

ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Imlitir 3 (Newsletter)

Samhain

Ms McGovern's 2nd Class.

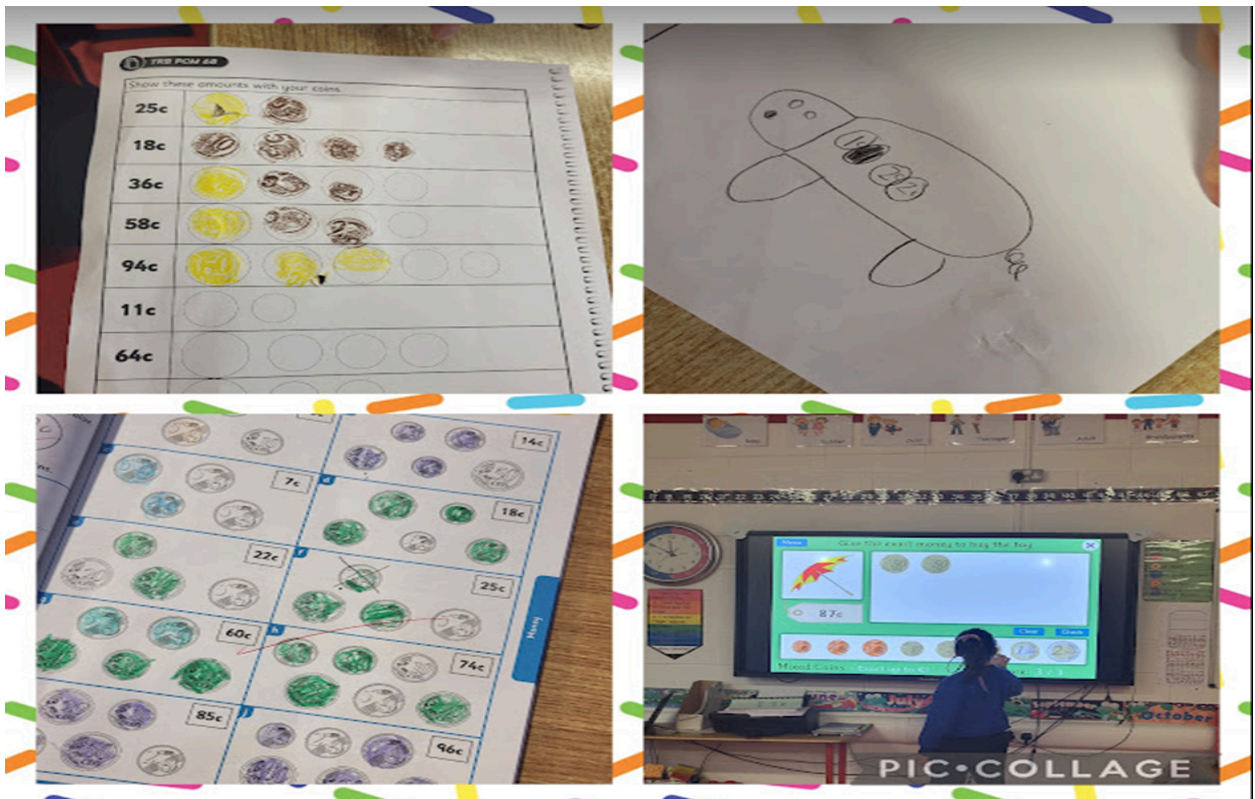
We have spent a lot of time during the month of November learning about people who help us in our community and the different occupations that people have. We enjoyed learning about the work of chefs and researched the intricate work that sushi chefs do. We were amazed by the incredible amount of time they spent training to do this job. Would you be brave enough to try the Japanese delicacy 'Fugu'? (It's potentially fatal if not prepared correctly!) This led us to creating our own Chef's Toques using paper to construct them. We had great fun.



We also learned about the incredible work of Florence Nightingale; 'The Lady with the Lamp' and how she transformed medical care as we now know it by demonstrating the importance of cleanliness when taking care of the health and wellbeing of patients. In art we drew Florence Nightingale and designed her lamp.



In maths we have been enjoying learning about money. The new numeracy curriculum encourages us to explore our learning through a variety of different activities and lots of play based learning. You will see some of our activities in the pic collage below.



Last week we had the first snow of this winter albeit a very small dusting. We took some time out from the classroom to enjoy it together!



4th Class - Corr na gCoille

In P.E., we have been working on gymnastics for the past four weeks. We have been practising and developing balancing, jumping, landing and rolling skills.

Fourth class have been introduced to a new and exciting game called Smash Volley. This is a 3v3 adapted version of volleyball, which ensures more rallies, more opportunities to hit the ball and a lot more fun. A number of fourth class pupils will be attending a fun blitz next week in Gormanston, Co. Meath where this new game will be officially launched.

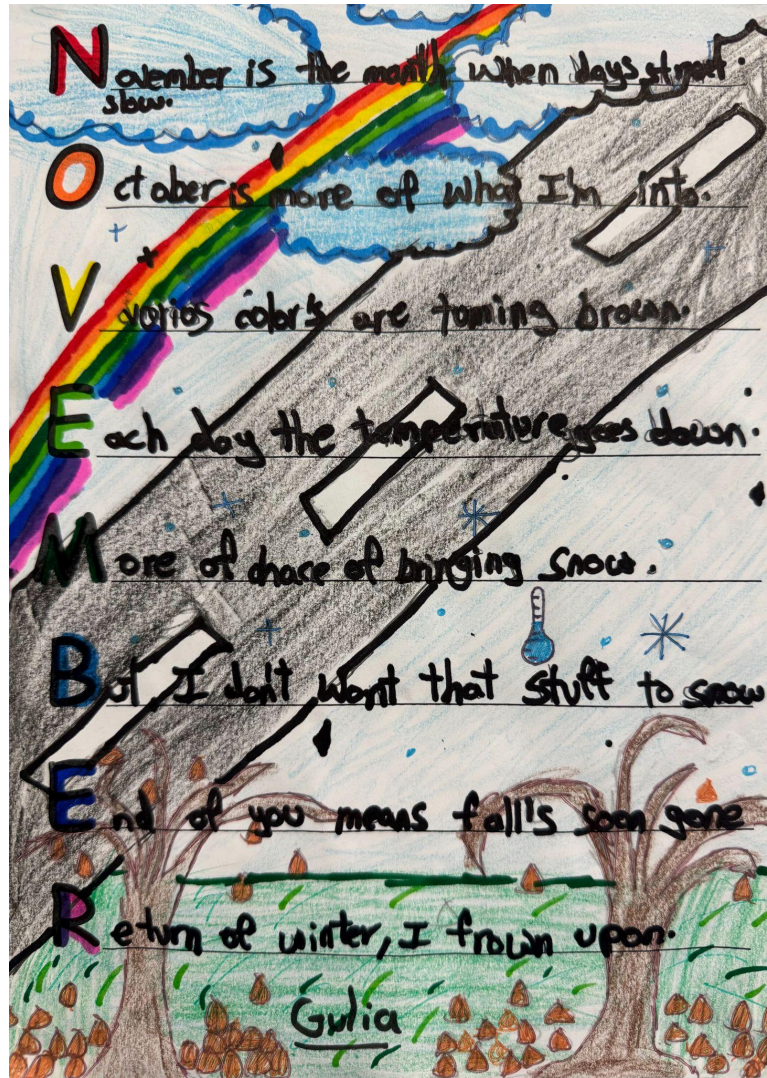
We wrote acrostic poems for the month of November. Some pupils wrote poems which also rhyme.

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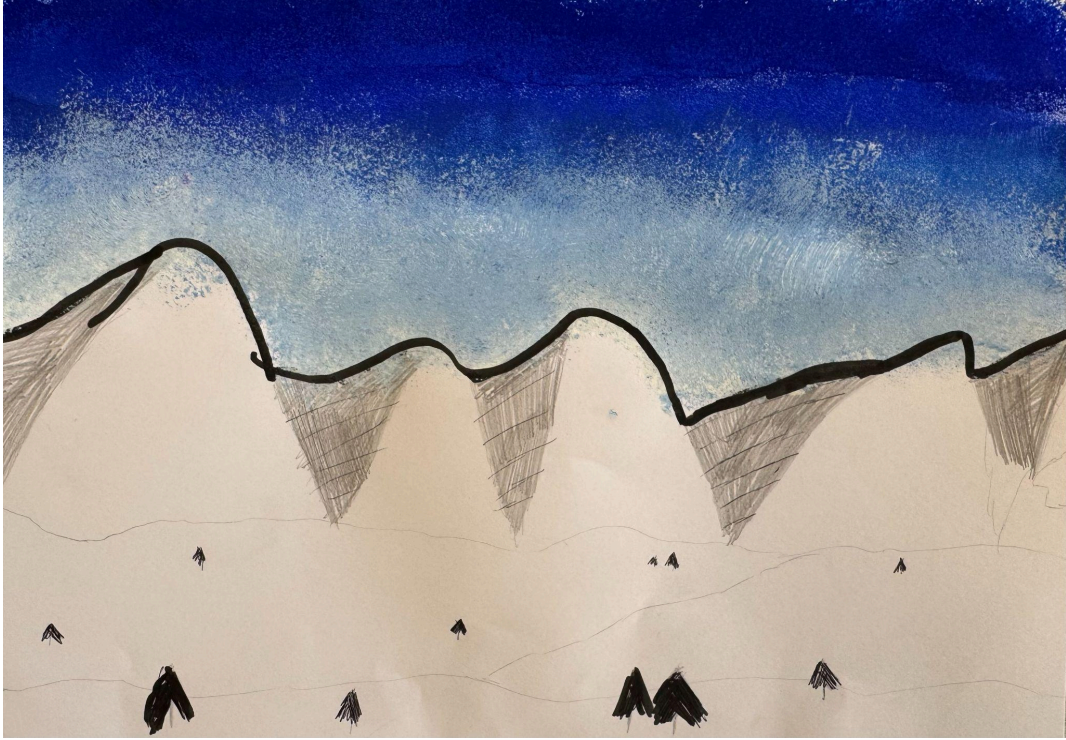
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Adrian Daily



In art, we learned about perspective drawing. We drew winter landscape pictures to demonstrate perspective. We then painted the sky using sponges to make it look like the Northern Lights, also called the Aurora Borealis.





Both third classes enjoyed science week. We completed a science activity each day.

We have been learning about some cool topics!!

This included building bridges, planting spring bulbs, looking for signs of winter at Mullagh lake and exploring the Mullagh Biodiversity Walk. We had great fun doing science experiments in our classes and discovering why some things float in water and others sink. We also explored solubility which means how well something can dissolve in a liquid, like how sugar dissolves in your tea. Finally we learned about circuits and how electricity travels through wires to power lights and appliances.. We lit up our class room with small bulbs. It has been fun to see how these ideas work.

1st and 2nd class

We have been exploring the theme of play in SESE this month. We explored games from the past and made our own games using recyclable materials. The children designed mazes, chess boards and snakes and ladders. They were very proud of their creations!



We began our Christmas artwork with some Rudolph paintings!



