

Castleplunkett NS Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

November 2023

Four busy weeks gone by since our return from midterm and November is now complete.

The Senior Room pupils have been working away on World War 1 activities throughout the month, exploring this significant topic in world history with a variety of activities, including work on the novel War Horse. Artist in residence work with Nollaig was completed in the middle of the month and the children really enjoyed exploring the different styles of art and materials with Nollaig and learned lots about the processes they tried out. The topic of fractions has been keeping maths work challenging for everyone!



In the Junior Room, this month the children loved the Estate Agent work and play. There was great fun buying and selling houses, and building and decorating dwellings in Aistear. The pupils learned lots of words to describe various types of houses, including their own; planned and constructed cereal box houses and also touched on more serious topics of homelessness and moving home because you have no choice in our story books. Traditional story The Three Little Pigs and modern favourite A squash and a Squeeze, provided popular read aloud fun.

During November we remembered loved ones passed at our sacred space. The Shoe Box Appeal was generously supported by many families in the school. Thank you to everyone who contributed. County photos took beautiful photos of our very photogenic pupils and they will hopefully be ready before the Christmas, if orders are placed in the next week! We reviewed the Code of Behaviour as part of SPHE this month, with conversations and chat in both classrooms about why we have rules to keep us safe and help us learn and have fun. The children

have been working hard at swimming each Wednesday. With two sessions remaining, we hope they will try their best next week at the test session, they have progressed no matter what the outcome of the test and then enjoy the fun the following week when this year's block of lessons concludes. A new four-year term for the school's Board of Management commenced mid-month, while Parent Teacher meetings were held and well attended by everyone. Thank you to staff and parents for their work and cooperation.



The Halloween disco was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the school, and to the hardworking PA for their efforts. The Christmas Experience, scheduled for the 9th of December in Kilmurry hall, will no doubt be another enjoyable school community event. There will be plenty of Christmas cheer and preparation in the school for the month of December as the first term of the school year comes to a close. We hope everyone will enjoy the month and continued thanks to everyone for your support of the school and our work.

