



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our May newsletter. We are really excited to be really into the swing of the final term. Last week was wellbeing week here in SETNS and what a fabulous week it was for both pupils and staff with a range of activities and events planned, all complemented by the beautiful sunshine. Our thanks to Niamh Doonan, post holder in wellbeing, for all her thought and planning for the week. The Junior spring disco was another gorgeous way to wrap up wellbeing week and I know from the tired faces last Friday that it was a really fun night for our students! A huge thanks to Sarah Morris, PAC volunteers and staff who attended on the night. It has proven to be a huge hit with our pupils and I have no doubt we will see requests for the disco nights to stay on our calendar of events for the year.

Our SET team and class teachers are busy preparing for standardised testing which will be happening throughout the school next week. More on that below.

Thank you to the parents who responded to our call for input for our Outdoor Classroom Committee. We are hoping to meet next week for our first planning session and we are excited to share the details of our plans and welcome more feedback as we begin this exciting project.

Have a lovely weekend,
Leona.

STANDARDISED TESTING

Next week, our classes will begin standardised testing, which will take place over the course of the week. We understand that this time can sometimes bring a few nerves or worries for children and we will be doing our very best to support and encourage all of our students throughout the process.

The boys and girls have already worked incredibly hard this year. All we ask is that they try their best. Standardised tests are only one small snapshot of learning and never tell the full story of a child's abilities, character or potential. Our students have so many wonderful talents, strengths, skills and qualities that cannot be measured by a test and we will be reminding them of this as we head into next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **20th May** - School closure to facilitate Department staff training
- **28th May** - Incoming JI Parent Info Session at 3pm
- **29th May** - Welcome visit for incoming JI - Half day for current Junior Infants, Collection time at 11:30 - please inform minders/afterschools.
- **1st June** - Bank holiday Monday - School closure.



The Bus Éireann school transport portal is now open



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SCHOOL TRANSPORT

A reminder to all parents that today is the deadline for payment, registration and to enter medical card details for the School Transport Scheme for the 2026/2027 school year.

Who needs to apply?

Applications are required for students who are new to the scheme, starting junior infants or changing school or address.

Families who have previously applied do not need to reapply unless details have changed, but must log-in to complete payment or submit medical card details.

School transport continues to be free of charge for all eligible families with a medical card who apply and enter details by the closing date.

Parents should be advised that late applications or payments may result in a ticket not being available for the 2026/2027 school year.



PRINCIPAL

This week, I had the absolute pleasure of having Alikí from Doireann's 5th Class take over for me for the day. Alikí entered the raffle at the Craft Fair to win the prize of "Principal for the day". Alikí chose Thursday, May 7th to take on the role and she was an absolute natural.

From making intercom announcements, doing yard inspections, classroom visits and doing daily admin jobs, Alikí was mature, professional and was a great addition to the staff for the day. She even managed to squeeze in a Student Council meeting into her very busy day.

Thank you for the very quiet Thursday Alikí - you will be a great leader some day. I'm sure of it!

NEWS FROM 5TH CLASS - WORLD EARTH DAY



5th class have been very busy! For Earth day, we had a very successful clean up of the school, collecting over 10 bags of rubbish from our lovely school grounds. We also made both 2D and 3D art using rubbish and recycled materials, and some using natural materials outside!

5th class also started the cycle right programme this week, learning all about road safety and bike skills. Our first session on Wednesday was a huge success, and the good news is we'll have four more sessions over the next few weeks! Well done fifth class for all your hard work this month.



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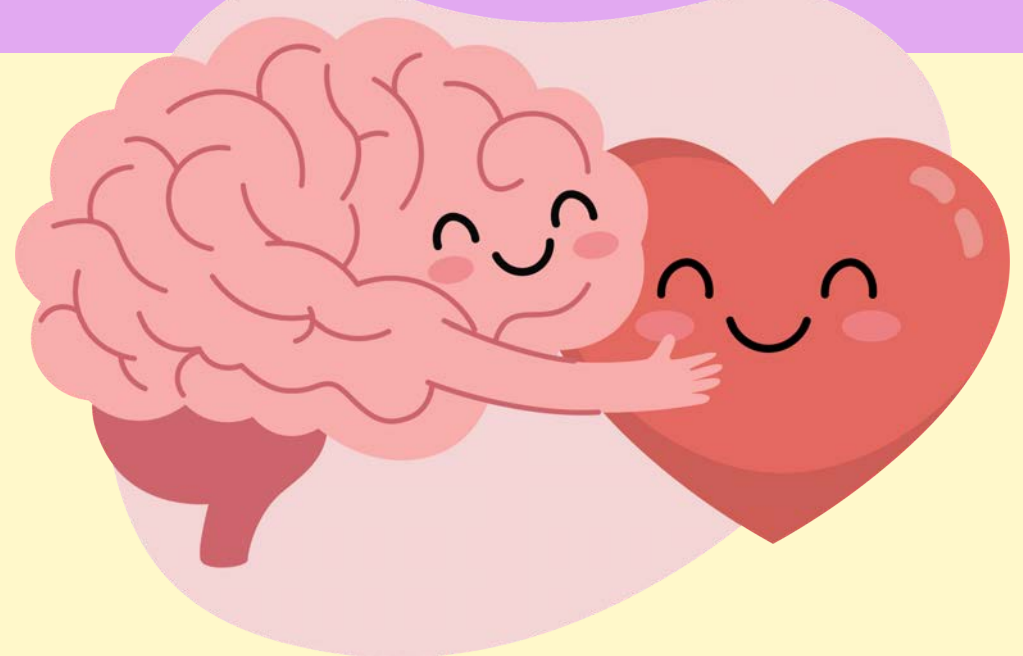


STAFF
BREATHWORK
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COFFEE AND
PASTRIES TO
START THE DAY!



THOUGHTFUL
THURSDAYS IN
JIB



CREATIVE POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

MASTERS CHESS COMPETITION FINAL



Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Masters Chess Competition Final, held in Our Lady's Boys National School.

Competing against very strong opposition, they performed brilliantly and achieved excellent results. We are very proud of their effort and sportsmanship. Thank you to Eve, Niamh and Aoife for preparing the team and accompanying them on the day.

SARAH'S THIRD CLASS C

3C have had a busy but fantastic couple of weeks! We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Wellbeing Week and began with a calming mindful colouring session. Later in the week, we brought in our cosies from home and participated in a relaxing meditation. It was wonderful to take a moment out of our busy days to slow down, relax, and be present in the moment.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our class trip to the new Fernhill playground. We loved spending time outdoors, appreciating nature and enjoying the fresh air together.

In English, we began exploring procedural writing with a focus on gardening. We learned all about what plants need to grow and thrive and created some fantastic visual representations to showcase our learning.

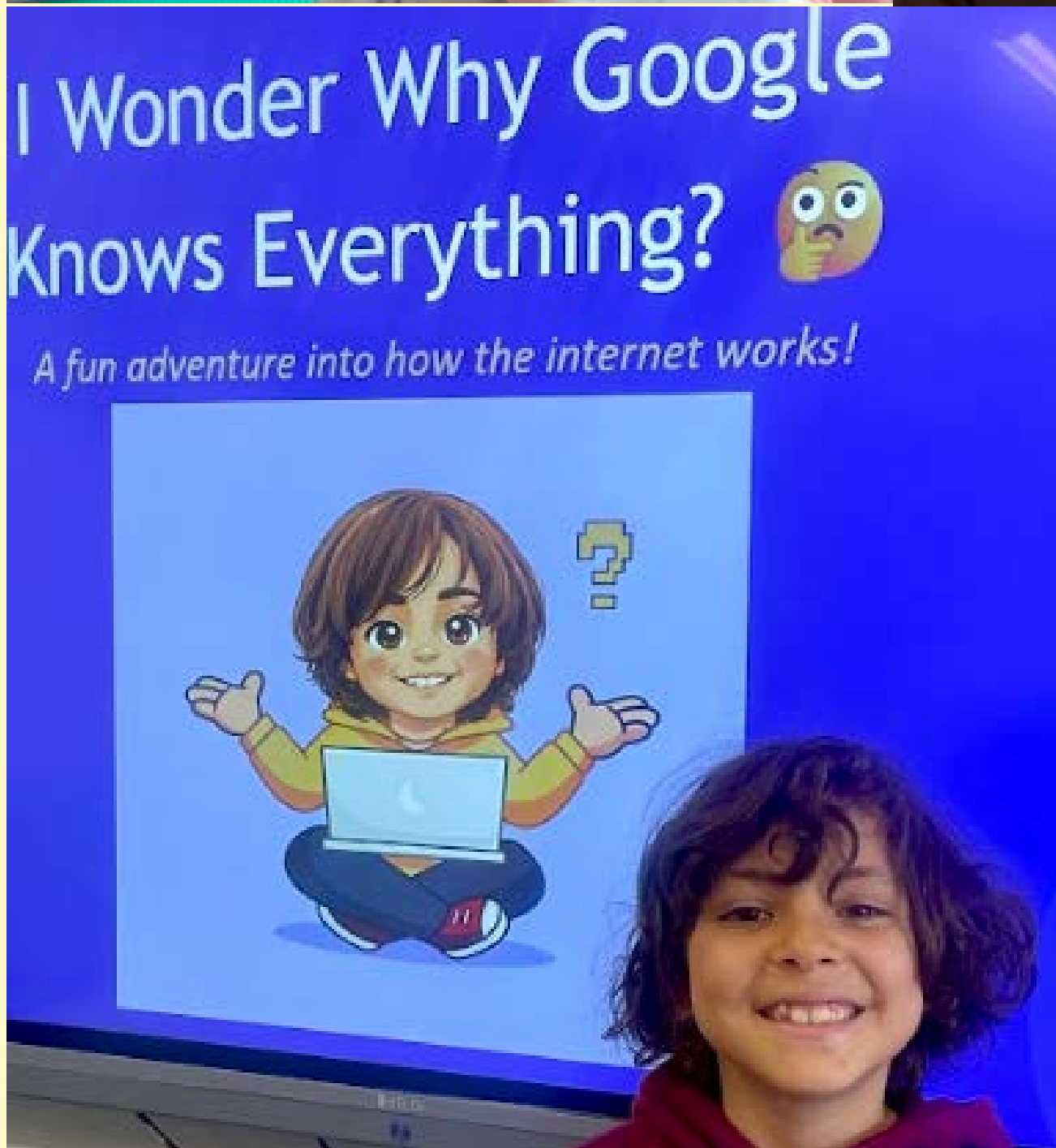
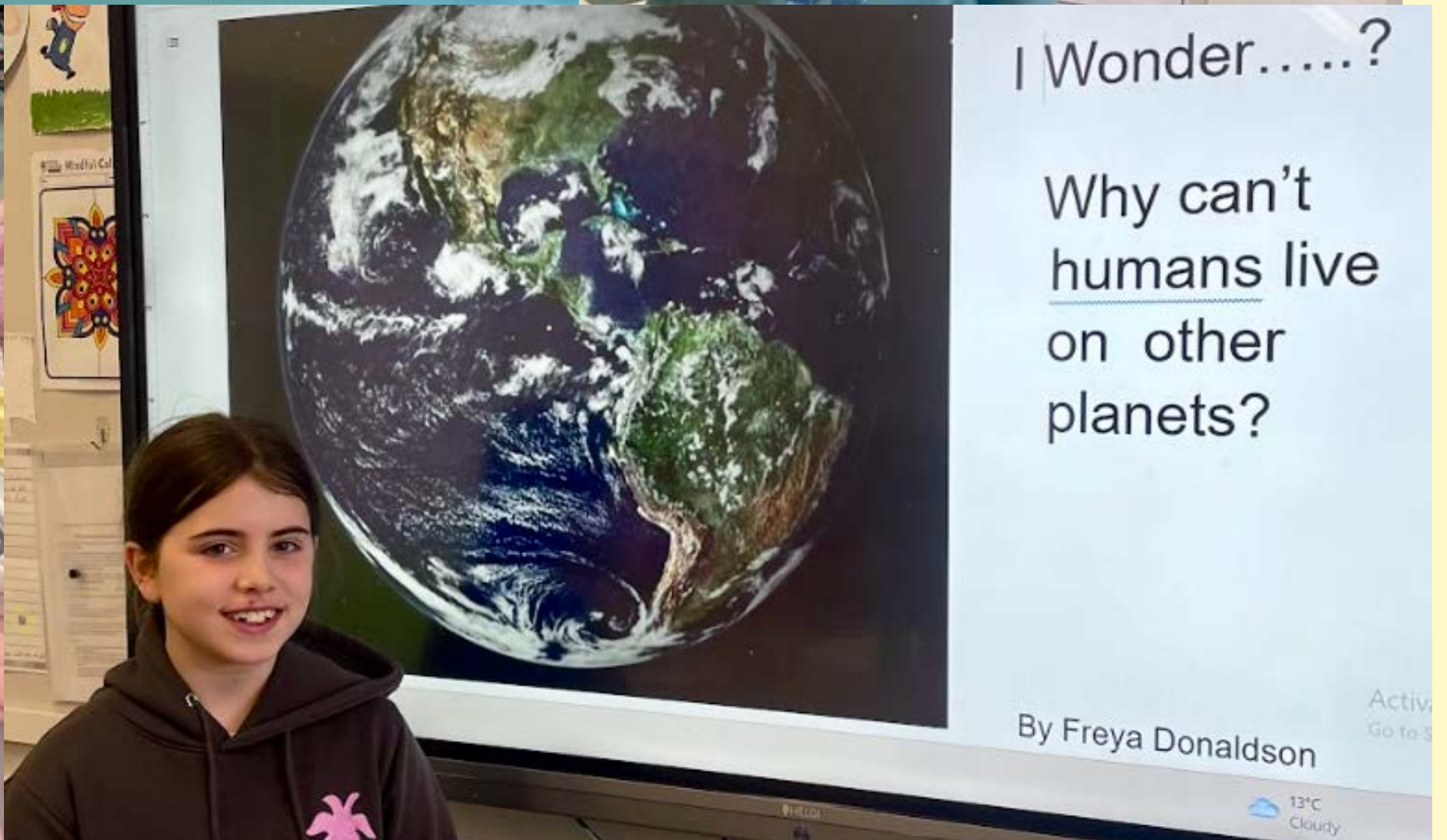
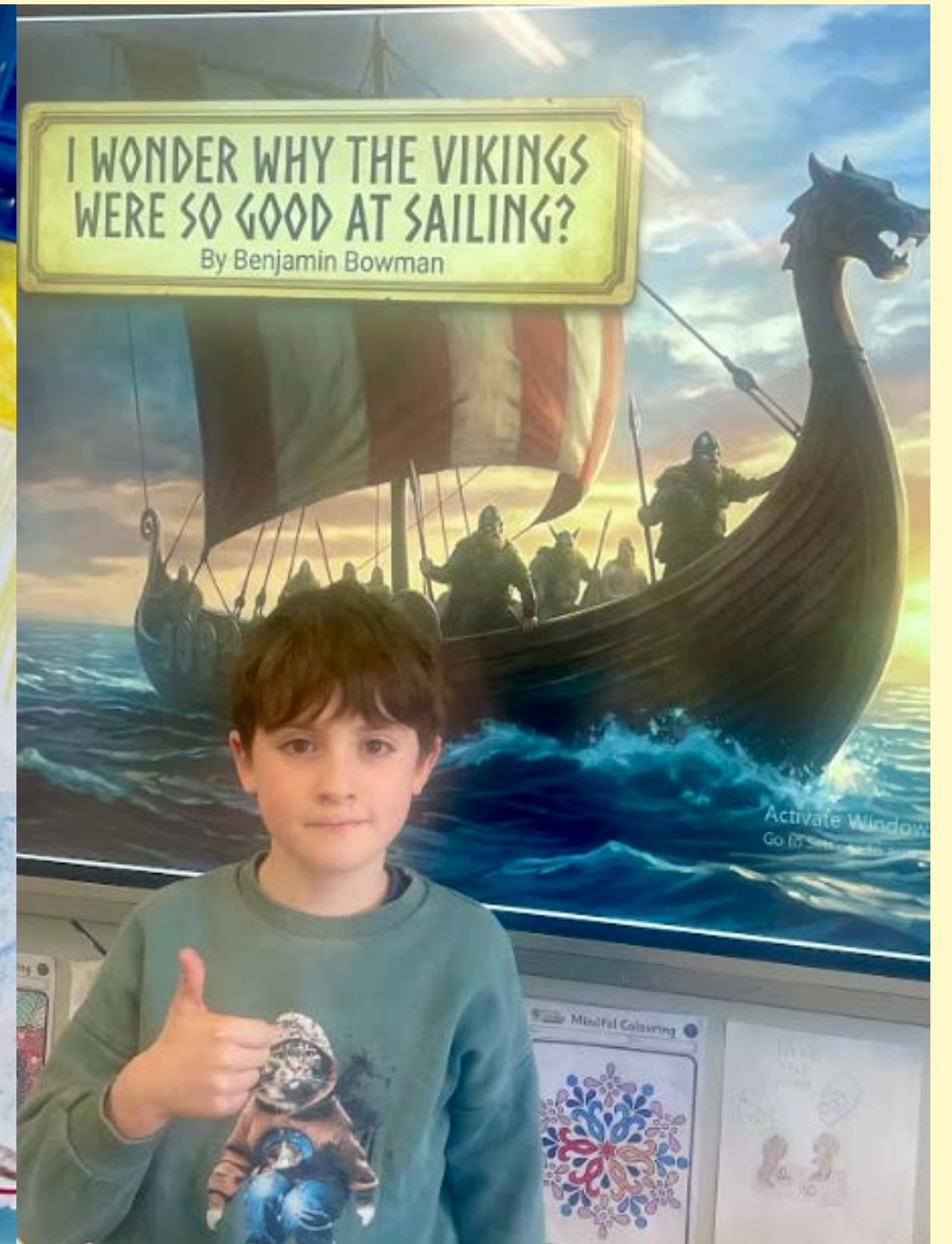
We have also started presenting our "I Wonder..." projects. For this homework project, we chose a question we were curious about, carried out research, and created a presentation to share with the class.

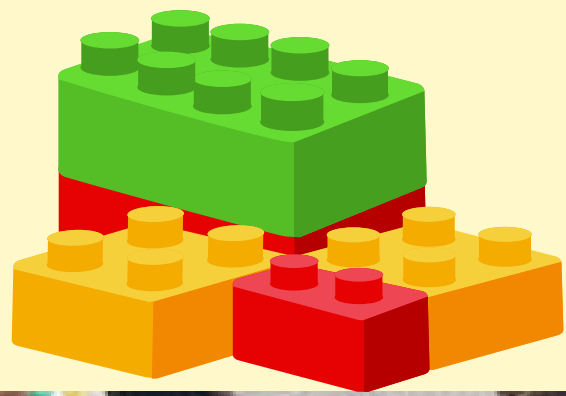
We are only halfway through the presentations, but Sarah has been absolutely blown away by the creativity, effort, and variety of topics explored. Questions have ranged from "Why were the Vikings so good at sailing?" to "Why are pandas black and white?" and even "Why does Google know everything?"

What a curious, creative, and clever bunch 3C are!

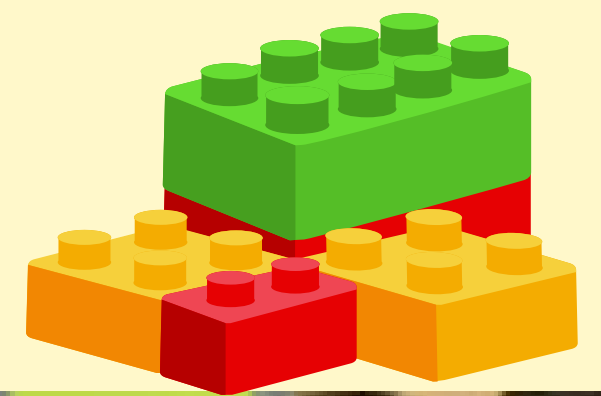


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SARAH'S THIRD CLASS C - LEGO TECHNIC



KINDNESS TREE CHALLENGE

Check out the leaderboard of our Kindness Tree Challenge!

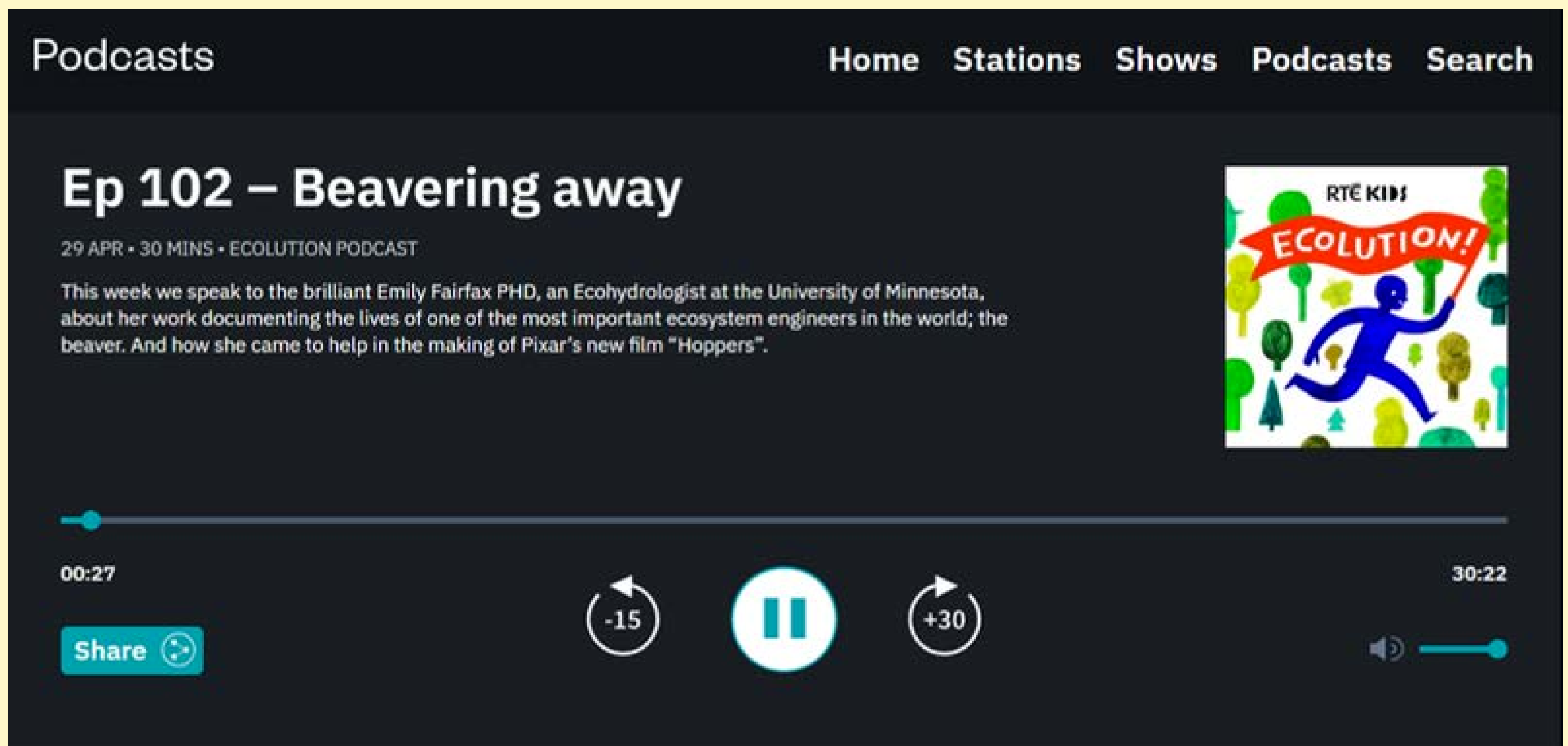
Some classes are working so hard to achieve our goal of 10 leaves per class level. Once a class level have reached 10 leaves, that whole class will get to celebrate with a chosen special reward for all three classes. When the whole school reach 10 leaves, we will have a whole school celebration.

We check in and talk about inclusion, respect, kindness and playing together nicely at every assembly and the boys and girls have really been making the biggest effort. Well done to everyone - keep it up!

I am kind



SETNS TAKE OVER THE AIR WAVES!



Well done to all our pupils who took part in the latest *Ecolution* episode on RTE Podcasts. Hear the voices of SETNS pupils from Sarah's 3rd Class, Anna's 5th class and Olivia's 6th class! We have such an articulate and knowledgeable bunch of students and we are so proud of the various ways they showcase their learning.

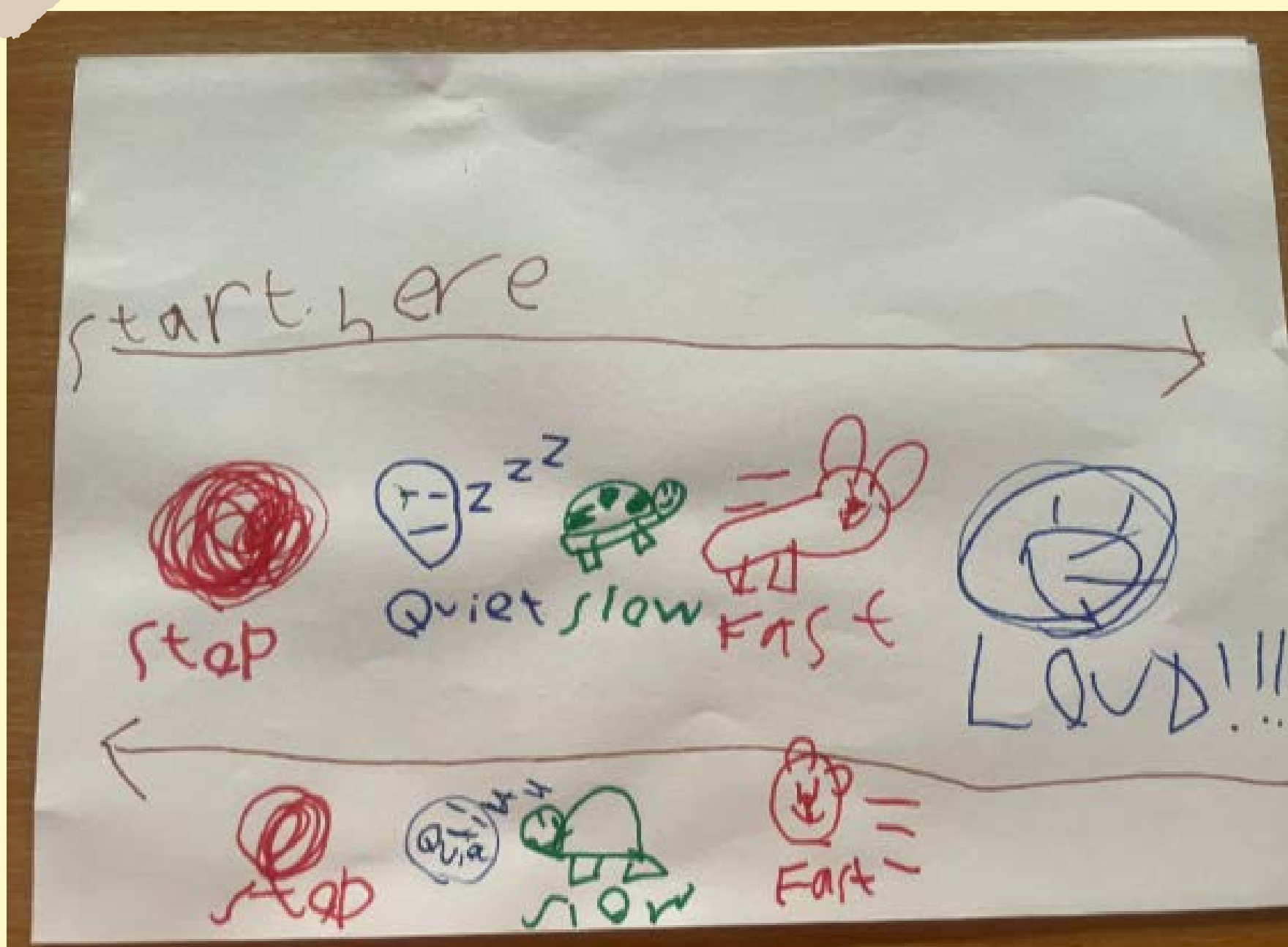
[Listen here!](#)



SENIOR STEPPING STONES

Senior Stepping Stones started preparations for Cruinniú na nÓg with Jane and Ollie this week!

We are so lucky to get the opportunity to explore music and circus movement for the next few weeks. We really enjoyed learning about the violin and getting to make our own graphic scores!



PRINCIPAL

FOR THE DAY!



My day as principal! by Alik

Hi, I am Alik and yesterday I was principal for the day. It was a dream come true! I learned about what a principal does every day. I had so much fun being principal. I also had a short walk together with Leona and she guided me around the school. She showed me the important jobs to do while being a principal. I realised how busy a principal can be!! As well as the walk, I also held a meeting in the staff room.



We all brainstormed together. I visited some classes and had a yard time inspection, followed by lunch in Leona's office alone with my friends.

I loved my day 😊

Alik

BOM AGREED REPORT - APRIL 28TH

- The Board of Management were delighted and truly blown away by the incredible amount of money raised at the recent Craft Fair. A heartfelt thank you is extended to everyone involved, including our vendors, parent volunteers and sixth class students, whose hard work and commitment made the event such a success.
- Congratulations to our three Droichead NQTs, Anna, Leonie and Luke, who have successfully completed the Droichead process this year. The Board commends them on all of their hard work, professionalism and dedication throughout the process. Sincere thanks are also extended to the Professional Support Team (PST) Niamh, Eve and Emma for the outstanding support and guidance they provided to our teachers during the year.
- The Board was very excited to hear that planning will commence for the Outdoor Classroom Committee, with expressions of interest currently being sought from parents. The Board looks forward to following the progress of this exciting project as it develops.
- The Board would like to wish Junior Infant teacher Niamh Doonan the very best of luck as she prepares to begin her maternity leave shortly. We wish Niamh every happiness for the months ahead and look forward to hearing her wonderful news.
- The Board was delighted to hear that our chess team has progressed to the Masters Chess Final. Congratulations and well done to all pupils and staff involved. Congratulations are also extended to our Maths Team who will travel to University College Dublin to compete in the Pangea Maths Competition. The competition brings together talented young mathematicians from schools across the country to test their problem-solving skills and mathematical thinking.
- A sincere thank you to Eve and Olivia for organising SETNS's participation in Santry Athletics for the very first time. The Board was delighted to hear about the school's growing community links and the increasing involvement in a wide range of sporting events and activities.
- Representatives from the Board of Management will attend the Educate Together AGM taking place on Saturday, 9th May.