

St. Kilian's National School

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 3 **Mí Deireadh Fómhair**

Newly crowned Ladies County Champions Cúchulainn's visited our school with the cup during the week. We are very proud of all the players on the team especially our past pupils.



Ms. Neligan a Cavan Gael's stalwart finally gets her hands on some silverware.

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Is your child safe online? Zeeko will visit us on Tuesday 17th Oct to teach children how to use the Internet safely and responsibly. They will work with all the pupils from 2nd to 6th Class inclusive. There will be a **€5 charge per family** for this payable to the class teacher.

There will also be a module for parents on Zoom under the following headings.

- Set safety settings
- Protect children's digital footprint
- Talk children's language
- Protect children against cyberbullying and stranger danger
- Stop children from excessive internet use
- Safeguard against inappropriate content

Please see below for the Zoom links for the virtual seminars.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Oct 17th, 2023 07:00 PM Dublin

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodumpqDgoEta_8pyNV0dFWXaeNIQKGI3b

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Attendance: We have a strong tradition of good attendance in St. Kilian's N.S. with an average attendance rate of 93.5% annually. However, this fell to an 89% attendance rate for the last school year. We have noted a marked deterioration in attendance and punctuality post Covid. 6454 days were lost during the school year 22/23 and 113 pupils missed in excess of 20 days.

We are anxious that parents be aware of the absolute necessity for regular punctual attendance at school and that we all work together to improve this area. Parents of pupils with poor attendance during the month of September will be invited to the school to discuss the matter. We will also be tracking those pupils who continually leave early especially on a Friday!



We are also encouraging pupils to come to school on time. [We can all be late occasionally however pupils who are consistently late are disrupting the smooth running of the school.](#) Our school opens to receive pupils at 8.40. All pupils should be through the front gate by 8.50am. There will be a punctuality check on Tuesday 10th October. Latecomers will be issued with cards.

Maths Week 2023: We will celebrate Maths Week in St. Kilian's from Monday 16th October. Maths Week has been great fun in our school over the past few years and we are all looking forward to learning lots during the week. There is a new Primary Maths Curriculum being rolled out presently. More information on this will be available through the newsletter over the coming months.



Book Fair: Celtic Travelling Book Company will visit our school next week. Parents and visitors may visit the fair on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 10th 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 and Wednesday 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. Here is a link to some of the books that may be available to purchase at the book fair.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ie/travelling-books/the-books>

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Senior Infants Parents Meetings: Thank you to all the parents who came in last week to meet the class teachers. It was very worthwhile.

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.

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

- The board noted that the enrolment figure for September was 341.
- The principal outlined the work done in the school over the summer holidays including the cleaning of all windows, fascias and gutters, the upgrading of our fibre broadband and the installation of extra storage.
- Joanna MacGregor, treasurer presented an updated financial report. Energy and maintenance costs will present a very significant challenge for the coming year.
- New teacher and cleaning appointments were sanctioned.
- A new policy on Attendance and Punctuality in our school was sanctioned along with the BOM's Report to Parents. This will be circulated through the newsletter.
- The board considered the school's ethos and how our work reflects this.
- The principal spoke about school improvement plans for numeracy and wellbeing for the coming year.



This term we worked on, *I Ask How to Improve.*

I Know I Have to Work Hard to Improve.

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

Gaeilge Neamh: Téama Bia

An bhfuil orcas ort? Tá orcas (an domhain) orm./Níl orcas orm.

An bhfuil (ceapaire) agat le haighaigh an lóin? Tá/Níl ceapaire agam le haighaigh an lóin.

Taitníonn _____ go mór liom.

Línte Gníomhaíochta: Bogaigí (rithigí) ar an spota go mall.... bígí ar bhur dtapa níos tapúla...chomh tapa agus is féidir libh.Déan(aigí) seac léimní ar feadh _____.

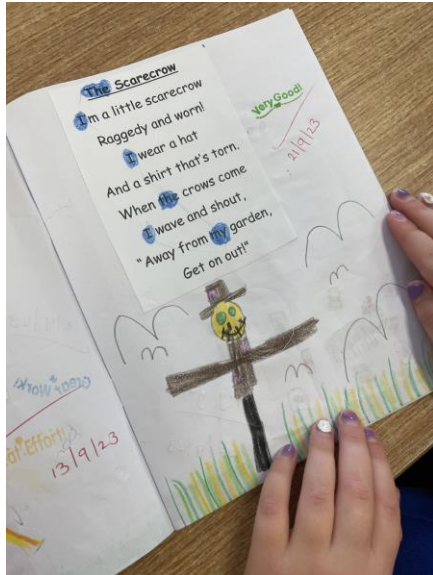


Maith Sibh David agus Liam! I know I have to work hard to improve.



Well done to East Cavan Gaels U13 hurling squad and Liam and David Mc Quaid in 6th Class who retained the U13 title on Monday last on the 3G at Kingspan Breffni. They have put in an exceptional level of work to achieve this success.

Not so Scary Scarecrows! We had lots of fun learning our poem *The Scarecrow* and reading a variety of different stories about scarecrows! It can be a lonely old job guarding the farmer's field and scaring the crows all day so we made plenty of scarecrows to keep each other company! We hope they don't look too scary in our corridor! Thank you to our buddies in Mr Rowe's 5th Class for helping Senior Infants to give their scarecrow a name and write a sentence about them.



Splash!

Water Week is always so much fun and Senior Infants had plenty of fun exploring different ways to have fun with water in the outdoors. We were spraying, wringing cloths, squeezing sponges and using pipettes and syringes. Our hands feel super strong after all that work



Hard at Work!

Did you know that Senior Infants are very capable gardeners! We had lots of fun helping Angela to weed the raised beds. We collected some leaves and stones from around our school garden to make faces!



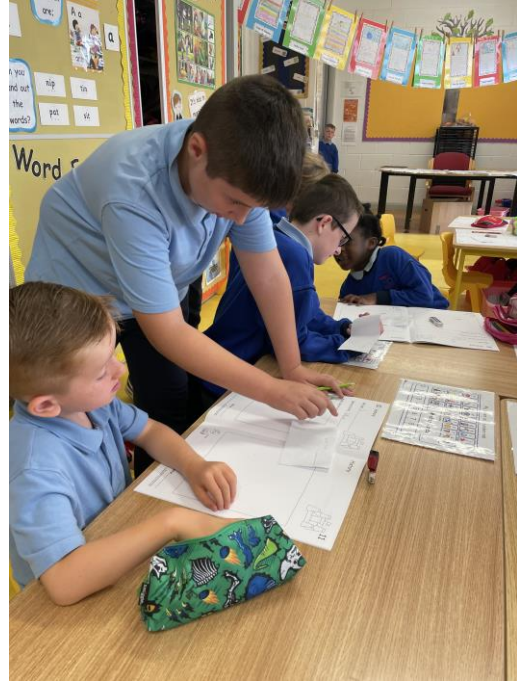
Let's Play!

It's just fun to play together sometimes! We love inviting our friends in Ms Smith & Ms Power's around to play in our classroom and it's lovely when they invite us for a playdate too!



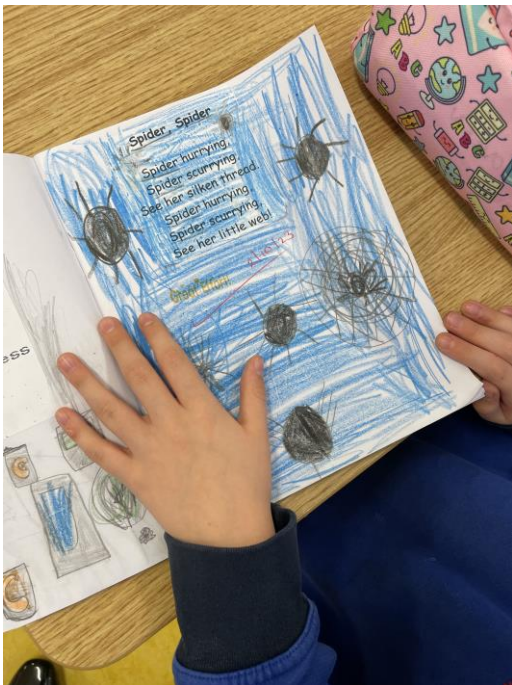
Learning Together

It's not just the teachers that we learn from in school! Learning from and alongside our peers is so important. We are lucky to have learning buddies in Mr Rowe's 5th Class. They have helped us to do lots of little tasks with great kindness and patience!



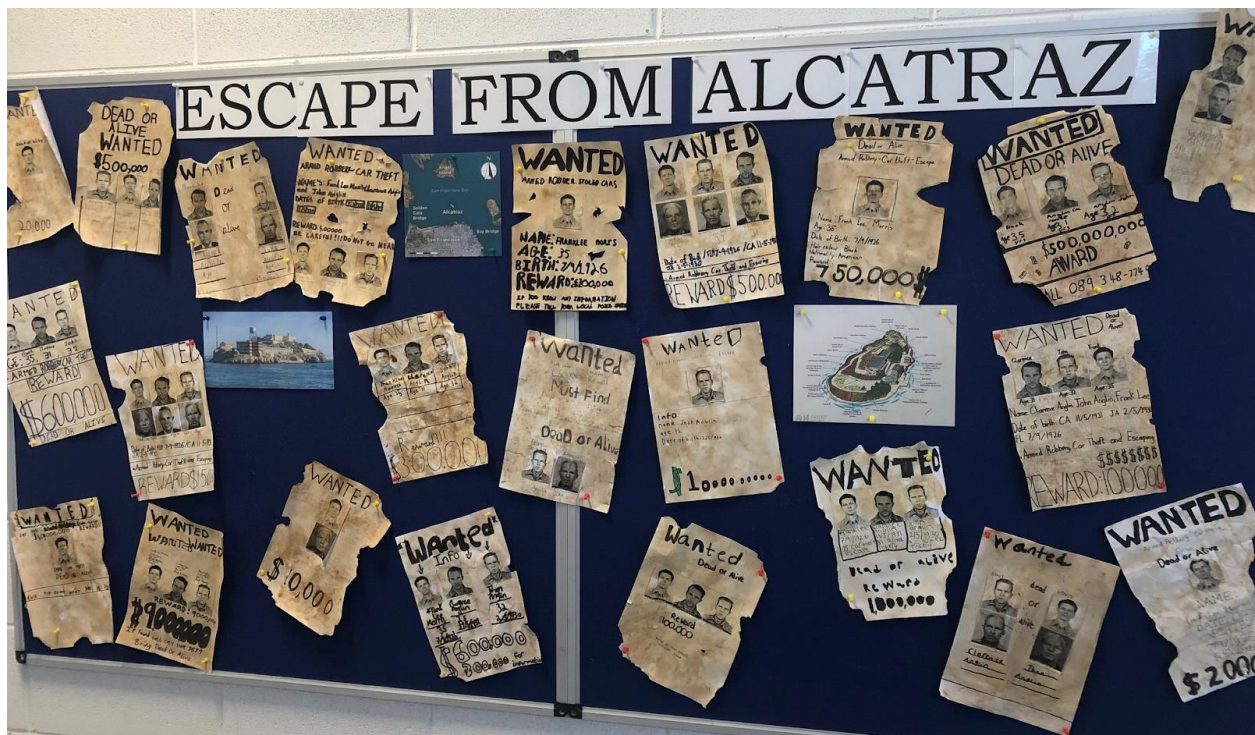
Spiders Everywhere!

We had fun learning all about spiders and reading the story of how Incy Wincy managed to actually climb the water spout! We learned a poem called *Spider Spider* and made our very own webs!

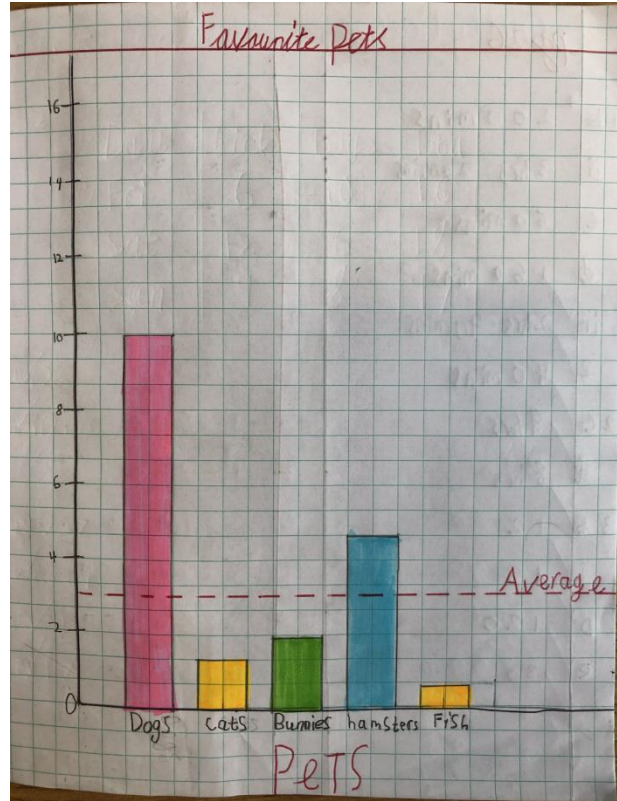
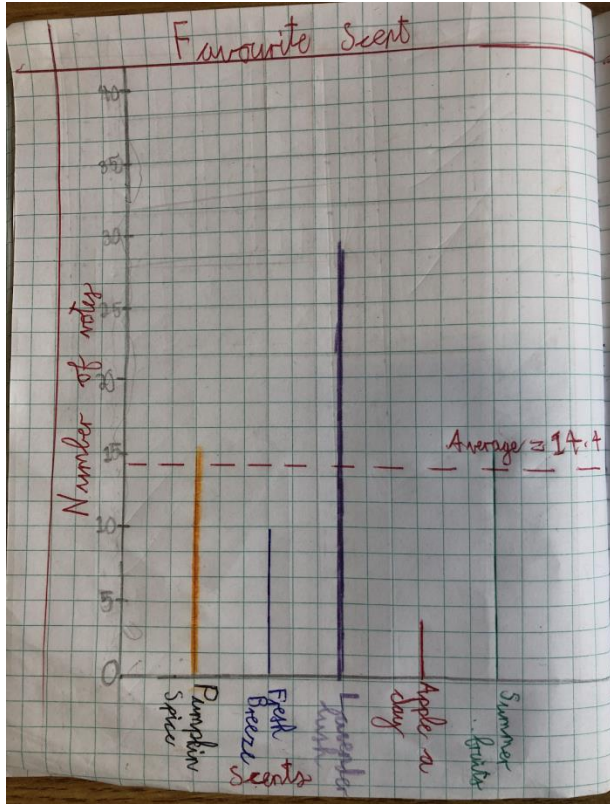


5th Class - Corr na gCoille

5th class 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.



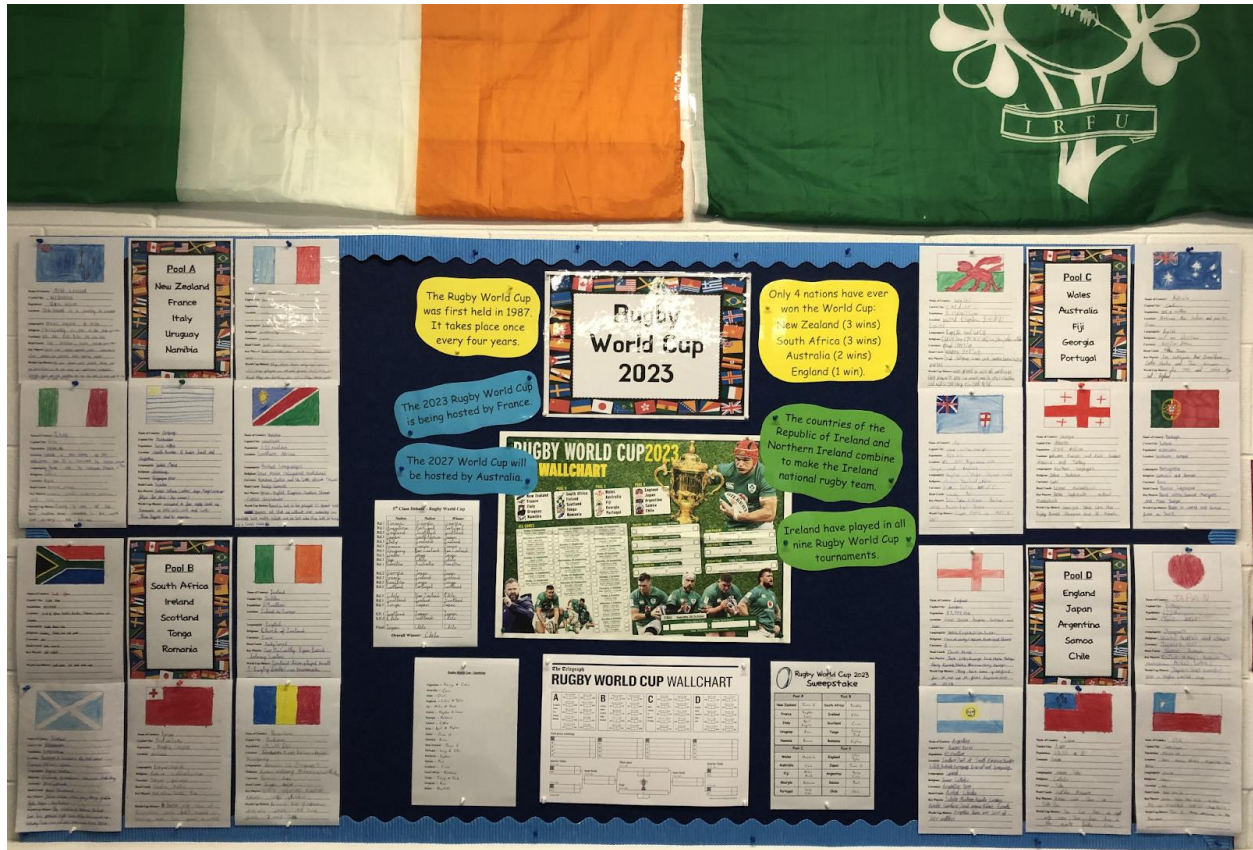
In maths, we have been examining the topic of Data. We learned how to record information using tally sheets, pictograms, bar-line graphs and bar charts. In small groups, the children conducted surveys based on pupils' likes and interests. We surveyed pupils in our own class and in some of the other senior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



Mr. Maher's 4th class pupils visited us this week to conduct their own surveys using the school chromebooks.



There has been great excitement in 5th class with the Rugby World Cup currently taking place. We held a World Cup Sweepstake in which rugby nations were randomly allocated to pupils. Each child researched information about that country and wrote a fact file on it. We held a Country Debate in which pupils shared interesting facts about their countries and reasons for visiting them. Chile was the eventual winner.



In P.E., we have been learning how to play tag rugby for the first time. There are lots of rules involved in this game and it was quite difficult to grasp the concept of passing the ball backwards while trying to move forward. Jon Watt, from Virginia Rugby Club, visited the school in September to coach the 5th and 6th class pupils. Everyone had great fun getting involved in the sport and we look forward to Jon returning in a few weeks. Jon is originally from New Zealand so we hope to have the bragging rights next time we see him. Come on Ireland!



5th class pupils took part in the 2023 Credit Union Art competition. This year's theme is 'My Community and Me'. Pupils brainstormed ideas based on the theme. They produced some wonderful pieces of artwork, which were dropped off in Kingscourt Credit Union. Fingers crossed we have some winners from the school once again this year.



