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## **Newsletter: November 2022**

November was another busy month here in the Presentation Primary School for students and teachers. The children engaged with the Scholastic Book Fair and purchased a variety of books. Each teacher also selected a number of wonderful books for their classroom libraries with the profits made.

The children in 2nd preparing for their First Holy Communion had their Communion Enrolment ceremony on 13th November and the 6th class pupils preparing for Confirmation had their Service of Commitment on 27th November. A great day was had by all!

All classes celebrated Science week from 14th to 18th November. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class enjoyed workshops with Paul Finch from the Heritage Council. They learned all about forces and pedal power. They even made smoothies using pedal power!

The 5th class enjoyed a trip to the Presentation secondary school where they witnessed a selection of experiments also.







Sixth class girls demonstrated science experiments with classes from Junior Infants to Second class. The experiments explored :floating sinking, light, magnetism and materials.





The 6th class are currently enjoying a block of cycling lessons with Ray and Tina Clarke which they are thoroughly enjoying. It is lovely to see them returning to class every Tuesday with red cheeks!!

### **Presentation Day**

On 18th November we celebrated Presentation Day in our school. The children learned all about Nano Nagle through story, music, art and drama. We had a special assembly and invited the Presentation Sisters to celebrate with us. The staff dressed up as students on this day. It was a very special day for all involved.





A huge well done to our 5th class students and Mrs Cashman who organised the 'Christmas Shoebox collection this year'. With your help, we collected a total of 115 shoeboxes which are currently on their way to those in need.





The junior and senior infant classes enjoyed a trip to the White Memorial Theatre on 28th November. They went to see the Christmas production 'Rudolph saves Christmas'. The children really enjoyed the show and were delighted when Santa turned up to chat to them all.

### Green Schools News

On Tuesday 29 November, the fifth class members of the Green Schools Committee traveled to the Rivercourt Hotel in Kilkenny to take part in a Green Schools workshop. An enjoyable day was had by the four girls and Mrs. Cashman. The girls learned a lot about the Marine Environment, which they are looking forward to sharing with the school



community in the coming months as we work towards our eight flag: Global Citizenship and the Marine Environment. Well done to Maria, Tansiha, Edyta and Fathima for representing our school so well.





### **Junior Infants: Ms Kennedy.**

November was a fun and busy month for all the boys and girls in Junior Infants. Our themes for the month were 'Food' and 'The Airport'. We experimented with printing with food. We also made a butterfly to remember our loved ones who have passed away. The trip on the bus to the theatre was terrific!



### **November in Rang a Cúig**

November has been another busy month in Rang a Cúig. The girls were all hard at work creating PowerPoints on a European country of their choice. They did a fantastic job of presenting their projects to their classmates and we have all learned so much from each other. Science Week 2022 was a particular highlight in our class as we enjoyed partaking in experiments in class, demonstrating experiments to each other and attending two workshops. The girls are also enjoying working on wool crafts over the last month, with the girls developing their skills in knitting, weaving, crotchet and decoration making! We have enjoyed studying Persuasive Writing in English, and I am sure the girls are all putting their skills of persuasion to good use at home!

We were also very proud of Hazel and Orna for their great achievements in winning prizes in the Credit Union Art Competition. Well done girls!









### Rang a hAon:

First Class has been very busy this month as we had many special events such as Science Week and Presentation Day! The children really enjoyed learning about Nano Nagle through arts and crafts, drama, story and song! The girls in Rang a 1 had great fun making a book about the life of Nano Nagle too! Maith sibh!



First Class have also been learning a lot from a tiny teacher during our Roots of Empathy lessons! The class met Magda and her baby son who is only three months old! They had a great time interacting with him, singing songs to him and watching him on the green mat. Our tiny teacher is teaching us to be more understanding and how to show empathy towards all of the people in our lives.



A special thanks to our coach Brian for continuing to teach us the basic skills of Gaelic football this term!



## Ms. O' Connell's Speech and Language Class.

In November in Ms. O' Connell's Speech and Language class we learned about 'Space' and 'At the Post Office.'



We read the story of 'Winnie in Space' and constructed our own rocket using rods and made 3-d shape rockets in art!





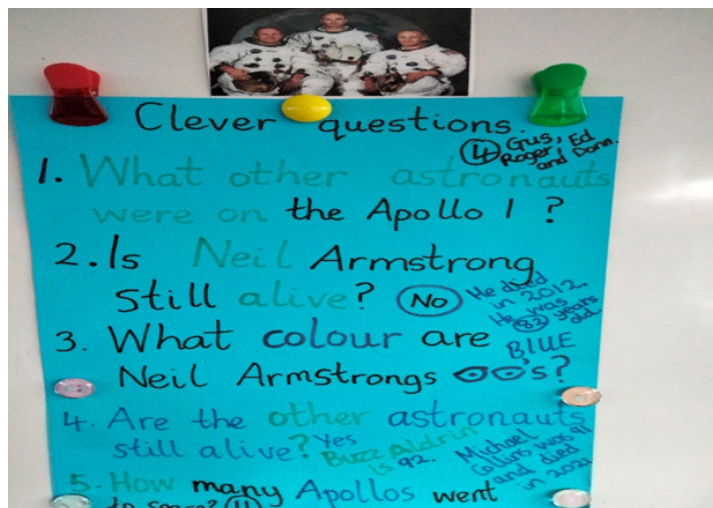
In English we played an oral language barrier game to work on the Space vocabulary we learned and pre-positional language eg, 'Put the small green spaceship in the middle.' etc.



We watched the first 'Moon Landing' from National geographic kids as part of our S.E.S.E. lesson. Watch it here:

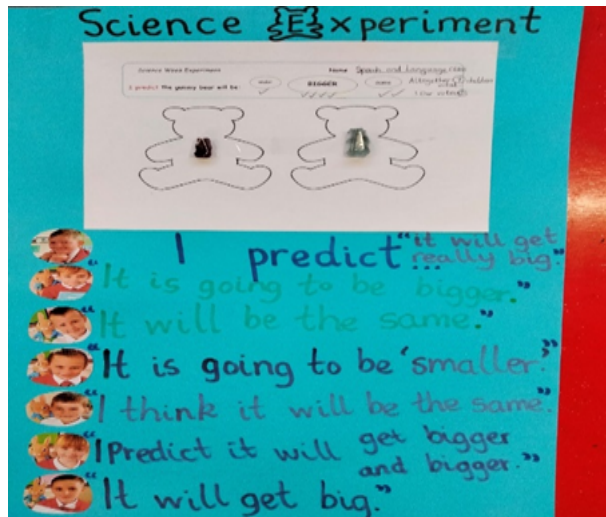
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The children came up with some clever questions and are developing



their critical thinking skills!

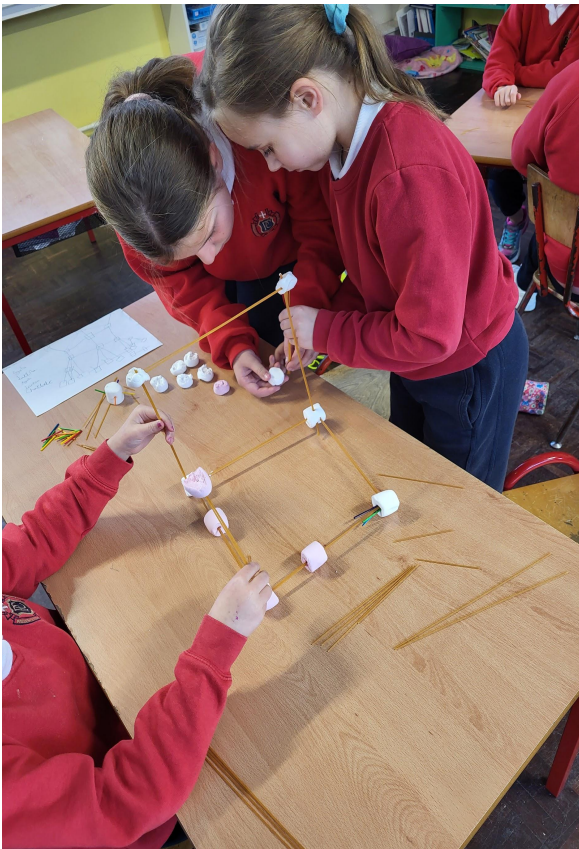
For Science week the speech and language class did some exciting experiments. Check out our experiments. Each child predicted and tested what would happen when they put a 'Gummy Bear' into water and observed the mixing and changes when putting warm water in skittles.





## Rang a Dó - Ms. Kirwan

During the month of November we celebrated Science week. Second class thoroughly enjoyed being taught by sixth class and taking part in a number of scientific investigations. We also completed a STEM challenge wherein the girls were set with the challenge of becoming engineers and architects to design a tower which would stand on its own. For a bit more fun there was a prize for the tallest tower.



We have also been very busy with our Picker Pals Programme. Well done Lilly, super work!!





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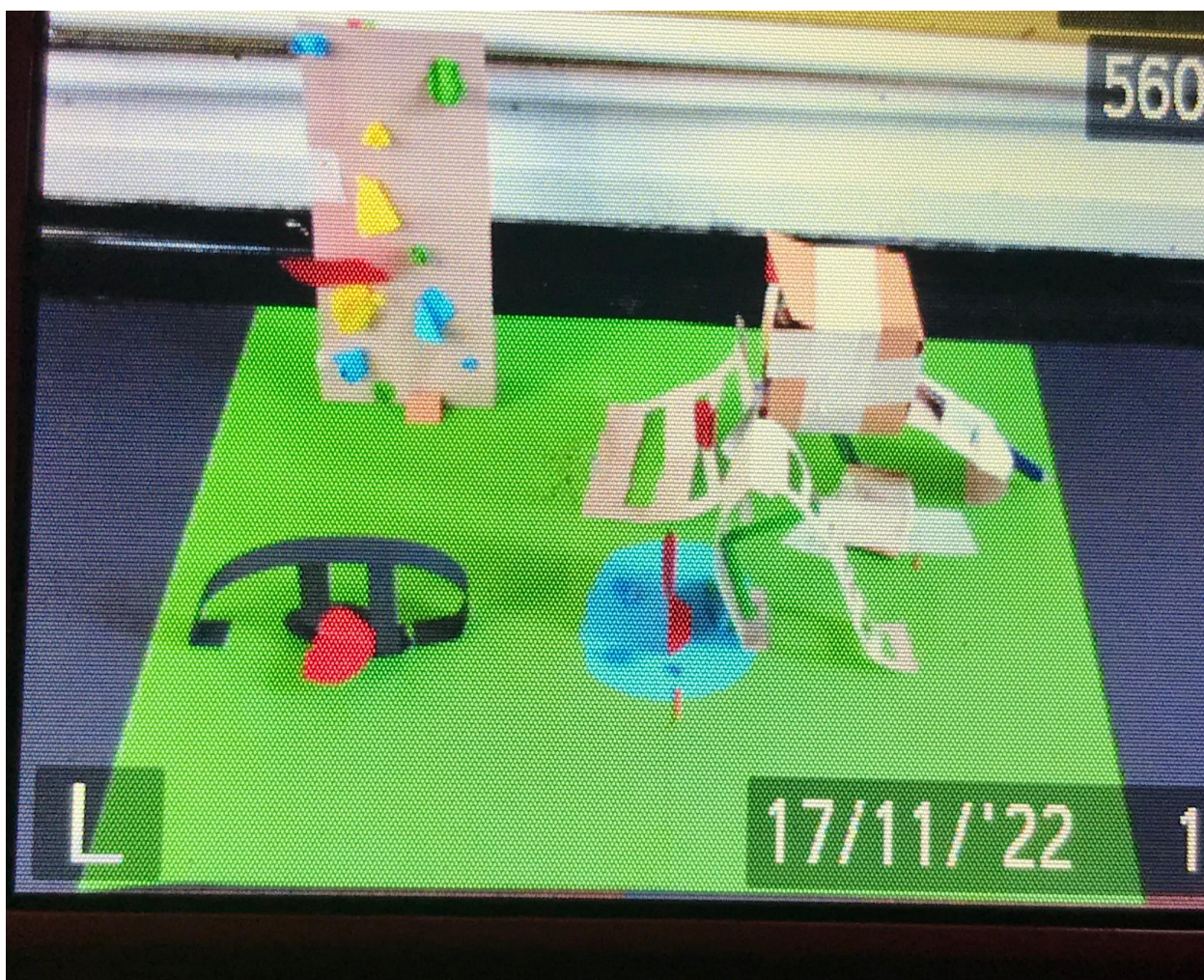
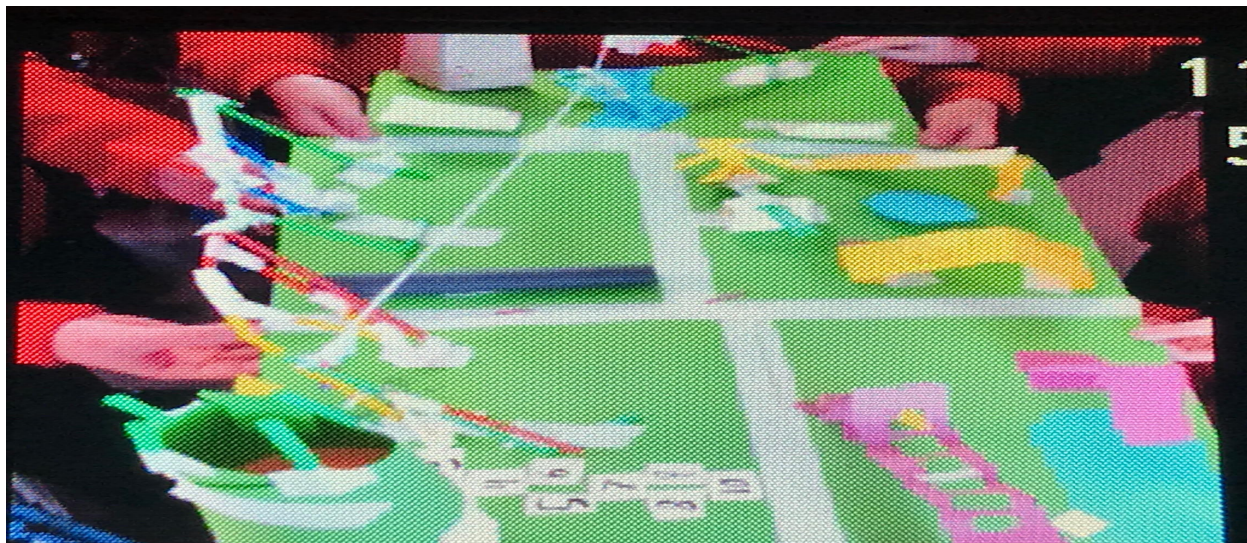
What an exciting start 4th class has had to November as they engaged in lots of different activities.

The 4th class girls carried out research on famous scientists as part of their homework; they had a visiting workshop all about forces and pedal power and finally they engaged in a STEM project where they had to design and create their own ideal playground. Check out the photos below.

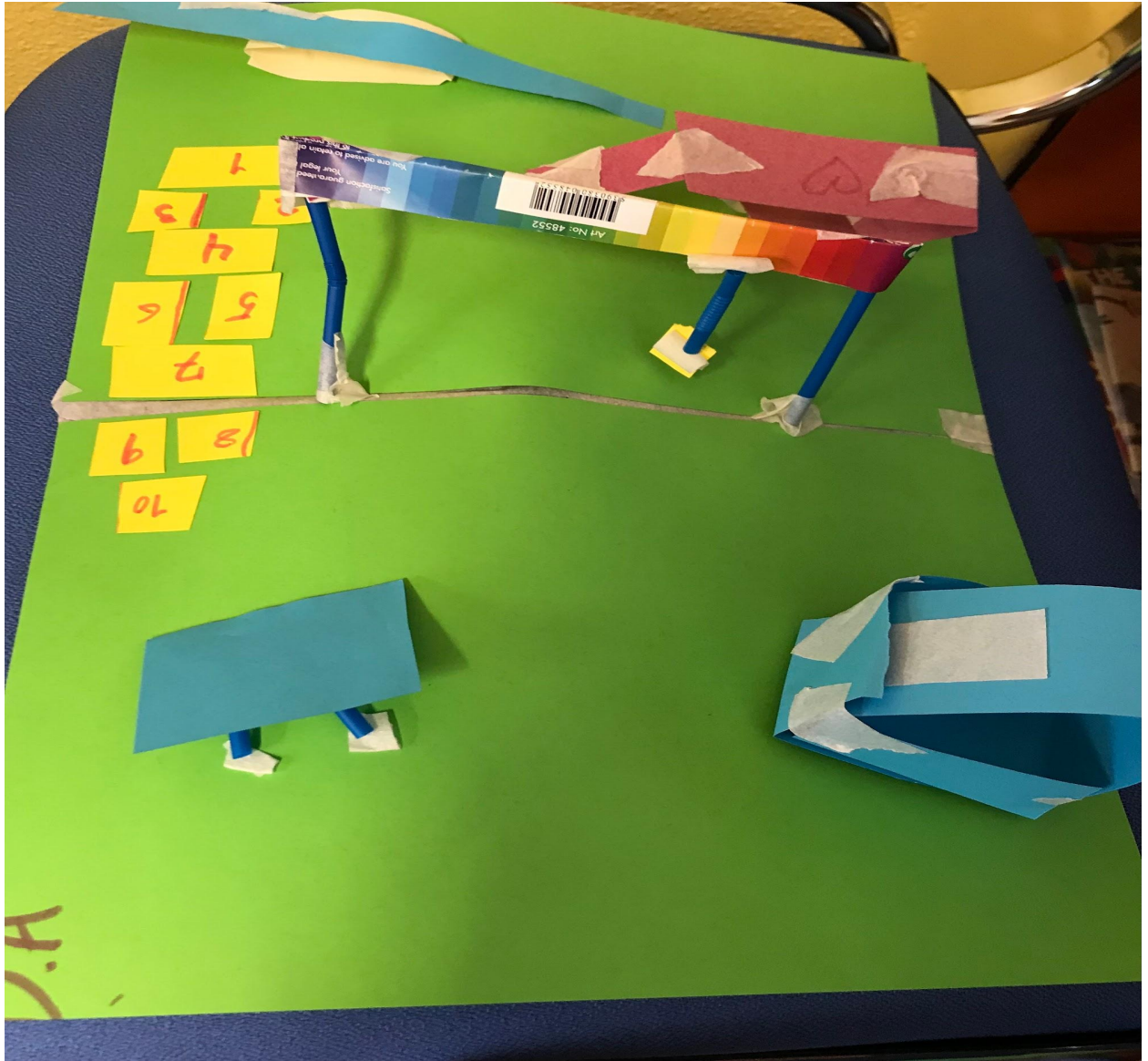
We also celebrated Presentation Day- the 4th girls engaged in active learning stations where they learned lots about Nano Nagle.

Also, a big "Maith thú" to Saoirse Mullins who won a prize in the recent Clonmel Credit Union Art Competition. We are very proud of you, Saoirse.









## Ms. O' Connor 2nd Class

Our theme for November in 2nd Class was houses. We learned about the different types of houses in Ireland and other countries. We identified the various materials used in building houses and why these materials are suitable. In Art we designed and created our own houses using cardboard boxes. We also really enjoyed reading our novel 'The Hodgeheg' during English stations. We started swimming on Thursdays and are developing our skills in the pool each week.



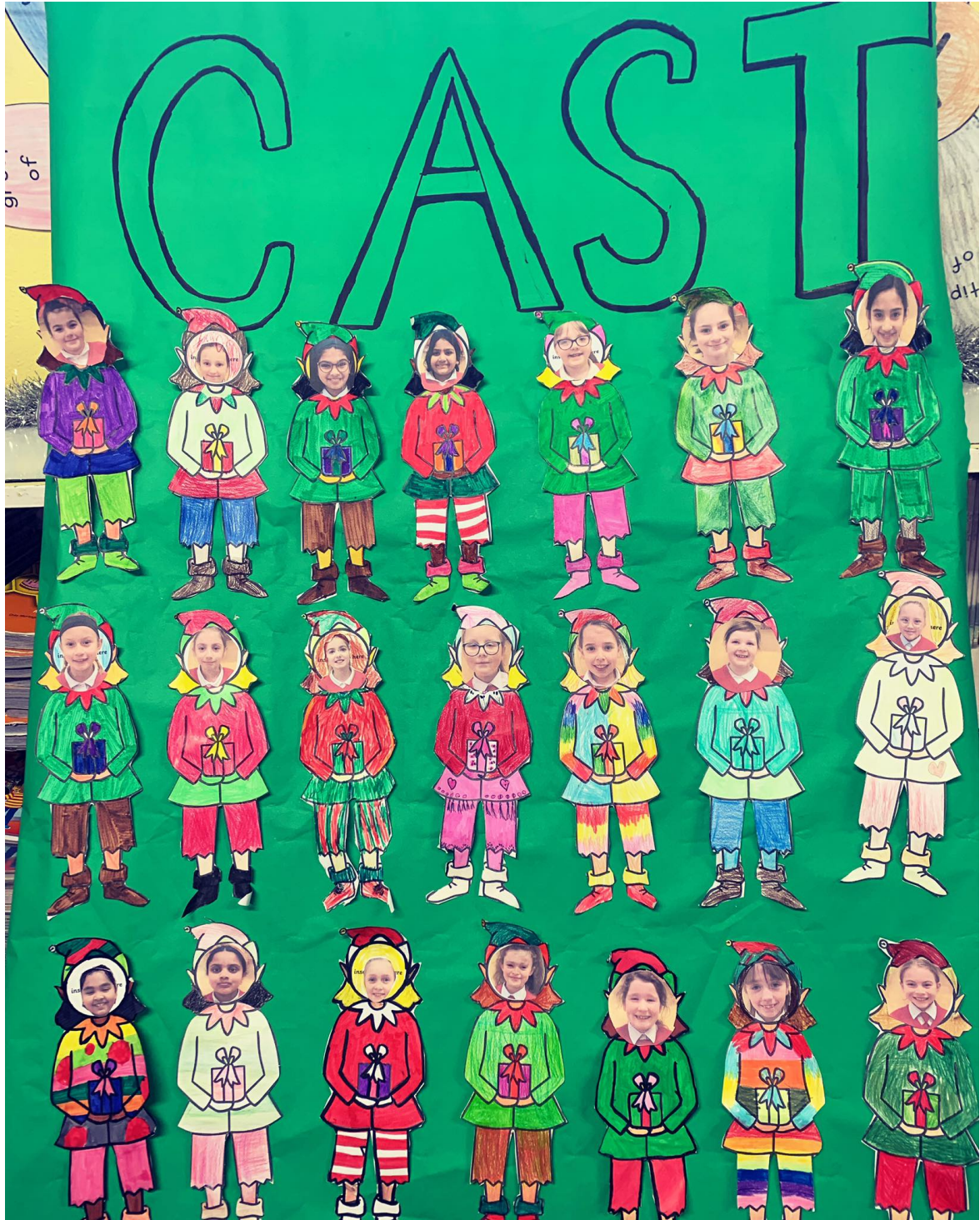


## Rang a trí - Ms. Murphy

We have had a very busy and exciting month in third class. We enjoyed teaming up with Mrs Skehan's class to carry out fun investigations as part of science week. We started coaching with Brian and have been working on our football skills every Thursday. We were delighted to meet students from St. Marys CBS and the Presentation Secondary school to brainstorm ideas for our new Creative Cluster initiative. It was lovely to meet children from other schools and we came up with great ideas once we all worked together. As the seanfhocal says, 'Ní Neart go cur le chéile' (many hands make light work!). We began rehearsals for our Christmas show, 'Lights, Camel, Action'. We are looking forward to performing our play for others in the lunchroom.



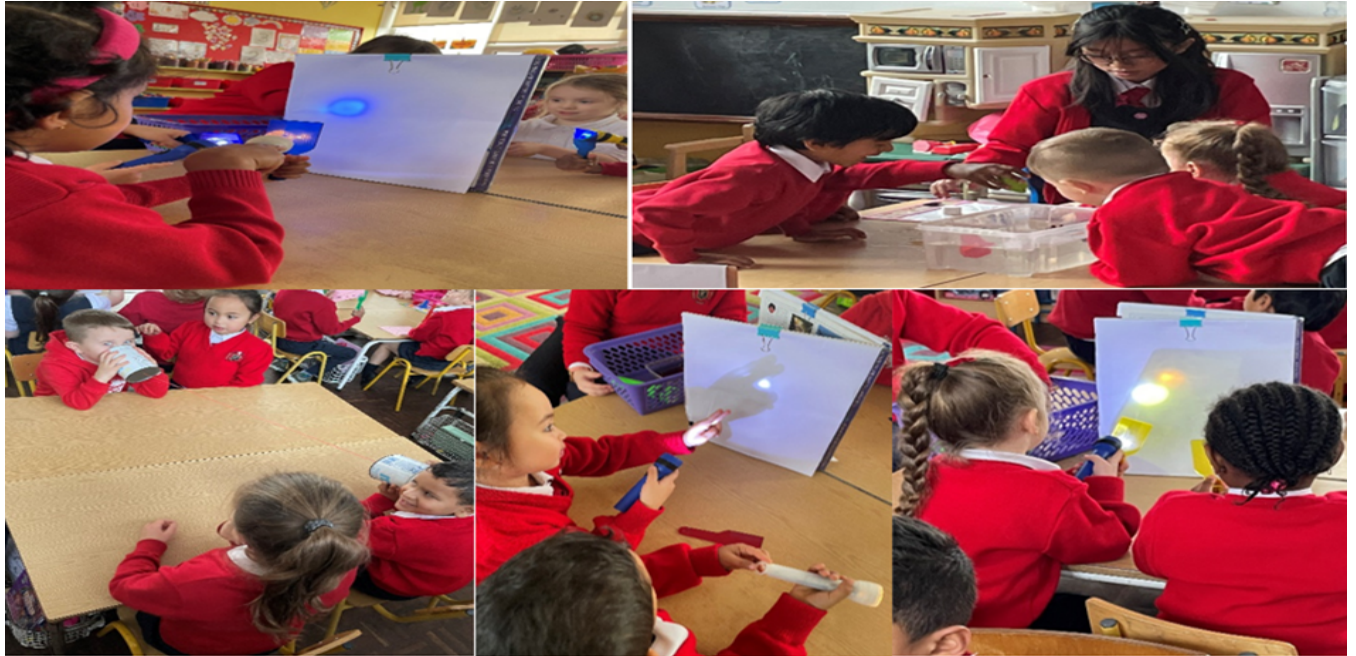






## Junior Infants- Ms. Doyle

It has been a very busy and enjoyable month for all the children in Junior Infants. We had great fun engaging in many science experiments with the help of the 6<sup>th</sup> class girls. Check out our great teamwork experimenting with: floating & sinking, light, magnetism and materials.



There was great excitement in the air when we completed our own experiment with skittles to observe the colours mix and change with warm water.



We also had great fun engaging in the theme of 'The Airport' this month. We learned a lot about the airport from our Pilot friend Mark and watched videos of his journey in the sky. In Aistear we made passports, set up our own Airplane and pretended to be passengers going on Holidays.



### Mrs Skehan's Speech and Language Class

Mrs Skehan's class had great fun making masterpieces out of clay.





The children had great fun with third class learning about famous scientists and doing science experiments during science week.





## Mr.Connery's Senior Infants - Room 4

November was a fun filled month in senior infants. We were so lucky to have been visited by Ms.Prendergast's sixth class. The girls from Rang a Sé did a brilliant job helping my class discover how fun experimenting in science can be. They learned about magnetism, sinking and floating, sound, materials and light.





### Ms O' Brien's Senior Infants

Senior infants had the pleasure of working with Ms Hanrahan for the month of November. The children were able to take part in loads of amazing lessons and activities. The children were very creative this month, with drama and arts & crafts. They acted out scenarios from local shopping markets. One student created an amazing T-Rex using play-dough. The class were very sad to see Ms. Hanrahan leave!

We went on our very first bus ride of the year to the White Memorial to watch a Christmas show. This made us very excited to begin rehearsals for our very own Christmas play!!







### Ms. Kenny - Senior Infants

We had lots of fun in school in November. We were so lucky to have a student teacher work with us during the month of November. We did a science experiment where we got to sniff different foods and try and guess what they were. We learned about 2D and 3D shapes in Maths. We also had a visit from some 6th class girls during Science Week who did lovely science experiments with us. Ms. Corcoran also helped us lots with our writing while she was here!!

