

ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 16 (Newsletter)

Mí Bealtaine

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Neasa and Sebastian show off the new arrivals in Mr. Maher's 3rd Class. The chicks hatched on Wednesday after incubating for 22 days in the classroom. They are both very well behaved so far.....

Standardised Testing. Standardised testing will commence next week in literacy and numeracy for 1st to 6th Class inclusive. Standardised testing is an important assessment tool for us as a school; however it is not necessarily more important than other types of assessment. Standardised tests are a snapshot in time and do not accurately reflect all aspects of a pupil's learning and development. Comprehensive information on standardised testing may be accessed on www.ncca.ie Results will be shared with parents on the end of year report cards. These report cards will as always reflect on all aspects of your child's learning, not just achievements in literacy and numeracy.

Memorial Mass. We will have a Memorial Mass for Ms. Eimear Gilroy in **St. Kilian's Church, Mullagh on Friday 19th May at 7pm.** This will give our school and the wider school community an opportunity to pray for Ms. Gilroy. All pupils, past pupils and parents are very welcome to attend.

Help Us to Help Your Child at School

Gaeilge

Gaeilge Neamh: Téama: Caitheamh Aimsire (Past times)

An bhfuil caitheamh aimsire agat? Tá, imrím peil/sacar/cispheil...

Cé acu is fearr leat peil nó iománaíocht? (Which do you prefer?)

Is fearr liom

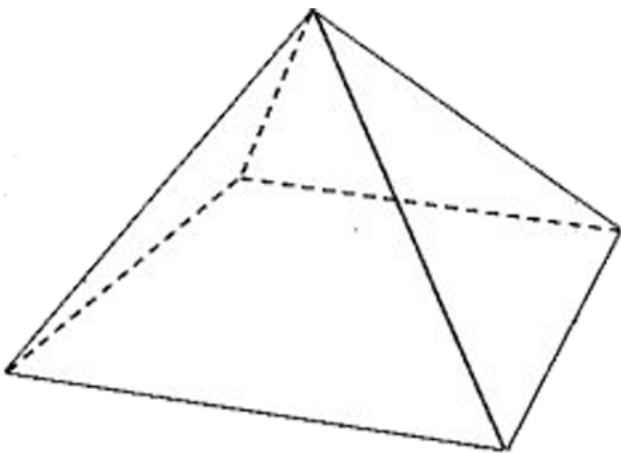
Línte Gníomhaíochta: Bogaigí ar an spota le glúine in airde go mall...níos tapúla, chomh tapa...(1/3).



Literacy

Listen to your child's ORT every night and sign the reading record.

Numeracy Growth Mindset and Problem Solving. 3rd + 4th Class



A curious ant looked up at a square-based pyramid. It decides to crawl along every edge of the pyramid, trying **not** to go over each edge more than once, if it can.

a) What is the smallest number of edges that the ant must crawl along to do this?

b) Each edge of the square-based pyramid is 5.5cm long. How far will the ant crawl in its exploration.

I'm on the right track.

Rainbow Run For Funds



Our school's annual 'Run for Funds' event will take place on Friday, June 16th. A sponsorship card was sent home on Monday with your eldest child. There is one card per family. Cards and money will be collected every morning. Cards that are returned full will be entered into a weekly draw. Please make sure to use the clear, plastic bag when returning money. Any contribution at all would be much appreciated. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new outdoor play and educational resources for our school. Following the success of our Run for Funds in 2022, we were able to buy a brand new set of jerseys for the school. Our 6th class girls had the honour of wearing them when they were crowned All-Ireland Volleyball Champions back in March. With the school football leagues in full flow for both boys and girls, it is great to have an extra set of jerseys for games. Funds raised from previous runs enabled us to build the path on the green area at the front of the school and the path which loops around the hill at the back of the school. We were also able to purchase new goals and nets, yard games, P.E. equipment and a portable sound system for the school.



In order to prepare for this year's 'Run for Funds', we would encourage families to get active in the build up to the big day. You will find a recommended workout on the sponsorship card, which will help gradually build up your fitness for the run. Pupils will participate in some weekly training at school but it is a good incentive for those pupils and their families to keep active outside of school hours too. On Friday, June 16th, pupils and staff will run or walk the same route as in previous years. In the meantime, pupils are asked to bring into school a Run For Funds t-shirt from a previous year that still fits them. Teachers will collect the multi-coloured t-shirts and store them in the classroom in preparation for the big day. We will host a 'Swap Shop' at school in a few weeks for anyone who still requires a t-shirt.





Today's Run For Fun Raffle Winners

Dates for your diary.

Closures	
Fri 2 nd June	Full day closure for staff training.
Monday 5 th June	Bank Holiday
Friday 16 th June	Run for Funds
Friday 23 rd June	Summer Holidays

Please note full day closure on Friday 2nd June for staff training.

Car Park The front gate is opened at 1.25pm to allow Spraoi parents to access the front portion of the car park, if necessary. All other parents should park outside. We aim to be as 'car-free' as possible.

An tÉanach, Ms. Traynor. In the Jungle!

We have been busy learning all about Jungle animals in Senior Infants. We have read some wonderful stories like *Rumble in the Jungle* and *Noah's Ark* and learned some funny poems and songs too! We had lots of fun making a terrible tiger. It

took us lots of time and each day we worked on a different part. Our tiger is happy hiding in the long stripy grass!



The Lion and the Mouse

We listened to the story of *The Lion and the Mouse* in Senior Infants and learned an important message. Everyone can be helpful at some time!

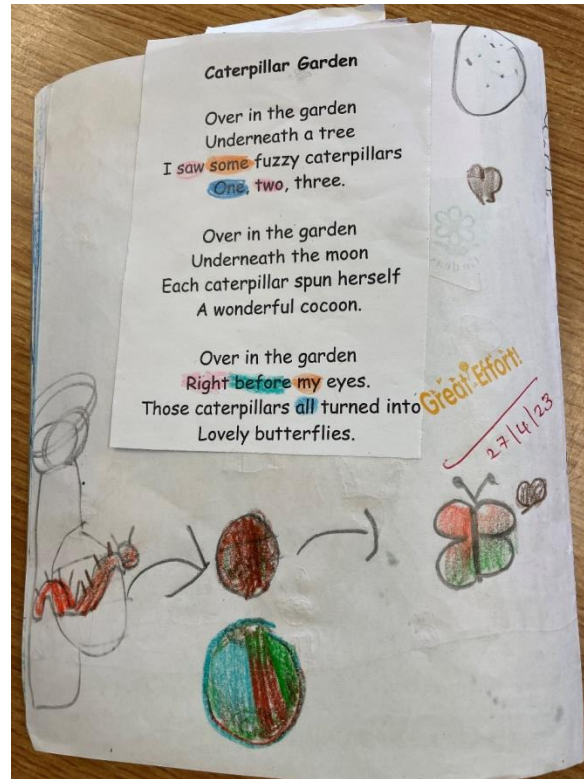
Check out our amazing Lions- they really are the king of the Jungle!



Caterpillars!

We read the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and loved it! We also learned a loved poem about caterpillars. We made these beautiful fuzzy caterpillars to hide peacefully under our tree. I wonder what will happen them?..... You're right, they

have turned into beautiful butterflies! We had great fun working on all our summer artwork!





Beanstalks

Back in spring we planted beanstalks with Ms Finn and Angela. They grew so well in our classroom. Each day that we came into school we noticed them getting taller and taller! Angela helped us to plant them in the poly tunnel and we love visiting them to see them happy and growing even more in their new home. Thank you Angela for teaching us lots about growing plants and for taking care of our beanstalks over Easter!

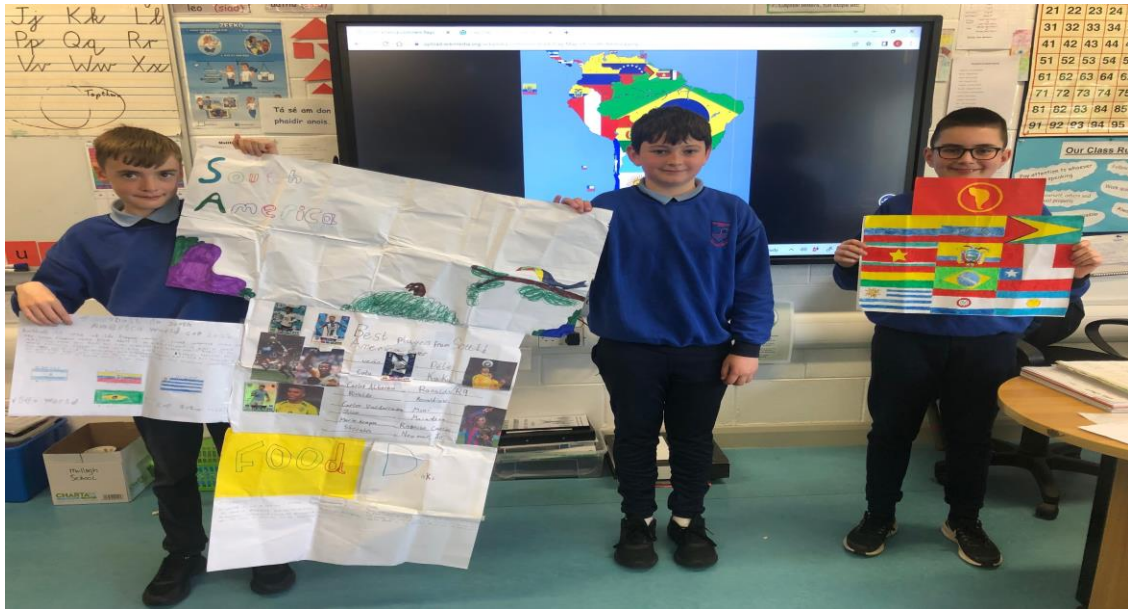


5th Class - Corr na gCoille

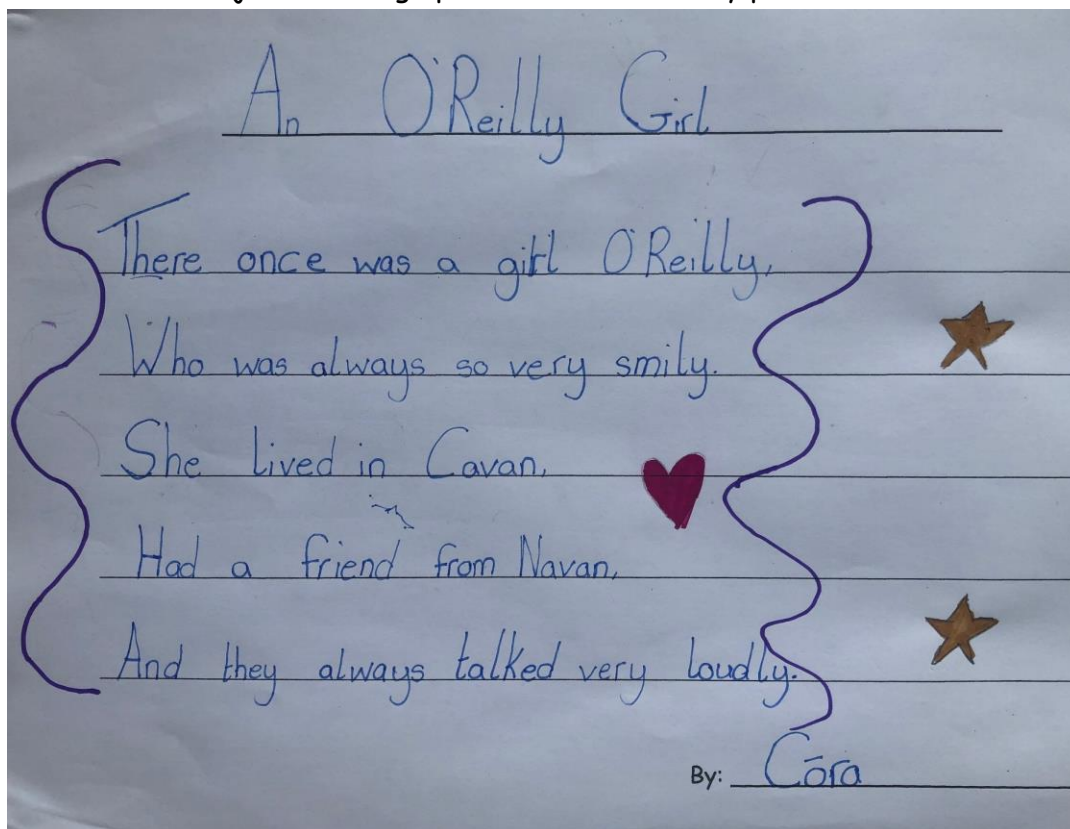
In history, we have been learning about South America. There are 12 countries in South America. Pupils were randomly allocated a country which they had to write a fact file on.

We held a Country Debate at the end of the week in which pupils shared reasons and arguments for visiting their South American countries. In small groups, the children researched other interesting facts on a topic of their choice. Some groups designed projects about the animals of South America. One group researched popular sports while another studied the fashion trends of the continent. Food and tourist attractions were other areas of choice. We heard lots of interesting facts about a range of topics. We hope to visit other classrooms this week to present our group projects.





In English, we have been learning how to write limericks. A limerick is a short, five-line poem with a strict rhyming scheme. The first, second and fifth lines must rhyme, while lines three and four rhyme together. Limericks are meant to be humorous and fifth class pupils did a wonderful job in coming up with their own funny poems.



A Dog Named Daisy

We have a nice dog named Daisy,

Who can sometimes be very crazy.

She's bright as a flower,

But never has a shower,

And we were going to call her Maisy

By: Aoife Smyth

The Man and his Precious Hat.

There once was a man called Pat.

He loved his precious hat.

He went for a walk.

But it was robbed by a hawk.

So he hit it with a baseball bat!

By: Luke Early

In P.E., we have been playing the game of rounders. Rounders requires a combination of skills, such as throwing, catching, batting, moving and running. It develops social skills, such as communication and teamwork. It's a sport which also involves the physical skills of concentration, attention, and hand-eye coordination. We look forward to playing it for a few more weeks.

