

Ms Kearney and Mr White

Class Newsletter

Things I love about Peace Proms

1. I like rehearsing for Peace Proms
2. I love all the songs.
3. It was a really good night.
4. My family was very proud of me.
5. I liked that it was with my friends.
6. My mam and dad loved the night.
7. It was so fun in general.
8. All the other acts were fantastic.
9. I am sad that it is over.

Thank you to Mr Gormly for inviting us to take part.

By Lucy Mc Clean



Green Team

Hi my name is Lili and I'm on the Green Schools team, so are Lucy and Amy from my class. There are a good few of us on the Green Schools team. We talk an awful lot about bins! What I mean by that is we talk about who is going to empty the bins in the classes and which bins need to be emptied. We have solved that problem by asking classes to bring out their own bins. Now we can talk more about the important things like getting a green flag for the school.

Now on to our meetings. We meet up every Monday at little lunch at the 'Slidey-Door Room'. At that time we discuss what we should do as a team and what we can do to make the school more 'Green'.



Swimming

We went swimming for eight weeks in October and November. We went swimming with Ms. Reynolds's class and Mr. Mc Cann's class. The bus arrived every Friday at nine o'clock. We always sat at the back of the bus. There was one group in the shallow end, one in the middle and one in the deep end. The swimming pool is at the airport. It is a really good sport to do and most of the class went swimming. The class lasts for an hour. On the last week they dump cold water on the kids.

By Killian Anelli

Voting Day for the Student Council



HOLY FAMILY
SENIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ms. Kearney gave us a copy to write our speech in if we wanted to be elected to the student council. We had a few days to prepare and practise our speech. On the day of the election we went to the top of the classroom and made our speech. We had five people in our class who made speeches. We invited Mr. White's class in because they got a vote too. When everyone was finished making their speech everyone got the chance to vote. Mr. White and Amy counted

the votes and Amy announced the winner. I was delighted when my name was called out. I am excited to be part of the student council.

By Saoirse Costello

Student Council

The Student Council is very, very cool and fun! On the Student Council you make up ideas and if someone comes up with a good idea they can share it with the other students and teachers. The Student Council does fundraising activities as well. The Council decides what the money will be spent on.

By Amy Mc Gee



Carol Service

We sang with Ms. Reynold's class and Ms. Walsh's class.

We sang two songs, A Million Dreams and The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy. We did all the actions for The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy. We had rehearsals in the church with all the 4th classes. It was fun singing with all the other classes. Our families came to the Carol Service.

By Lucy Mc Clean.



The Five Minute Art Break



We can take a five minute break in Ms. Kearney's class if we get tired and need to relax. We can choose the art table or the tent. We cannot take a break when we are doing the Wilson Reading System. We use a five minute timer so we know when our break is over.

I like to go to the art table. We can draw, colour in or play with play doh. We can glue things and cut things out and decorate things. It is relaxing.

By Josh Mc Guirk.

Special Achievements in Ms Kearney's Class

Evan representing the school at the Football Association of Ireland Futsal Tournament on Nov 25th 2019. He put in a great performance. Thanks to Mr Byrne for inviting Evan.

Tristan being selected and playing for the school Gaelic Team.

Saoirse for her amazing speech for the Student Council and being elected as the Student Council Representative.

Dylan representing the school so well in athletics, being chosen as the Dyslexia Ambassador and giving presentations in several classrooms.

Lauren for her great performance in Peace Proms and representing the school so well at the RDS in February.

Killian M. for fantastic improvements in reading and accepting student of the month award at assembly.

Killian A. for fantastic improvements in reading and being a great friend to everyone in the class.

Lucy for her great performance of Peace Proms songs at assembly and a super day at Peace Proms in February.

Josh for his great enthusiasm and helpful attitude in preparing our class newsletter.



Mr. White and Ms. Kearney are Rainbows facilitators. Rainbows supports children who are dealing with loss through bereavement or parental separation.

It is a great privilege to work as a Rainbows facilitator and support children as they work through the Rainbows Programme.

Comments from the students

"It's good to get it off your chest"

"I feel a lot better"

" I felt like I was alone before but so many people have been through the same thing and that helps"

" It helped me with everything"

Movement Break

Every day we have a movement break at 11 O'Clock. We play in the basketball yard. We like to play football, skipping and chasing games. Sometimes we make up games and use our imaginations. If the weather is bad we can use the new sensory walkway. We hop, skip, jump, balance and enjoy the bright colours of the sensory pathway. Movement breaks are one of our favourite parts of the day in the reading class. It helps us to concentrate when we come back in to work in the classroom.

By Josh Mc Guirk



Our
Sensory
Corridor



Base Class

Every day we go to base class for maths at 9:50am. Mr Duffy is our base class teacher. He loves to teach maths. It is important to go to mainstream class so we will be ready to return to a bigger class. We don't want to forget how it all works in a mainstream class. We also go to Mr. Duffy's class for history, geography and science. This is our second year with this base class so we have made lots of friends too. Some of the boys in Mr Duffy's class play on the school GAA team with us. We are inviting some of our friends from base class to come to visit our class for golden time for a change.

By Dylan Farthing and Tristan Ratcliffe

Pancake Tuesday

On special occasions Mr. White's class and Ms. Kearney's class come together. On pancake Tuesday we had pancakes in Ms Kearney's room. We usually have a pizza party or a trip to Mc Donalds for ice cream at the end of each term.

By Tristan Ratcliffe



Laura Lynn is a charity that takes care of sick children and we raised money for it by running 1km a day during our movement break and by having a Bake Sale. We baked Crunchie Rocky Road, Rice Crispy Cakes and Chocolate Biscuit Cake. We didn't put a price on anything so people took something and then donated and some people were very generous! Some of the teachers gave us money and didn't even take anything which was so nice! In the end we raised a total of €520 which we were delighted with. A few weeks later they sent us a note to say Thank You which we were very happy about. The people involved were Me (Isabel), Lucy, Lili, Aoife and Amy. We had so much fun raising the money and at the moment we are working on raising money for the Bush Fires in Australia and we can't wait for that one either!

By Isabel

The Five Minute Tent Break

It is nice in the tent.
It is warm and it is
amazing.

By Lauren Cervi



After a pizza party or an ice cream party we might have a Talent Show. Some people sing, some dance, some juggle, some do magic and some act. There are 3 judges that judge the competition and decide who the winner is and who is in second place. I won it once with my friend Amy for a dance we did and one group won for Fortnite dances. We usually do them on the last day of the term and sometimes there are prizes like a Hi-Viz jacket or bag.

By Aoife



The Sam Maguire

On February 26th a Dublin GAA player brought the Sam Maguire to our school with our GAA coach Ashling. He told us he started playing GAA when he was four years old. He always arrived 30 minutes early for training. My friend Tristan and I got a picture with the Sam Maguire cup. By Dylan Farthing

Run A Kilometre

Every Thursday We meet Mr. O'Connors class and Mr Byrnes' class at eleven o'clock in the yard. The teachers mark out the course and we run four laps if we can. Some people run three and you can take a break at the end of each lap. It was hard at first but it gets easier every week.

It feels great to run a kilometre.

By Tristan
Ratcliffe.



Our
Book
Reviews



FAI Futsal

In November I represented the school in and F.A.I. Futsal Tournament. We played our games at the National Sports Campus in Abbottstown. We won nearly all our matches. It was great fun and it was a really nice day. Mr Byrne was very proud of us.

By Evan O Leary

Dyslexia Ambassador

I am a Dyslexia Ambassador, this means that I go to visit classrooms to talk about dyslexia and explain what it means. It means our brains work in a different way. When we are doing a presentation we always work in pairs. Some people with dyslexia are very good at solving puzzles. I learned a lot doing the dyslexia presentations. I learned that Richard Branson is dyslexic and he is one of the richest people in the world. He is working on a way to invent a reusable rocket. Mr Madden helps us with our presentations.



By Dylan Farthing.

Things I am getting better at.....

Reading

Writing

Listening



Computers

Stories

Friendship



Things I like about the Reading Class....

Skipping

Golden Time



Movement Break

Five Minute Break



Reading Books

We Love Reading

Movement Breaks

Hi! I'm Daniel McGuirk. I will tell you about Movement Breaks. Let's get started! So we bring out footballs and can play football or GAA. Some people do skipping and running and some people make up their own games. Some times people come down with us to Movement Breaks and some times Mr White plays with us and he is good at football. Most of the people who play football play for teams so it's is very good. I play for a team too! Yay!!



Golden Time

Golden time is really fun because we have computers and lots of other things. We can do arts and crafts, play pool, lego, draw and sometimes people from our base classes come in to play with us! Golden time is 40 minutes long. If you get to Step 3 or forget your homework you can lose 5 minutes of Golden Time :(and if you get to Step 4 you can lose 10 mins of Golden Time! :((Luckily that doesn't happen very often!)

By Morgan

Mr White and Ms Kearney would like to thank our wonderful students for all their hard work. We hope you enjoyed our newsletter. We had fun writing it.

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