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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SOME NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

Dear families,

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of another school year and my fourth year as principal of Citywest & Saggart CNS. I could not be more proud of the incredible work and dedication we have seen from staff, pupils and parents. Community is definitely at the centre of the successes of our school.

This year we have had many exciting events such as STEM week, the puppet shows, winter performances, the Art Exhibition, our food fair and many more. Each and every one of these events had a team of people behind it, ensuring its success. I am incredibly proud of the work that is done in our school and the planning and organisation that goes into it.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the hardworking staff that work in our school. We are lucky to have and to retain the huge amount of teaching talent in our school community as well as people who honestly put their duty of care towards the children at the heart of what they do every day.

In particular, thank you to Ms. Garvey and the newsletter team for producing our newsletters this year. We also wish Ms. Kirwan, Ms. Conway and Mr. Walsh the best as they take up positions in other schools.

The children have shown us also that they understand the vision of our school and come to school each day in the hope of living out the school values in the best way possible.

This year, we have seen the largest amount of parental and community input and volunteering since the school opened. The partnership with parents not only has a positive impact on the children's view on school but has had a major impact on the school as a whole and we thank you most sincerely for your continued support.

Although we are finishing this week, preparations have begun to welcome back all of the pupils in August. We wish you a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks' time.

Mike Byrne



Third Class School Tour by Alex- James Swinburne

In Ms. O'Neill's 3rd class, we went to Fort Lucan for our school tour. Lots of people were very excited to go on water slides but, there was just one problem! In the playground in Fort Lucan, there was a big tall wooden castle. And there was a little boy about five years old who was at the top but nobody could see him because the castle was blocked off. He couldn't get down and was crying and nobody could help him. I knew I had to help him! I ran as fast as I could to get a teacher. Then I showed Ms. O'Neill where he was. We worked together to get him down safely! After that, I went to watch my friends on the water slides. There was a green, blue and red water slide. They were super fun. There was also a helter-skelter which is a big slide and a pirate ship. The playground was really fun too! Eventually, it was time to go home. Everyone was super tired and had a really fun experience.

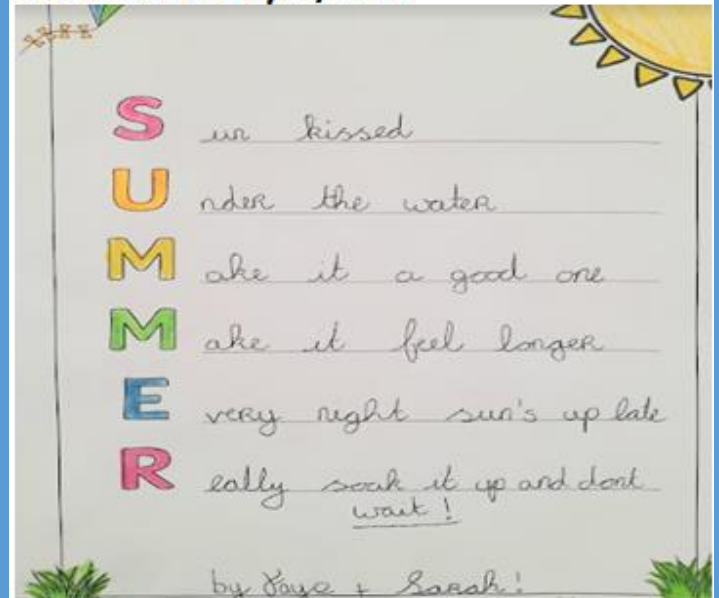


Zach Cassidy reporting from Rooms 7 and 16

Last week I visited Ms. Doyle's class and I asked Rian some questions. He said that he didn't go on a school tour but he loves going to Room 2 because it is lots of fun! I also went to Ms. Whelan's class. Aoife told me she liked doing Greek projects and Emily said the best part of her school tour was the water slides. I enjoyed interviewing both classes!



An acrostic summer poem by Sarah and Faye , R11



Mia Bayle reporting from Senior Infants

Mrs Swan's class have been learning about India recently and have tasted food from there too. They were also learning about Holi. The next thing they were learning about was Australia and the Airport. In maths they also did 2D and 3D shapes.

Quite a few people in Mrs Swan's class are going on holidays in places such as China, Spain and India. They also went on their school tour to Newbridge farm. Tadhg saw his family recently as well.

The words Ms Swan's class used to describe themselves were:

- 1. Fun!**
- 2. Kind!**
- 3. Caring!**
- 4. Respectful!**
- 5. Empathetic!**
- 6. Artistic!**

I asked them to share some of their favourite memories from the year. When I asked this question, I got lots of answers from pupils! They said learning about space, Australia, Aistear and India (Taj Mahal). The other answers I got were the ice cream van, Science Week and Samba Drumming.

I asked them "If you could go back in time, what would you do and where would you go?"

One student said they would go back to when they were 1 years old so they wouldn't have to go to school every day! Another child said she would we want to go back to when she wasn't born yet so she would be in the United Kingdom again.

Thank you for reading this Newsletter report from Mrs Swan's Senior Infants!!



Maddie Branning reporting from Second Class

Mr Walsh's second class have been learning all about France and The ocean. They have also been learning about Capacity in maths, homophones in English, Bia [food] in Irish and Beyonce.

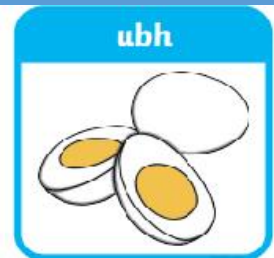
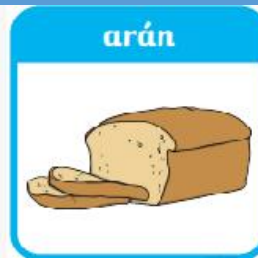
A few people from Mr Walsh's class are going on holidays in the summer. Erica is going to Spain and Muazza is going to Germany. Alyssa is going for her blue tag in taekwondo.

The students in Mr Walsh's second class described their class as fun, colourful, nice and crazy!

I asked about their favourite memories this year. A few of them said their school tour to Lullymore Farm and others said Science Week, the book fair, the art gallery and their first day in second class.

Then I asked them "If you could travel back in time where would you go and what would you do?" I got a really smart answer to this question and it was "I would travel back in time to get the winning lotto ticket." Some other answers were to see grandparents they never got to see and to visit the colosseum.

Thank you for reading my Newsletter report from Mr Walsh's second class!



Callan Staunton reporting from 6th Class

I interviewed Ms Tighe's class and asked them about secondary school. Robbie is feeling happy about starting secondary school and Josh is excited. Richie is excited too and a little nervous. Some students are looking forward to French, woodwork, art, technology and home economics. They think it will feel strange changing classes constantly and having weekend homework. They are looking forward to making friends, seeing older siblings, a fresh start, new subjects, iPads and history!



Fourth Class School Tour by Ruben Maher

Fourth Class went to Go Quest on our school tour. We left at 9:30, then got on the bus. My class sat on the top floor of the bus. The other class sat on the bottom floor. It took thirty five minutes to get there. When we got there, we put our bags in lockers so they were out of the way and then we picked our own team names. I was on a team with Zaki, Abdulazeem and Dylan. We were a team of five.

We went into a room and the man explained the rules. We also watched a video. Then we went upstairs and started doing the rooms. The first room was called Mad Scientist. It was a good and a bit challenging. We completed it and got the six points and moved on to the next room. It was called Time to Go Shopping! We entered the code to get in. It was 321. When we got into the room we had to jump, crawl and climb while it showed us pictures on a TV.

We aced it! We had fun in a lot more rooms. When we finished, we went to the park for the rest of the day.



Fifth Class School Tour by Agatha Marciniak

On my school tour I went to Emerald Park with my class and Room 11. My Dad and Holly's Mum joined us on the bus to have an opportunity to help if it was needed. On the bus, it was so hot and stuffy that even the open window didn't help. I was relieved when we exited, walked out and inhaled the fresh air. Excitement struck me when we entered through the gate.

Ms Smyth sorted us into our groups. I headed for my groups first activity- Viking Voyage I gave my bag to my Dad and sprinted to its entrance, where I was joined by my friends. After around 5 minutes we were seated and waiting for the ride to start. The first few drops were scary but they were nothing compared to the drop when you went backwards. After a quick snack, we went to Flight School. The waiting was awful but it was worth the wait. Finally, we were boarding the plane. Firstly we went up and then came the drop. We went down and did a loop twice until we stopped. Dino Dash also had a long wait but we finally crossed the gate into the Raptor World. We entered the ride and the rollercoaster started. At first it was like a childish train tour but then it turned into a Jurassic Park ride. It all happened twice, like the last one, but was far more interesting. We left and tried Cu Chulainn. First I was terrified, but I faced my weakness and made it my strength. We waited a good thirty minutes before sitting down. The ride started and I closed my eyes to open them at the top. I was heading off on the railing when my dad and I were at the looped parts but I didn't scream once. I was laughing for the first three and did nothing for the fourth.

Later I watched Daniel Wiktor and Thaman going on the Rotator. Going back on the bus I was tired so I leaned my head against the window for a few minutes until we got back to school grounds.



Shivansh Sharma reporting from 5th Class

I was interviewing Ms Smyth's 5th class. I asked some questions and got tonnes of brilliant information. The first question I asked was "are you excited for your school tour?" Everybody was excited for their school tour at Emerald Park. I asked "what is your favourite subject?" and they said they love doing maths, Irish and art. For their holidays they are going to tonnes of places such as Croatia, Nigeria and Scotland. I asked them "What's your favourite thing in PE?" They said they like football, warm-up games and their Champions League.



Agatha Marciniak reporting from 4th Class

For the start I asked "What did you do for your school tour" A lot of hands shot up for an answer. Kids were very excited about what they encountered on it but I got a plain answer. "We went to Go Quest." The enthusiasm helped me visualize all the terrific things they did. The second question was "What did you read this month?" They said the Bridge to Terabithia- just from the title it sounds like an interesting book!

No surprise that the most exciting thing this year was the school tour. Who would not like to go to Go Quest and have the best time in their life? The question "what did you like most about this year?" I thought that the school trip must have been special to them because they mentioned it in this answer.

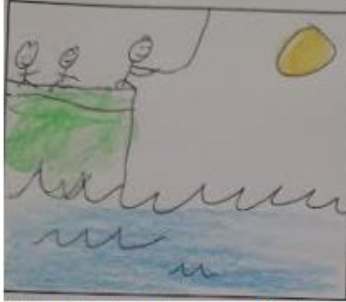
Finally, I asked "what do you think about going into 5th class?" They said that it will be fun and they hope they get a nice teacher.

Quote of the Month

by Céila Boylan



One Summer's Day by Kara Bayle



My friends and I went to the lake.



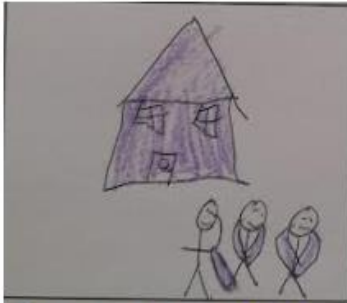
We swung on a rope into the lake.



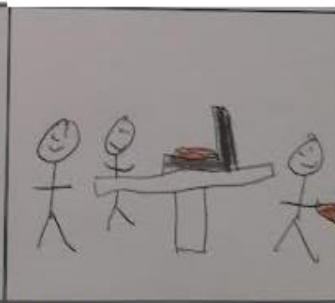
Then, we swam in the water.



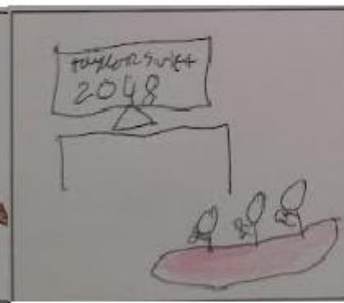
Afterwards, we ate icecream.



Then we got home and dried off.



We had pizza for dinner.



After that, we played some games.



Then, we went to sleep.

