



Newsletter

May 2020

Welcome to our first 'at home' newsletter! Although we are not in school, we wanted to highlight the good work going on in classes at the moment and give you a few notice updates.

As you are no doubt aware, the government announced on Friday last that schools will not re-open until September. Even though this was expected, we are still very disappointed for our pupils, teachers and parents. The summer term is always eagerly anticipated because we have so many fun activities and events planned. We will take the rough with the smooth and focus on the necessity of this extended closure to safeguard our loved ones.

For now, please continue to ensure that your child/ren engages with Seesaw. Our teachers have started to progress with new content of the curriculum. If you have a Junior Infant starting in September or know of someone who has, please note that you will receive a letter over the coming weeks with details of our New Parent Information Night which will be held remotely this year. If you have

questions in relation to any of the above, please do email me at the school address stmultose@gmail.com or on the school mobile 086 0370254.

A message to our 6th Class pupils...

To our dear 6th class pupils, please be reassured that we are currently planning a remote graduation to mark the special occasion on Thursday 25th June. We also have a few surprises up our sleeves for you! We know how much you miss your friends, school, and normality right now!

I promise, when things go back to normal, we will celebrate you and your classmates at your face-to-face End of Year Service. We are all looking forward to that day.

Take care,

Ms Horan

Standardised Testing

The Department of Education have also announced that standardised testing has been cancelled for this year. End of term reports will reflect this. Please do not be concerned about this in any way. For our 6th Class pupils,

secondary schools will receive your 5th class results from last year which will suffice. For all other pupils, standardised testing scores are only one small part of the ongoing assessment that teachers use to support pupil learning.

End of Year School Reports

You will still receive your child/ren's end of year school report in mid-June. Further details to follow.

Birthdays!



Since schools have been closed, we have had a lot of birthdays celebrated at home. We usually announce birthdays in Assembly, sing 'Lá Breithlá Sona Duit!' and give a big birthday clap to the birthday boys and girls. I would like to wish the following children a big Happy Birthday and send them a virtual clap:

Fred O'Callaghan
Savannah O'Dowd
Lucille Schaffhauser
Izzey Colbert
Isla Monkhouse
Joshua Murphy
Meghan Murphy
Zoe Murphy
Anish Nugent
Rhea Nugent
Noah O'Brien
Isabelle Dorman

Eliza Duff
Alex Herbert
Ben Howey
James Kinehan
Ruairí Mason
Reuben O' Roirdán
Matthew Owen
Elma Pallone
Liadán Salter
Archie Woodcock

Ms Horan's Class



Eliza wishing everyone a 'Happy Bealtaine' with her May Bush decorated behind her.

The children have been busy celebrating May Day. They made May Bushes, Maypoles and went on a scavenger hunt looking for wildflowers in the hedgerows.

Samuel's Maypole





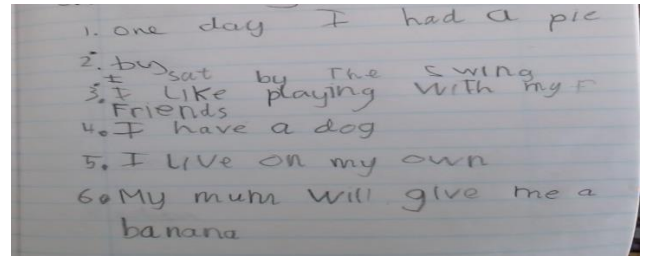
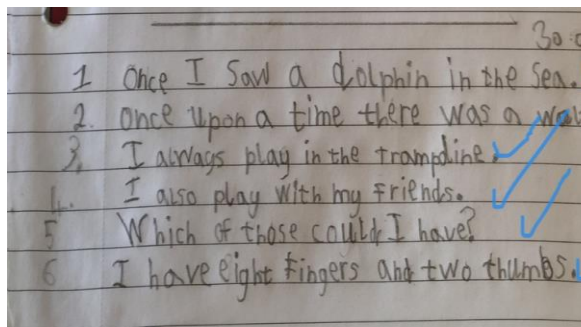
Lucille's collection of wildflowers.



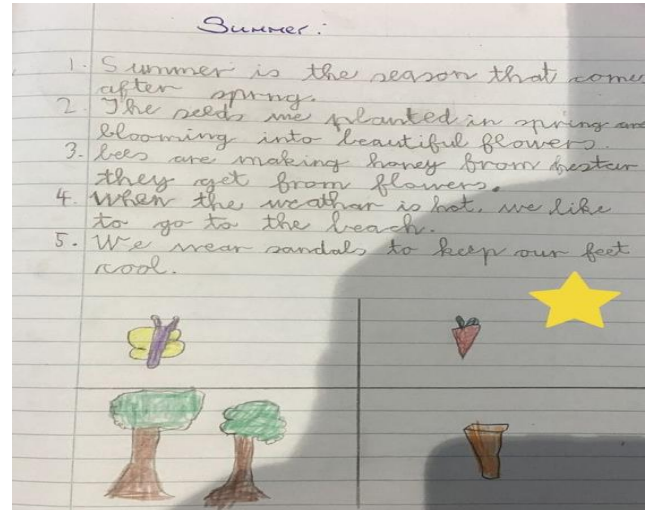
Alex B'S Coin bridge. For Science and to develop our fine motor skills, we made bridges from coins. It took a lot of experimenting to figure it out how to make it a strong bridge!

The children have been busy learning their tricky words, spellings and tables. They have also been writing lots of sentences.

Annaliese's sentences



Charlie's tricky word sentences.



Tristan's SESE work.



Kiera's picture of her favourite animal. For Art, we made Mandala's from natural materials. Here is Juno's.





Fred's Mandala. We learned that Mandalas are symmetrical.



Noah's small world made from plasticine.

We have been learning about Capacity in Maths.



Luke found some containers that hold less than one litre.

Ms Horan

Ms Curtin's Class

2nd and 3rd class have been working incredibly hard on Seesaw. They are making such an admirable effort with their learning tasks and the standard of writing and presentation is so high. I am so proud of how they have responded to this challenging time. Keep up the good work! Thank you so much to all the parents for all the hard work and support.

In English we have working on the writing to socialise genre and have written 'Thank you notes, emoji messages and a letter to someone we admire. We have moved on with new topics in maths such as capacity and weight in 3rd class with the help of videos from Ms. Buttimer. 2nd class have been doing some tricky subtraction work with renaming. No problem to them all! The children are doing mental maths every day so diligently, which is helping to revise all their skills.

For our Gaeilge we have listened to some Irish stories and noted words we recognise. This will help to develop our oral language during this time away from school.

In other subjects we have completed exciting tasks such as researching Roman soldiers and designing Roman shields. We made home-made musical instruments and have listened to pieces of classical music. We created our own Easter goodie baskets, used materials in the

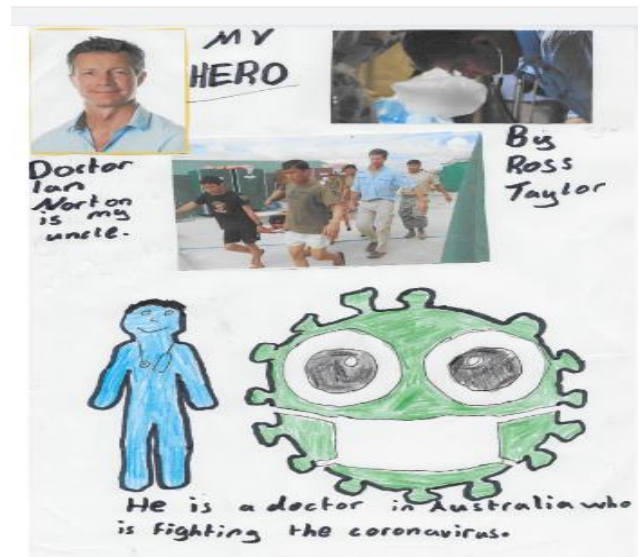
garden to make pictures and sculptures and drew pictures of heroes on the frontline for an art competition. We have been noting things we are grateful for as well as doing acts of kindness. We really have been busy!



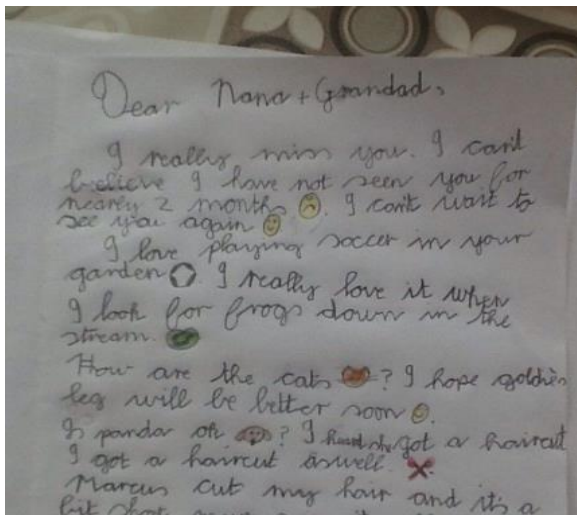
The Easter Story by Daisy



Roman shield from Tom and Alex H



Drawing of Ross' uncle and his frontline hero.



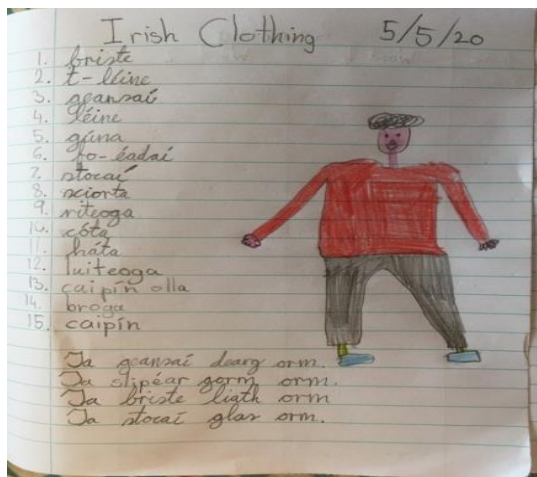
A note with emojis to his grandparents by Alex M



Rhea unloading the dishwasher as an act of kindness



Nature Art by Millie



Gaeilge clothes words by Leopold

Ms Curtin

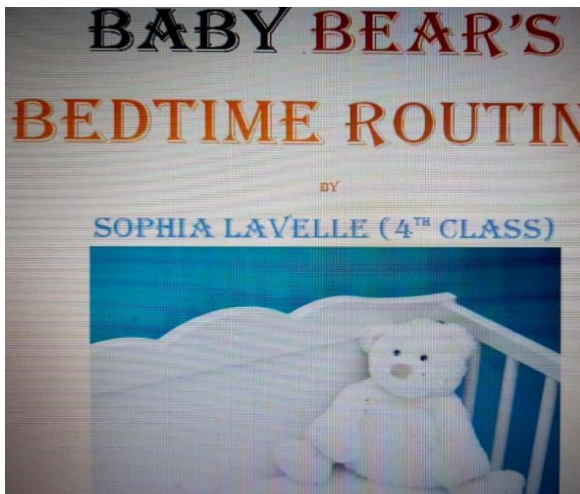
Ms Kingston's Class

Although school life has changed quite a bit over the last number of weeks, the pupils from 4th and 5th class have been working with great enthusiasm and diligence. Their Digital Literacy skills have moved to a whole new level as have mine! They have been busy working on their writing and typing skills; producing explanations, procedures, poetry, scripts, quizzes, mini story books and cartoon strips to name some. I look forward to the daily posts: of PE workouts, sibling and family P.E. competitions, photographs of

creative designs, audio recordings of Irish reading and even the odd musical rap! Everyone needs a smile and some entertainment at these times, and I'm being provided with them in earnest. Well done all!

Ms Kingston





Ms Nestor's Class

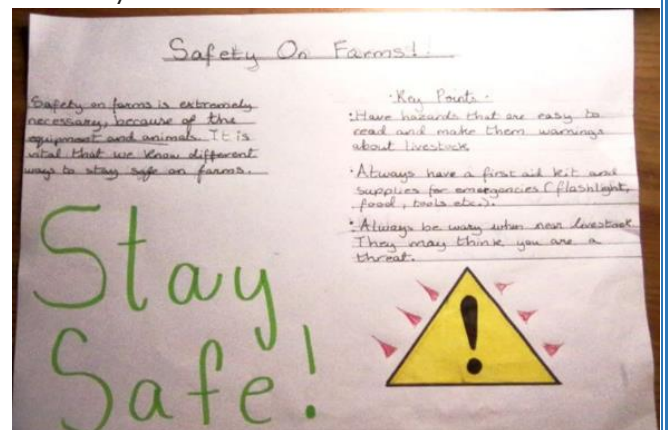
Remote teaching and learning is certainly a new challenge. We all miss the daily contact with our pupils, the fun and banter of a lively class, however, the enthusiasm and engagement of the pupils since we have moved 'online' has been over whelming. Families are making this

experience a 'whole family approach' and parents, siblings and animals regularly take part in video submissions of work. We will all be digital technology experts when we return in September!

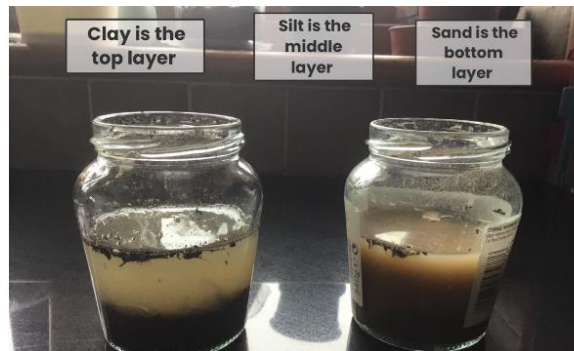
The past number of weeks have been filled with lots of exciting new material. The senior children have covered new chapters in maths looking at area and directed numbers. Poetry week was a highlight with some fantastic verses composed through limerick, Haiku and black out formats.



We investigated farming from the past and designed and invented a new machine which would revolutionize the modern farming industry!



We are currently experimenting with soil, looking and identifying the various layers of soil in our back gardens.



Plus, the daily workout games and exercises through P.E. It's like we're still in school!!

Ms Nestor

Thank you!

From St. Multose National School, we want to say a big thank you to all of our parents who are helping to keep things running and who are helping to keep us all safe and well during this time.

Thank you to our frontline health care workers who take big risks daily, and are working ever so hard to keep our nation safe.

Thank you also to those who are doing other vital frontline jobs such as retail, essential public service administration etc.

Let us not forget also those who are doing their work from home but are none the less contributing to the wellbeing and care of others by providing whatever service they are involved with.

Coming Together

It is strange that at a time where we have been told to stay apart, people everywhere are finding new ways to come together. I am so impressed by the ways in which our school staff have managed to connect with the pupils and parents. Please do contact me if you are struggling with any aspect of your child's schooling and I will do my best to help. I have been given permission from the Guards to drop books and devices off to children's doorsteps. During these trips, it has been lovely to wave through the window at some of you! While we are not at school, we are still here for you and your children to help support their learning.

Le Meas,

Jill Horan.