



# Kilcoskan N.S.

Newsletter Sept 21-March 22



Hi everyone!!

We hope you are all keeping well 😊

We can't believe that those two terms have gone so fast!!

Read on and see what was happening around the school since we started back, at the end of August!!

Paddy Christie

## Amy Fisher - Small Class

Amy, Sarah and Michelle

### Horse-Riding

In October, we completed six horse riding lessons in Oldtown Riding Stables. The boys had a great time learning how to ride a horse and spending time with all of the horses. Take a look at us in action.



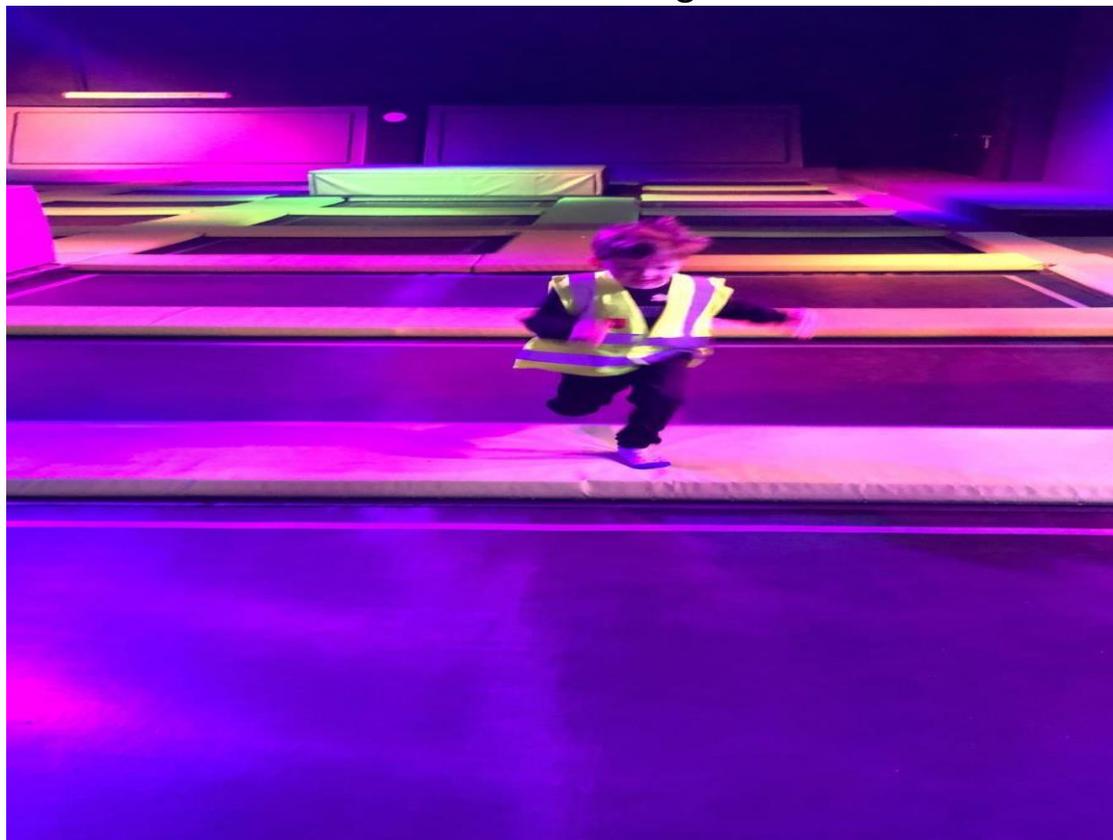
### Christmas in Kilcoskan

We really got in the Christmas spirit in our classroom this year. We went shopping for gifts, had visits from Santa as well as building lots of Christmas arts and crafts.



## **Bounce and Beyond**

Our boys have been so lucky to have spent lots of Friday mornings in Bounce and Beyond, Ballyboughal. It has been so much fun for all involved and we look forward to returning in the future.



## **On the Farm**

Over the past few weeks we have spent a lot of time exploring the theme of 'On the farm'. We bought cress seeds in the local garden centre, planted them, read lots of 'farm' themed storybooks as well as lots of farmyard arts and crafts



## **Aoife – Small Class**

### **Aoife, Brian, Rosemary/Grainne**

Term 1 and 2 have been a hive of activity in our class.

We are learning all our sounds and letters; we practice every day. We got to go on a trip on the playground in Ashbourne and had lots of fun playing with our friends. We went to horse riding lessons locally. It was so much fun seeing the horses each week.

We did lots of art printing using stamps and making clay decorations for Christmas. We sang lots of Christmas songs too. We did lots of baking and cooking too, making cookies, scones, smoothies and cheese sandwiches to name a few.

We made colourful crystals in science class. It was very interesting looking at them growing. We got to see a "volcano" explode in science class too when we mixed baking soda and vinegar! We got to go to Bounce and Beyond for a trip too. We love bouncing on the trampolines. We are getting good at our yoga moves, we practice every day. For Easter we made cool Easter eggs in our art class. We used lots of different designs on our eggs. I'm sure Term 3 will be just as busy!

Look at the school website for our photos!

## Daniel – Junior & Senior Infants

### Daniel and Mary

School started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and we were all really excited to start school and meet all of our new friends. We had lots of fun in the first term learning new things and playing with our friends. We learned different counting and sorting skills in Maths and in Science we learned about the seasons and animals, and also the solar system when Teacher Trish's 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class came in and helped us.



The highlight of the first term however was our trip to Go Kids Go! Just before the Halloween holidays.

We had so much fun on this trip and it was so exciting to go on a bus and go on the Junior Infants first school trip.



We were super busy after our Halloween holidays in the lead up to Christmas. We did lots of work both inside and outside of the classroom. In Math's we learned about different shapes inside and outside and tried to find them around the school. We continued to learn all our sounds and practiced forming letters every day. We did



lots of painting and used paintbrushes, cotton buds and our fingers.



At the start of December, we were visited by an elf. This elf was here to ensure that we were being good in school, and he reported all his findings to Santa Claus. We named our elf Billy and it turned out that Billy was a very silly elf. He was always playing tricks on us in the classroom, we had lots of fun trying to find him when he would hide somewhere and leave us clues as to where he might be!

After the Christmas break, we got straight back into work.

We completed lots of work inside the classroom such as patterns in math's and continuing with our letters and sounds. We also learned about some of the celebrations such as St Brigid's Day and St Patrick's day in History, while in science we learned about the change of Season and learned about things that happen in spring. To compliment this, we planted our own plants and went on a Spring Nature Walk. We did lots of lovely artwork and made cards on Valentine's Day for our parents and also for Mother's Day.

Our After-school activities club also started up for Senior Infants and I think the highlight of this was definitely making chocolate rice krispie buns!!



## Eoin - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

### **Eoin and Deirdre**

First and second class have had two very busy terms and we're looking forward to our final summer term, especially now that all of the after-school activities are back!

Most days we try to get some English, Gaeilge and maths done with a little bit of meditation and yoga thrown in for good measure! So far, we've read over 20 picture books from the whiteboard (we call them our 'story of the week') and some of our favourites include Spinderella, The Sleeping Giant, Gordon's Great Escape and the Polar Bear Son. Our story of the week is always accompanied by a poem of the week!

Often our story of the week is about an animal, so we learn a bit more about the real-life animals featured in the story. We've read all about spiders, sharks, crocodiles (not everybody was a fan of these animals) so we also looked at a few less scary animals like pigs, red squirrels and porcupines (everybody was a fan of these!)

We're great singers in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class and we can belt out a few tunes at this stage...the Yellow Submarine, Dance Monkey, and the Addams Family are all popular, but our favourite is a song we stumbled across by accident, Count on Me by Bruno Mars! Around St Patrick's Day we learned the Staicín Eorna dance for the day that was in it!

After our Christmas holidays and before our Easter holidays we were lucky enough to have two student teachers in with our class (we

taught them a thing or two!) and they did some lovely topics with us, including Australia, daffodils and Egyptian hieroglyphics to name but a few...a big Thank You to Teacher Claire and Teacher Emma!

School trips are always a favourite and we had a great time at Ashbourne Playground, the Botanic Gardens followed by Johnstown Park and, of course, our regular trips to the Sportslink swimming pool in Santry. Teacher Amy, June and Deirdre always ensured we were well fed with healthy treats afterwards, and Paddy ensured we were fed with a not so healthy treat on our last day (we'd earned it after all that exercising)!

Recently we've been doing a lot of preparation for our First Communion and we can't wait for the big day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of May!

## Aisling – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class

### **Aisling and Maria**

Here are just some of the activities that third and fourth class have enjoyed this year so far!

**September** – settled back into school and got to know our new Teacher and SNA, Aisling and Maria and also our new classmates. We revised all our maths work from our previous class.

**October**- In Science we looked at the different types of bridges: Truss, Suspension, Arch and Beam.

The class made their own bridge using their schoolbooks and paper. We predicted if the paper would hold a weight (coins) and then tested it. We then folded the paper to make it stronger which made a huge difference.

For Halloween, fifth and sixth class constructed a haunted house and invited each class to have a look (if they dared!)

**November**- We started going to swimming lessons in Sportslink, Santry every Friday. At the end of each lesson the children were allowed some free time in the lazy river which was a big hit!!

Geography- we learned all about the provinces of Ireland and their counties. We even had a poem about it to help us in our learning.

In Music we completed a musical study about The Beatles and learned two songs, 'Help' and 'Here comes the Sun'.

**December**- Teacher took our picture and stuck them onto elves bodies for our Christmas Art. Maria, our SNA, decorated our classroom door with Rudolph and all the elves. Our 'northern lights' art adorned the corridor and was highly praised!

**January** - We went to the recycling centre in Ballymun and learned all about sustainability which was very interesting.

We then completed projects about this topic in groups and displayed them on our class noticeboard.

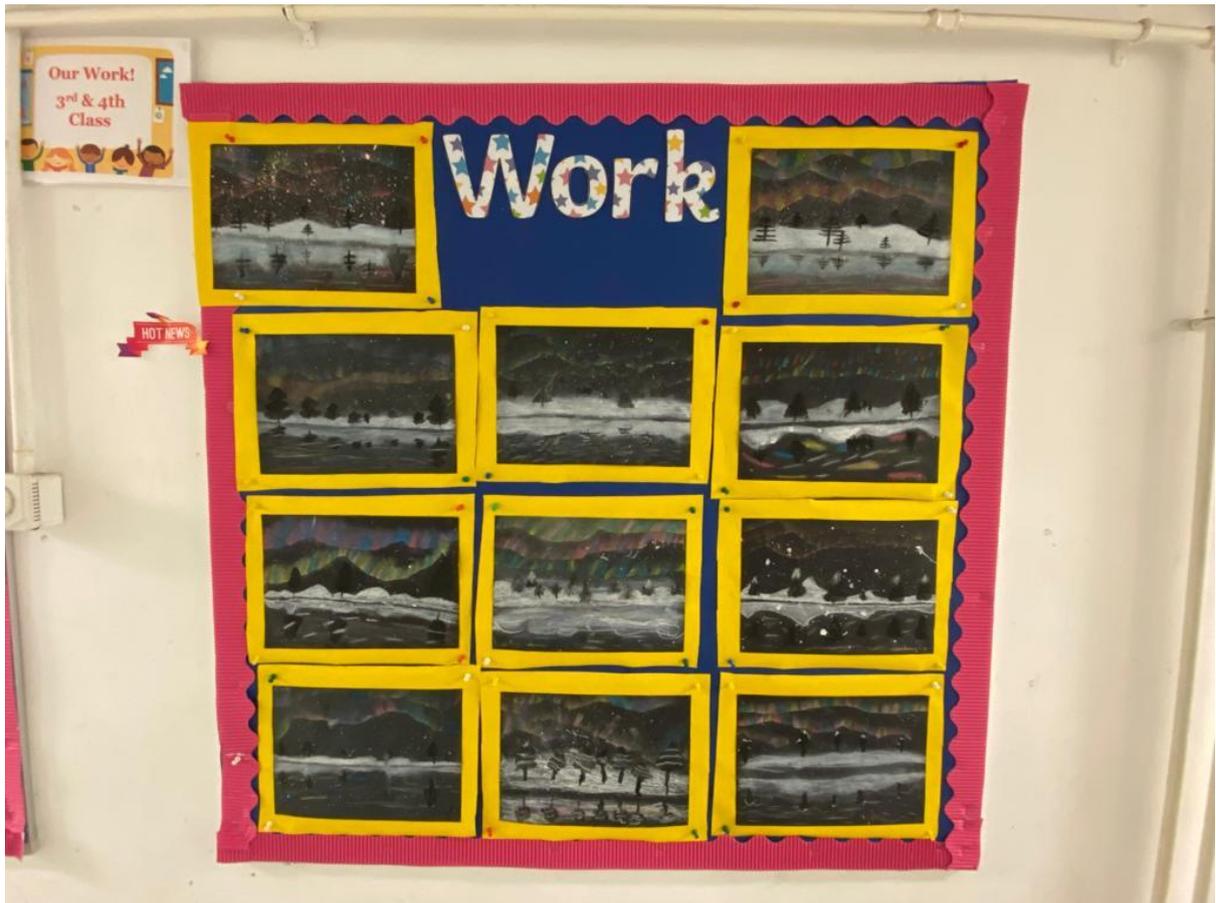
**February** - we made our cards for loved ones for Valentine's Day.

In Drama we read the poem 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf' from Roald Dahl's Revolting rhymes which we glued into our Poetry and Music book. We acted out the parts in various voices, much to the delight of the class!

**March** – Eoin, our student teacher arrived. He was from Kilkenny and was mad about hurling! In literacy, he revised how to write stories with us and the end result was really good! Teacher Eoin researched Italy with the class and they did a project on Italy's food, main sports and tourist attractions.

**April** - Maria and Michelle started the knitting club and the class found it very relaxing. We all enjoyed a two week break from school.





## Trish - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class

### Trish and June

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class has had a very busy and productive year so far. We've learnt lots of new things and made many memories. Here are some of the great things that have happened this year.

- We got to design the Halloween Haunted House.
- We adopted grandparent's and sent them Christmas gifts.
- The Book Fair was a big success.
- We loved swimming on Friday's.
- Each class had Tea Time with Teacher Trish.
- We worked really hard on our Passion Projects
- Everybody got a turn being our classroom VIP.
- We had a big Christmas party and a class Kris Kindle.
- We had a Zoom call with Ashbourne Community College.
- We visited the Rediscovery centre in Ballymun.
- We had a visit from Ashbourne Credit Union
- We organised an Easter Egg Hunt for the other classes.
- 6<sup>th</sup> class made their Confirmation.
- Football has been a big part of the year for many of our students and we have played really well.
- We contributed to a time capsule buried in St Margaret's GAA.
- We love our Wednesday PE sessions with Nigel.
- We attended online seminars with a Neuroscientist and a Doctor
- We had two excellent student teachers Sheena and Ava.

We are really looking forward to the third and final term of the year and hopefully it will be as educational and fun as the first two terms.

## Amy Casey - SET 3rd-6th

**Sept 21:** Settled back into school and reacquainted ourselves with our pals 😊

**Oct:** We thoroughly enjoyed dress up day which kick started the Hallowe'en break and we loved making various acoustic poems out of spooky words associated with Hallowe'en.

**Nov:** Some of the children from my group helped prepare our healthy snacks for after swimming! It's amazing what the children will try if they're hungry enough!!!

**Dec:** The children enjoyed a well-deserved treat of sausages and chips up in the Coolquay lodge.

**Jan:** Every Monday senior SET group engage in Yoga with Michelle in the green room. Thanks to Teacher Aoife and Teacher Amy F for being so accommodating!

**FEB:** We engaged in a very interesting STEM and sustainability workshop in the rediscovery centre in Ballymun.

**March:** We made lovely oat and banana pancakes to celebrate pancake Tuesday.

## Caroline – SET Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

The children have been working hard on projects, reports and recount writing.

They have done lovely artwork too! I'm so proud of them!



Report writing



Name: Lions  
 Description: big cats, sandy colour, Males have manes.  
 Where: Africa  
 Female: Lioness, best hunter  
 Group: Pride  
 babies: cubs  
 Favourite food: Zebra's grass

David



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I love PANDAS !!!  
 I have 50 !!!

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 nice time.

Subj: like



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