

ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 4 (Newsletter)

Deireadh Fómhair 2022

School Roll No: 19608V Principal: Rónán Mac Namara Deputy Principal: Breeda Kenny

Anyone for Basketball? Basketball continues for all classes this week with our coaches. The cost is €2 per pupil or €4 per family. Children will complete a 6 week programme. We hope the coaches will return during the last term to do another 6 weeks.

Closures: We have some upcoming early closures to facilitate staff training for the new Primary Language Curriculum. They are as follows, **Friday 2nd December at 12 noon, Wednesday 15th February at 12 noon and Friday 2nd June at 12 noon.**

Party Invites: Pupils are not permitted to pass on party invites through the school. This causes too much upset to those who are excluded. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Parent teacher meetings for 1st to 6th Class inclusive will take place from Mon 14th Nov. Bookings may be made on Aladdin after the Mid-term break. Parent teacher meetings for the infant classes will be after Christmas.



Book Fair: Celtic Travelling Book Company will visit our school next week. Parents and visitors may visit the fair on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October before school from 8:30am until 8:50am and immediately after school until 3:00pm. Books may be paid for in cash or by cheque made payable to St Kilian's NS. Aladdin payment system will not be used.

If you are unable to visit the fair but would still like to buy a book, please fill out and return an order form together with the correct money for book/s in a ziplock bag. This will be collected from your child's classroom next Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th morning. Please do not send money or orders to the office.

By supporting the book fair we can encourage the children's interest in reading and boost our school's library through commission earned from sales.

Attached below is a price list for the books that are available to buy at the fair. The link below has images of some of the books that will be available. Please note that there is no obligation to purchase books.

Gaeilge Neamh, Bainigí triail as sa bhaile. (Try these out at home)

Téama: Bia (Food). These are the phrases we are working on this month at school. Our theme is Bia (Food). Wouldn't it be fun to work on these at home when you sit down to eat?

Cén bia is fearr leat? Is fearr liom _____. (I prefer _____)

Cé acu ab fhearr leat _____ nó _____? B'fhearr liom _____.

An bhfuil ocras/tart ort? Tá tart orm. (hungry/thirsty)

Céard atá i do bhosca lóin? Tá úll i mo bhosca. (lunch box)

Línte Gníomhaíochta. We do exercises 'as Gaeilge' every day at school. Our Irish and our fitness are improving - even the teachers! Here's one to practice at home. Your child should be able to help.

Preabaigí ar leathchois, ar dheis ar dtús, anois ar chlé.



Pupil Participation In Sport and Physical Activity: Mullagh Activity Hub and Cavan Sports Partnership have been working closely with our school in recent months. They were delighted to hear about all the sports and activities that are happening each year in St. Kilian's National School. They are interested in running additional activities in the local community, outside of school hours. They have created a survey regarding pupil participation in sport and physical activity and they are looking for feedback from parents. You can access the survey via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6bUCdLPQPF>



Board of Management Report to Parents. The board held its first meeting of the new school year in September. The following business was covered.

- The board noted that the enrolment figure for September was 343.
- The board noted the arrival of 32 more chrome books for the junior classes and thanked Mr. Maher for his ongoing work in this area.
- The board sanctioned Joanna MacGregor as the replacement for Bernie Coghlan as parents' rep.
- New teacher and cleaning appointments were sanctioned.
- A new policy on the role of SNA's in our school was sanctioned.
- Staff grants for continuous professional development were approved.
- Spending on an outdoor classroom and storage was approved.

Parent Feedback June 2021 (A Reminder). A number of parents wrote about what a special and sacred place the graveyard is and how much it means to them. While they welcome seeing pupils using it to go to and from school they are concerned sometimes about the behaviour they see. This is an issue for us all. In order to continue using the paths through the graveyard we must remember where we are and treat it with the respect it deserves.

What Have Ms Traynor's Snr. Infants Been Up To? Learning Buddies! Mr. Rowe's 5th Class visit our Senior Infants to help them with their learning now and again! These are very special visits that prove to be helpful and meaningful for both classes. They came on a recent visit to see the special toys the children took in for Show and Tell. They helped us to write a super sentence about our toy and even had some fun playing with them! Ms. Traynor had to stop Mr. Rowe from trying to trade some Pokémon cards!



Autumn is here! The children in Ms Traynor's Senior Infants have been busy looking for all the signs of autumn and learning all about this season. We went on a beautiful autumn walk around our school, the church and the old school building searching for signs of autumn. Along the way we happened to meet Angela who was hanging up some new bird feeders for the cold weather ahead. We didn't manage to spot a real hedgehog or squirrel (even though we looked very hard!) but luckily we have made some lovely artwork to look at in our classroom.



Water Play: We have been busy in Senior Infants getting our fingers and hands strong for all the wonderful writing and colouring we will be doing! Our water play is a really important way to help our fine motor skills. We had great fun with all the activities in September.



Halloween is Coming! The arrival of October means Halloween is just around the corner! We have been busy learning some spooky poems and singing all about witches and spiders! We have also made some lovely artwork to take home for mid-term.



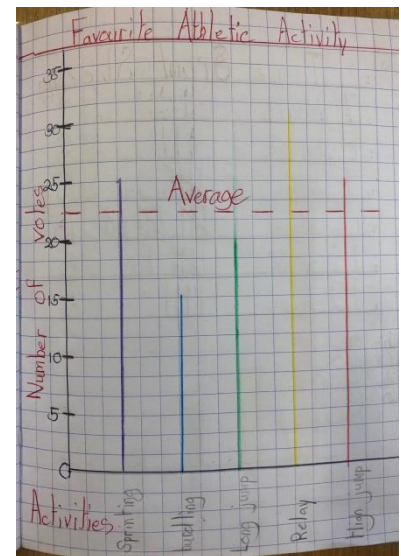
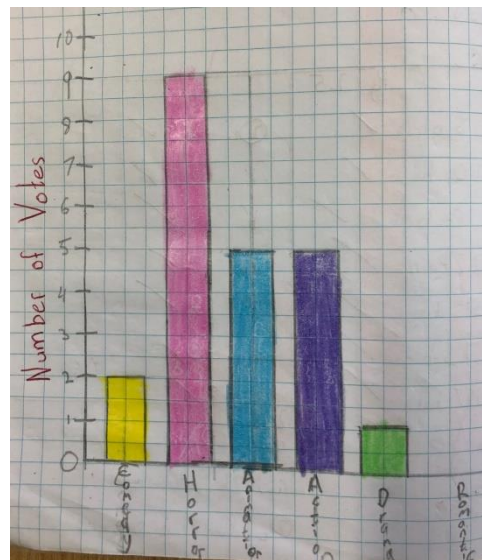
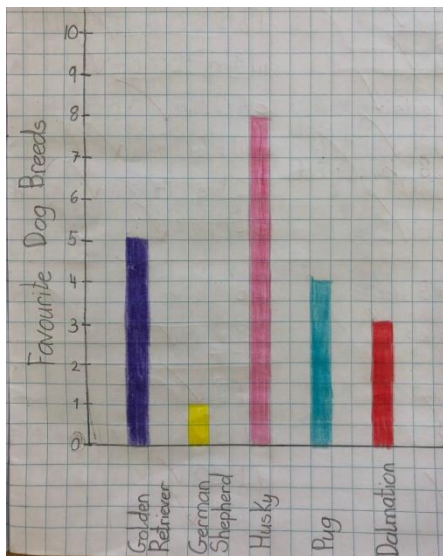
Reading: In Senior Infants, we are busy improving our reading. It's a lot of hard work learning new sounds and words, following sentences and turning pages! Sometimes it's nice to get off our chairs and find a cosy spot in our classroom where we can practice with a classmate!



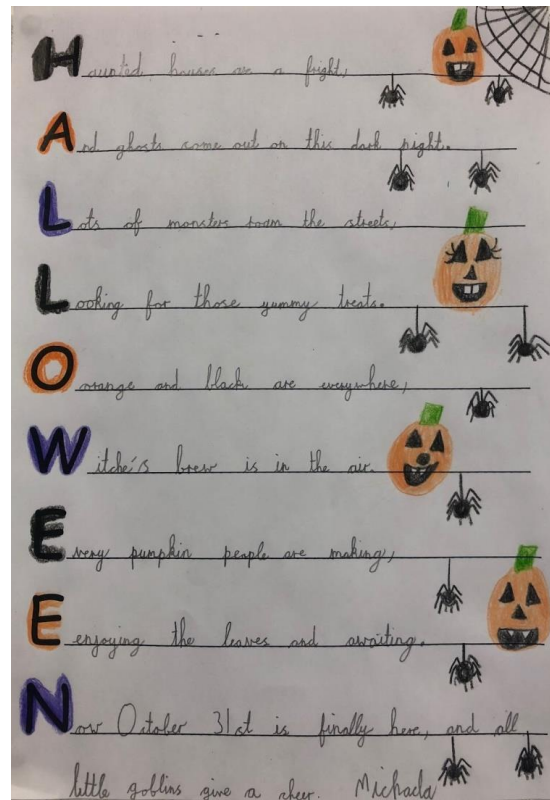
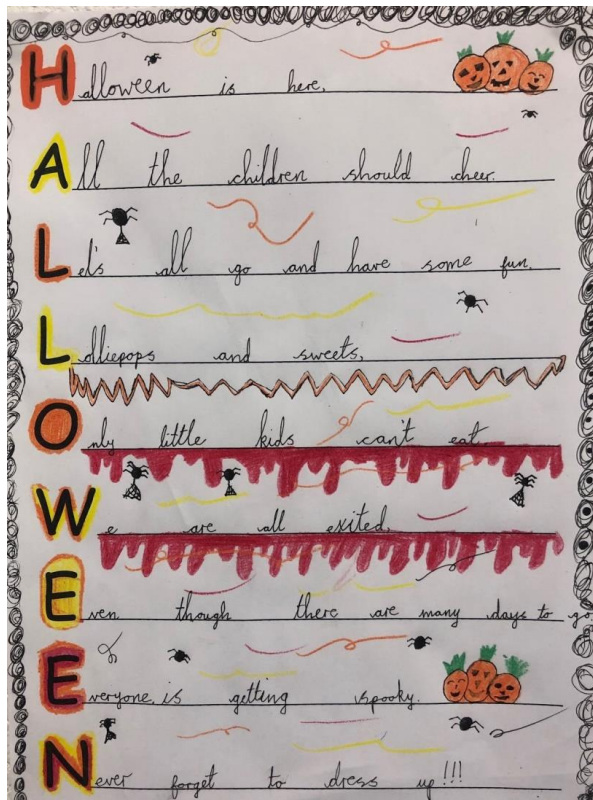
5th Class - Corr na gCoille. 5th class pupils have been learning about the history of Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco. It was interesting to read and learn about all the different escape attempts, especially the infamous 'Escape From Alcatraz'. Nobody knows what happened to prisoners Frank Lee Morris, John Anglin or Clarence Anglin after they left Alcatraz Island on June 11th, 1962. There have been no traces of the men since. In English, pupils imagined they were one of the escapees and wrote detailed reports of their escape efforts. In art, the children created realistic 'Wanted Posters' of the three escapees.



In maths, we have been examining the topic of Data. We learned how to record information using tally sheets, pictograms, bar-line graphs and bar charts. In small groups, the children conducted surveys based on pupils' likes and interests. We surveyed pupils in our own class and in some of the other senior classes. We discovered that the husky is the most popular breed of dog, horror is the favourite movie genre and relay races are the most liked athletic activity.



We wrote acrostic poems for Halloween.



We really enjoyed our week of tennis with Michal. We picked up from where we left off last year and developed some new skills as well. We had great fun playing against Mr. Rowe on the last day.



We have had 4 weeks of basketball lessons with Alarie Mayce from East Cavan Eagles. So far, we have been practising moving, bouncing, dribbling, passing and other important skills involved in the game of basketball. All the classes are having great fun getting involved in the sport and we look forward to 2 more weeks of training before the mid-term break.

