

NUACHTLITIR: NOLLAIG 2023



NOLLAIG SHONA Ó SEOMRA NA NAÍONÁIN

It has been a very busy time in our classroom. This morning our roaming reporters, Ellie, Eloisa and Lauryn will bring you some of the highlights from November and December, straight from the mouths of the merry elves in our classroom.



SCIENCE WEEK

It was a week of observations, investigations and experiments! We carried out experiments in class and then shared our favourite scientific investigations on Seesaw, helped by our grown ups at home. We learned about: Living things: horses and pigs
Density, liquids, solids, gases. We met dancing raisins, tornados, volcanos. We explored forces: Push and pull. Try this fun activity at home: Sit back to back with a partner/link arms and try getting from a sitting position to standing. Team work and forces in action!



DECEMBER

Advent arrived and we counted down the Sundays using our Advent wreath candles. We began preparing for Christmas. We started to learn our Nativity songs. Our favourite song was Hustle Bustle, and there was plenty of that in our classroom for December! We had great fun preparing for our play. On the Thursday the 14th of December, our classroom was filled with the hustle and bustle of actors and audience watching our play, Hey Ewe! The audience loved it! Múinteoir Mary was so proud of us all.



NOLLAIG

December has been such fun. We have lots of colour and Christmas in our room, Christmas jumpers, Christmas colouring, Christmas carols. Daidí na Nollag visited us on Friday the 15th. He brought us our Christmas Annuals. On Tuesday the 19th the whole school went to the cinema to see a film. Even though there have been coughs and colds and sick tummies, we have learned a lot and had lots of fun. We wish you a merry Christmas and we hope Santa comes to visit you all. Remember to say a little prayer in front of the crib on Christmas Eve.

NOLLAIG SHONA Ó RANG 1 & 2



We have had one of the busiest school years this year because we are a little older we can cover more ground!!

We have great fun playing our Maths games and learning our new words of the day. In October we learned how to make potions, we had to be very specific in our measurements to avoid a catastrophe! It was very messy and great fun.

We entered the DNG colouring competition and had a winner from 2nd class. Well done Aoife!

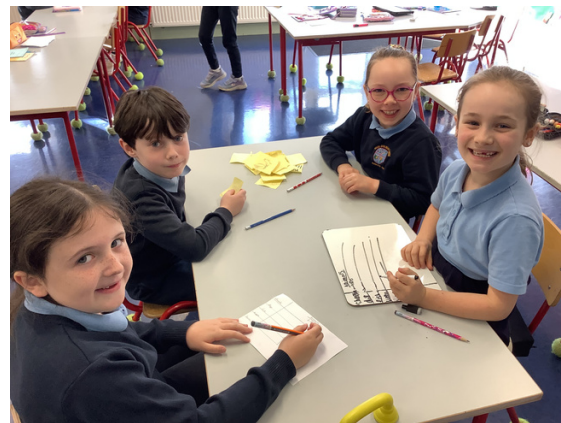
We were lucky to go to the Babaró 'When the moon spun around'.

We learned how to collect data and using a survey, we presented our graphs and findings to our class in groups.

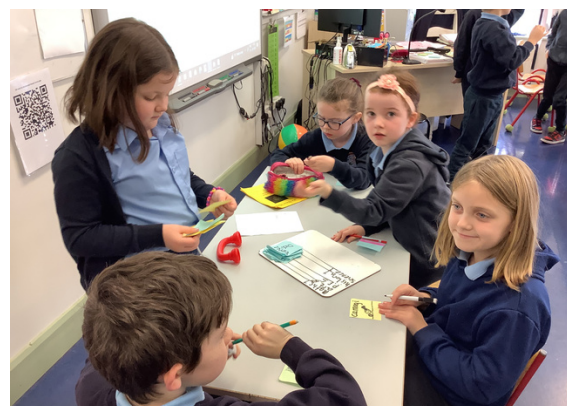
During science week we learned about Dancing Raisins, Fingerprints and checked out what happens when you put eggs in vinegar! It's not pretty!!



The teachers organised a beautiful remembrance tree and all the children got to write the names of friends and families that they wanted to hang on the tree.



Our play this Christmas was called 'The Children's Nativity' we had a full house the day our families came into see us, We were very excited and it was a big hit, we got a huge round of applause at the end.



NOLLAIG SHONA Ó RANG 3 & 4



It has been an extremely busy term for our 3rd and 4th class, we have been keeping busy with our normal activities and fitting in some extra projects also, we followed the World Cup with great interest.

The class completed 2 big projects one on the Countries involved in the World Cup which gave us an added insight into the teams and the players involved in the competition.

We also did a World Cup competition and there were two lucky winners who were fortunate enough to get South Africa!!

We studied the Solar System, making planets out of balloons (which was out of this world!) 3rd and 4th class kept busy doing our art classes, we really enjoyed drawing our self portraits, name art, Snowman Art and Snow Globes to name but a few.



We had a very special visit from Muinteoir Fiona's puppy Ellie, who was treated like royalty while she was with us..She was very cute and wanted to sit in the front seat of the car on the way home so she could depart in style! Our P.E classes are always great fun and we get to play Olympic Handball, Soccer and Rounder's. It is tough to decide which is the best!

Our Christmas play (Bah Humbug) was one of the highlights in the last few months. We spent weeks, practicing, singing and learning our lines to have them just right for the big show when our families came to see us in our play, we were a bit nervous but it was great once we started and we loved every minute of it!



NOLLAIG SHONA Ó RANG 5 & 6

This has been an extremely busy and rewarding term for the 5th and 6th class children in Scoil Cholmáin Tuairíní. In addition to our school work and normal activities we have been kept busy signing up for the Intel Mini Scientist Competition, it was the first time our school entered the competition, we had several groups in the class that completed really interesting projects about Volcanoes, The Brain, Bridges, Sound and Hearing, The Deep Sea, Vaping and Energy Drinks.



We were lucky that the group studying the effects of Energy Drinks was picked to represent us at the Regional Competition in Shannon at the end of November. We were delighted to be picked to go forward to the finals which will be held in Dublin in the New Year. This project was of great interest to all the children in the class as they love nothing more than playing sport so it is important to stay healthy. They were also invited to attend the Galway Science and Technology Festival to show off their findings which was a massive achievement and a great experience.

The 5th and 6th classes had a great day out in Oughterard RFC representing New Zealand in the Tag-Rugby World Cup we even learned how to do the Haka!!

Our love of sport is carried outside the school and we have two members of the Under 13 County Galway Camogie Cup girls in our 6th class.

The boys also flew the flag high and got through to the Olympic Handball competition which was held in Kilannin. Unfortunately, they did not get through to the final but they represented the school brilliantly and were up against some very tough competition.

We had an amazing time preparing for our Christmas play this year (The Magical Christmas Jigsaw), all the practising of our lines, the songs and preparing the set were worth it when we got to perform in front of the rest of the school and our families.



A Cháirde,

Mar is eol daoibh, bhí an téarma seo deacair do gach duine, idir pháistí, bhaill na foirne agus thuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí, táim cinnte go bhfuilimid ar fad ag súil le sos anois. Tá baill na foirne tar éis iad féin a chruthú go hiontach mar is gnách agus ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le foireann uilig na scoile as an dúthracht a chaith siad ar a gcuid oibre ó mhí Mhéan Fómhair.

I would like to sincerely thank our school team all for the dedication they have given to our school since September. It was a difficult term in ways but there were so many highlights. We are incredibly lucky here in Scoil Cholmáin Tuairíní to have staff that always go above and beyond for our school and for our community.

We bid farewell to Múinteoir Áine in October and welcomed Múinteoir Aoife as a permanent member of staff. Múinteoir Ethel has been a wonderful addition to our team as our part-time Language (Gaeilge) and SEN teacher. We miss Colleen so much but we have been really fortunate to welcome SNA's Aoife and Val to our school. They both joined us at a challenging time but their calming presence has been such a support. We look forward to Ann-Marie's good news in January when she welcomes her new baby. Our school is always in impeccable shape thanks to the magical work of our cleaner, Mary Fahy and the caretaking skills of Aiden Croke. Míle buíochas libh go léir.

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DoE Inspection

In October, we had an incidental (unannounced) inspection from the Department of Education. Áine Fitzpatrick carried out a detailed, full-day inspection on EAL and Inclusion in our school. She said there was a palpable sense of inclusion that she could sense from the moment she stepped in the door. She highlighted that the teaching and learning in Scoil Cholmáin Tuairíní was to an extremely high standard and noted our school was ahead of the curve with our approach to trilingualism. She commended our work on our plan Gaeilge and was very impressed overall. Given that our school vision is one of inclusion, community agus Gaeilge, I think we can very proud of ourselves at the end of this term.

Coiste Ceantar

I would like to acknowledge the great work of the Coiste Ceantar and thank you all for your support this year. We simply would not be able to offer the high standards of education and learning without your support. Míle, míle buíochas.

Term 2 2024

There is much to look forward to in the New Year, We will begin the year with our Parent-Teacher meetings on Jan. 15th. These meetings are always an important time for discussion around your child's learning and development. Our rugby coach, Philip Mullarkey will be here on Mondays to work with our senior classes. Our new GAA coach, Andrew Power will begin training with all classes in February. Our scientists will take part in the NATIONAL final of the Intel Mini Scientist competition in late January. We are hoping to start Chess classes after school in February. We will awaken the Gairdín with spring planting and continue with our teaching and learning.



We will be thinking of Colleen and the Davoren family and we hope that 2024 brings even more progress for Liam. There are lots of fun, family-friendly events taking place over Christmas for Hope4Liam and all information is on www.HOPE4LIAM.com

Our hearts are with Nathan and Nicole and the O'Sullivan family this Christmas. Teresa will be the brightest star in the sky on Christmas night shining down on her beautiful children.

Finally, huge thanks to you all for your support. Tá súil agam go mbeidh Nollag croíúil is suaimhneach agaibh go léir.

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