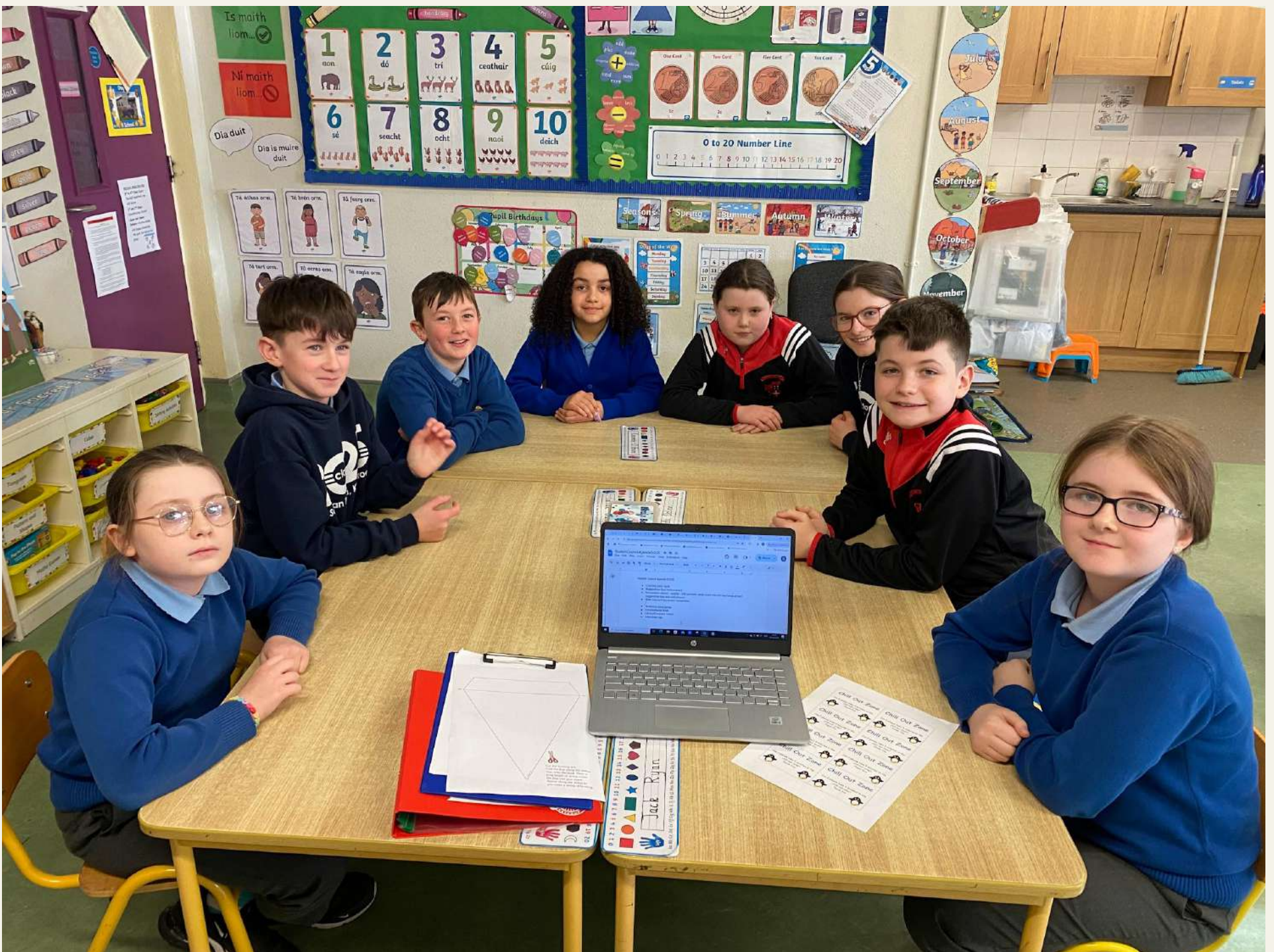




# MONTHLY NEWS



January & February 2025



Take a look inside the double edition of the school newspaper for Scoil San Treasa, Kilshanroe for January & February!

This is our first newspaper of 2025 so I hope you enjoy it. Get ready to read about Moana 2 and some other fun reviews like Funderland. We did an interview with Ms Kelly, the 5th and 6th class teacher, and made an article all about darts.



We also have some recommendations for beating the January Blues and we have LOADS of Pet Profiles this month as well all the usuals; puzzles, jokes, birthdays, Golden Children and The Problem Solvers.



### BEATING THE JANUARY BLUES

The January blues are when you feel sad in January. We miss December and Christmas is over, we are having a lot of cold weather, we are going back to school, and there are not a lot of occasions to look forward to. The January blues look like people eating lots of chocolate, lying in bed for longer and thinking about how brilliant Christmas was. People who have the January blues might feel a bit sad, bored, tired or depressed.

How do we get rid of the January blues?

We can get rid of the January blues by getting more exercise, getting into a good routine, looking on the brighter side of things, going on a walk, setting a goal for ourselves this year and thinking about the good year we are going to have.

*By Ella and Alanna*



### COLD WEATHER IN SCOIL SAN TREASA

January was very cold this year, particularly in the earlier weeks. On the 5th of January, it snowed very heavily throughout the day. The week after the snow, the temperature went down to minus 8 degrees. There was an orange weather warning, so it was freezing outside. Most local schools shut down due to the bad weather, and the roads were very dangerous because they were slippery. Everybody's animals had to be kept inside. In Cork and Kerry there were herds of sheep in the Galtee mountains that were buried under several feet of snow. There were thousands of people without power and water.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### STUDENT COUNCIL

What is a student council? The student council is a very hard working group, they all work together to help to make our school even better. They have meetings where they talk about their ideas and other people's ideas. The students that are part of this school in the student council in third and fourth class are Sadie, Ailbhe, Danny and Vida. In fifth and sixth class they are Alanna, Oscar, Joe and Lauren.

If you have any ideas, feel free to go up to one of the student council members with your ideas, and they will talk about it in their next meeting. The student council has their meetings the first of every month. Ms Mc Nerney is the teacher that brings all the student council out for their meetings. The student council elections were held in late November where we chose who



would be on the student council. The student council changes every year, so if you don't get in this year you might get in next year.

*By AF and EON*

### GOLDEN CHILDREN



## SCHOOL NEWS

### BASKETBALL BLITZ

Well done to all of the boys and girls on the basketball teams. They did a great job at representing our school and we are very proud of them! It is always nice to win but it is not always possible. When there is too much competition, this can sometimes take the fun out of games. When people are messing too much then it's not good either! So we have to have a bit of both to make it work!



### CHILLOUT ROOM



The chillout zone recently got a storage unit which is very helpful, because it kept getting messy too quickly. Harry came to the rescue again and he made a beautiful storage unit. We also got two new bubble tubes which are super cool. We are also hopefully getting a carpet and painting another wall. *By MH*

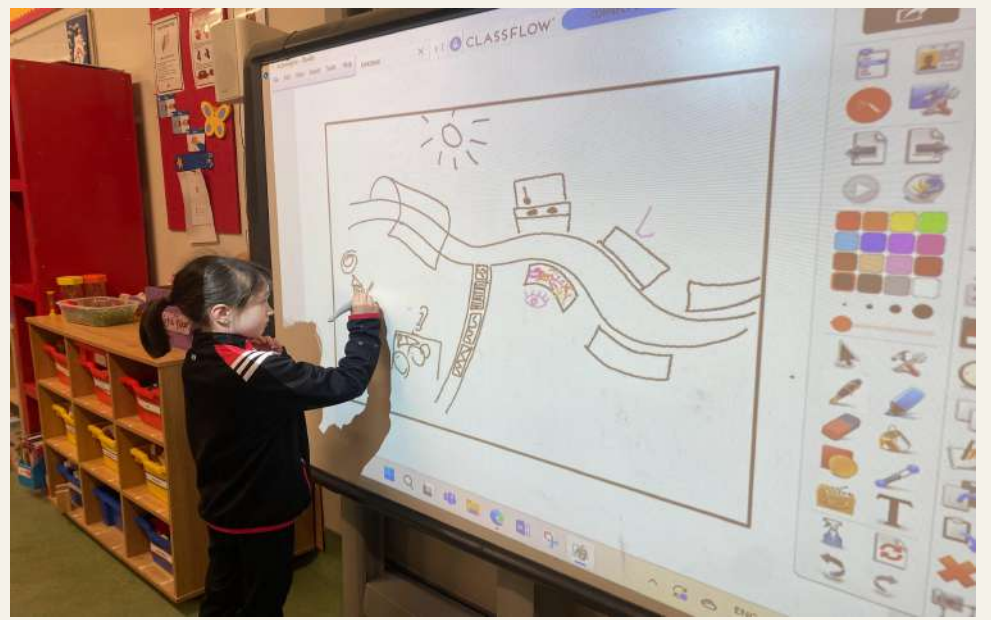


### GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents day is a special day in our school when we invite our grandparents in for a day. Grandparents day is important for us because we socialise with our grandparents. We ask about their time in school, and what it was like back when they were younger, to see if anything has changed from back then to now.

If someone can't bring in a Grandparent you can bring in a special someone, like a parent or an older cousin or an aunt or uncle. We have learned from our grandparents that people used to have to get up and press a button to change the channel on the TV and there were only a few channels. Also when they went to school they would get hit by some teachers as punishment.

*By HS and MH*



### ESD GRANT

This year we received a grant of €2,500 for ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) from the government. Ms Parle found out about the grant when she did a gardening course last year. ESD is very important because it teaches children and young people about ways to be more sustainable in schools. This could include using water more carefully and we save energy and electricity. Also, we could save seeds and plants, instead of going to garden centers and buying more.

Now Ms Parle, all the staff and the children have to make a plan for what we need to buy to make our garden better. She decided to have a chat with our students to see what they thought and the students had an idea to make our garden more sensory-oriented which would be like things for you to touch, smell, taste and look at.

*By HS*

# SCHOOL NEWS

## WELLBEING WEEK

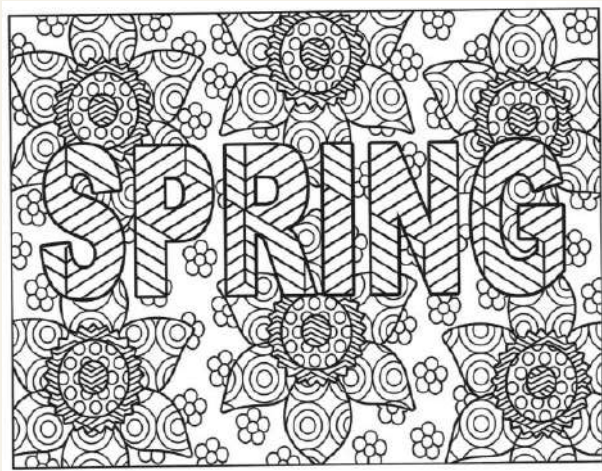
Wellbeing week is very important for the students' physical and mental health in most schools. We took part in this activity on the 17th of February. They also took part in this fun week. We got up to some activities which included wearing your own active clothes, scoops, tug of war, fruit art and many more over the week. It was a short week this time since we were only in three days. It was a very enjoyable week for everybody thanks to our wellbeing committee and all the teachers

*HS*



## SPRING COLOURING COMPETITION

The newspaper are running another colouring competition! To be in with a chance of getting your picture published in the next newspaper, take your time and colour in the picture slowly and carefully, using interesting and beautiful colour combinations. Remember, every child is an artist and with Art there are no wrong answers! Good Luck!



## SCHOOL NEWS

### BIRTHDAYS

#### January

Amelia Howard 15th  
Keavy Mulligan 1st  
Isabella Mc Nally 19th  
Leila Owens 27th  
Danny Ryan 4th  
Alex Fairtlough 22th  
Tommy Duffy 23rd  
Roisin Keegan 1st  
Roisin Fealy 1st



Cathal Gunning 4th  
Aoibheann Langan 13th  
Eoghan O Meara 31st

#### February

Ava Fermoyle 26th  
Ava Grace Mc Nally 21st  
Noah Cawley 19th  
Saoirse Cawley 28th  
Finn Loughlin 18th  
Isabelle Kirwan 24th

### STORM ÉOWYN

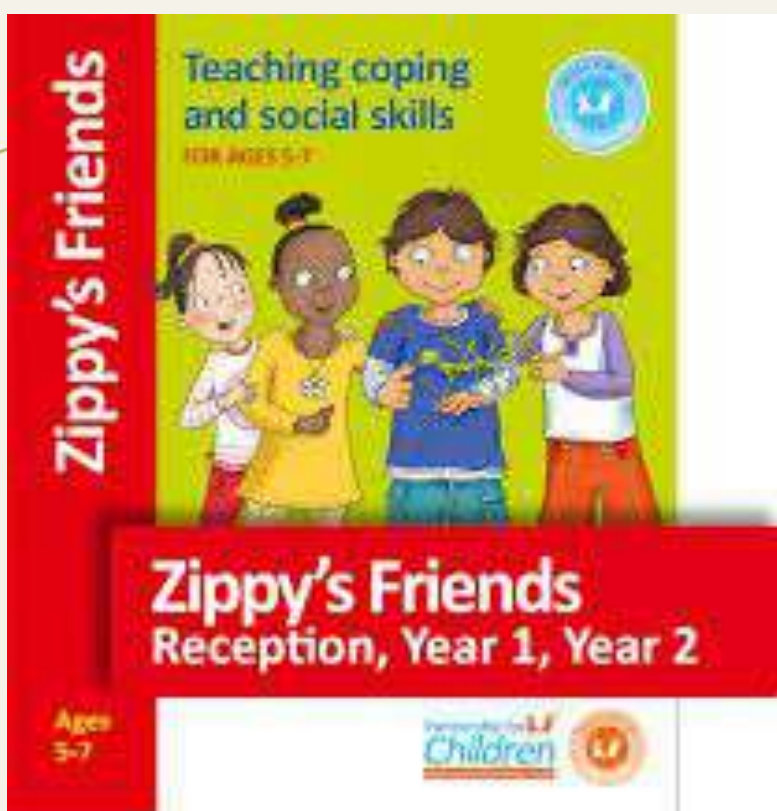
Storm Éowyn happened on Friday the 24th of January. It was an extremely powerful and record-breaking extratropical cyclone that affected the whole country. A red weather warning was in place for all counties. More than 765,000 homes around Ireland lost their electricity and water. A Leitrim woman has described living without power for 16 days as "surreal", saying it feels like "living in the Twilight Zone". Within sixteen days, power was restored to over 764,000 homes, farms, and businesses since the record-breaking storm hit on January 24th. However, the impact of Storm Éowyn still affected 3,500 customers who remained without electricity supply. Some people even lost their

houses. In Cork one of the families were lucky to escape their house. They described it as if a bomb hit their house. People around Ireland prepared for Storm Éowyn by getting food, charging their electronics and weighing down things in their gardens like trampolines and tables and chairs.

The worst hit county in Ireland from Storm Éowyn was Co. Cork, and the windiest was Kerry and Donegal. By the time Storm Éowyn hit Cornwall, England, it was classed as a mini tornado.? It wasn't the same all over the country as Galway was the worst hit county in Ireland.



# JUNIOR AND SENIOR INFANTS CLASSROOM NEWS



We took some time this month to revise all the phonics sounds we have learned so far this year. We really enjoyed talking about our grandparents and creating some nice art for them. We also started working on the 'Zippy's Friends' programme which encourages us to talk about our feelings and teaches us how to cope with different emotions.

*We have been learning that all feelings are ok.*

*Ada*

*I liked to play with the horses on the farm in school. I have a toy farm at home. Lee*

We helped Ms Parle design a sensory garden, because we have lots of money to spend! We got €2500 from the Irish Government and we are going to make our school garden amazing!



*I liked making a design for the garden, because it was fun. I would like our school garden to have a swing. Sadbh*  
*I liked Grandparents day because I love my family! Finn*





# FIRST AND SECOND CLASS CLASSROOM NEWS



We have set some new year's resolutions.

*My New year's resolution is to learn how to speak Spanish. Pearse  
I want to speak German. I will look at videos. Adam*

We experimented to see if we could make some scratch art paper. It came through the way we hoped it would.

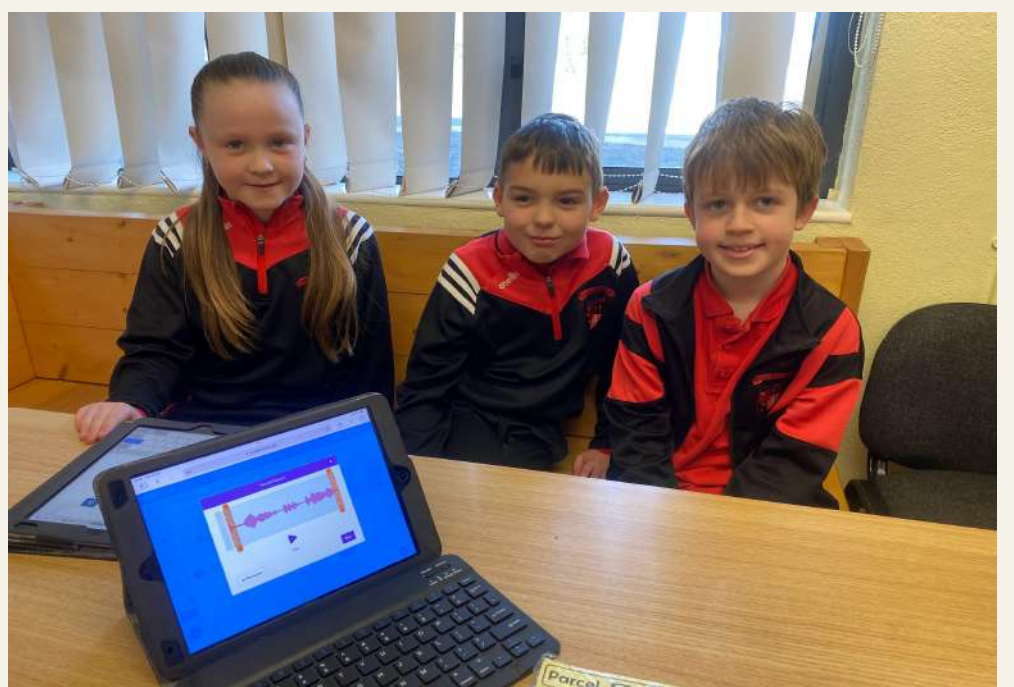


Ms Hughes and her class has been doing coding weekly on the Ipads. Coding is programming objects to move or perform tricks.

We were trying to make power from a lemon, using wires and a small lightbulb. It didn't work but we liked it because it was fun to experiment.



We have learned about the food pyramid and made our own pyramids. They are groups of different types of food. The biggest is fruits and vegetables, and the smallest is chocolate and sweets.



# THIRD AND FOURTH CLASS CLASSROOM NEWS

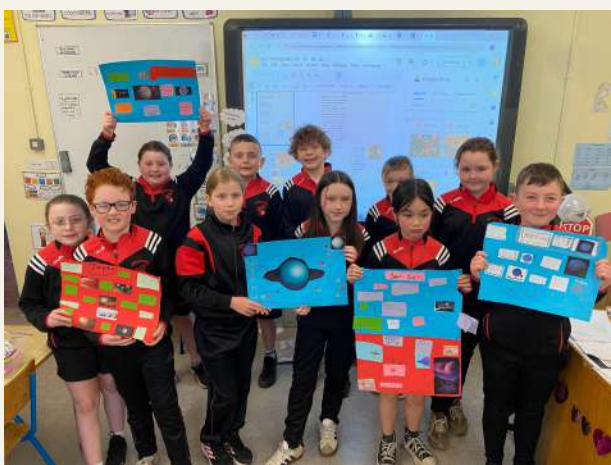
## CHESS TOURNAMENT

This month we reflected on our memories from 2024 and my new years resolutions/goals for 2025 3rd and 4th have started a chess tournament this week. we interviewed some third and fourth class about their favourite thing they did this month Conor and Micheál said they really liked the chess tournament Ailbhe said she liked looking back at our memories from 2024 looks like they had really big fun month



We spoke to Danny Cawley in 4th class about his New Year's Resolution. 'I want to win in a Gymnastics competition, so I will learn a routine!'

## IN OTHER NEWS...



We did a project about all the planets in Outer Space. We wrote them in our English copies.

'We went onto the NASA website to get the facts. We made projects out of them. We did a presentation in front of our class.' Noah Cawley



We did an internet safety poster to celebrate Internet Safety day. Tommy Duffy was out winner from both classes.

We are also learning about Marco Polo and his life. They located the places he visited on the atlas and drew a map of his journey. He was from Italy, and he travelled to Iran, the Gobi desert and China.



# FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS CLASSROOM NEWS

On the 26th of February the 5th and 6th class girls went to a basketball blitz in Saint Laurence's. They played Kilberry in the first match and they won by one basket. The second match they played clocharinca and won by a few baskets. In the third match we played tirmoghan we lost by two baskets. Next they had the semi final against Moone, and they lost by two baskets. In the final they played kilberry again and one by two baskets. They were so happy with the win. Kilberry were great sport and congratulated to our team. Well done Kilberry.

*By Ella Dillon and Juliette Pigeat*



This month we learned all about Ancient China, we learned how to write our name in Chinese and made a display wall of information in the hall. We did lots of new years art including chalk fireworks and goal setting for 2025. We also used different materials to make different Chinese dragons for our display too!



We designed posters for Internet safety day. One of the things we can do to stay safe is not to talk to strangers on the internet.



We sang a song for assembly called *Count On Me* By Bruno Mars. Lauren played the guitar and Ms Kelly played the piano and everyone else sang. They were practicing for a few weeks before and they all did a great job.



# ARTS NEWS



Some art on display around the school in January and February



# ARTS NEWS



### PLANT OF THE MONTH: SNOWDROP

If you go for a walk around our school, you will notice there are a lot of white flowers



and they are called snowdrops.

Snowdrops were named after earrings and not snow. The snowdrop is not native to Ireland, but was introduced to this part of the world in the 1600s. Special new 'mutant' varieties are sold for huge sums of money. One bulb called *Galanthus plicatus* 'Golden Fleece' was sold for £1,390 pounds sterling.

Some of these collectable bulbs are so precious they are kept locked up or watched over by security guards. They can also be used as medicine to help prevent Dementia and Alzheimer's.

Did you know it is illegal to collect them in the wild in many countries And it is illegal to sell them unless you have a licence.

### LOOKING AFTER BIRDS DURING COLD WEATHER

Birds are important because they keep the bugs' population down and sing beautiful songs too. Their nests are useful for animals such as squirrels or rodents because they can use their nests to sleep in.

Birds like to eat potatoes and they like to eat porridge oats that are not cooked. If they are cooked it is bad for them. You can give them food scraps but no mouldy food because it can harm them.

Give them fresh bowls of water every day. Make sure it does not freeze when it is winter or else they won't be able to drink it. A handy tip is to place a ball in the water bowl to prevent it from freezing over.

Have you ever looked very closely at bird poo? You will notice that there are two colours. Did you know that the black bit is their poop and their white bit is the pee.



## ALL ABOUT DARTS

This year the darts became very popular. The game of darts is very addictive and fun to watch and play.

### What do you need to know about darts?

In darts, you need to know how the dartboard works. So when you first look at a dartboard you would think it's confusing but it's quite

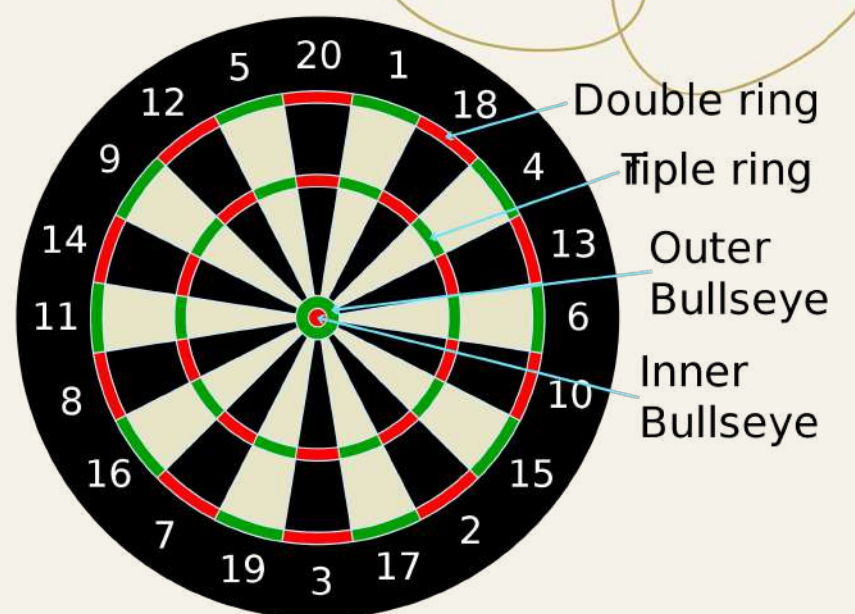
simple. There are two rings on the dartboard: the outer ring is double, which doubles your score and the inner ring is triple, which triples your score. The way the game is played is that both players start at 501. They try to work their way down to zero.

When you get to zero you win a leg. The highest number you can score with three darts is 180.

### Legs and sets

In the darts final there were seven sets which had three legs. So everytime you win a round you get a leg and once

you get three legs you get a set. There are breaks in between the sets so after every set you get a break or sometimes you will get a break after two sets.



## WORLD DARTS FINAL

On the 3rd of January the darts final was held In the Ally Pally (Alexander Palace). It was a brilliant final with a seventeen year old Luke Littler vs Micheal Van Gerwen age thirty five who is two time world champion. The darts final went up to nine legs. The score finished seven three to Luke Littler, being the world champion for the first time and the youngest player to ever win the world dart final.

*Continued.....*

I enjoyed the final a lot and can't wait until it is back next year.

*By Lauren Kenny and Hannah Sargent*

## **All About Luke Littler**

*Name: Luke Littler*

*Age: 17 years old*

*Date of Birth: 21st of January 2007*

*Nickname: Luke The Nuke/The Prince of the Palace*

*Nationality: England*

*Net Worth: 1.5 million*

Luke is a championship winner in England. He won this championship in the sport of darts. He is only seventeen years old and has won 1.1 million pounds in the sport.

Which made him be able to buy his family a house and also he got a Nintendo Switch. Luke would still have a lot of money left over.



## **DAKAR RALLY**

The Dakar Rally is an annual motorsport competition held in Saudi Arabia. This year it started on the 3rd of January and finished on the 17th of January. It is known as one of the toughest sports competitions in the world, as competitors may have to spend hours at a time on a motorbike or in their car in the middle of a desert. Competitors also have to bring their own food, take care of their own vehicles and set up their own tents. The total length of the rally is 7,891km, which is divided into 12 stages. Stages can vary from 400 km to over 1000 km long! There are five different types of vehicles used in the Rally: Cars, motorbikes, quads, buggies and trucks. This year's winners in the cars category were Yazeed Al Rajhi and his co-driver Timo Gottschalk. -By Joe Carwley





# PROBLEM BUSTERS



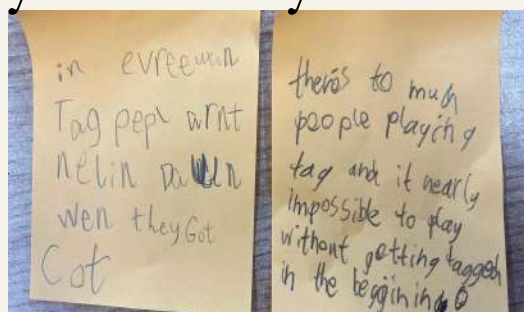
## BEING TARGETED IN GAMES

Being targeted in games is not fun and sometimes happens in our yard, especially when it's wet and we're not allowed on the grass. On these days, we can't play football and usually play tag. When you are targeted, one person is either catching you all the time or ignoring others. Being targeted in games is not nice because you'll always be on and you don't get to enjoy the game. We might feel hurt, annoyed, nervous, sad, left out and isolated.

### Solutions:

- Use a brave voice and name what is happening and remind others of the rules
- Tell a teacher / yard buddy

Play in teams so you can take turns



- Anyone targeting others again and again, you need to inform a teacher



## GETTING STUCK IN MATHS

When we get stuck in Maths, we can feel frustrated, worried, mad and even have tears, because our brains either can't process the information or we can't remember what our teacher showed us. At the start of the year, there was a big jump from easier to harder work in Maths for us, and we found this difficult. We had been doing subtraction and this year we moved to multiplication.

### What can you do about it?

- Tell the teacher that you don't understand it
- You can use a whiteboard - this can help you remember and you can work out the sum
- Ask a partner for help; some people like to work alone, and some people like to work in pairs or groups. Even if you like to work alone, it is good to ask for help
- Ask to use resources like bricks, hundred squares, multiplication squares and number lines.

# INTERVIEW

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MS KELLY



**Q1. What would you do everyday?**

Everyday, I would go for a walk or a run and on school days I would go to school or go to my Nan's house and at night time I would read my book or watch Netflix.

**Q2. What animals do you have on your farm?**

I have one Pygmy goat, one sheep, 195 cows, one sheepdog and a few hives of bees.

**Q3. What is your favourite animal on your farm?** My favourite animal on my farm is my Pygmy goat.

**Q4. Do you work with bees?** If my dad or my brother Evan needed help, I would.

**Q5. Do you work on the farm?** I did more so when I was younger because there were more sheep and more things to do but if they needed help I would. I like being outside and every day is different.

**Q6. What is your favorite thing about living on a farm?** My favourite thing about living on a farm is there is always something to do and I'm never bored. And there is loads of space and different places to go for a walk.

**Q7. Was working in a school your dream job?** Yes, since I was a young child I used to play school with my siblings and I was always the teacher.

**Q8. What is your favorite thing about your job?** I like to be busy and I like to help people and help people learn and have fun with my class.

**Q9. What was your first job?** My first job was working in Dunnes Stores in Edenderry.



**Q10. If you didn't teach, what would you do?** Oh! I really don't know what I would do if I didn't teach, maybe work in a preschool or else I would be a nurse.

**Q11. What is the hardest thing about your job?** The hardest thing about my job is all the paperwork.

**Q12. What is your favourite thing about your job?** My favourite thing about my job is having everything organised far in advance. I wouldn't change my job for the world.

**Q13. What's your favourite school?** Definitely Kilshanroe and I worked in twenty four schools not including here.

**Q14. Why did you choose a primary school over a secondary school?** Because I like being able to teach all subjects and the variety of ages.

**Q15. What is your favourite class to teach?** My favourite class to teach is 5th and 6th class.

**Q16. How many siblings do you have?** I have two sisters and one brother, I'm the youngest.

**Q17. Why did you sell all the sheep?** We sold them all so we could change to a dairy farm.

**Q18. Do you prefer sheep or cows?** I prefer cows because they're easier to manage and less work for my dad and brother.

**Let's hear from the student now! What is her best subject to teach?**

We all think that Ms Kelly's best subject is maths and Irish because she is very good at speaking Irish and she is really good at maths.

She's conscientious friendly helpful hardworking Organised nice Hard working, HAPPY! KIND colorful smart thoughtful, HELPFUL, caring kind, a wonderful teacher, UNDERSTANDING,

## INTERVIEW

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF SAOIRSE



Hello my name is Saoirse. I live with my Mam, my Dad (who is a farmer) and my three brothers (AJ, Seánóg and Colm).

We live on a farm. This time of year is the busiest time because the cows are calving and some of the sheep are lambing. Let me tell you what my average day looks like...

My dad's day starts quite early but mine starts quite typical. I wake up at half seven, get my breakfast, get dressed and go to school. After a long school day I come home and do my homework. After I finish my homework I get changed out of my uniform and then get something to eat.

Today, my dad called me, my three brothers and my mam to come and help him. We went to the field where the sheep are and put them in the pen because they are getting scanned today. This means that we are going to find out how many



lambs they are having. The scanner's name was Pat and he was very nice. He let me look at his screen. He explained to me that if there was one bubble they were having one lamb, and if there were two, they were having twins. While we were scanning we found a sick lamb and we brought him home with us and put him in front of the fire to warm him up. After that, we came back and got his mam and the other lamb and put them in the shed.

Later, my Dad called me to come and help him move the cows to a different shed because they are very close to calving. First, my Dad picked out the cows he wanted to move. My Dad usually picks three or four cows. Then, I go in and have my dinner. After dinner, I get ready for bed and read some of my book and go to sleep. Thank you for reading about an average day in my life.

By Saoirse  
Cawley



## MOANA

Moana came out on November 29th, 2024, Moana is a very enjoyable heartwarming movie and it is PG. The movie was directed by Dana Ledoux-Miller, David Derrick Jr and Jason Hand. The main characters are Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson as Maui, Auli'i Cravalho as Moana and Simea as Khaleesi Lambert-Tsuda. The story line is very similar to the first movie other than there are different bad guys in it. The main bad guy is Nalo. There are some new characters such as Moana's little sister, her grandpa Kele and her two best friends Moni and Loto. The main plot is to find an island



called Motufetu and find Maui to help solve the problem. Moana and her friend keep looking for the island when they find it they uncover a whole new mystery. Moana eventually finds her way home after her big adventure and saves the people of her island.

We would rate this movie ★★★★★ stars!

*By Hannah Sargent and Juliette Pigeat*



## FUNDERLAND

Funderland is an amusement park for all ages, which is open after Christmas in Dublin. Funderland also travels to Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Belfast. I would recommend going to Funderland, you will hopefully have an amazing time. Even if it rains there is a whole inside filled with carnival games and much more. If you get hungry, you can get all kinds of food there, for example crepes, chippers and chinese food. Another great thing is that the lines move so fast, each one is only a five to ten minute wait. I would give it five stars because it is super fun and you would have a great time. The overall cost is a little on the expensive side but it is only two euros in. *By Maggie H*



### FUN FACT

Blanchardstown ice rink's panels on the roof got destroyed by Storm Èomhan.

## ICE SKATING IN MULLINGAR

I went ice skating in Mullingar late last year. I really enjoyed going ice skating because, even though it is quite pricey, (for an adult it is €20 and for under 18s it is



€18) it is a good experience and worth it. You have an hour on the ice and they give you a pair of skates on the day. It is quite easy to learn especially if you roller skate or roller blade.

*By Saoirse Cawley*



# CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP

## Ingredients:

iceberg lettuce  
Caesar dressing  
Stale or fresh bread  
Oil  
Parmesan cheese  
Bacon

Wraps

## Tools:

Bowl  
Frying pan  
Spoons



## METHOD:

**Step 1:** Start by putting lettuce in a bowl (make sure to wash your lettuce before this) and then add the caesar dressing to the bowl as well.

**Step 2:** Put oil in a pan and start frying the bacon until it is brown and then add it into the bowl as well

**Step 3:** Start making the croutons. Add your stale bread to an air fryer, if you don't have an air fryer use a frying pan then add oil to it. Then fry them until they go golden brown or stick them in the air fryer at 180 degrees for 3 minutes

**Step 4:** Finally mix everything together, put it in a wrap and enjoy

*By Hannah Sargent*



# PUZZLE PAGE

## RIDDLES:

I am long and skinny, and live underground. I don't have any arms or legs but I have five hearts. What am I?

(worm)

What goes up when it starts to rain?

(umbrella)

When it's windy I go high. Hold onto my string tight then watch me dip and fly. I am colorful. What am I?

(kite)

Springtime is when I bloom and they say I look like a ray of sunshine. What am I?

(daffodils) *By Alanna Flood*

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- umbrella
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- plants
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- Bee
- puddle
- chicks
- grass
- birds
- Rainy
- windy
- eggs
- flowers
- cloudy

## JOKE CORNER

Why are flowers so popular?

Because they have lots of buds.

Where did the egg go for spring break?

New yolk city.

Why are waterbeds so bouncy?

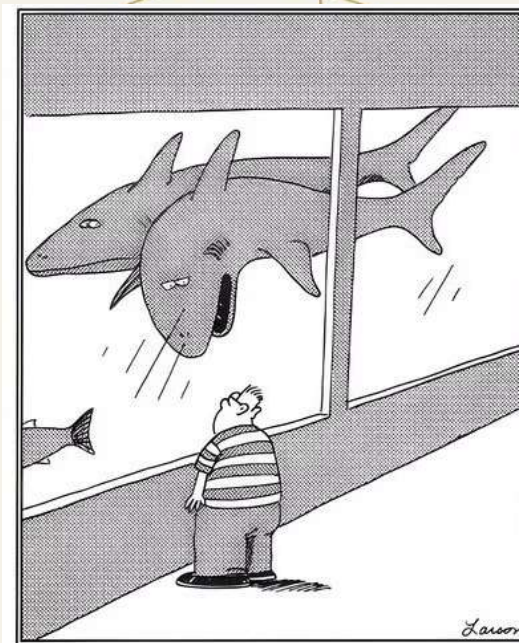
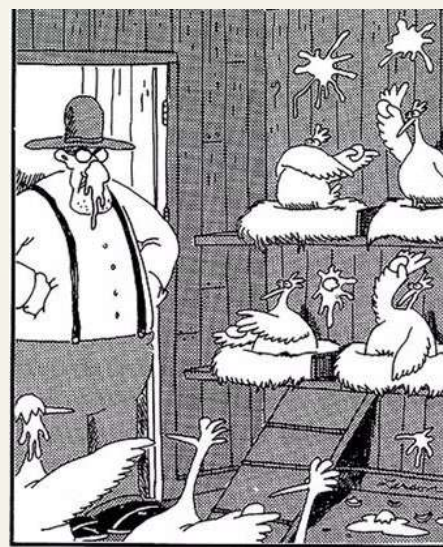
Because it's filled with spring water.

What's the difference between spring rolls and summer rolls?

Seasoning.

When is the best time to wash your slinky.

Spring cleaning.



"So close, and yet so far."



## PET PROFILE

*This month we are featuring FOUR special pets!*

*We asked Róisín a view questions about her guinea pig Chops*

**Name** Chops

**Age** Chops is three years old.

**Where does he live?** He lives in my nanny's house in a cage.

**What does he like to do?** He likes to run around and play tag.

**What does he like to eat?** He likes to eat Guinea pig food and hay.

**Do you need to do anything for Chops?** Yes I need to feed him, fill his water and clean him out.

**What does Chops look like?** Chops is brown, black and white.



*This month, Taylor tells us all about her beloved pony, Splash*

**Name:** Splash

**Age:** 15

**What animal are they:** Horse

**Fact:** She's very nice, she has a chestnut coat and a light brown mane

**Things she likes to do:** She likes to lie down in the straw and likes to walk in the field

**Food they like to eat:** Nuts carrots and bread

**Where do they live:** In a field

**Do you need to look after them:** Yes we have to scoop her poo and get hay and straw to feed her

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**Name:** Eric

**Age:** 9

**Breed :** labradoodle

**Gender :** male

**Birthday :** first of September

**Favourite food :** carrots and apples

**Colour :** golden blonde

**Favourite things to do :** run around, sleep and eat

**Weight :** 39 kg

**Fun fact about him:** Eric used to be a guide dog and he has a extra toe!



**Name:** Matilda

**Age:** 2 year old

**Gender:** Female

**Birthday:** February 2nd

**Favourite food:** Hay

**Colour:** Brown

**Favourite thing to do:** She likes to Moo at people!

**Interesting fact:** She is a rescue cow. She likes to do tricks like spinning around in a circle! She lives in my uncle's field and he helps to look after her. She lives in a field and in a stable. She has a friend, another cow, called Big Bertha!

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# THE NEWSPAPER TEAM



*All the staff of the school newspaper would like to thank everyone who helped us this past two months!*

