



Kilcoskan N.S. November/December Newsletter 2018

Hi everyone - hope you all had a lovely Christmas !!

We wanted to tell you about all the things we got up to
in November and December



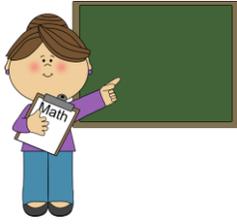
Our secretary Susan, caretaker Roy , teachers , special
needs assistant teachers and pupils are working away
diligently and we will tell you all about it later in the
newsletter .

Principals report :

- Science Week Nov 11th-18th The school was awash with science during science week and Trish's class did a great science show for Aisling's class .



- Over 30 kids in the school have been availing of the milk scheme from the National Dairy Council , milk is an important source of Calcium , which is vital for healthy bones and teeth



- Parent - Teacher meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February 2.40-5.00pm



Coolquay Carols !!

We had a lovely night singing our Christmas carols on Wednesday 19th December .

Our thanks to the Coolquay Lodge for their hospitality and the parents association for all their help on the night .

Panto in the Helix



The whole school went to the Helix for the Robin Hood panto - it was brilliant !! The photos are on the school website . A big thank you to the Helix for looking after us so well and to Brendan Collins from Dublin Bus for the double-decker bus !!



School Website

Our school website address is www.kilcoskan.com , it's a great way to keep up with all the news in our school , its usually updated twice a week

Classroom news

Aisling's class (Jun + Sen Inf)

November infants-- Our theme for Aistear (learning through play) was the Doctors surgery. We had a doctors office set up in the classroom with a waiting and an eye test area.

Antoinette showed us how to use all the different equipment and how to wash our hands properly. We had great fun!

December infants- What a busy month! We wrote our letters to santa. Then we walked down to our local postbox with Mr.

Christie and posted them. We also performed in our annual christmas carol service. We sang 'I want a hippotamaus for christmas, Santa Claus is coming to town and said the poem 'A chubby little Snowman'.

Aoife's class (1st/2nd)

We took part in after school clubs; cooking, art and aerobics.

We loved learning how to play table tennis.

Our classroom elf Ralf came to visit.

We learnt all about Christmas around the world.

We did lots of practice for our school Carol service.

The choir performed in Charlestown shopping centre and collected money for charity and performed in the local nursing home.

We loved going to see the panto in the Helix, it was very funny.

Teacher Colm's Class News Nov/Dec 2018

November and December were busy months in 3rd and 4th class.

- In English we were learning about narrative writing and the different stages involved in writing stories.
- For SESE we looked at the Celts, Nelson Mandela, our organs and heat. It was also science week in November. We carried out a number of experiments in the classroom. Take a look at our website to look at pictures from it!
- We had a visit from Dale Treadwell who spoke to us about Dinosaurs.
- We've been using the iPads and have been put into different groups where we are all working well together!
- For P.E. we've been getting coached from Joe every Tuesday where we've been working on our skills and fitness. We also got some new table tennis tables in the school and we were lucky enough to get coached by the number one table tennis player in Ireland - Gavin Maguire. We really enjoyed it and improved week on week!
- We got to go to the Helix to see a Robin Hood Panto. We really enjoyed it!

- In December we took part in the school concert where we performed our three songs - Run Run Rudolph,

Silent Night and So Here it is Merry Christmas. We had a great time practicing and performing the songs for the crowd.

- Finally, a number of people from third and fourth class took part in a football match against Virgin Mary Ballymun. The match took place in Ballymun Kickhams pitch. Everyone enjoyed playing and representing the school and we are all looking forward to training starting up again in the New Year!

- Don't forget to check our class page on the school website for updates in 2019!

Trish's class (5th/6th)

It has been a fun filled and busy winter for 5th and 6th class. We have had trips out, visitors in, performed at the Christmas Concert and set up our own business. Last November we got the opportunity to visit the Google Head Office in Dublin city. It was an experience we will never forget. The building was super modern and full of lovely rooms for the people who work there to work in and to relax.

If that wasn't enough excitement, we also got to go to DCU twice! During Space Week 2018 we got to listen to a talk given by Shane Kimbrough a real-life NASA Astronaut, not many people can say that they've met a NASA Astronaut, but we can!

The following week we attended a panto at the Helix. We think we might be the luckiest class in the whole of Ireland. Between all this excitement we still managed to practice and perform at the Christmas concert, set up our own business, continue our Tour of Europe running challenge and our mission to be a Kind Classroom. Some of us even managed to fit a school football match in before our Christmas holidays.

It has been a busy start to the New Year with a visit from Michael Moylan a historian who spoke to us about the World Wars. This was great because we had been learning about this at school. Bank of Ireland visited our class and we learnt lots about becoming entrepreneurs and setting up our own companies and there was a great atmosphere in the classroom as we all competed to set up successful businesses. The ideas that we came up with were really good and we learnt a lot from the experience.

By 5th and 6th Class

Teachers Caroline and Amy

During November and December we learned about the characteristics of winter. We wrote winter stories and poems. We had great fun at the Helix and wrote about our trip!

We made Christmas cards and some of us wrote the story of The First Christmas when Jesus was born. We worked hard at Maths and Reading too.

Ana and Eoin's classes

Eoin's class

We had a really busy November and December!

The week of 11th of November was science week and we conducted lots of experiments:

- The egg in a bottle experiment with Teacher Aoife's class.
- The water bottle rocket experiment with Mr Christie.
- Different cola experiments with Sharon.
- And Dale Treadwell taught us all about dinosaurs.

Our home economic skills are really improving because we made Rice Krispie squares, French toast and sweet potato fries.

During November and December we also went to lots of different places; Teacher Trish brought us to the Coolquay Garden Centre to help choose a Christmas tree for the school, we went to the Helix to watch the Robin Hood panto and we went up and down to the Coolquay Lodge for our Christmas Carol rehearsals.

We really enjoy reading and each week we choose a different book. We read these stories through November and December: *On the Way Home* by Jill Murphy, *The Troll and Spinderella* both by Julia Donaldson, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr, *Dinosaurs Go Christmas Shopping* by Timothy Knapman and *Shhh!* by Julie Sykes.

2018 was a great year and we can't wait for an even better 2019!

Ana's class

We had great fun on November and December.

We went to Fun Galaxy with teacher Aisling's Class and to Robin Hood Panto with the whole school in November. On December we went to see Santa at Blanchardstown Shopping Centre but he also came to the school to visit us! We were so lucky!

On November we celebrated Science Week so we did some really cool experiments like 'Oobleck' and electrostatic lamp. On December we made loads of lovely Christmas decorations. We made our own tree ornaments with salt dough and another ones with wood. We also made a big chimney to have where to stick our handmade stockings. We really loved sitting by the 'fire' reading a book. It was so cosy.



Hope you enjoyed our news !!

Best Wishes

Paddy Christie

