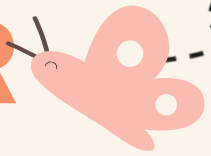


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St. Mary's Primary School  
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## Junior Infants

The children in Junior Infants are having a fantastic term. They have been learning all about The Farm through play - what the farmers job is from season to season and how weather can affect it, farming equipment used both today and long ago and learning all about the animals that can be found on our farms. The children have also composed their very own song with Gary as part of Music Generation and really enjoyed making their loved ones Love Bugs for Valentine's Day!

## Room 13b 2nd Class

Room 13B have been busy this term completing our Stay Safe Programme and we also finished our Fun Friends Programme. We created very special stained glass heart decorations for Valentine's Day which we got to bring home. We learned all about Saint Brigid and are learning how to write our very own exciting and engaging narratives.

## The Sunflower Rooms

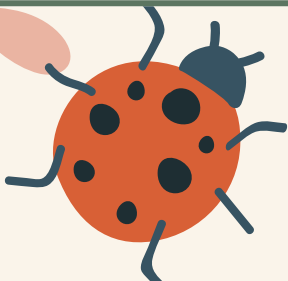
The Sunflowers have enjoyed going to swimming lessons and completing Weather based and Valentines themed Art.

## Senior Infants

Senior Infants have had a wonderful start to spring. We have been learning all about the life cycle of a chick and the parts of a flower. Senior Infants have been working loads on their number- before and number-after in maths. We have been starting to use our capital letters in the correct places in our writing and we are so proud. In Science, we blasted-off to space and learned about the sun, moon and stars. We learned what bullying is and what to do if we experience it. For Valentines and Friendship Day, we made a paper heart for someone special in our lives.

## Student Council

Congratulations to the student council on the success of their fundraising. "Your bottles are our Bench". They raised €375 for a bench for the school yard.





## Ms. Leech 2nd Class

2nd Class Room 11 have been working extremely hard this term and we have lots of exciting news to share. In history, we have been learning about Grace O'Malley, she was a true legend and defended her family and country. We have been learning about 'Friendship' and how important it is to have friends. We planned lots of activities to show kindness to each other and even gave certificates to people we saw being kind. We have been really enjoying art and have used the skill of weaving to make miniature quilt covers which we have displayed around the school. In addition to this, we have been practising asking and answering questions in gaeilge and acted out scenarios and performing them to the class.

## Ms. Flanagan 2nd Class

In Second class the boys and girls have been very busy preparing for their First Holy Communion in May. They have been working hard at learning their prayers and going to their preparation masses. We have been learning about Narrative writing this term and the children have been enjoying coming up with and writing their very own stories. They have found learning about materials in Science very interesting and have been doing experiments to see if things are absorbent or non-absorbent. The children are also working hard to collect bottles to go towards their new school benches which they are very excited about.

## Website

Our website now offers you the option to translate it's content into your language of choice. Click on the globe icon at the top of the page and select your language.

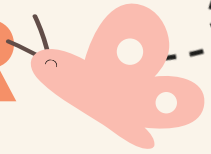
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## Ms. Nic Ruairí 4th Class

Ms. Nic Ruairí's 4th Class have had a productive and exciting few weeks since returning to school after Christmas. They had the lovely experience of having a 2nd teacher as Ms. Battle was with us for 3 weeks. Ms. Battle taught the children all about forensic science and they carried out their own mini 'who done it?' investigation. We have been focusing on the theme of 'Friendship' and 'Kindness' within our class and all of the children display these themes daily within the class. We have recently started to learn to complete long multiplication which all of the children are working really hard on.

Well done to all!

## Ms. Polgar 3rd Class

We are having great fun in third class and learning lots.

We have been working on how to keep our body healthy and learning about the internal workings of our body and important organs.

Competition is fierce for our daily tables champion and everyone is working hard at learning his or her tables.

We also worked hard at collecting recyclable bottles to earn money towards a bench for our schoolyard. We managed to collect 311 bottles, which raised on average between €45 - €65 euro for our school.

We have been learning about friendship and its importance and how important it is to make sure we treat and are treated with respect. Bullying is not acceptable in our school.

We enjoyed learning about caring for the environment, World War 2. We also learned all about the artist Banksy and recreated one of his paintings called the girl with the balloon. In art, we also created beautiful cherry blossom trees.

We have been learning to weave using embroidery needles and hessian and have made some wonderful pieces.

We are working very hard at our handwriting and hoping we can all earn a pen license soon.

## Our School Website

Don't forget to visit our school website to keep up-to-date with all the activities and events in St. Mary's Primary School!

Visit us at

[www.stmarysmullingar.ie](http://www.stmarysmullingar.ie)



## 6th Class

6th Class have been working flat out this term getting ready for the confirmation on March 29th. We had a preparation mass in January where the children were invited to bring their sponsors along. We also had a great time celebrating 'Friendship Day' on February 14th, where the children took part in art activities and shared compliments with each other.

We are really enjoying learning about the Aboriginal people, weather and climate in SESE. We also designed our own towns and wrote directions as Gaeilge.

Both classes are loving reading their class novels; 'Holes' and 'Goodnight Mister Tom'.

We are all feeling very excited about what the next term brings.

## HSCL

A reminder that Seán Ó Máirtín is our Home School Community Liaison. The number to contact Seán is 0876380897, his email is [seanomairtin@stmarysmullingar.ie](mailto:seanomairtin@stmarysmullingar.ie) and he is contactable during school hours.

## 1st Class

During January the children completed some project work about Australia. The children worked in groups using the iPads to research famous landmarks in Australia and write about it.

In 1st class we have been learning all about Spring and how nature is changing during this time of the year. New life on the farm and flowers starting to bloom.

The children in 1st class had their first Confession last Wednesday, February 12th. It was a lovely occasion and the children did the school proud. Well done to all the boys and girls who had their 1st confession!

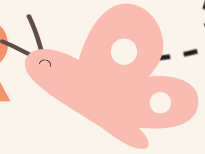
## 5th Class

Fifth Class are currently learning about The Great Famine. We are reading 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' by Marita Conlon-McKenna. We read another book, 'A Girl Called Blue,' by the same author. We helped our school collect bottles for the Student Council to buy a picnic bench. We will begin tennis lessons after the Mid-Term break.

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## Mr McGuinness 3rd Class

Third class have been very hard at work putting finishing touches to their creative writing pieces. Everybody was super excited to read their piece out for the rest of the class. Meanwhile we have also been busy completing our Stained glass castle art.

## Ms. McManus 4th Class

We have been having a great term in Room 10, since we came back to school in January! We started the year with our "One Word" project – picking an important word to focus our attention on for the coming year. Some of the words we chose are: brave, positive, patience, perseverance, strong, and confidence. We compiled them into our One Word Book. The weather gave us an unexpected snow day almost as soon as we came back! In Art we spent time learning about Picasso and created some art in the style of Picasso, and our interpretations of the Weeping Woman turned out so well! We created incredible plays about the life of Picasso in Drama – and each group produced very high quality work. In Geography we did mini projects on Italy, and are now learning about Egypt (which ties in on our History projects about Ancient Egypt). We learned about Arctic Animals in Science and worked in pairs to create mini-booklets about some of these animals. Capture the Flag became one of our favourite games to play in P.E! We celebrated Catholic Schools Week together in January, learning what it means to be "alive in Christ".

Storm Éowyn brought another unexpected day off near the end of January and we were very happy when we all got our electricity and water back! We learned about St. Brigid and learned a beautiful poem about her life. We spent some time learning to sew – just in time for St. Valentine's Day. We created some lovely pieces. Friday the 14th was a great day in Room 10. We celebrated Friendship Friday – and we took part in lots of activities highlighting the importance of having a good friend and being a good friend. We also took part in "Flashlight Friday" and spent a lot of time with our blankets and cushions and books in our "reading forts"! We wrapped up this month with our "Someone Famous Who Inspires Me" presentations. These were so interesting and we are delighted with how professional they turned out.

Happy Spring to you all!