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Chess

Children in 5th and 6th class have been perfecting their chess skills lately. James, Aaron, Séamus and I represented the school at a chess tournament in The Rock in February. Here's a brief outline of the rules of chess...

Pawns can only move one space at a time, apart from on their first move when they move two spaces. Pawns move forward and take other pieces diagonally. They can't move backwards. They are useful but are only worth one point. When a pawn reaches the end of the board the player can change it to

a queen, knight, rook or bishop.

Rooks are worth five points. They can move as many spaces forward or across as they like unless they are blocked by their own piece.

Knights are worth three points. They move in an L shape and can jump other pieces.

Bishops are also worth three points. They move diagonally but can't jump other pieces.

The *queen* is the most powerful piece. She is worth nine points. She can move any amount of spaces in any direction, but not even the queen can jump.

The *king* is the most important piece and is worth the entire game. He can only move one space at a time but in any direction. If the king is in a position where he is about to be taken this is called check. If the king is stuck and can't get out of check it is called checkmate. That means the game ends and the opponent wins.

By Aisling Tunney
6th class

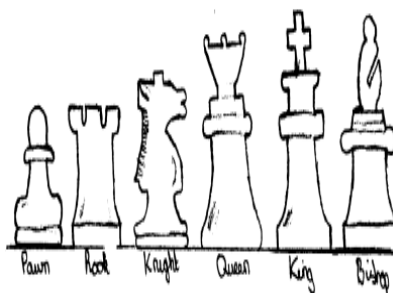


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SEACHTAIN NA GAELGE I dTOBAR AN LÉINN

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl i dTobar an Léinn ón 9ú lá de mhí Márta go dtí an 13ú lá. Bhí Lá Gaeilge againn ar an Aoine. Bhí díospóireacht ag rang a sé san iarnóin. Bhíomar ag obair go dian. Bhí *Bíonn an Obair Bhaile Ró-Fhada* mar rún acu. Rinne rang a cúig drámaí difriúla. Bhí ceithre dhráma acu agus bhí said greannmhar. Ansin, bhí rang a trí agus a ceathair ag canadh as Gaeilge. Bhí said go deas. Ina dhiaidh sin, bhí rang a haon agus a dó ag scipeáil agus ag canadh as Gaeilge. Bhí siad an-anamúil. Chan na naíonáin "Lá Fhéile Pádraig" as Gaeilge. Bhí said go hálainn. Tar éis na naíonán chuaigh an scoil ag damhsa sa chlós. Rinneamar an damhsa "An Dreoilín". Bhí an lá go hálainn agus tá mé ag tnúth leis an mbliain seo chugainn. **Le Kolia McDonald agus James Whelan, Rang a Sé.**

A Delicious Experiment

3rd and 4th class made Rice Krispie buns when we were learning about heat in Science. First, Cody and Matthew broke up some cooking chocolate into a bowl. We melted the chocolate in different ways, first big squares then small squares. Ms. Ní Leathlobhair turned up the setting on the microwave because the chocolate didn't melt on the low setting. Eleanor put some Rice Krispies into the melted chocolate and stirred the mixture. Meanwhile, Anna put some paper cases into a tray. We put the chocolate Krispies into the paper cases and let them set. After the buns had set, Teacher shared them between the class. They were delicious. The best part was when we got to eat the rest of the mixture when we were cleaning up. It was the best day ever, but we had to do the washing-up! **By Matthew Goode, Cody Bland and Anna Keane, 4th Class**

2ND CLASS FIRST PENANCE-

On Thursday 12th March at half seven the children in 2nd class made their First Penance. We practised our songs all week and we were really looking forward to it. When we arrived at the church we all had to sit at the top of the church. We sang *The way to be* and *I'm Sorry*. We also said prayers that we learned. Father Kelly brought us up onto the altar one at a time and we told our sins and Teacher told us that we have to give our Mum and Dad a big hug. We were all nervous but we enjoyed it. We are working hard with teacher preparing for our First Holy Communion. **By Aoife Hennessy 2nd Class**

Swimming Lessons

Every Tuesday 1st, 2nd and 3rd class go swimming in Portlaoise Leisure Centre. They are enjoying the experience and learning very important skills.



After Easter 4th, 5th and 6th classes will commence their lessons.

Swimming is an important life skill and we are delighted with

Swimming for Tobar an Léinn

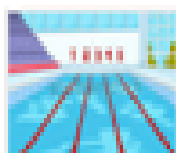
Every year primary and secondary schools throughout Leinster compete in the Leinster Schools Championships.

I have competed in the championships for the last four years and I've really enjoyed them. Swimming competitions are nerve racking, even more so when you're representing your school.

This year I swam butterfly and I.M. which is a medley of four different strokes. I got new P.Bs {personal best} in both of my swims. I also beat my arch enemy in butterfly. These times got me through to the national championships that were held in January 2015.

**IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR ME AND ALSO
FOR TOBAR AN LÉINN.**

By Ellen Donoghue, 5th Class



Our Cardboard Village

One day Ms. Griffin told us to put on our high vis jackets and we went for a walk around the village looking at the houses. Ms Griffin took photos of the houses. When we came back to class we all discussed how we could build the village. Ms Griffin told us that we could use boxes to build it. The next day 5th and 6th class came in to help us. We split into groups and the big class went in twos to help us. We built the houses first, then we painted them. We put the village on the big table in the main entrance hall. We were delighted that the 5th and 6th helped us. It's on display for all to see.

By Liam Whelan 2nd Class

Infant Crafts: Over the last few weeks we have been looking at the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. We recreated our favourite scenes from the story. We had great fun listening to the story, singing and acting out different parts. We also created our own bears with papers plates, crepe paper and paper flower pots. We all really enjoyed the story.



By Junior and Senior Infants

The Rosary Beads: -

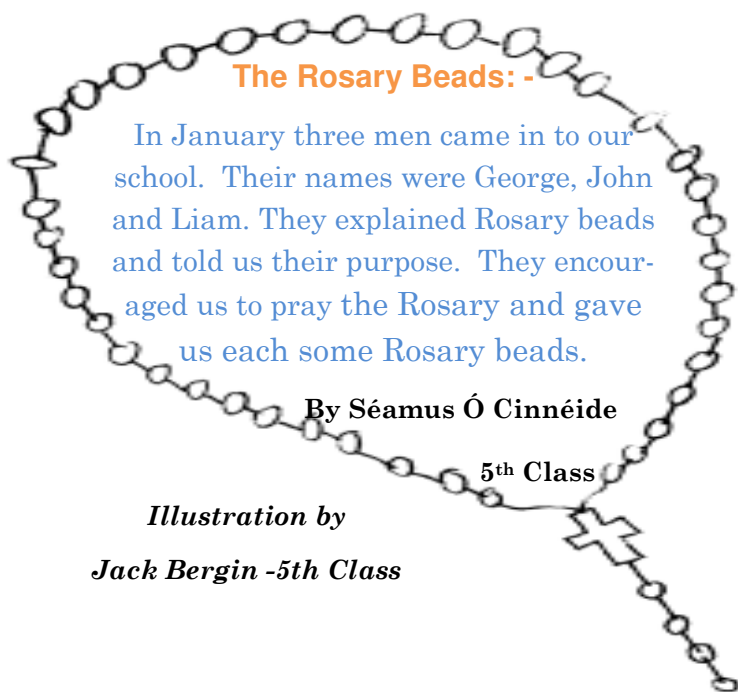
In January three men came in to our school. Their names were George, John and Liam. They explained Rosary beads and told us their purpose. They encouraged us to pray the Rosary and gave us each some Rosary beads.

By Séamus Ó Cinnéide

5th Class

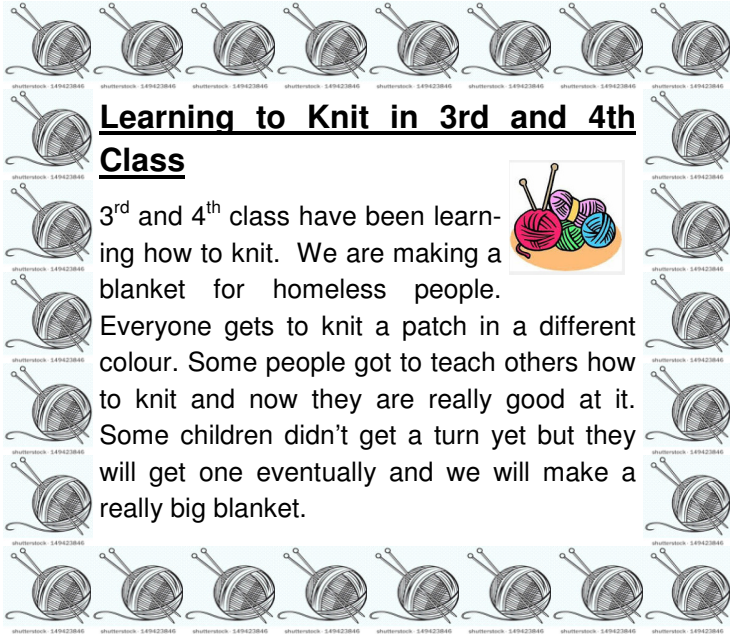
Illustration by

Jack Bergin -5th Class



Football Blitz

On Friday the 13th of March, 3rd and 4th class went to Shanahoe to play a football blitz. We left at 10:00 a.m.. It felt like it took ages to get there! When we arrived we all got changed and waited for the teacher to tell us what teams we were on. The teams were Kildare, Offaly, Westmeath, Meath, Longford and Wexford. We all got the coloured bibs and put them on. We got into our positions and started to play. When each match was over the teacher came over to give us drinks. We played for an hour and a half. We played three matches. In one match we scored SEVENTEEN POINTS! We had sausage rolls, biscuits, tea and soup for lunch, We had lots of fun all day long. **By Cian Wullich 4th Class, Joanne Conroy 3rd Class and Tiernan Donovan 3rd Class**



Learning to Knit in 3rd and 4th Class

3rd and 4th class have been learning how to knit. We are making a blanket for homeless people. Everyone gets to knit a patch in a different colour. Some people got to teach others how to knit and now they are really good at it. Some children didn't get a turn yet but they will get one eventually and we will make a really big blanket.



Movie Night 2

On Thursday night 26th February we had our 2nd Movie Night. Each classroom had a different movie to watch.

Junior and Seniors watched "Mr. Peabody",



1st and 2nd Class watched "How to Train your Dragon 2".

3rd and 4th class watched "The Book of Life" and

5th and 6th class watched "The Life of Pi".

We were all looking forward to the night. Everyone brought some treats and drinks and we all had a great night.

By Jane Phelan 1st Class

Athletics

Every week we go with our Principal Mr Crean to the field to do athletics. We do running, races, exercises and football. It is fun but very tiring. Although it is hard I really enjoy athletics. It is our P.E. on a Wednesday, Athletics is a very good way to get fit. When we do athletics we get fit while having fun too. Running around and getting fresh air is very good for you.

By Shay Brennan, Adam Maher and Caoimhe Moynihan 3rd class.



TOBAR AN LÉINN BOOK FAIR

On Wednesday the 25th of February a Book Fair came to our school. There were books for all ages and all classes from Infants to 6th class. I got *Gangsta Granny*. I really enjoyed reading it.

There were horse books, fairy books and lots more. Everyone brought in money to buy books. There was also stationery on sale like rubbers, magic books, pencil cases, pencils toppers and novelty pencils. Overall the Book Fair was a great success for the school. It got us all reading and raised money to buy new library books for each class.

By Róisín Duignan 5th Class

Tobar an Léinn Bird House



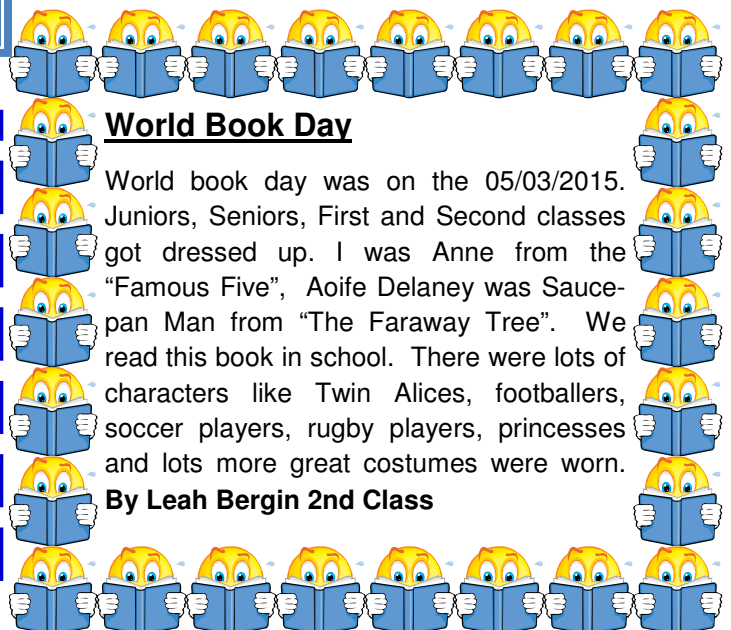
On Saturday, 31st of January 2015, Luise Wullich, Lucy Brennan, Ally Mc Donald and I took part in a wildlife project arranged by Irish Wildlife Trust. We built a bird house and bird feeders. To build the bird house we screwed six pieces of wood together. Most of the pieces were different sizes. It wasn't easy to get the pieces in the right place. The bird feeder was made out of a plastic bottle, a wooden spoon and some string.

One bird house between four girls? Well, the answer to that is a donation to Tobar an Léinn school, where everyone can enjoy watching the birds for the nesting season. **Enjoy!**

World Book Day

World book day was on the 05/03/2015. Juniors, Seniors, First and Second classes got dressed up. I was Anne from the "Famous Five", Aoife Delaney was Saucepan Man from "The Faraway Tree". We read this book in school. There were lots of characters like Twin Alices, footballers, soccer players, rugby players, princesses and lots more great costumes were worn.

By Leah Bergin 2nd Class



The Easter Bunny

It's Easter time,
And the Easter bunny
Is hopping around
He's awfully funny!



He has to deliver the eggs
To every single house
No one ever spots him
'Cause he's as quiet as a mouse.

We all enjoy our eggs
And we're very excited
To get them this year
And be so delighted!

So thanks Easter bunny,
We all love you so much!
Your Easter eggs always
Have a magic touch.

By Alisann Gorman, 5th Class.

Happy Easter!!!

Easter Competition

(Find the answers in this issue of Nasc.)

1. Which chess piece moves in an L shape?
2. Infants made bears as part of their work on which story?
3. When was World Book Day this year?
4. When will 2nd class celebrate their First Holy Communion?

Write your answers on a piece of paper, along with your name, and give your entry to your teacher on Friday March 27th.



Perfect Pancakes

On Pancake Tuesday
We made
Perfect, puffy, pretty, pancakes.

We each got one,
And they were
Sweet, sugary, slippery, pancakes.

We put yummy
Toppings on top,
Sweet, small, sour, toppings.



Our pancakes were nice,
Most had chocolate.
Some had lemon,
And some had sugar.

Mr. Crean made them,
It took a long time.
But it was worth it,
When we heard that chime.

By: Natasha Dunne 6th class.

HAPPY EASTER!!!

Dates to Remember

Easter Holidays: Closing Friday March 27th –

Re-Opening Monday April 13th

Public Holidays: Monday 4th May 2015

Monday June 1st 2015.

Communion Day: Sunday 17th May at 11am

Referendum: Friday 22nd May (School closed)

Summer
ing Thurs.



Break: Clos-
June 25th