



Some of the senior classes will be starting the Junior Achievement blended learning programme. This will give the classes the opportunity to work with a volunteer from the working world who will share their experiences with the classes and will give the children a greater insight into different professions.



5th Class have started cycling safety on Mondays for 7 weeks. The girls will be equipped with practical skills for checking the safety of bicycles, cycling skills and a greater understanding of the rules of the road.

Architecture Project:



Ms. Flynn's 4th class engaged in an architecture project during the period of remote learning. The girls really enjoyed designing a variety of buildings and even got a special seal of approval from Dermot Bannon who sent the class a video in response to their designs.

Creative Schools Week

St. Brigid's will celebrate Creative Schools Week from 10th-14th of May. This week will see the girls engaging in a variety of creative activities.

In preparation for this week the girls are encouraged to choose a painting that they love based on the theme "A Brave New Future," and respond to this painting in a creative way. This can include making their own art, a video, photography, compose a piece of music, make up a dance, write a poem/story. For anyone that is finding it difficult to choose a painting, the painting below "For the Road," by Jack B. Yeats could be an option. The creations will be shared with others in the school.



We are delighted to welcome coaches from Craobh Chiaráin GAA club to the school this term. The girls will learn football skills on Fridays as part of the P.E curriculum.

Our Parent's Association have been working away organising our weekly school raffle. The Easter raffle was also a great success. They have some more fundraising activities lined up over the coming months. Many thanks to all parents for their continued support.

NUAHT-LITIR: Spring 2021

Please note the following upcoming school closure:

Monday 3rd May 2021



During Seachtain na Gaeilge the classes made a special effort to use 'nathanna na cainte.' There was great artwork created in all classes and the girls were busy learning Irish songs and dances. The school was awash with green as the children wore their own St. Patrick's Day clothes. There was an outdoor, socially distanced Céilí held for the Junior classes. Every class performed songs and dances for the other classes and they had craic agus spraoi le chéile!



Second Class and Sixth Class continue to prepare for their sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. They have now enrolled with the Parish for these. Hopefully more clarity will come in time so preparations can be made for the celebration of the sacraments for these classes as well as for the current third classes who

will also receive the sacrament of Communion.



Many classes took part in an Easter egg hunt in the playground. The girls were so excited and had lots of fun.



The girls in Ms. Delany's 5th class have been very busy knitting and created some lovely chicks to cover Easter eggs. We look forward to seeing more creations in the weeks ahead.

St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5

ENROLMENT

Enrolment for Junior Infants Classes for September 2021 took place in January. Parents of these new Junior Infants will be contacted in the coming weeks with more details about starting in St. Brigid's.



SPHE forms a very important part of the curriculum, providing Social, Personal, & Health Education to pupils. During term 2, the Stay Safe programme was delivered to each of the classes. The R.S.E programme (Relationships & Sexuality Education) will be delivered during this last term of school to all classes. Parents have received a letter about the R.S.E. programme but can find more information about our policy on the school website.



Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First and Second Class have started Tag-Rugby coaching on Wednesdays with Ray McCabe from Leinster Rugby. Ray has

worked with the school for a number of years and the coaching is always a great success with classes.

Unite against COVID-19

Many thanks to all for following the procedures in place since the start of the school year.

Please continue to follow the HSE guidelines, wear face masks at school drop-off and collection and try to maintain distance from others where possible.



In February, classes took part in Engineering week activities. There were some very interesting constructions being made with spaghetti and jellie.s in 2nd Class and other classes spent time working with lego,



World Book Day 2021:

We celebrated World Book Day last month with lots of book related activities being explored, both remotely and in the classroom.

The Junior classes who were in school at the time dressed up as characters from books they like and it was a fun day for all.

Congratulations to Ms. Diffley on the arrival of baby girl, Juliet and to Ms. Wickham on the arrival of baby boy, Ali.



Many of our classes are taking part in the Incredible Edibles Programme. This is a healthy eating initiative that encourages primary schools across the country to get busy growing carrots, lettuce, potatoes, strawberries, turnips and herbs. The school was supplied with grow packs containing everything they need to grow a veritable feast of healthy foods! Noel, our caretaker, has also been helping classes to plant a variety of herbs and vegetables that should be ready to cook with before the end of the school year. The girls are also learning about where food comes from and the importance of fruit, vegetables and potatoes in their diet. The children are taking great pride in the growing of their crops and making sure they are being watered and weeded regularly.



Work on our extension is almost complete. Ms. Flanagan's Senior Infants have moved in-

to their lovely new classroom. There was also a new sensory room built which is now in use and is fully equipped with a range of exciting new resources.

We welcome a number of student teachers to our school this Spring from both DCU and Marino.



Active Schools Week will run from 26th-30th of April this year. The children will engage in a variety of activities including the Run around Ireland Challenge, orienteering, Challenge the teacher and lots more. While we cannot invite the parents into the school to be involved this year, challenges will be sent out to families to encourage everyone to get involved. We are sure it will be a fun week for all!

Aistear Outdoors



The Junior classes have had lots of fun engaging in a variety of activities in our outdoor play area. These activities include playing with sand, water, make-believe cooking in a mud kitchen, small world activities, musical instruments and building with large blocks. The 5th and 6th classes have also been extremely helpful in getting the areas ready for the classes to use.