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**Wave Goodbye...** It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to 7 of our senior students. Shaphan, Daniel, Kian, Martin, Paul, Karl and Mia are all moving to adult services. It has been our pleasure to watch you grow and develop into communicative and caring young adults who have so much to offer their communities. We would like to wish you and your families every future success and please keep in contact to let us know how you are getting on.



### The Grass is Always Greener!

This term in Green class we have enjoyed getting out and about into the wider community. We visited a variety of Marine environments and these are of particular interest to us this year. Our most recent trip saw us have a wonderful picnic at Glencar waterfall. We have been working hard in class also. In maths we have been exploring number through a range of counting activities, for communication and language we have been reading animal themed stories and we have also been working hard on our short course 'Food, Glorious Food!'



### Blue Birds.

We have worked hard on our topic of Animals and living things this term. We have enjoyed exploring plants and animals in various environments. We made some bird feeders that we hung in the school garden and the birds seemed to enjoy them! We were very active for our active flag week, taking part in orienteering, walks and trying out different types of sports and wearing our jerseys to school! We took advantage of the good weather and went for walks on our social outings to beaches all around Sligo. We made a lot of colour and mess during our sensory art lessons, creating a large flower.



## Dates for the diaries

We would like to wish Anita every success with her career break for the next academic year.



School closes on Friday 25th June 2021 for the end of term 3 @ 12:30pm

July Provision runs for 3 weeks, from Monday 28th June to Friday 16th July for Red, Blue, Purple and Silver classes. Home tuition for 40 hours is available for all other students.



School re-opens for term 1 of the 2021-2022 academic year on Wednesday 1st September 2021.

### "Bugs and Crawly things"

In Yellow Class we have been finding out about more unusual living things that live in the jungle, in the sea and in our back gardens. We went on a bug hunt in the school garden and found woodlice, worms and a very crawly centipede. We bravely and carefully collected them and examined them with a magnifying glass before returning them to the environment.



We read the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and found out about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We even made delicious butterfly pancakes with chopped fruit!

We made ladybirds, caterpillars and butterflies. We are proud of our lovely art work, displayed outside our classroom.

### Green Schools

A busy term throughout the school for Green schools. We really enjoyed Marine week. The art activities were fantastic and we are so proud of our work which is displayed on the Green school's notice board. Well done to all involved! We have also conducted some mini-marine environment clean-ups. Several of our classes have been out to local areas of natural beauty for this purpose and we hope that next year when Covid is no longer a consideration that we can get back to having whole school involvement in these endeavours



Do you know these LAMH signs? Our LAMH signs for this newsletter are based on the theme of animals...

### RIP

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Katelyn, Caroline and families on the passing of Hughie. Hughie was an ever present parent whose kind, loving personality shone through. Our support will always be there for you.

Ar smaointe agus paidreacha libh.

## QR Corner



**Project core is in full swing at school. If you would like to download the core boards for use at home over the summer scan the QR code.**

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**Tea Time Tigers**  
In orange class we have been very busy exploring animals. We made paw prints and hoof prints using toy animals and paint; we listened to animal sounds through ICT; we made our own animal sounds by using musical instruments made from natural materials to mimic their sounds and we really enjoyed experiencing our sensory story 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'.



## Wonderful White Class

White class students have had a very busy term so much so it seemed to fly by! They started training for their second Special Olympics Virtual Event, in the 100m shuttle run, adapted shot putt and the adapted speed bounce. Much progress was made and we have just submitted their wonderful scores. Now it's a waiting game until the results are published in July! In Art this the focus was on famous Artists who made paintings with animals in them as our school theme this term was Animals. Students created their own artwork based on the work of Franz Mark, Kohn Clee and Laurel Burch. What amazing art work was produced and is now displayed on our notice for all to see. Some very proud students in White Class.



**Counting Creatures** - Our sensory exploration involved lots of counting in Red class. We used sand and printed pictures to count the number of legs on sea creatures. We found that the octopus had 8 legs!! We had a great time finding the numerals and matching them to the sea creatures. We hope everyone has a relaxing summer break.

## Wild Things!!

This term in Navy class we have been using the theme of animals in all our curriculum areas. We have made a fishing game to help with counting, addition and subtraction activities, we have looked at famous paintings of animals and attempted to make our own versions, and we have used the theme of animals in our project core predictive chart writing.

We had a great time during active flag week. We enjoyed the Special Olympics activities, the orienteering and two lap Tuesday.

We have continued to take care of our seedlings, unfortunately we think we lost all our lettuce to slugs and snails but we have some radishes which we will pick and taste next week.

We have also been busy maintaining and monitoring our biodiversity area behind the classroom and are pleased to announce that we have a lot of wildflowers growing in it.



## Analysing Animals

Throughout this topic Black class has been extremely busy. In Numeracy we have been collecting, analysing and interpreting data, as well as using calculators, telling the time and managing money.

In Communication and Literacy, the students have been following non verbal instructions both in cookery to create healthy meals and for creating artwork. We have also been using technology to communicate with others and sending emails as well as writing riddles about various animals.

We have also been looking at how we manage stress, what techniques we know to reduce stress and the signs of stress.

Finally, we have been looking at identifying the talents the students have, creating CV's, taking part in mock interviews and developing new jobs to be completed in the class to take responsibility for our class environment.

## Active School Flag

Our Active School Flag week took place between June 31st and July 4th this year. We had 2km Tuesday, DEAD (Drop Everything And Dance) day, Jersey day and the staff even managed to get active in the water with an evening of surfing in Strandhill.....some were better than others!!! Please stay active over the summer months, its great for our physical and mental wellbeing.



**Animal Antics** - In reading we have read the stories Dear Zoo, Pig in the Pond, and Rainbow Fish. We made little books about Dear Zoo and did a sequence of the story Pig in the Pond. We have learned about the different places animals can live, on the farm, in the zoo, in the ocean, and even at home. In geography we learned about animals that live in Africa. We were able to explore carved animals that were made in Africa. In history we travelled back in time to learn about dinosaurs. We even had fun exploring a big tub of plastic dinosaurs in class. Our plastic animals helped us learn about weight and classification. In art we made animal prints and we even role played being Old McDonald.

We have had a load of fun learning in Silver class!



## Animal Adventure!

We have been having a wonderful time in Purple class working on all things animals. We have listened to animal noises and had great fun imitating them. We have listened to a lot of stories about animals, wrote about animals in our writing activities and went on an animal hunt.



Our condolences are extended to Scott on the passing of his Grandfather, Mick and Uncle George.

Our sympathies are also with John whose Grandmother, Mary passed away.

We would like to express our sympathies to the Kilgallon's on the passing of Robyn's Granddad, Gerry Fallon.

RIP

Our LAMH signs for this newsletter are.....

Pig and Sheep