



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

I hope that you are all safe and well at this time. The children have now completed almost a month of remote learning. Although it has proved challenging, we are very proud of the children for the efforts that they are making and for the collaboration we have seen between school staff and parents. It is looking like we will be continuing with remote learning for another couple of weeks. We definitely want a return to school very soon. I have seen some incredible pieces of work, videos and voice notes. Please continue to encourage the children to try their best. Seesaw allows the children the freedom and flexibility to use tools that suit them best and to create their own daily routine. This in turn aims to reduce stress and worry. We will be engaging with school wide activities such as the Creative Schools and Friendship Week, like we would if we were in the building and we hope that some fun activities will boost the children's motivation for work. Take care and stay safe, Mike Byrne.

SOME NEWS FROM THE TEAM

This month, our newsletter team wrote a piece on what they have been doing during this lockdown. .

Maddie Branning, 4th Class

I hope you all had a great Christmas break. I have been doing a project on China in geography, in maths I have been doing symmetry and prisms and in English I have been writing narratives. I am enjoying maths the most.

My brother in Ms. Crosbie's 6th class is learning about Aztecs in history, algebra in maths, comprehension in English and rooms in a house in Irish. He enjoys maths the most.

My sister in Ms. O Donovan's senior infants Has been learning new tricky words addition up to twenty and in Irish she has been learning different words about the house. She also has been doing reading eggs.

Dates to note:

8th January 2021: Friendship Week

12th February 2021: Midterm Break

22nd February: ASD classes return to in-school lessons

22nd February: Mainstream return to Remote learning

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

A board of management meeting took place on 16th January. The RSE, SPHE and Anti-bullying policy were ratified. All details are available on our website.



Elena



Risheek Sista, 3rd Class

I hope you all had a nice Christmas break. With the restrictions after Christmas break schools have not opened. We were doing Science, Maths, English, Wellbeing and History.

I have been enjoying history, geography & science. Seesaw is very fun and interactive, but at the same time some topics are hard to understand and the teachers are not physically there to explain as they do in school.

Not to forget, when meeting someone please maintain 2 meters, follow the HSE guidelines, always wear a mask when going outside. Wash your hands frequently and sanitize.

Please continue to help your children to adhere to the public health advice:

Simona Klonowska, 3rd Class

How are you all during the hard time we have without school?

This year I have been doing a project on middle ages and I enjoyed maths because we were doing patterns :) I also enjoyed English.

My sister is in 6th class Ms. Crosbie's, she liked Geography the most. Amelia is really busy because she is preparing herself for secondary school, so she has no time.

I also enjoyed doing PE but I was sad that I can't play with my friends :(.

I like zoom call because we do guess the animal and and riddles.

Tyler



Coronavirus COVID-19



Know the signs



High Temperature



Shortness of Breath



Breathing Difficulties



Cough



Wash



Cover



Avoid



Clean



Stop



Distance

For 8 out of 10 people, rest and over the counter medication can help you feel better.

If you have symptoms, self-isolate to protect others and phone your GP. Visit [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie) for updated factual information and advice or call 1850 24 1850.

Protection from coronavirus.
It's in our hands.



Kara Bayle, 3rd Class

I hope that you have been very busy over the last few weeks with the restrictions. And I hope you are all keeping well. In my class, Ms. Harney's 3rd class, we have been doing lots and lots of interesting activities like maths. In maths we were learning about weight and capacity, In English at the moment we are learning how to write a narrative. About a week or two ago we were doing rainbow moments!.

In History we were doing a project about the middle ages!! And some Science about electricity and a bit about batteries!!

My sister is in Ms Kelly's class (1st Class), they have been doing reading eggs and in maths learning about sets and groups!

My brother in Senior Infants has been doing some reading eggs as well and he is learning about the post office in aistear.

By Molly O'Callaghan

Since the schools didn't open after the Christmas break we have been doing home-schooling. I found home-schooling a bit hard because the teachers aren't there so they can't explain the work as well as they could if we were in school. The work has been mostly very fun to do but it's just some things that are a bit hard and confusing. The subjects we have been doing are maths, history, gaeilge, P.E, S.P.H.E and art! The work I have been enjoying the most is probably learning about The Vikings in history because it's a very interesting topic. My siblings have been enjoying their work but they would definitely prefer to be in school because they are missing their friends. The difficult part of working from home is definitely when you can't understand the work because it's a bit frustrating trying to figure out which way to do it and wondering if you did it right. My hope for 2021 is that most of Ireland's population will get vaccinated and be protected from COVID-19!

Joshua Breslin, 6th Class

As the schools didn't reopen after Christmas we have had to do all our schoolwork through Seesaw. We haven't been able to see our friends in real life so my sister and I have been interacting with our friends by playing online. I really miss going to school because I miss my normal routine and seeing my friends. The subjects I miss doing the most are history, PE and geography. We try our best with our schoolwork through seesaw everyday but it's not the same as being in class.

We have been learning lots through See Saw such as Algebra in Maths, narrative writing in English, learning about the Aztecs in History and Sa Bhaile in Gaeilge. I enjoy the zoom meetings with my class too.

Sometimes we go for walks or cycles in Slade Valley forest or we go to the park. I try to help my mom out at home by going to the shops for her or keeping my room tidy.

I can't wait to be back in school and be able to see all my friends again. My hope for 2021 is to have everyone vaccinated so we can get back to normal. Stay safe everyone!

Antonina



Reporter: Kate Moyles

My name is Kate Moyles and I am in 4th class and my teacher is Mr Dunne.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas break and a happy new year. I know we are all doing school from home but I think we are still learning and doing interesting and exciting work. I have been doing History, Geography, Maths, Irish, SPHE, Daily Check in's, Art, P.E, Drama and life skills.

The subjects I have been enjoying are Art, SPHE, Maths, Irish and I have really been enjoying going on zoom calls with my class every Monday and sometimes on our zoom calls we do quizzes.

The part that I found difficult about working from home is that sometimes when I need help I miss not being able to put up my hand up in class and ask a quick question about the work while I am doing it.

My hopes for the New Year are that we get back to school and we all get to see our family and friends again.

I hope everyone is staying at home, safe and well.

Our School Assemblies

Our Value of the month was **Care**.

The children have been discussing Care and learning about what it means. Here is a little summary.



Well done to all of the children who won awards for their efforts with remote learning!

By Emma Cuffe

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a lovely winter break. Because the schools didn't open after the break we have to do work online using seesaw. We get four activities each day and we do two zoom calls each week. At the moment we also have to do a project on The Vikings.

I find the math's instructional videos we receive really helpful, they help explain our work more clearly than just trying to read the worksheets. Our Class (Mr O'Brien's) participates in a Wednesday zoom call and the school does an assembly call on Friday's.

My favourite things to do at this time is practice my Irish dancing, my dance teacher does our lessons online, she also uses zoom.

And I also enjoy getting to go to the park for walks in the afternoons with my two dogs, often I get to see my friends at this time as most of them have dogs too.

I hope you all stay safe and well:)

Ava

I finished my first coloured bit of digital art.



Farrah

