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Newsletter

October was a busy month for all students in the Presentation Primary School. We celebrated 'Friendship Fortnight' and all children learned the qualities of a good friend. All classes learned that our school is an anti-bullying school and what that means. During Friendship fortnight, Mrs O'Brien shared a Friendship slogan each day and the children worked on various projects with their teachers. We celebrated friendship at assembly on 4th October and Mrs Lambert made tasty 'Friendship soup'.

On 8th October, all students from 3rd - 6th class participated in a Computational Thinking obstacle course in which they had to use critical thinking and problem solving skills to work their way around the obstacle course. They really enjoyed this activity. Thank you to past pupil Síne Landers for volunteering her time and bringing this activity to our school.





From the 17th to 21st October our students celebrated Maths week and Fire Safety Week. All teachers provided a range of fun, hands-on maths activities for their students. We were delighted to welcome one of our parents; Carol Kennedy, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, to our school on 18th October to provide very informative fire safety workshops to all students from Junior Infants to 6th class.



On 20th October, our 3rd and 4th class football team participated in a Cumann na mBunscoil blitz in Durlas Óg. They played so well as a team and won 3 out of 4 of their games. They were unlucky to be beaten by the Ursuline school in Thurles who will progress to the next stage of the competition.

History was made on the 26th of October 2022 when the Presentation Primary School Clonmel's 3rd and 4th class athletes were placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 11th in the cross country athletics competition in Marlfield, Clonmel.

Klaudia Compa (1st) Hannah Osiecka (2nd) Kate Hewitt (3rd) Aoife Byrne (6th) and Ava Wilson (11th) were among many speedy athletes representing the school in the athletics competition. 3rd and 4th won gold and 5th and 6th won bronze medals. The girls trained hard at lunch times since September and their efforts were rewarded as their fitness proved to be strong when they ran cross country races in tough, muddy conditions. Well done and congratulations to all the girls who ran brilliantly on the day. Being fit enough to run in a competition like this is a huge achievement in itself. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support, the teachers who helped train the children at lunch times and to Clonmel and Carrick-on-suir Athletic Clubs for hosting the event.





In other news, please take a look at what the children have been doing during the month of October:

Rang 3 - Ms Murphy

What a busy month it has been in third class. We enjoyed learning about Halloween, the solar system and the importance of friendship with Ms Corcoran. Mrs Lambert showed us different skipping games and taught us some little rhymes that we can sing while we skip! We were delighted to help Mr Connery plant new tulip bulbs and we look forward to watching them grow. We visited the library where we were delighted to read lots of new and interesting books. Oíche Shamhna Shona daoibh go léir!



Ms. O'Connell's Speech and Language Class

October was full of Birthday cheer and Halloween excitement as we worked on the themes of Birthdays and Halloween in Ms. O' Connell's Speech and Language Class. The class were very busy organising 'Peter Rabbit' and 'Spots' birthday parties and the children wrote invitations and designed the party table putting out all the Birthday banners, balloons, party hats, plates, cups and napkins for the party.

As it was 'Friendship Week' Erin was kind and offered to make us all chocolate rice krispie buns to eat at the party. Spot had doggy biscuits and Peter Rabbit opted for some carrots! We sang Birthday songs, wrapped up presents and played some party games such as 'Buckaroo', 'Pin the donkey' and we had great fun trying to get sweets out of a pinata.





For maths week we did a Halloween scavenger hunt sorting and counting all the Halloween pictures that were hidden and we enjoyed playing a Halloween data game!



We joined with Mrs. Skehan's Speech and Language Class for a Halloween sensory walk around the convent garden. Thank you to the older classes for organising the spooky walk for us all.

Happy Halloween everyone from the Speech and Language Classes.



Rang 2 : Ms O Connor

During October in Ms. O' Connor's 2nd class we learned all about Autumn. We went on a Tree Trail where we found the leaves and seeds from Oak, Sycamore, Horse Chestnut and Beech trees. In Art we painted some Autumn trees using the technique Pointillism. We also celebrated Friendship Fortnight and Maths week. The girls enjoyed learning about Halloween traditions, singing Halloween songs and dressing up in their costumes.



Rang 5: Mrs Cashman

Rang 5 enjoyed learning about friendships and relationships during 'Friendship Fortnight'. We participated in numerous teamwork activities and collaborative artwork projects. The girls made kindness promises and we began to fill our 'Kindness Jar'. Developing our relationships with each other has certainly contributed to the positive, happy atmosphere which is to the fore in our classroom.

Rang 5 were also lucky enough to visit The Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, where we were so immersed in exploring the many treasures that we ran late for the bus back to school! The girls really enjoyed the many interactive displays and activities available to them and we learned a lot about the local history of Tipperary.





Fourth class- Ms. Walsh.

This month we celebrated 'Friendship Fortnight'. We spoke about what makes a good friend and brainstormed ideas on how to be a good friend. We looked at some inspirational quotes about friendship and made a friendship bookmark based on some of the quotes explored. The class really liked this quote 'A friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the nicest things you can be.'

Ms. Hanrahan taught us all about the Titanic and we made some beautiful art pieces based on the Titanic. Ms. Sheehan also came into our classroom and spoke to us about her connection to the Titanic.

Thank you Ms. Sheehan.



Ms. Kirwan's Second Class

At the beginning of October we celebrated 'Friendship Fortnight'. The girls learned what it means to be a good friend and what they would like in a good friend. They created some beautiful Friendship poems which they shared with their classmates. We finished off October with our fabulous Halloween dress up and the girls did not disappoint. A great day was had by everyone!



Senior Infants - Ms. Kenny (Room 6)

Senior Infants had lots of fun celebrating Halloween during October. We enjoyed listening to the story *The Witch's Cat* and we made our own potion using bicarbonate of soda, vinegar, food colouring and glitter. On the last day of school before the Halloween break we had lots of fun on the Spooky Halloween Walk and we said a fond farewell to Anne who worked with our class.



Our Magic Potion



Farewell to Anne



**Spooky Halloween
Walk**

JUNIOR INFANTS: Ms Kennedy.

October was a busy and exciting month for every one in Ms Kennedy's class. We started the month learning about friendship and how to be a good friend. We loved hearing from 'Ollie' the owl about how to be a good friend. Our two themes of the month were 'Autumn' and 'Hallowe'en'. We explored using clay for the first time and made clay hedgehogs. We went on lovely nature walks looking out for signs of Autumn and even found some blackberries! Halloween was lots of fun. Children enjoyed reading our book 'Room on a Broom' and we made wonderful potions in our potions lab.







6th Class - Ms Prendergast

6th class had a very busy October making lots of memories for themselves and the other classes in school. For Friendship Week they created some beautiful artwork of 3D 'Friendship cakes' to accompany their friendship recipes.



For maths week the class participated in a maths table quiz, had a 'time walk' around the class and drew hopscotch in the yard to practise their tables!



The class really enjoyed getting into the Halloween spirit by writing potions to turn Ms Prendergast into very interesting things....a unicorn, Britney Spears, a toad, mute! They brought some fun to the convent garden and had a wonderful time trying to spook visitors...especially the teachers!



Mrs Skehan's Speech and Language Class

The speech and language class learned all about healthy eating, autumn and halloween this month. They had great fun carving a pumpkin and playing party games.





1st Class - Ms. Keating

During the month of October, we celebrated Maths Week! The First Class pupils really enjoyed creating Shape Monsters out of 2-D shapes. Well done to the girls for their great efforts!



We were also very busy planting daffodils with Mrs. Lambert & Mr. Connery. The children planted the bulbs very carefully and made sure the roots had lots of space to grow. We are looking forward to our daffodils blooming in the spring. Maith sibh! A special **thank you** to Mrs. Lambert and Anne for working with us in First Class. We hope you are both enjoying your retirement!



Senior Infants: Ms O' Brien

October has been such a busy month for senior infants. The boys and girls learned all about friendship week. We even learned a song all about how to be a good friend. The children also learned all about Halloween and were so excited to dress up. Senior infants got to make a some spooky potion to cast on all their classmates.



Junior Infants - Ms. Doyle

October was a very busy and exciting month for all the boys and girls in Ms. Doyle's class. We have been learning about the theme of 'Autumn' and the children loved taking part in many fun activities including going on a nature walk, tasting some apples, then apple printing, creating some hedgehogs with leaves and even using clay for the first time to construct baby hedgehogs.



We also had great fun learning all about 'Halloween' this month. We loved turning our classroom into our very own haunted house and we had great excitement becoming pumpkins, witches and many other scary creatures during Aistear. We became Halloween detectives finding spooky creatures hiding around the classroom in our Halloween hunt and we used our counting skills to find Halloween items. We finished off our Halloween fun with a dress up day, a spooky walk and made chocolate apples.



Senior Infants - Mr Connery

October was a fun filled spooky month in Senior Infants. We had spooktacular celebrations for Halloween and we learned all about autumn, nature and Halloween. We dressed up in our favourite costumes to end the first half of the term and we also got invited to Ms Kenny's room to make our chocolate apples. We had great fun on the Spooky Walk with Rang a Se, so thank you to Ms Prendergast and all the girls in her class for such a lovely and scary treat.





Retirement News

Staff members Anne Walsh and Noelle Lambert said farewell to pupils, families and staff at the end of October. The joyful events and celebrations to mark their retirement began with a school Mass on Monday 24th October. Fr. Billy Meehan celebrated the Mass, and pupils sang beautifully and read the readings and prayers reverently. Thank you to Berna for bringing such meaning to the reflection and to all who prepared the pupils and played music. The Mass was attended by pupils, Presentation Sisters, members of the Board of Management, members of the Parent's Council and staff. Pupils were delighted to see Miss Conway again, and to hear her singing too!



Anne and Mrs. Lambert gifted some bulbs to the school so bulb planting was next on the agenda: Rang a hAon planted daffodils and Rang a Trí planted tulips. Thanks to Mr. Connery for getting the pots ready and for adding the finishing touches along with some helpers from Rang a Sé. Thanks to Ms. Keating, Ms. Murphy, Anne and Mrs. Lambert for helping with the planting. We all look forward to seeing the beautiful flowers in spring.



The surprises continued, and much to the pupils' delight, Anne and Mrs. Lambert treated them to a movie and treats in the Lunchroom on Thursday.



Friday brought a very special Assembly where Anne and Mrs. Lambert were showered with gifts, flowers, portraits, good wishes, songs and a video of memories. Anne and Mrs. Lambert appreciate the lovely, happy celebrations the staff and pupils organised for them. It truly was a very special week.



Finally, on 28th October, Mrs Prendergast and her 6th class arranged a fabulous spooky walk for all of the children in the school. The children were all dressed up and had a great day. Even the Sisters in the Covent came out and joined in!!!



