers. This was another tricky one as they had to be able to stand. Jack, Róisín and Cian won this by half a centimetre!



The 3rd and final project we did was a marshmallow and toothpick towers, for this we had 10 minutes to make a stable and tall tower using only toothpicks and 100 marshmallows. This was hard because the toothpicks were not very strong and when you were making the towers, they would fall to the side. Laura and I won this. There were a lot of great strategies and towers but when it came to judging a lot of them fell down. Overall, these challenges were very tricky but very fun. Each took a lot of quick thinking, as we didn't have a big amount of time. They were great and the whole class enjoyed them.



By Anna Reilly

German Lessons



For 6 weeks, the pupils of 5th and 6th class were doing German lessons with a parent in the school who also teaches German in St Finian's College. We did fun online German games and worksheets, learned how to say our ages, learned the German alphabet, learned how to talk about the weather and learned how to say what their hobbies were. Near the end of the German course, we received some things and at the last lesson, we did a Kahoot quiz based on everything we learned during the course. Everyone really enjoyed the German lessons and had lots of fun.

By

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Fifth Class room 8

The Credit Union Art Competition

5th class from room 8, room 7 and 4th class all took part in the Credit Union Art competition. Everyone had excellent paintings. Leah from fourth class came 3rd in the 8-10 age group. Kim also from fourth class came 1st with an amazing painting also in the 8-10 age group. Melissa from 5th class room 8 came 2nd in the 11-13 age group. Well done to everyone who took part.

Cross Country

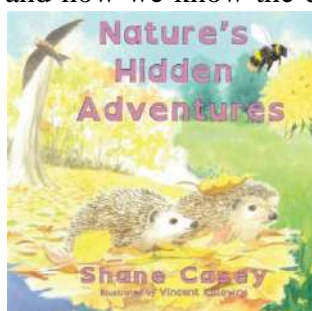
On September 29th 2021, students from our class went to the Cross Country and brought back many, many medals. In the girls race Mylah brought back second place. In the same event Katie came fifth and Amy sixth. In the boys race Marcus finished in fifth position. In the end, everyone deserved a hard-earned medal.

By Emmet Staunton



German Classes

Over the last six weeks, we have been learning a new language.....German! Over the last few weeks, the pupils have been learning different facts about the country and language. We have also been learning the longest river is the river Rhine, the population of Germany 82 million and its location. We learned about the language and now we know the days of the week, colours, seasons, months of the year and the vocabulary. Each lesson was long and it was a great time and on the day of the lesson we learnt.



year, weather, hobbies lesson was one hour learning experience for us all. All of us had a wonderful last lesson, the students had a quiz on everything we

Bricks for Kids

Our school was very lucky because a team called Bricks 4 Kids came to us! They went to each classroom with individual boxes of Lego, and instructions on how to build a bulldozer. They sanitized each box after every session. Each session was approximately 45 minutes long. The team were very kind and answered any questions that we asked.

By Daisy Mulvaney

Nature writing competition

Congratulations to Jamie Davis and Kelsie O Reilly for taking part in the Kerry Biosphere Nature writing competition. Unfortunately, we did not win but we enjoyed writing our stories, and are thankful for being acknowledged. We are delighted to say that we also won two copies of Shane Casey's signed books "Nature's Hidden Adventures"! We are delighted with our achievements.

By Jamie Davis

Fifth Class room 7

Learning about India

Around 15 November we began to learn about India. We watched videos, looked at slideshows and researched information in pairs on the iPads. We also learned about Mahatma Gandhi, and at the end of that lesson, drew a portrait of him using a YouTube tutorial. To finish the topic, Ms Briody set us the task of creating a travel agent poster advertising India. We completed this task in our pods and the winning group will win a homework pass. As a class, we really enjoyed learning about India.

World War I

We started learning about World War 1 in October and we began and what countries were involved. Then we made World War 1 and had a quiz on World War 1. Then we made some diary entries of a soldier in a trench so it would link in with English and history and we made projects about World War 1.

Art

This month and last month, we have been making Christmas art! Last month we made some hot chocolate jars for The Late Late Toy Show. Some of the ingredients we used were chocolate chips, candy cane and mini marshmallows. We painted the jars with Christmas designs such as Snow Presents, and Reindeers. The jars turned out well, looked lovely, and some had very great too! Overall, the hot chocolate jars were a great treat to drink while watching The Late Late Toy Show!

Intel Mini Scientist

We participated in the Intel Mini Scientist in November. We worked either in pairs, pods or individually. We all carried out different experiments and created a scrapbook with all of our research. We took photos, printed out pictures, made graphs and typed up our results. We really enjoyed doing all the experiments and we have our projects on display in our classroom.

Esmae's Last Appearance

Esmae joined Clonmellon National School in 4th class. She left on the 1st of December in 5th class. The class of 5th made a poster with a note from each child on it to say their goodbyes. We will miss Esmae.

Mahatma Gandhi

We learned that Mahatma Gandhi was born into a family that did not get into religion. He graduated from law school in London. He bravely fought against British rule in India and against injustice and racism. After that lesson, we drew portraits of Mahatma Gandhi.



Clonmellon Christmas Market



The Clonmellon Christmas market was held on Sunday the 13th of December. The Christmas market was at Clonmellon market town square. 4th class finished their Christmas reindeer art and they got sold at this Christmas market. All of

them were unique. Some had purple noses, yellow noses and classic red noses. All of them were lovely. There were other classes who had made

other things that were sold as well. Our teacher had helped us a lot with these little wooden reindeer. The base of them were made of wood slices. We then painted them with brown paint that we made with our pod mates, but then we had to isolate them due to covid. We had to have them finished around four days before the Christmas market. Then they were sold there at the stall. We would like to thank our teacher a lot for helping us and getting some supplies for the reindeer.

By *Alexa Fay*



World Space week 2021

On world space week, we learned about the first women to walk on the moon and about the solar system. We learned about what happens in space week and about some famous women in space. Valentina Treshkova produced clothing and was a skydiver before she became the first women in space. During this week, we learned much more about space women and space. *By Rosy-Lee Boshoff*

SECRET SANTA

For secret Santa, we had to quarantine the gifts before we were able to touch them. On the 16th we were able to touch them. All of our class got some presents and it was a good idea. One by one, the teacher picked someone out of the cup and they had to deliver their present. Then of course, they got a present as well. It was so much fun.

By *Kim Began*



Science in 4th class

In fourth class, we have been experimenting with plants quite often.

The experiments included testing how 4 Cress seeds plants would grow. Each pod choose a different way to grow theirs. One group had everything it needed. The second group with only sunlight.

The third with only water and the fourth with nothing. Surprisingly the group with only water on their plant grew very fast but died very shortly after it grew. Unsurprisingly the plant with everything grew well. The plants with nothing did not grow at all neither did the plants with only sunlight.

Another experiment was with celery. We put food colouring into water either green or red. The point was to see the water transportation inside the celery. After dyeing the water green or red, we put in the celery and left it for over 6 or 7 days. Once the colour showed up on the celery, we took the celery and threw out the water. We cut the celery into multiple pieces to see the water transportation.

By *Saoirse Savino*



Crazy things our elf has done!!!

On Tuesday the 6th, our elf arrived!!

On the first day, our elf hung on the chain from the blind. It looked super funny. In addition, any time the wind blew we all thought that he would fall and he would fall and hit Leah.

On the second day, Wednesday the 7th Buddy was very cruel because he tied up Pogo with a chain from blind and he used the empty container and tied the chain to it with Pogo attached to it !!!! We all thought that it was very very cruel.

On Thursday the 8th Buddy was very clever I think because he took the tinsel from the bathroom door and used masking tape and tied the tinsel, climbed up it and hid little chocolate sweets for all 25 kids. We wondered if we should take the bucket down or leave it. We decided to leave it up there in case our teacher dropped it, the elf fell, and it turned into a naughty elf.

On Friday the 9th, our elf wanted to make snow angels but our elf is not allowed to go outside so he went out to the staff room (I think) got the sugar so he decided to pour the sugar out on the shelf in the press, lay down and stared to make a snow angel!!! Funny thing was that Buddy our elf never did clean up the mess he made.

On Monday the 13th, Buddy sabotaged us (I mean teacher and the board); he was hanging from the

black soc and was smirking as if he was up to something. We all thought he was behind the mystery.

On Tuesday the 14th, Buddy was doing religion because he was sitting up on the altar and sitting down in behind the book on a roll of toilet paper. Crazy right!!



On Wednesday the 15th, Buddy was very kind and gave the whole class a packet of jellies. He never gave the back row sweets because he thought no one was there but I was. Also he hid in the lucky dip so teacher could not put her coat in the press so she had to put her coat on the back of her chair.

This is the last day Buddy will be with us, and Buddy was very mean because well most people know this but if you do not on Thursday the 15th the panto was available!!! In addition, our teacher wanted to keep this an epic surprise but some of the class had heard rumours so our teacher told us on the 14th but would not tell us what the theme was. So when we all came in we saw Buddy at the back of the room right beside a book called "Little Red Riding Hood." We all agreed that Buddy had ruined the theme.

German 4th class

Starting on Wednesday the 3rd of November Ms Beggan taught us German. She taught us the numbers, weather and colours in German. She also helped us make language passports. In the language passports, we filled out the words we know in German, words that sound similar in German and English. On the last day, we did a Kahoot quiz and games.

By Lana Carson.



Brick for kids at Clonmellon N.S

On November 1st, 4th class were introduced to "Bricks 4 Kids". First, we started with a basic 30 to 40 pcs bulldozer. Once we accomplished that, we carried onto a more complicated 50 to 60 pcs bulldozer with a motor. Everyone found it amazing to build and some people got to try something new. We all recommend having Bricks 4 Kids back to Clonmellon N.S.

By Peter Usher



POGO AND POLO'S SCHOOL ADVENTURE

Ms Ailish McEntee, the 4th class teacher, brought in two giant teddy bears for the month of December. One is named Pogo and the other is named Polo. They joined in some of our lessons and became part of our class. One time the class elf on the shelf, Buddy, was riding Pogo like he was one of Santa's reindeer. Another time Polo was eating lunch with us and doing his Irish workbook. Although they are quite mischievous, Pogo and Polo are no doubt the best teddy bears in the world.

By Aoife Hand



Third Class

This year in Third Class for the school stall in the Christmas market, we made sock snowmen
METHOD:

1. You ask someone to hold a white sock open wide.
2. Fill it with rice until you think it is fat enough for a snowman.
3. Get two elastic bands and tie one to make the body and head.
4. Get the second one and tie it on top of the head so it looks like it has hair.
5. Cut most of the leftover sock off so it only has a bit left.
6. Take some ribbon, a pom pom, three buttons and a marker.
7. Stick the buttons on its body for its coal buttons.
8. Stick on the pom pom for a nose and draw eyes and a mouth with a marker.
9. Get a colourful sock and cut it in half for a hat.



Also for display in our classroom, we made Christmas jumpers

METHOD:

1. Print or draw a picture of a jumper.
2. Plan your design on a sheet of paper or whiteboard
3. Draw your design on the jumper
4. Colour your jumper.

Christmas art in 3rd class

In 3rd class, we made Christmas carol singers for display in our classroom. Here is how we made them:

First, you get two coloured sheets of paper and then you get a black sheet and a white sheet. The black sheet is used for the background and the white sheet is used to write your Christmas booklet.



Inside the booklet should be a message or a Christmas song. The white sheet is also used for the head. The coloured sheet is used for the body, the scarf, the hat, the gloves and hair if you want it. They were hard to make but really fun.

By Emily Doherty

Bricks for Kids

I want Bricks 4 Kids to come back to our school because we only had it once. We made a stage 1 bulldozer, which was fun. Stage 2 had a motor and it went around by its self! It was great fun. We also talked to the ladies who were doing the bricks about how to build it. We had many parts of the bricks to make whatever we wanted. In the older classes, there was stage 3 which we did not know about until my cousin Elliot told me. In addition, Caoimhe told me junior and seniors made pyramids. I was going to make an electronic shark but I did not get the time to do it so now can you please bring them back. Also thanks to the two ladies for doing this and helping us when we were stuck.

By Ethan Eite McEnroe

PE

In third class for PE, we were with Tommy (our GAA coach) at the start of the year. We were practising solos, hopping, hand passing and kicking. Half of the class went to our teacher. Sometimes we played rounders or passing the basketball. When Tommy went to the older classes, we played basketball. We were put into teams. The teacher told us we were apples, oranges, pears and bananas. After basketball, we play hot seat. If you want to play yourself here are the rules:

You will need two or more players, a basketball and a basketball net. One person takes a shot. If they score they go the back of the line, if they do not they go to the hot seat! When they are in the hot seat if another person scores they are out, if they don't they go to the back of the line. That is how you play hot seat. If we have extra time, we sometimes play sea ship shore. In this game, your teacher calls out sea, ship or shore. One side is sea, the other side is shore and the middle is ship. The last person to go to where the teacher says is out. We also play a passing game. It is harder if you play with three basketballs but you can play with any kind. Most of our class like PE. Sometimes we also play corners. Corners is a very easy game to play. All you need is one or two people to be on. People run to the corners of the yard and if they are caught, they are out. After a few minutes, the people that are out get to be catchers. The last person that is not caught is the winner.

By Caoimhe Heaney

Second Class

Science week

Science week started the 8th of November. I really liked science week. It was something new. We had a Zoom meeting with Teagasc about cows. **Grainne O'Neill**

Brion had his question sent in and read out on the Zoom meeting. His question was “Which cow is best for meat?” **Micheal O'Keeffe**

We learned lots about different breeds of cows. **Evan Spaight**

We learned that because of the way cows legs are, they cannot walk downstairs. **Ruaidhri O' Neill**

For Science week we got marla to make boats. First, we made the shape of the boat. Then we added stuff to see if it would float. Finally, we added cubes to see which could hold the most without sinking. **Hannah Clarke**

I was on the team that designed the best boat. It could hold 21 cubes before sinking. I was the one who designed the boat. **James McNeice**

For Science week, we designed boats. The challenge was which could fit the most cubes. We lost the challenge but it was fun. **Paidi Melligan**

Bricks for Kids

For Bricks for Kids, we were given instructions on how to build a bulldozer. **Cillian Smith**

First, we got a box of Lego. Then we got instructions on how to build a bulldozer and then we got to build it. We learned that bulldozers push, pull and lift. **Ben O'Hanlon/ Emma Carroll**

Making the bulldozer was great fun but it was hard. **Drey Boshoff**

I was the first finished making my bulldozer and when we were finished we got to make trailers or ploughs for the bulldozer. **Dara Boyce/Jane Malone**

I really loved building the Lego because I liked following the steps and attaching the pieces together. The whole class was there but Leo was not because he was sick. **Isabella Hood**



Thank you to the Parents Association for letting us watch the Panto. We enjoyed it so much.

Second Class

We had great fun making Christmas tree decorations to sell at the Market. *Second Class*



Second Class

First Class

Science - Bio-Diversity Pitfall Experiment

First class learned about bio-diversity this term and carried out an experiment investigating lots of mini-beasts in our local environment.

To begin, we made a list of all of the mini-beasts we knew and chatted about each one's job. It was super interesting to find out that even the worm has an important role in nature!

We dug holes around the track and put yogurt pots in the ground to catch the mini-beasts. Don't worry, we made sure to leave some air holes to keep them safe. We then came back to the pitfall traps the next day and investigated the mini-beasts we had caught. We loved taking part in this experiment as part of the Green Schools initiative.



Germs, germs, germs!

Another experiment we carried out was to investigate how soap keeps germs away. We used pepper and water as the 'germs' and discovered that without soap, the pepper (germs) stuck to our hands, and with soap, they moved away!



Music

Along with our Christmas song this term, we have been learning to play 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' on Boom whackers. It sounds great!



RTE News2day

We love to watch RTE news2day in the classroom to keep up with what is going on in other schools and around the world. At Halloween, we answered a question about the origins of Halloween traditions, which was read out on TV!

Art

For our Autumn art, we created an image of a tree with colourful leaves using paint, paper and wait for it...broccoli! We used the broccoli heads to print the leaves onto the paper. It created a lovely image of the leaves.



Senior Infants

Our senior infant's class were really getting into the Christmas spirit and made a trip to the post office to post letters to a special person in their life. Some chose to send to their parents, grandparents and friends so watch out for the post as there are special letters on the way to you!



Here are some photos of their trip to



the post office.

Junior Infants

Junior Infants have been learning the story of Christmas and writing letters to Santa. They are very excited and counting down the days while working their way through the class advent calendar. They have enjoyed learning their Christmas songs, and were very enthusiastic with their actions.

