



Dunmore NS

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

Welcome Back To School!

Fáilte romhaibh ar ais chuig an scoilbhliain nua. We are delighted to welcome everyone to school after a lovely, yet wet summer!

We are also pleased to restart our monthly newsletter. Each month, we aim to showcase the hard work of one class.

This month, we focus on the wonderful new additions to our school community - Junior Infants. The Junior Infants started in September and they all settled in very quickly as if they were always here! They have been busy bees all month as you'll soon see.

We hope that this newsletter will be enjoyable and informative agus tá siúl agam go mbeidh bliain iontach agaibh.

Le meas,
Maureen Colleran

What's In This Month's Issue?

- Focus on Junior Infants
- Upcoming Events
- New activities at school
- Policy development
- App/ technology recommendation

This Month In Junior Infants

What a busy month we had in Junior Infants! The children settled in so well and are getting to grips with all the routines we use in the classroom. Everyone has made lots of friends and have had lots of fun playing together. We had read some lovely stories and completed wonderful artwork. We have been very active with our gymnastics sessions and our football training with Connor.

We cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

Ms Burns and Ms Farrell



Introducing Dunmore NS Junior

Infants 2023



Junior Infants
hard at work
during maths!



PIC•COLLAGE

Junior Infants ag obair go dian!





Searching for signs of autumn!



**In Junior Infants,
we were learning..**

School

Today I hurry off to school
To work and learn and play
I'm in a brand new class this year.
What a happy day



GRATITUDE *Affirmations*

1. Life is beautiful
2. My heart is full of gratitude
3. I am blessed
4. Everyday is a gift
5. I am thankful for what I have
6. Happiness is a choice
7. I'm grateful for where I'm at in life
8. I'm excited about where I'm going
9. I am grateful for the little things in life
10. Today, I am thankful
11. It is a privilege to be alive
12. I am thankful for waking up this morning
13. I am grateful to be alive
14. I am content with where I'm at right now
15. My life is full of good

**Fostering a
positive mindset
in fourth class**

**I have cities
but no
houses.**

**I have water
but no fish.**

What am I?

**Riddle of the
Month from
Fifth Class**

APP / TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDATIONS

We love using technology in school. Here are some suggestions that we like... Just click on the link to try them out:

Maths: [Counting Caterpillar](#) - for all ages

Coding: [Dance Boogie](#) - Middle classes

History: [Codex Atlanticus](#)- evolution of Di Vinci's thoughts - senior classes

Music and Visual Arts: [Paint with Music](#) - Middle and Senior classes

Learning sounds: [ABC Match](#) - Infant classes

Learn Vocabulary in 21 languages: [Ba Ba Dum](#) - for all ages

Book Recommendation from Rang a hAon 🌟

The Dot is a wonderful book that encourages children to try new or challenging things, to explore their creativity and to have confidence in their abilities. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you". We loved the message behind this book and it inspired us to make a beautiful collaborative collage that both; exhibited our individualism and uniqueness, and created beautiful masterpiece when it was all put together.
We give it ★★★★★

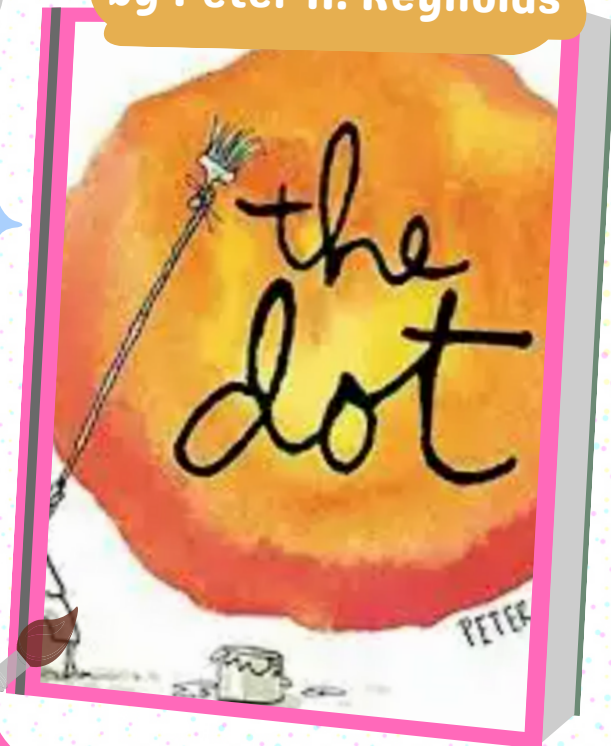
POEM OF THE MONTH FROM SECOND CLASS

Mixing Colours by *Eric Finney*

Mix red and blue for purple,
mix red and white for pink,
mix red and black and yellow
and you'll get brown, I think!

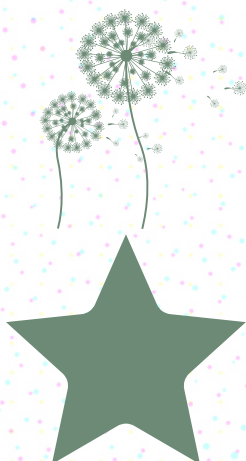
Why don't you mix some colours?
Mix two or three or four.
You might just mix a colour
No one's ever seen before.

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds



Two Dingbats from Third Class

1



2

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New Activities at School

We were delighted to begin formal dance and gymnastics classes at the beginning of the month.

Dance is provided by Fun 2B Fit. It is an energetic and fun opportunity to learn and practice some hip-hop moves!

Gymnastics is provided by Ace Gymnastics. Each week the children are learning a different aspect of gymnastics.

GYMNASTICS



DANCING

Our favourite Art in Senior Infants

Senior Infants designed their own rugby jerseys in support of the Irish Rugby team who are currently competing at the World Cup in France. They designed these jerseys using green crepe paper and they all look amazing.

Come on Ireland!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

We have been keeping an updated Google Calendar of events in school. You can find it on the home page of your Aladdin app.

- Gymnastics and dancing will continue until the Halloween break.
- GAA/games training has begun with all classes taking part in training sessions with Conor Gleeson.
- Portuguese language lessons begin in October and will run for two months. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class will learn Portuguese for an hour a week.
- Storyteller and library visit on October 12th at 12:30 for 1st and 2nd class
- A table quiz in honour of Mr O'Mahony will take place in Dunmore MacHales for 3rd to 6th class for the 4 parish school - more details to follow.
- Midterm break is for a week, finishing on October 27th at 3pm with the school reopening on Monday, November 6th.
- Parent/Teacher meetings will take place during the week on November 13th - more details will follow.
- Christmas Carol Service will take place in Dunmore Church on December 13th at 7pm for 3rd to 6th class.
- Christmas Concert will take place in Dunmore Community School Auditorium at 7pm on December 14th and 1pm on December 15th. It will have plays from Junior Infants to 2nd class.

ANSWERS!

Riddle: A Map

Dingbat: 1. Wish upon a star, 2. seven seas

Policy Development

Since the beginning of the school year, we have been updating and amending different policies. These are due for ratification at the next Board of Management meeting and are available on our website.

- **Substance Use Policy-** vaping and e-cigarettes are now included in the policy.
- **Acceptable Use Policy-** this was formally Acceptable Internet Use Policy. This will now extend to all device use and not just internet use. The same standards will be expected of children irrespective of whether a child is using the internet or not.
- **Child Safeguarding Statement-** our annual review will include the new child protection guidelines that came into affect on September 1st.
- **Administration of Medicine Procedures -** this includes an updated form for parents to fill when a staff member is required to administer medicine to a child.
- **School Improvement Plan -** we are focusing on the area of health and well-being for the year.

Did you know...

- A baby's breath does not smell because they do not have teeth!
- Australia is as wide as the moon.
- When you sneeze, you skip a heartbeat.
- An avocado is a vegetable.
- Headphones can increase the bacteria in your ears.

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**Fun Facts from
Sixth Class**