



Easter Newsletter 2022

Christ the Saviour N.S
Ballingarry

Welcome

- We have been so busy here in Christ the Saviour National School since our last edition at Christmas.
- We would like to share all our adventures with you in this Newsletter.
- We look forward to a healthy and fun filled third term when we reopen on Monday 25th April.
- Click on to see more...

Farewell Kate

This term we said a fond farewell to Kate. She did tremendous work here and we will all miss her.



Welcome

A big welcome to Róisín who joined our staff this term. She has settled in so well and we are all looking forward to working with her.



Welcome

Another big welcome to two new students Liam and Logan who joined our school this term.



New Baby

A big congratulations to Ms Hanley and her husband Mike on the arrival of their new little baby girl 'Muireann' born in March. Her big sisters Maeve and Anna are delighted to have a new little sister to look after.



Junior Infants News

- We had two lovely visits from two Dads, Jamie's Daddy Shane and Darragh's Daddy Kieran.
- They came to tell us all about their jobs as a Garda and a Farmer.
- We had lots of fun and learned so much.





Junior Infants News

- On Pancake Tuesday we were invited to a pancake party with 4th class where many of the children have older siblings.
- It was great fun and we ate some delicious American style pancakes with lots of toppings!



Junior Infants

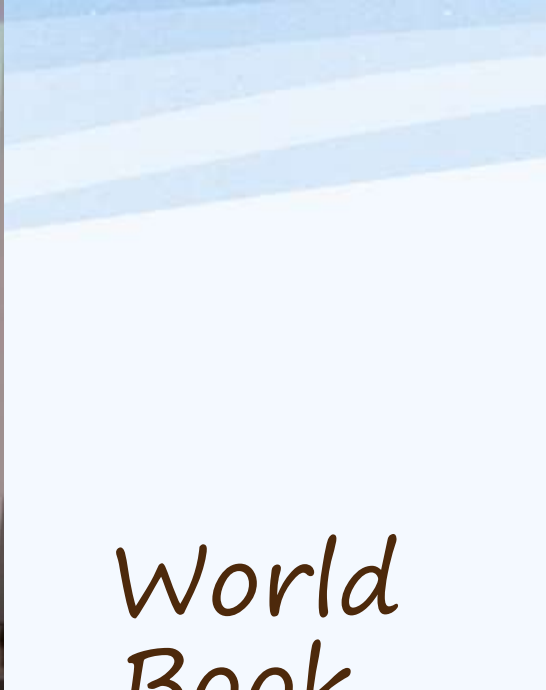
- *Buddy Reading with Third Class took place on a beautiful sunny afternoon on 31st of March.*
- *We listened to lovely stories and showed off our own wonderful reading skills too!!*



Senior Infants News

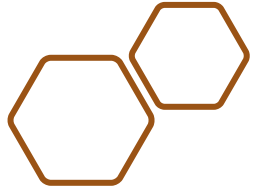
For World Book Day, the boys and girls brought in their favourite books from home for a show and tell.





World Book Day



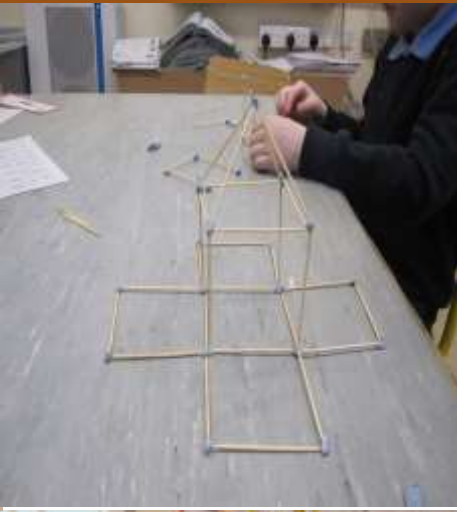


Senior Infants

- Senior Infants learned about the lifecycle of a butterfly and they made their own lifecycles. We have some caterpillars in our classroom at the minute and we are watching them grow each day. The boys and girls are excited to watch them grow into beautiful butterflies.



Senior Infants have been busy in SESE making bird feeders, learning about France and constructing houses and buildings using different materials.

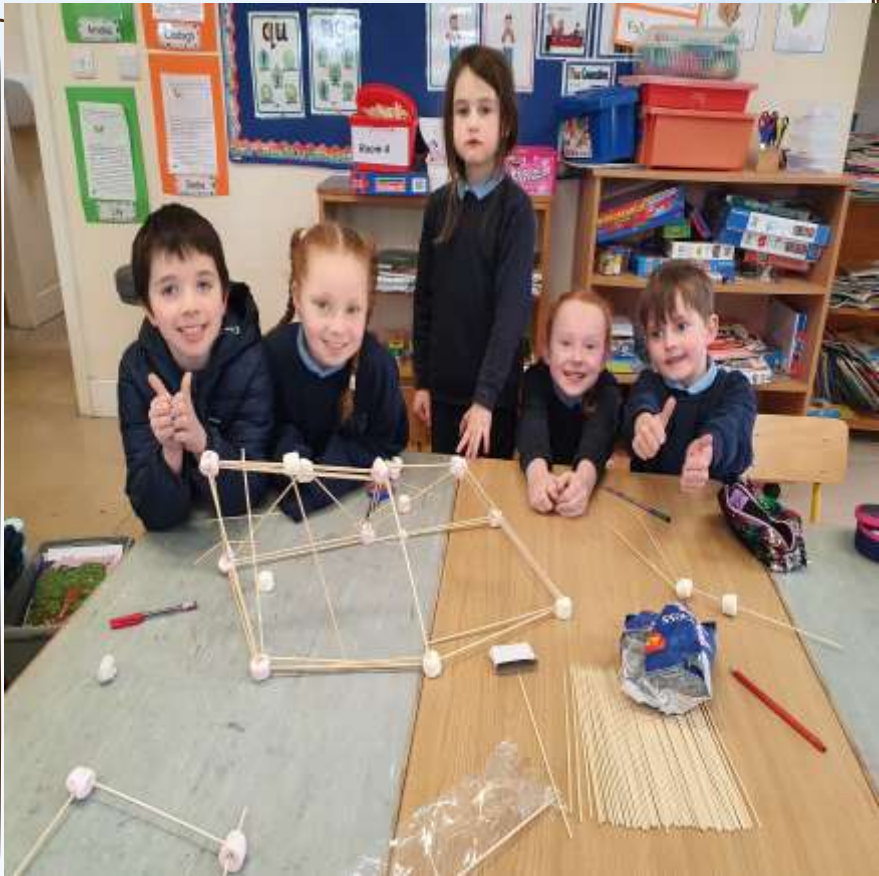




First Class News

We are really enjoying the hands on activities during maths station teaching. We love using the Ipads and playing maths games during this time also.

1st Class News



First Class are busy using a variety of materials to construct bridges and various famous landmarks.



More
fun STEM projects!



Literacy Lift Off in 2nd Class



2nd Class completed their Literacy Lift Off this term. We really enjoyed reading all the different books and stories each day!





Easter Symmetry

We have been learning all about symmetry in Maths, so we designed Easter eggs with symmetrical patterns



Printmaking
in 2nd Class

Irish Myths and Legends

In second class we have been learning all about Irish Myths and Legends.

These are stories that have been passed on for thousands of years!



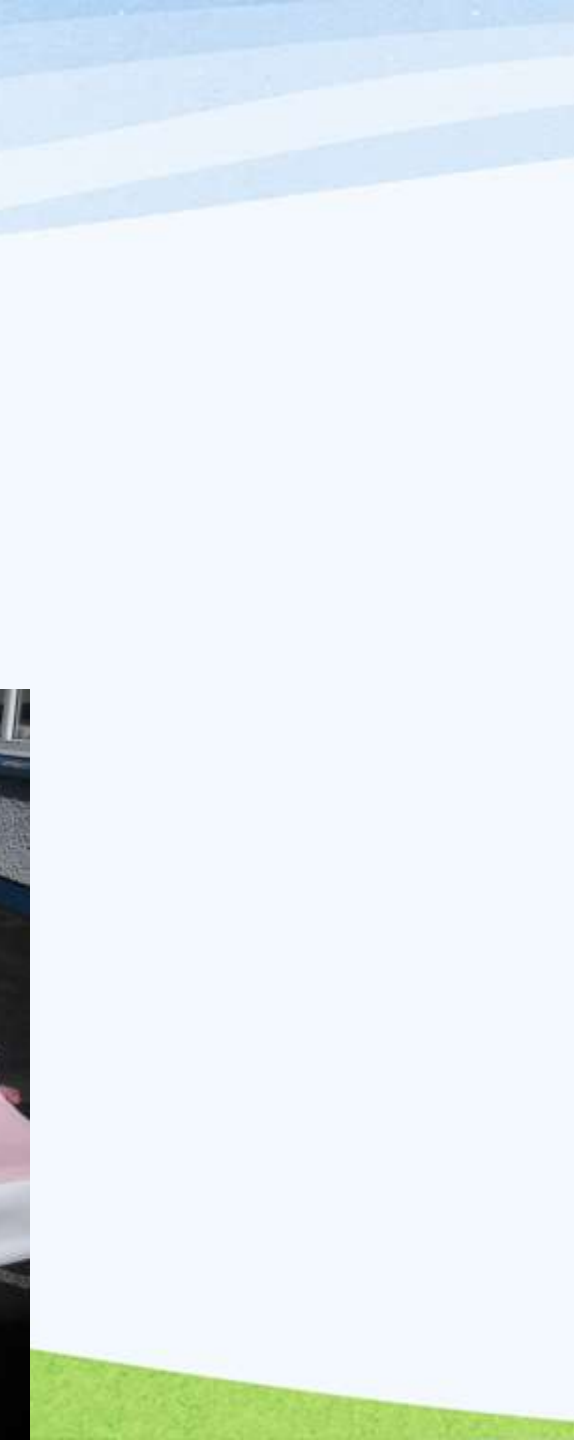
3rd Class News

3rd class were given the challenge to design bridges. They had to create a bridge to allow toy cars to travel through. Each pair gave their bridge a name and presented their bridge to the class. They spoke about the different features their bridge had. We really enjoyed this activity!



St. Patrick's Day parade of floats





Maths in 3rd class: Stations



4th Class News

- 4th Class have been busy completing lots of STEM challenges this term. We made catapults and measured how far a marshmallow would go



4th Class News

We also studied the Aztecs and their use of Aqueducts. We then made our own Aqueducts to transport water across our tables...
WITHOUT SPILLS!!!



4th Class News

- In Science we investigated what materials a magnet worked through. The results were very interesting :)



4th Class News

4th Class have handmade and painted some lovely additions for our school fairy garden.



5th Class News

- 5th class really enjoyed their confirmation day retreat to The Grange Stone Circle, The Giants Grave and The Lake front at Lough Gur.
- Here is a picture of us soaking up the sun and spotting some local wildlife.





5th Class News

- 5th class have been busy getting fit this term for P.E. We have been building our strength and slowly building our fitness levels. Check us out in action.



5th Class News

STEM

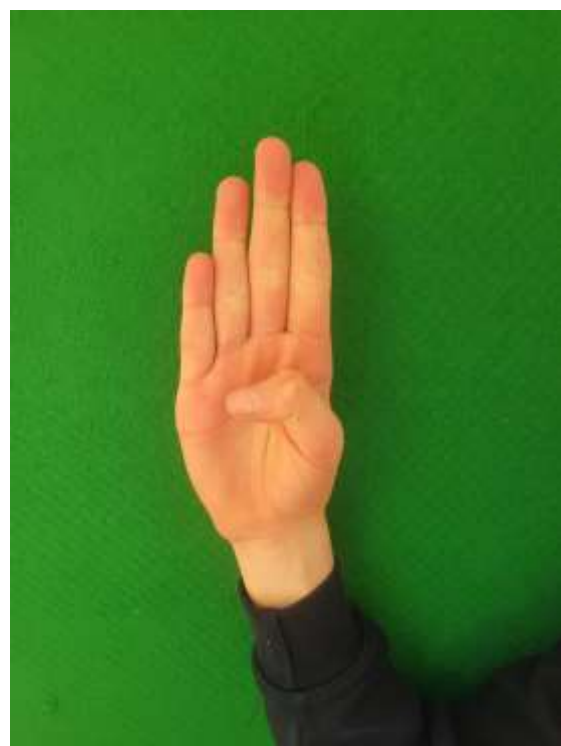
- 5th Class were busy designing wind powered cars and protective suits for eggs.
- They also learned about the density of different liquids and put them to the test.



5th Class News

- 5th class students decided to share their knowledge of different Lámh signs and became teachers to celebrate Odd sock day.
- 5th class went around each day for a week teaching Juniors to 6th some Lámh signs.
- They were delighted to see the different classes using lámh outside on the playground.





Can you guess what some of these
Lámh signs are?

6th Class News Sweet and Savoury Treats



- On Shrove Tuesday the children enjoyed delicious pancakes made by their classmate Lucy Quaid. We think she would make a great chef!
- 6th class learned lots about farming, particularly dairy farming. They interviewed local farmers and even made their own butter! We enjoyed our homemade butter on crackers.



6th Class News

Motus Learning

- Pupils in 6th class engaged in three well-being workshops with Motus Learning, a research group in U.L. They played lots of games, did group work and learned loads of things about our emotions and how to deal with them. To learn more about Motus check out their website.

Fun Friday Activities

Chocolate
Milkshakes



Slime made
from
Marshmallows

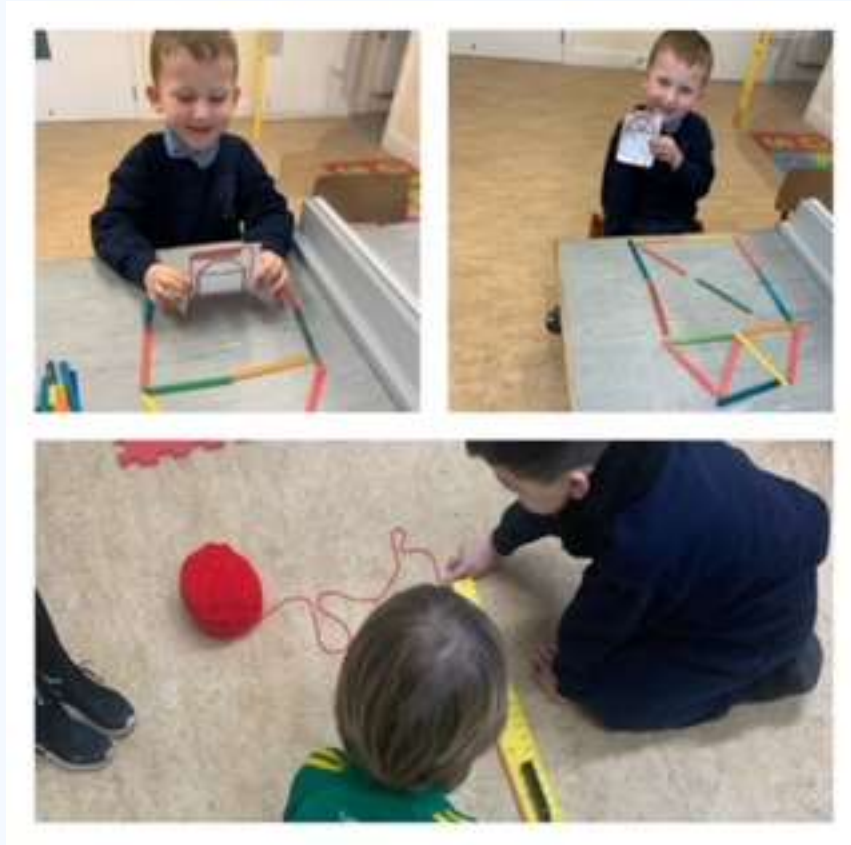


SET



- As part of the Incredible Edibles we planted some delicious fruit and vegetables.
- We planted a mixture of Strawberries, chives and carrots.
- In school we make sure they are getting enough water and sunlight.

Hands on activities



- The boys and girls have been working very hard every day.
- Here is a sample of some of the great work they do.

Buddy reading with Junior Infants, Senior Infants and Third class





March Marathon



- For the month of March, all the boys and girls took part in our annual running initiative as part of the Active Schools Flag programme. The Parents Council set up an idonate page fundraiser to raise funds to enhance our school sports and recreational area. We provided pupils and parents with weekly updates of each classes progress. It was fantastic to see the determination by all pupils to increase their fitness each week. We are so proud of the commitment everyone showed with their running.





March Marathon Finale with the Liam McCarthy cup!





Liam McCarthy visit





Internet Safety Week

From Monday 7th to Friday 11th February, we had an internet safety week. All classes completed activities to help us to be safe when we are online. Mrs McHale also ran a parents information evening, and it was great to see so many parents joining.



Odd Socks Day

On the 28th of March we participated in Odd Socks Day to raise awareness about Downs Syndrome. All the children wore odd socks for the day.



Junior Entrepreneurs Programme

- 5th and 6th Class have been working hard on their business ideas.
- 5th class will be turning the pupils into authors with their publication of our poems, stories and recipes.
- 6th class are making loom bands. Their business is called '6th Century Loom Bands'



Soccer: A big thank you to Shane Markham, Nessa Markam and Jack Mullane from Ballingarry AFC for providing coaching to 3rd to 6th class for the last 6 weeks. The boys and girls really enjoyed all the different games and exercises to improve their soccer skills.



A big thank you to Brendan Quiry who is a 4th year Sports Science student from UL. Brendan provided football coaching to Juniors, Seniors, 1st and 2nd class.



Sporting Achievements

- Congratulations to Caoimhe, Danny and Annabel on making the Larkin Shield (football), Mackey (hurling) and Eithne Neville (camogie) West Limerick schools teams. A further congratulations to Annabel who has made the Primary games team for Limerick camogie.



Seachtain na Gaeilge



- Bhí spórt agus spraoi againn le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge! There were tongue twisters each day, games, a tráth na gceist, a parade and a gathering of 1st to 6th on the basketball court for performances and a whole school dance. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as!

Confirmation Retreat

- 5th and 6th Class went on a Confirmation Retreat to Lough Gur. They saw some significant historical sites such as the largest stone circle in Ireland and a wedged tomb. The weather was beautiful and they all enjoyed eating their lunch by the lake front with their friends.





Planting

- Our school is looking very colourful lately with our lovely spring flowers in full blooms. Well done to the children who helped with the planting earlier in the school year.

Please visit our school
website
www.ballingarryns.com
to see more photos

