

ST. CORBAN'S B.N.S NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2024-2025 school year. It has been a busy time since September and an action-packed two months. Check out what has been going on in Corban's this year to date.



As you know, we will be welcoming girls to St. Corban's for the first time in September, 2026. We are busy preparing for this new and exciting chapter in the Corban's Story. We ask parents to spread this good news among your relatives and friends who have young children, who will start school in the next two years. We look forward to welcoming the girls warmly in 2026.

Junior Infant Enrolment 2025-2026

Our applications period for Junior Infants for September 2025 will begin on Friday 25th October 2024 and close on Friday 15th November 2024. Application forms are available on the school website www.saintcorbans.com from Friday 25th October. Parents can apply online using the link on our website under the Enrolments tab or in hardcopy by downloading the form from the website and returning it to the school. Parents can also get a hardcopy from the school office. All completed applications must be returned on or before Friday 15th November, the closing date.

This year will be our last year of taking in boys-only into St. Corban's. We will be enrolling girls the following year (2026-2027). Your son's sisters will be able to come to St. Corban's from September 2026, once the Department of Education approves the Patron's request

JUNIOR INFANTS NEWS



MS. MCDERMOTT'S JUNIOR INFANTS

MS. HOGAN'S JUNIOR INFANTS

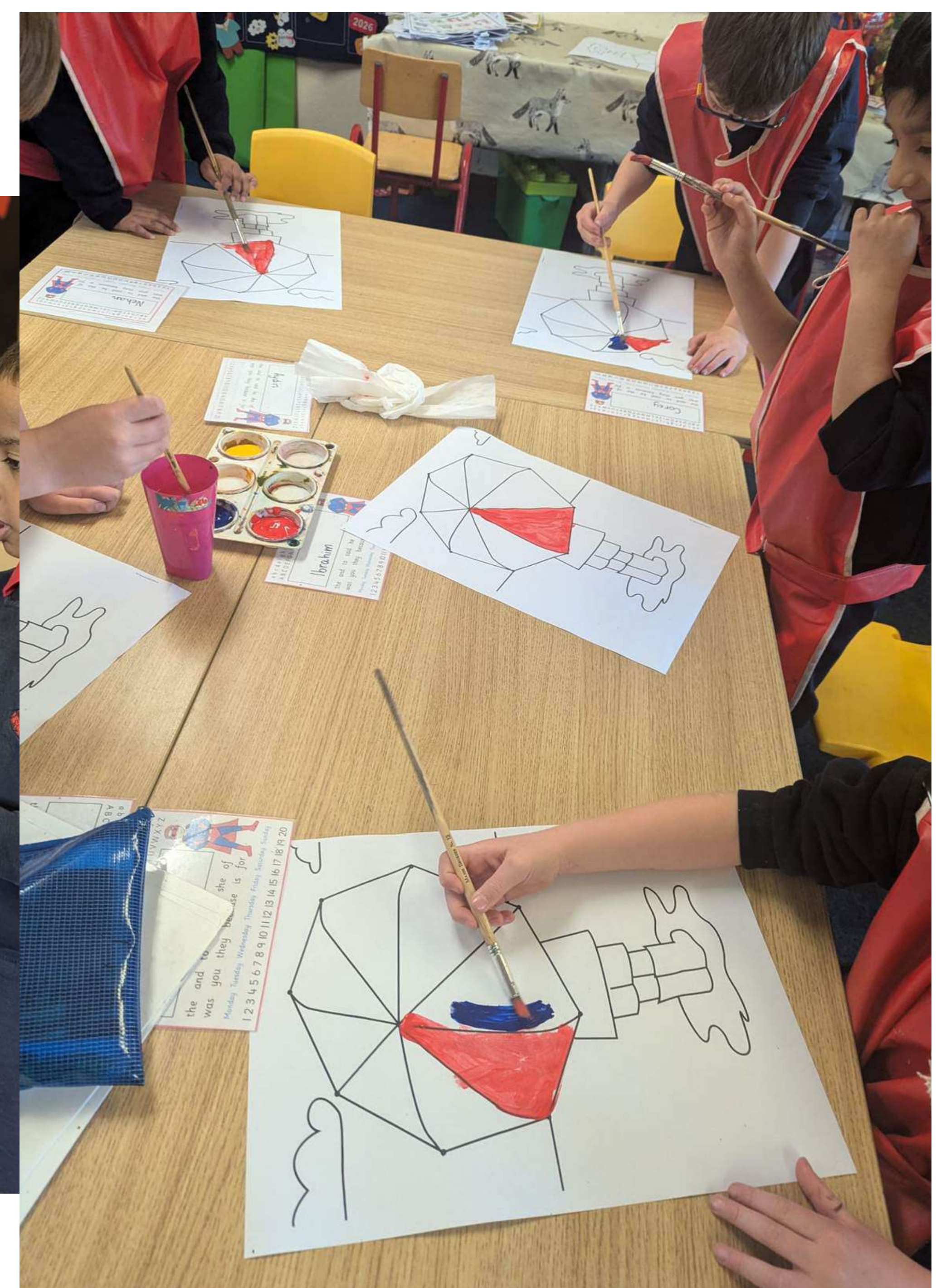
Junior Infants have settled in well into St. Corban's and have learned lots of new things this term. They have completed some beautiful pieces of Art and are doing lots of hands-on activities in Maths. They really enjoyed their visit from Garda Shane in October and are looking forward to the Halloween Spooky Lake Walk.



SENIOR INFANTS NEWS



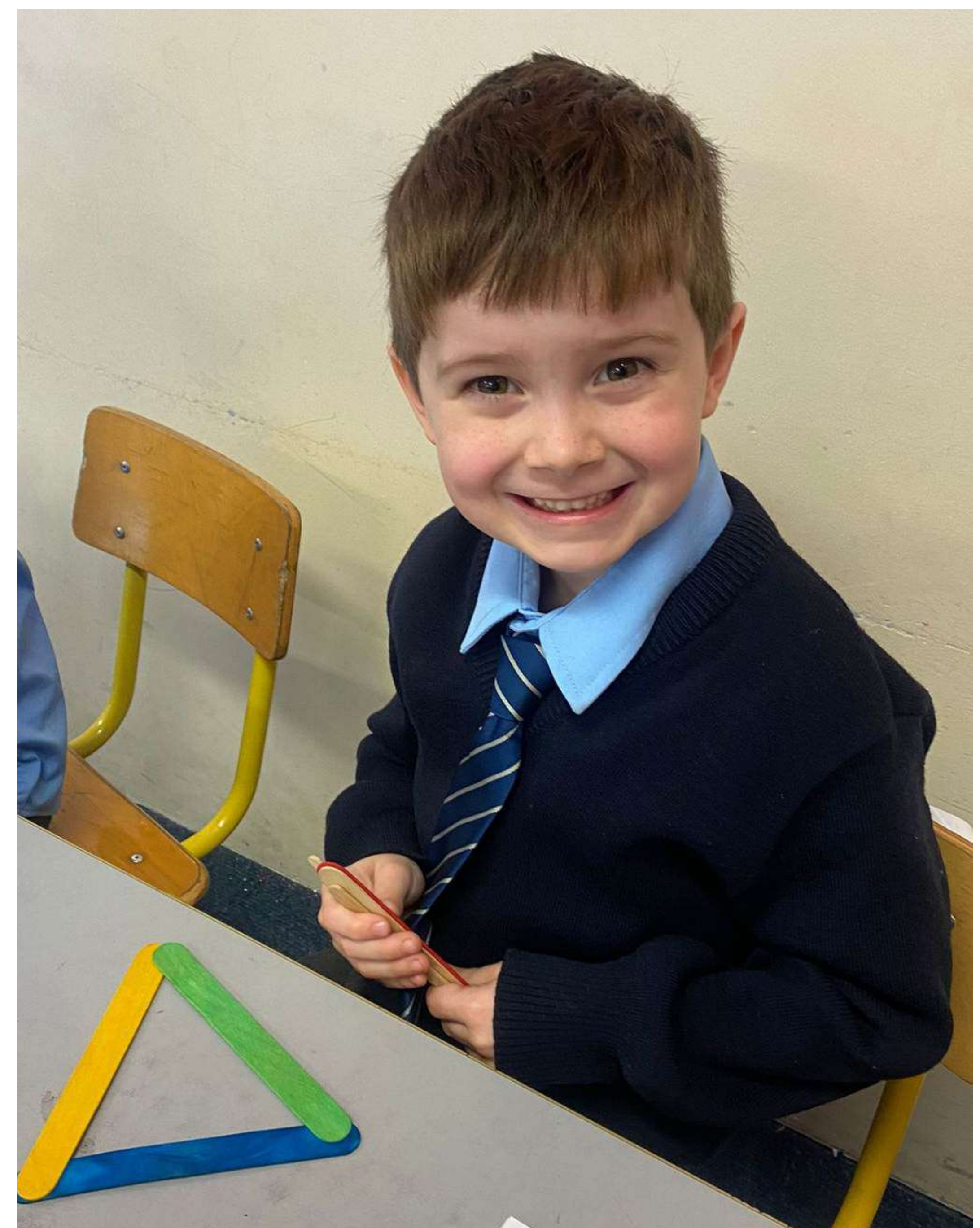
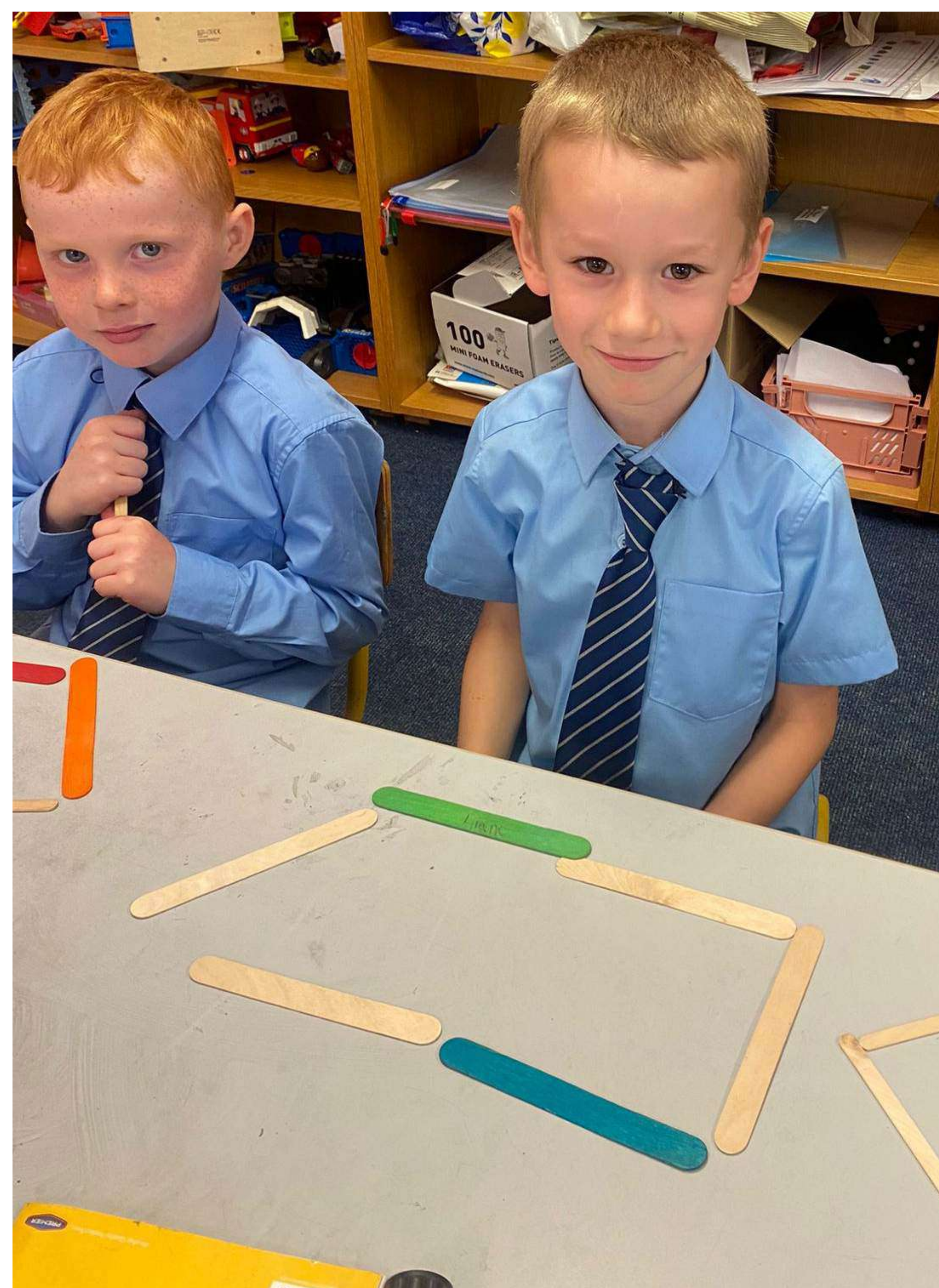
Senior Infants have been very busy this term. We have been learning all about Time and 2D shapes in Maths. We even made our very own 2D shape monsters. We have been discovering lots of autumn leaves and conkers. We really enjoyed creating our own autumn table and going on our autumn walk around the school. Senior Infants have created some lovely artwork over the past few weeks. We have been learning to draw our own animals and creating prints of animals. There has been lots of singing taking place in Senior Infants, we are learning lots of songs about friendship and Halloween. We really enjoyed talking to Garda Shane about the important work that An Garda Síochána do in



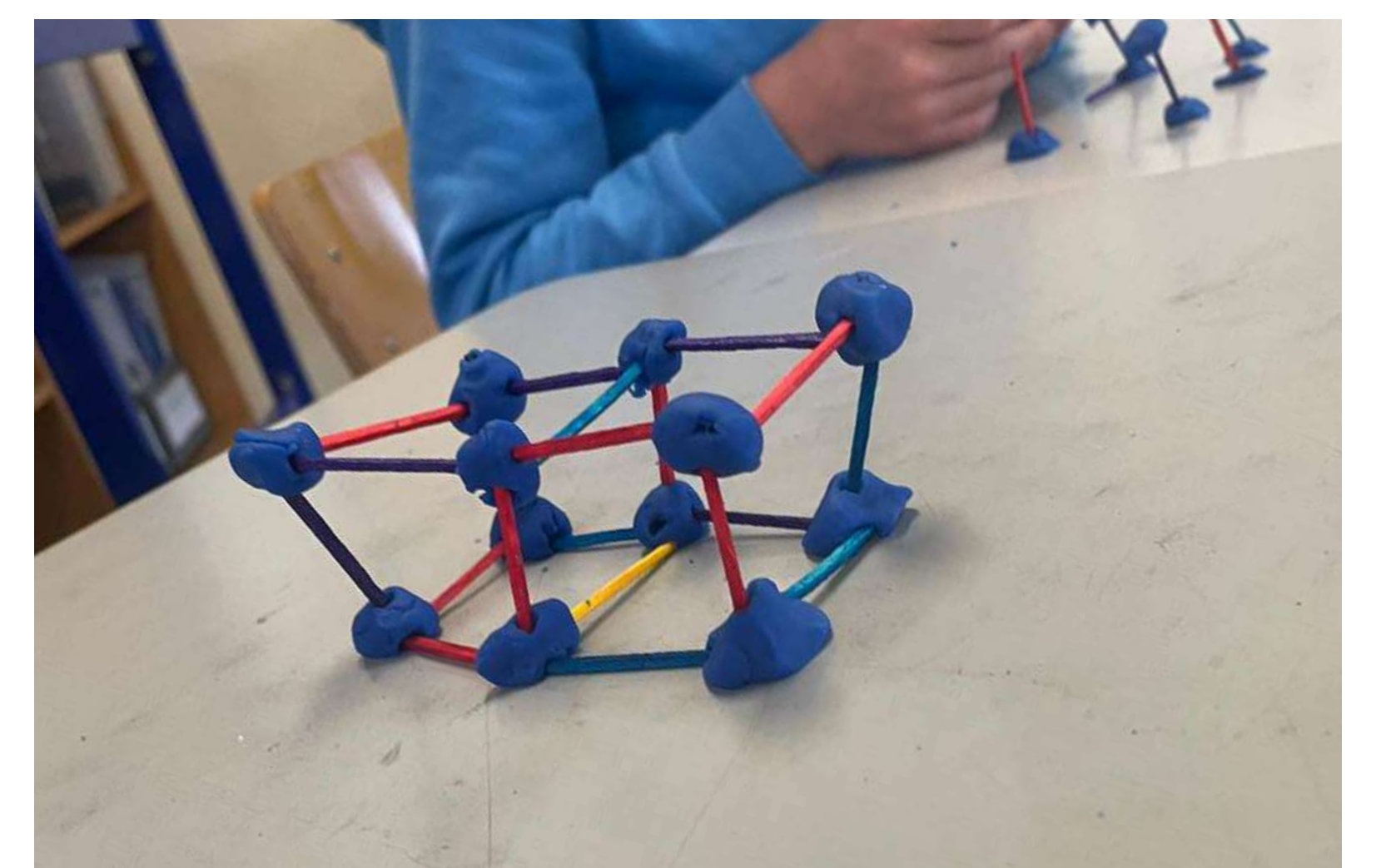
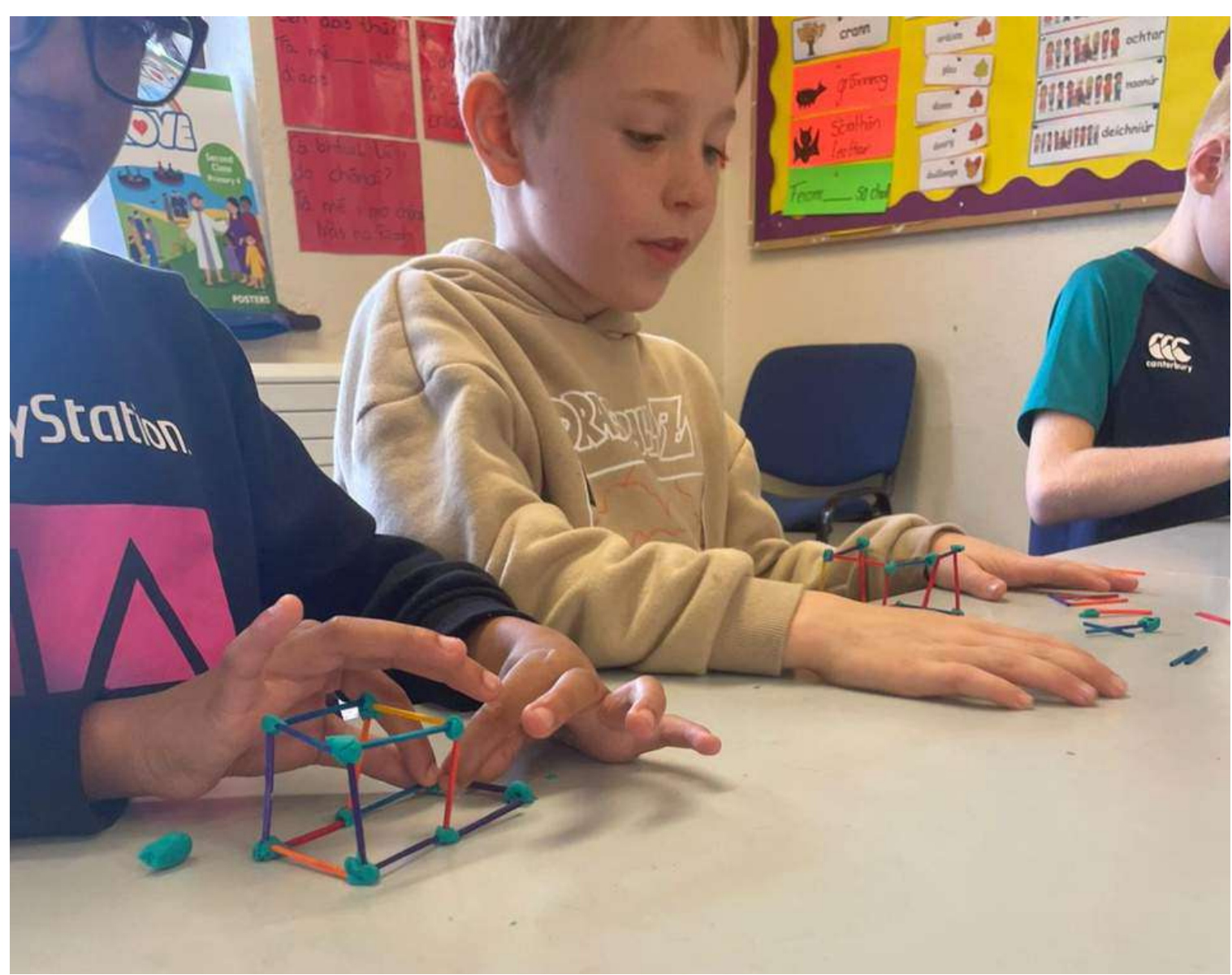
FIRST CLASS NEWS



First Class have had a very busy first two months of this school year. They have been learning loads of new things from addition tables for the very first time, to learning about the 5 senses, Autumn, spiders, what school was like in the past, 2D shapes, football and basketball skills, the composer Antoni Vivaldi and much more. They made fabulous pieces of Art including self portraits, Autumnal and Halloween Art.

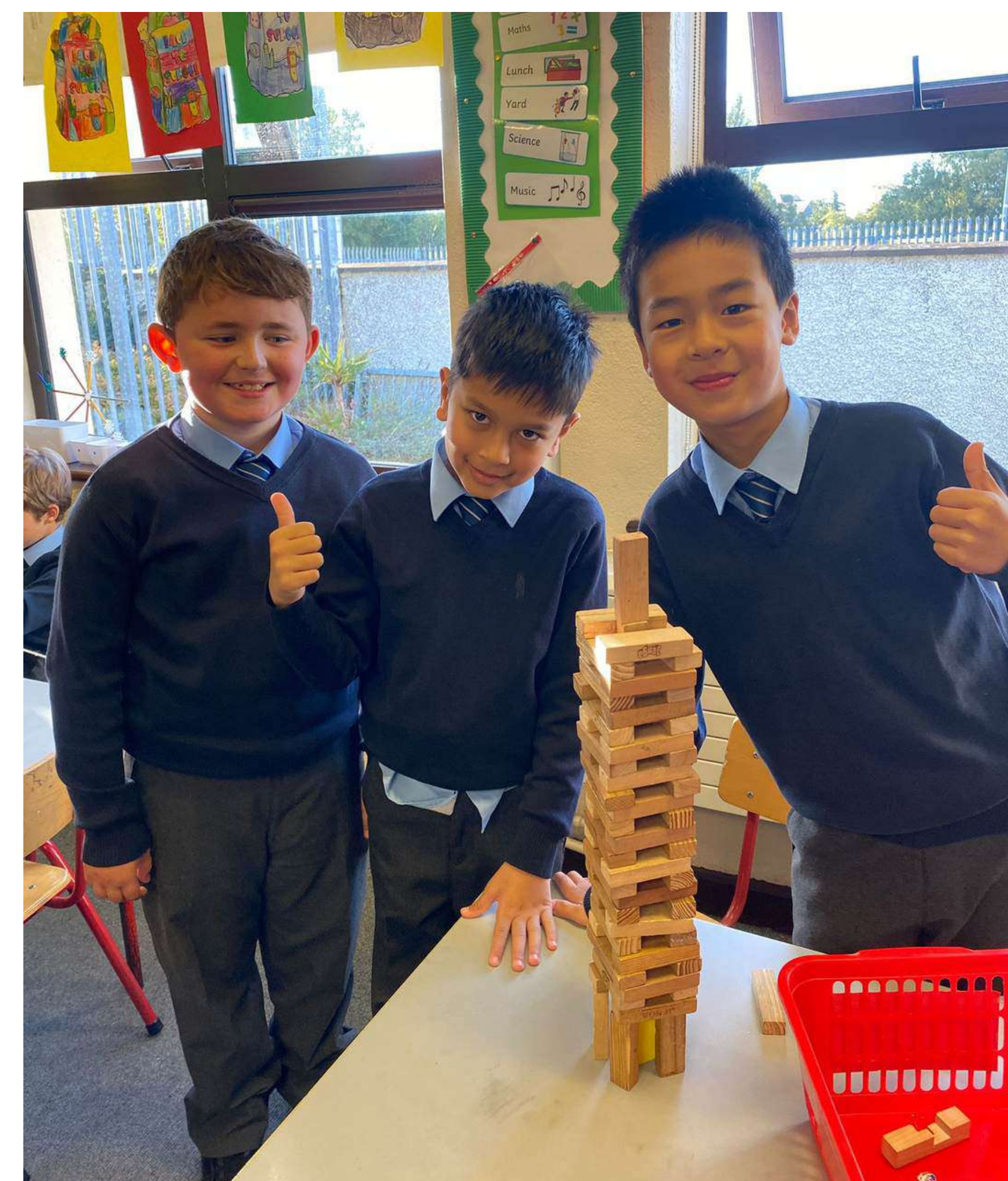


SECOND CLASS NEWS



Over the past two months, our second classes has been busy and engaged in a variety of exciting activities! In Maths, we explored both 2D and 3D shapes, enhancing our understanding through hands-on learning. The students enjoyed playing Maths games on the iPads, which made the lessons both fun and interactive.

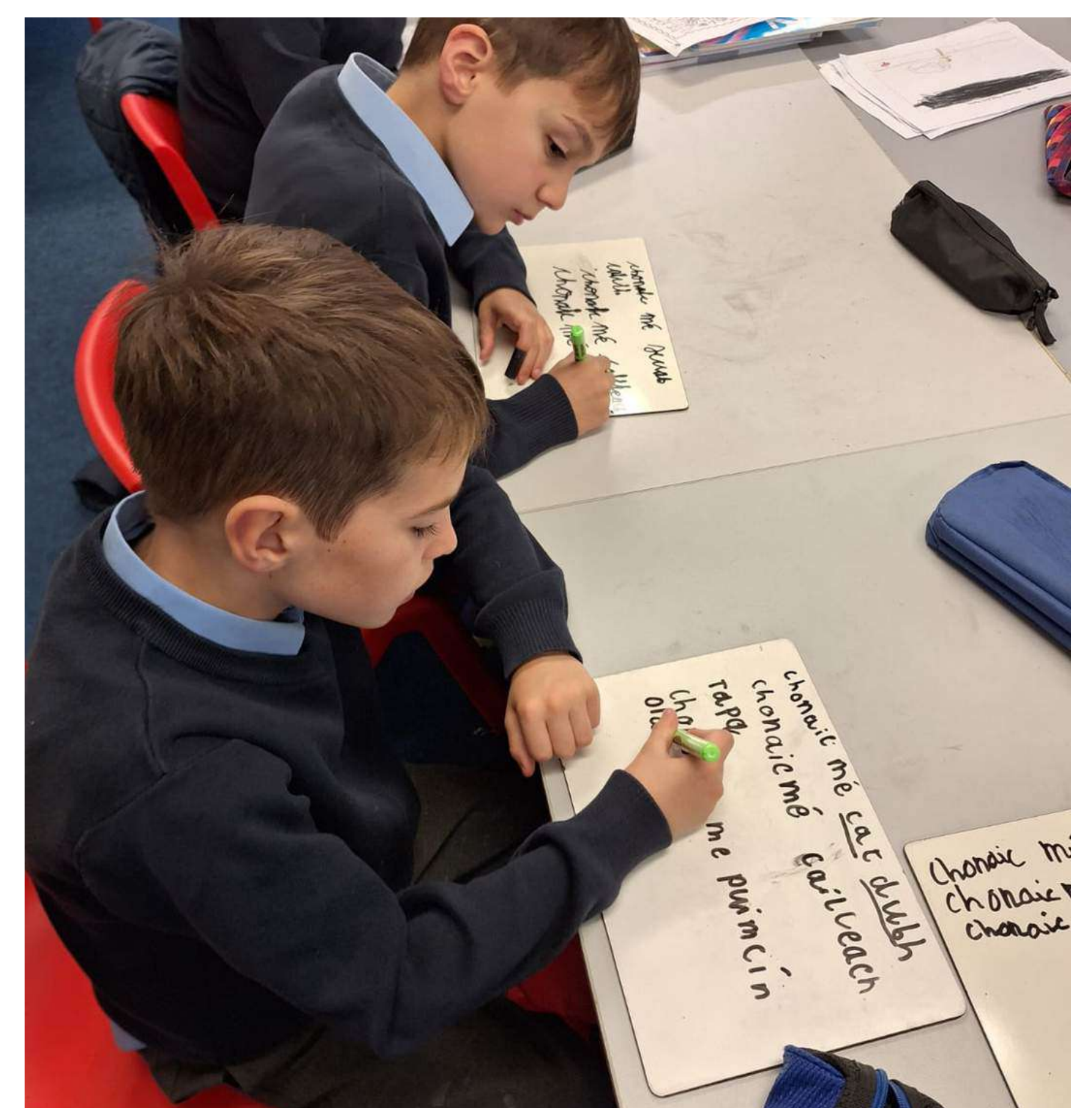
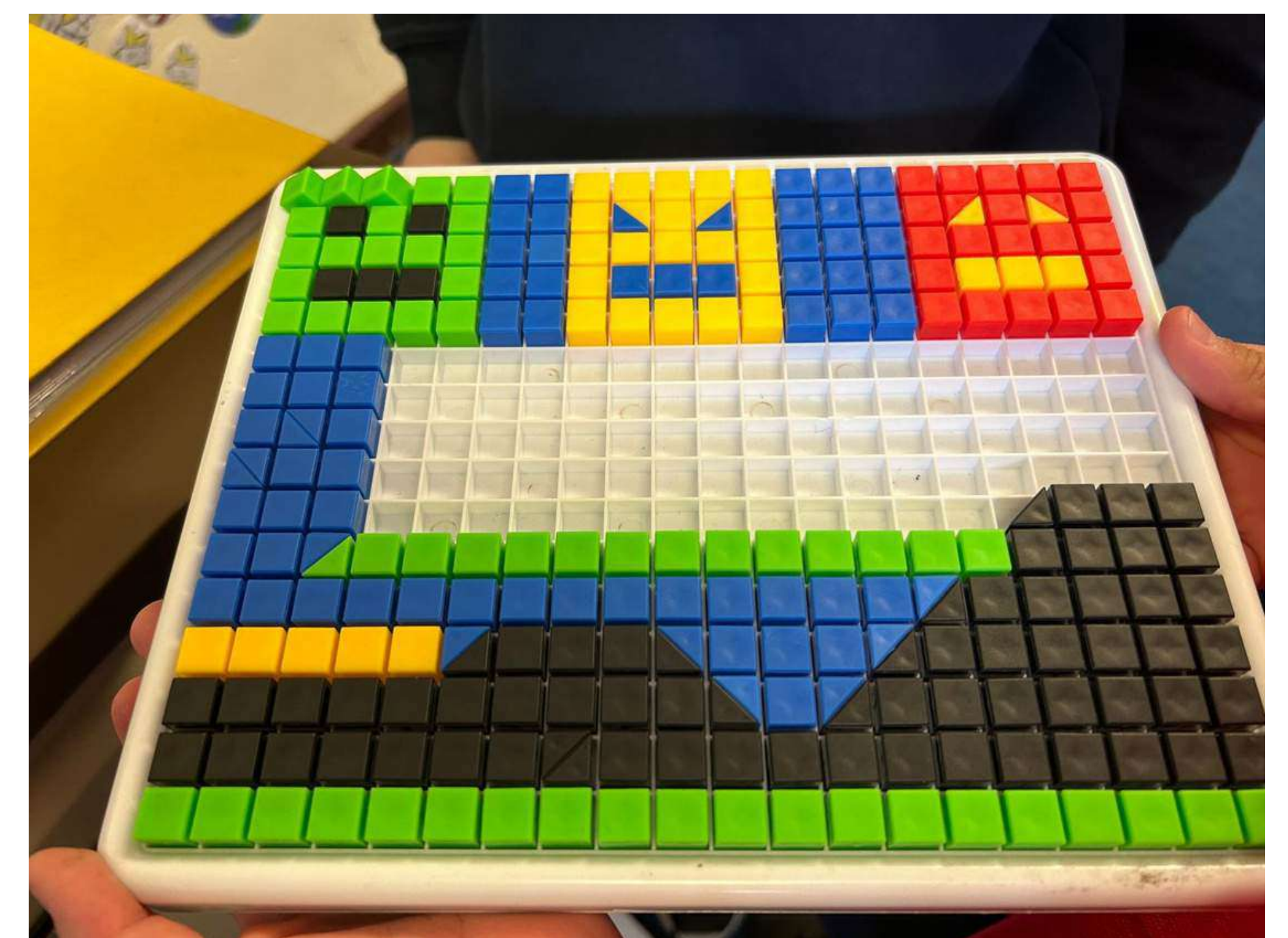
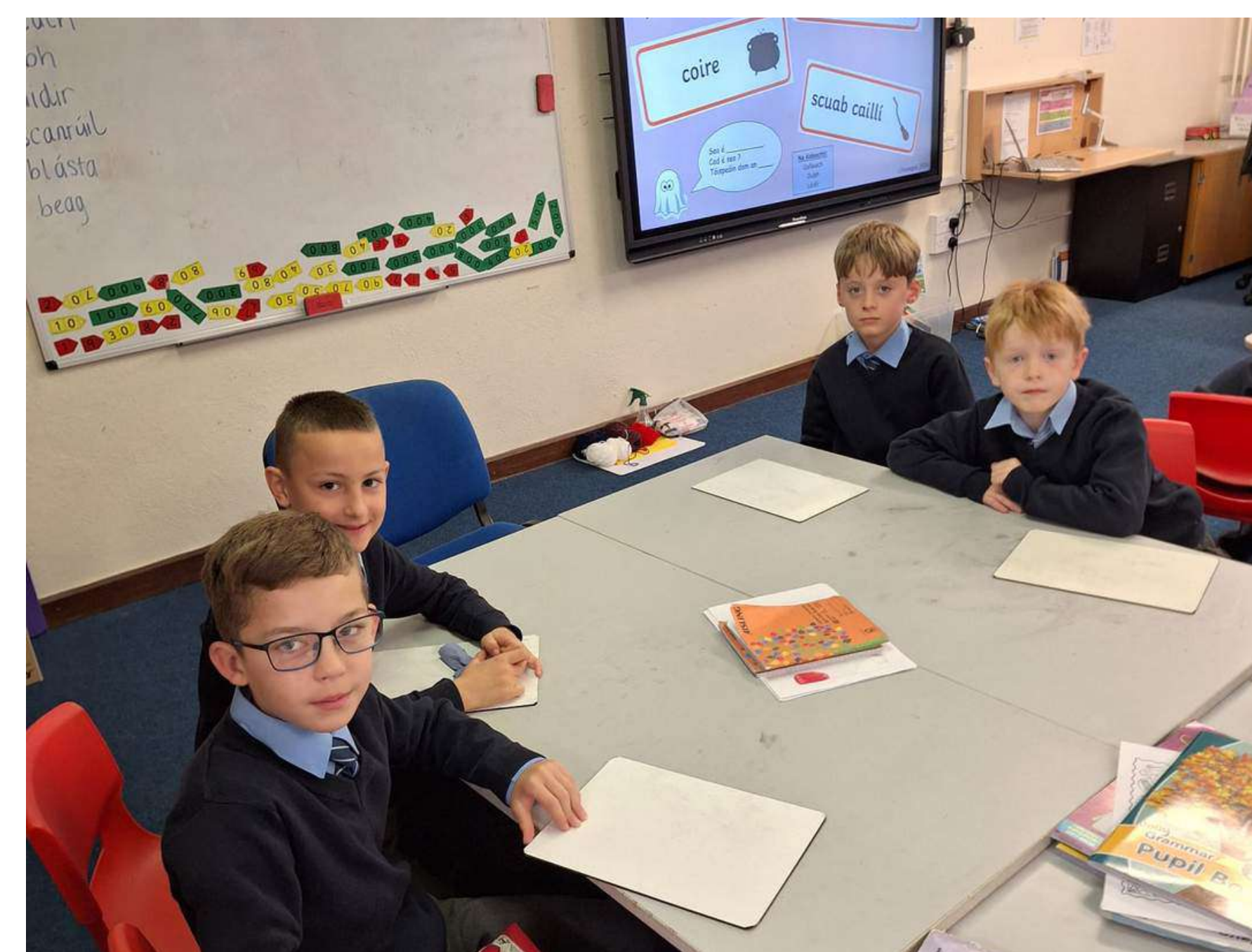
Additionally, we held weekly meetings with Father Robert to prepare for First Holy Communion, where we sang songs and said prayers. Our students have also been diligently practising cursive handwriting, making impressive progress in this new skill. Lastly, our little researchers delved into the theme of Halloween around the world, showcasing their curiosity and enthusiasm.



THIRD CLASS NEWS



We have had a busy introduction to Third Class and have been working hard. We've been learning about a lot of new topics, such as multiplication, the Aztecs and Mexico. We also learned all about Cinquain and Acrostic poetry. We've been practising our script handwriting and using it to write about ourselves and our school in D.L.P. We began practising the tin whistle again. We completed a pastel drawing of the Naas Ball. We started going to the Computer Room and set up our Google Classroom accounts. We have two sessions of our swimming lessons left. We've been getting ready for Halloween and learned a new song called "*The Purple People Eater*", which is great fun, doing Oíche Shamhna in Gaeilge and making fabric art monsters in art.



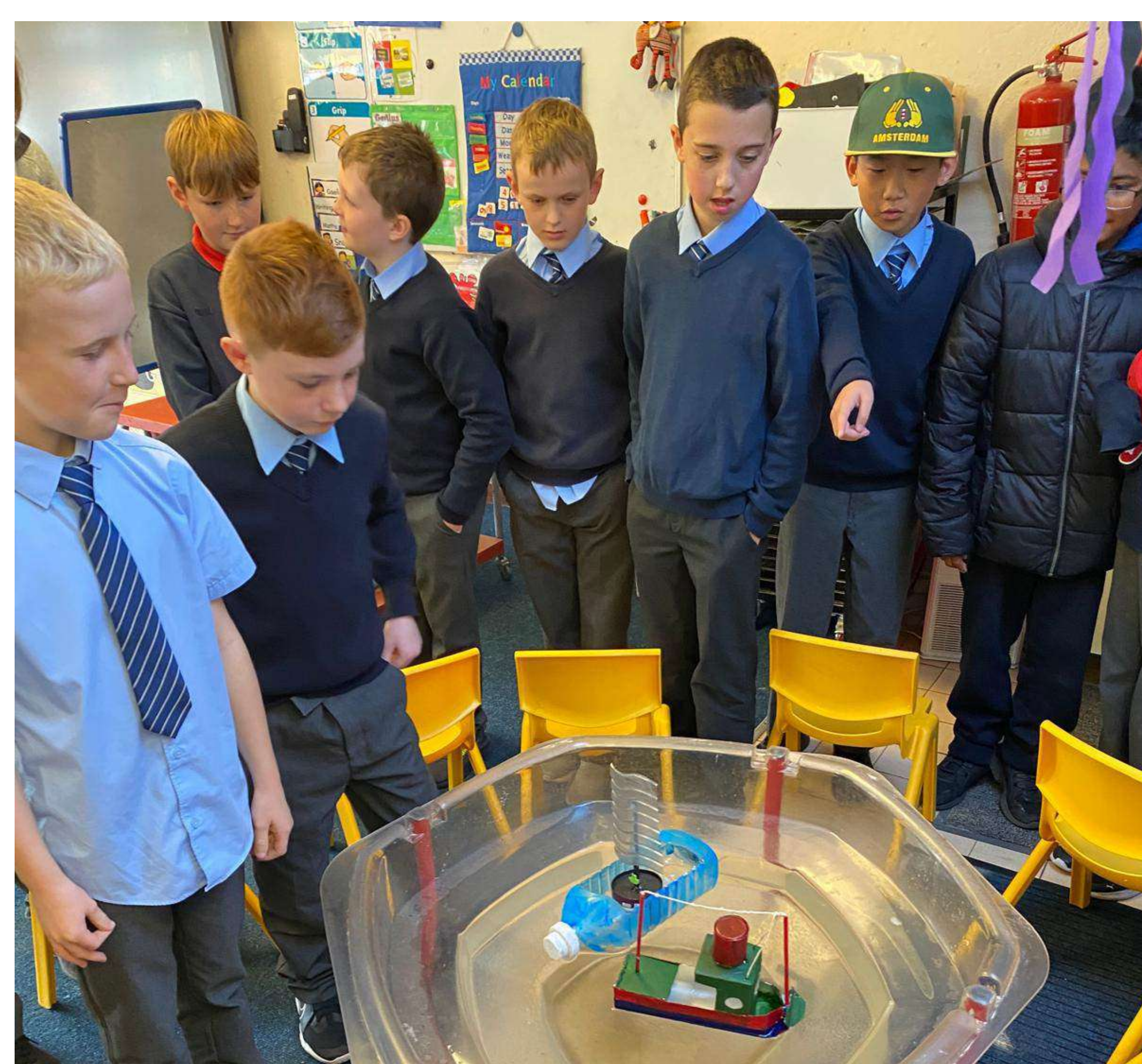
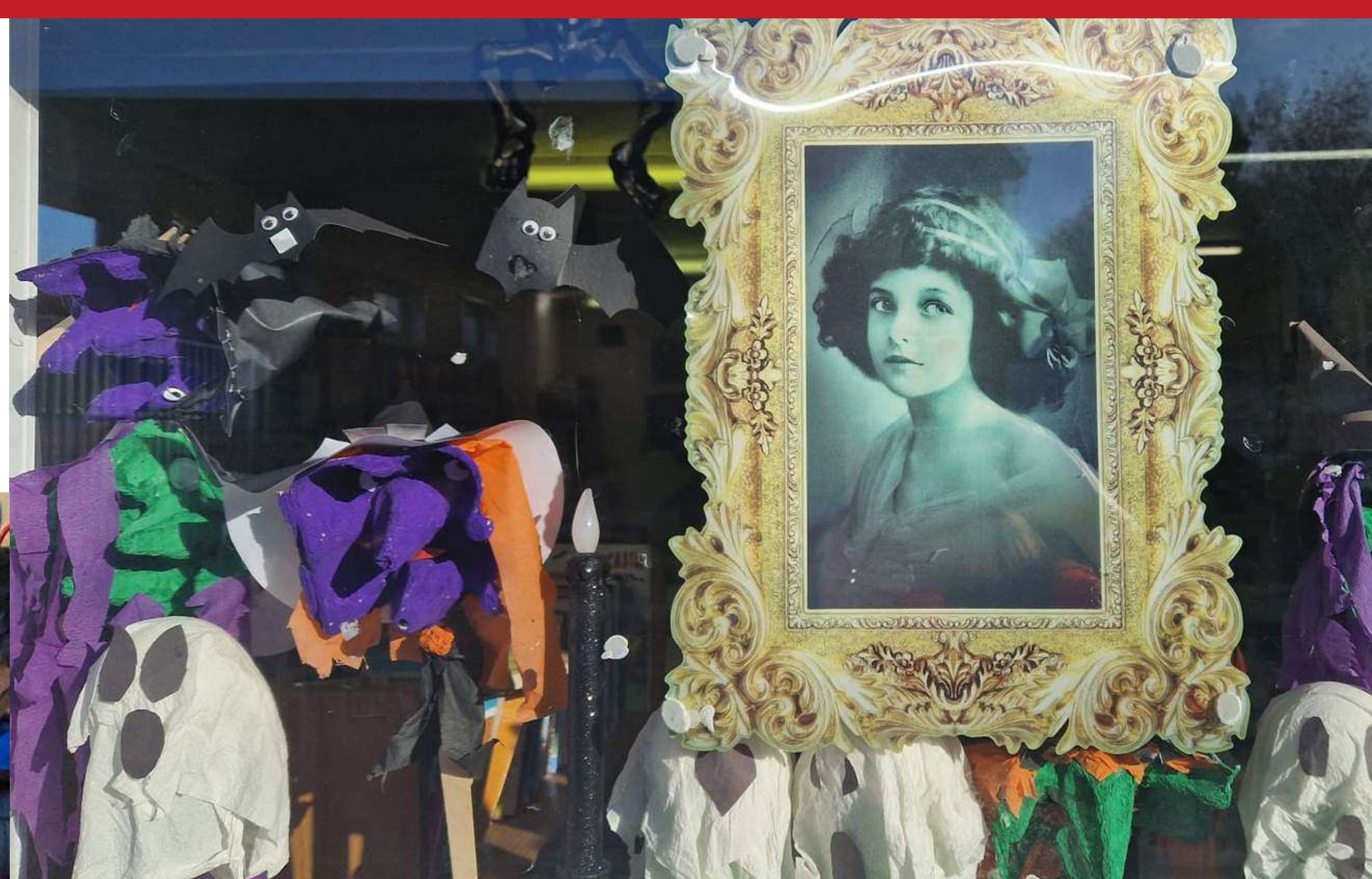
FOURTH CLASS NEWS



4th Class have been very creative making boats and it appears there are a few budding engineers in the class. They can't wait to test them out. The boys also used their creativity in composing some excellent Limericks.....

*There once was a ship in the sea
The captain thought he'd be a flea
He ran on the deck
Did not see the wreck
Then he jumped into the blue sea.* By Sam Zhang

They have been learning all about Australia and have made collages of the Sydney Opera House. Everyone is looking forward to dressing up for the Halloween Walk on Friday.

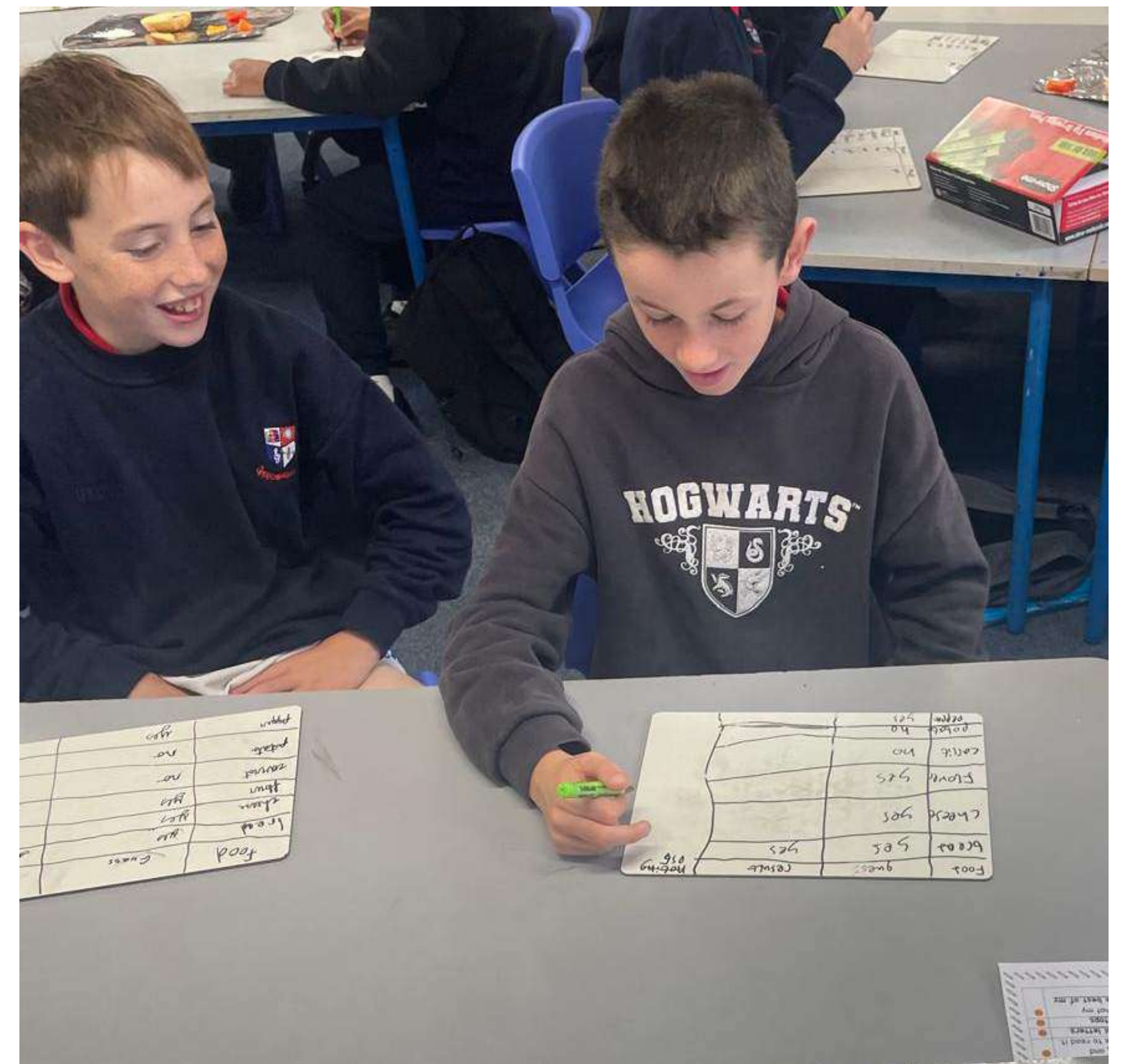


FIFTH CLASS NEWS



Fifth Classes have been busy learning and having fun! We are reading the novel *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. We've really enjoyed talking about the characters and the themes. One of our favourite quotes from the book is: "Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings."

In Gaeilge, we've been learning all about the topics 'Mé Féin' (myself) and 'Bia' (food). We've been practising talking about ourselves and our favourite foods. In Maths, we've become superstars at long multiplication with all our practising since coming back to school.



We've been learning all about The Great Famine, and we've been exploring famines around the world. In Science, we studied the food pyramid and nutrition, even testing different foods for starch!

We've been having fun in Music, warming up our vocal cords by singing 'The Fields of Athenry' and playing some great tunes on the tin whistle. Finally, our 5th Class students have been taking part in a lunchtime F1 Club, where they're learning about the science and engineering behind Formula 1 cars and equipment.

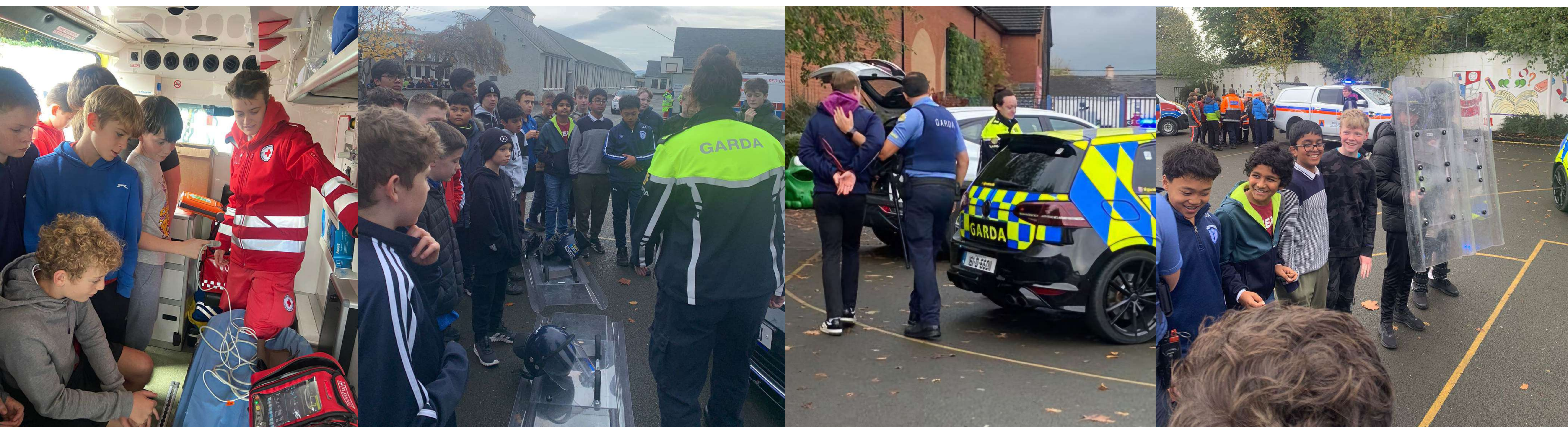
SIXTH CLASS NEWS



The boys in Sixth Class have had an exciting and action-packed start to the school year! The boys have been captivated by *'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'*, tying in their studies of World War II and the history of Germany. Creativity has been flourishing in Art! From constructing playdough brains to exploring blind portrait drawing and printmaking, producing wonderful pieces to showcase their talent. PE sessions were a highlight for many, with the boys jumping into swimming and working on their athletics skills with great enthusiasm and energy. In Maths, they've been diving deep into number theory, place value, operations, and fractions, laying the groundwork for the months ahead.



Confirmation candidates are gearing up for their retreat on November 6th, a key milestone as they approach this important event in their lives. Looking ahead, the excitement continues to build, with French classes, rugby coaching and afterschool clubs set to begin in the coming weeks.



On October 16th, the school was honoured with a visit from the Gardaí, Civil Defence and the Red Cross, who spent the day promoting their vital services and sharing valuable information with the students.

SPORTS NEWS



Kildare U11 Football and Hurling Champions

It has been a hugely successful half-term for Sports Teams in our school. Our under 11 Footballers won the Cumann na mBunscol Kildare Primary Schools Division 1 Football Final under the guidance of Mr. Smyth and Mr. Dineen and our under 11 Hurlers won the Cumann na mBunscol Kildare Primary Schools Division 1 Hurling Final under the guidance of Ms. B Mangan and Ms. Crowley. Our under 11 B Teams competed in the B Football Blitz in Ballymany NS with both of our teams making it through to the semi-final where they played each other. Mr. Smyth's team were narrowly defeated in the final. We are so proud of the boys for their dedication and hard-work and most of all for their exemplary sportsmanship they show to their competitors.

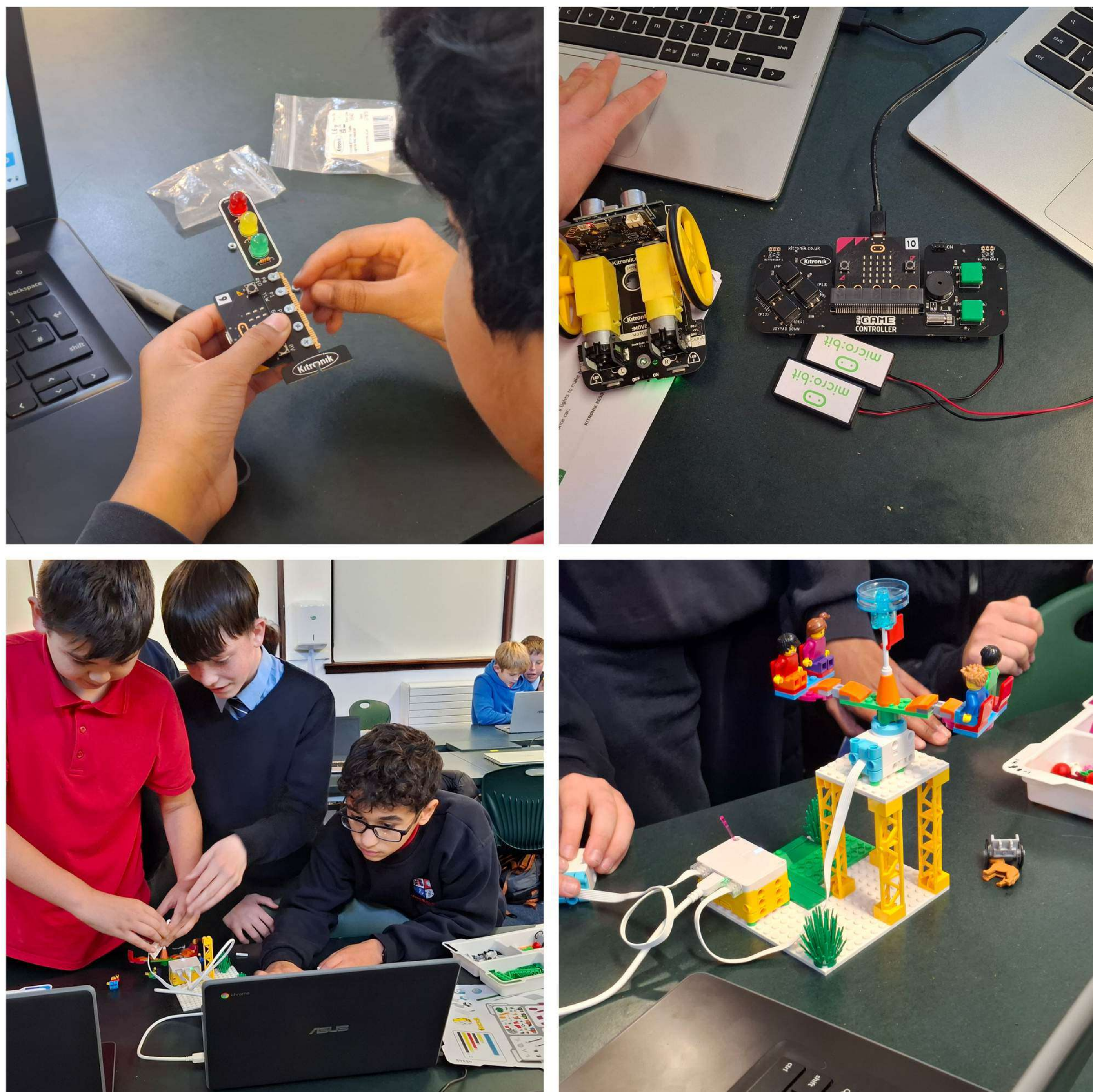
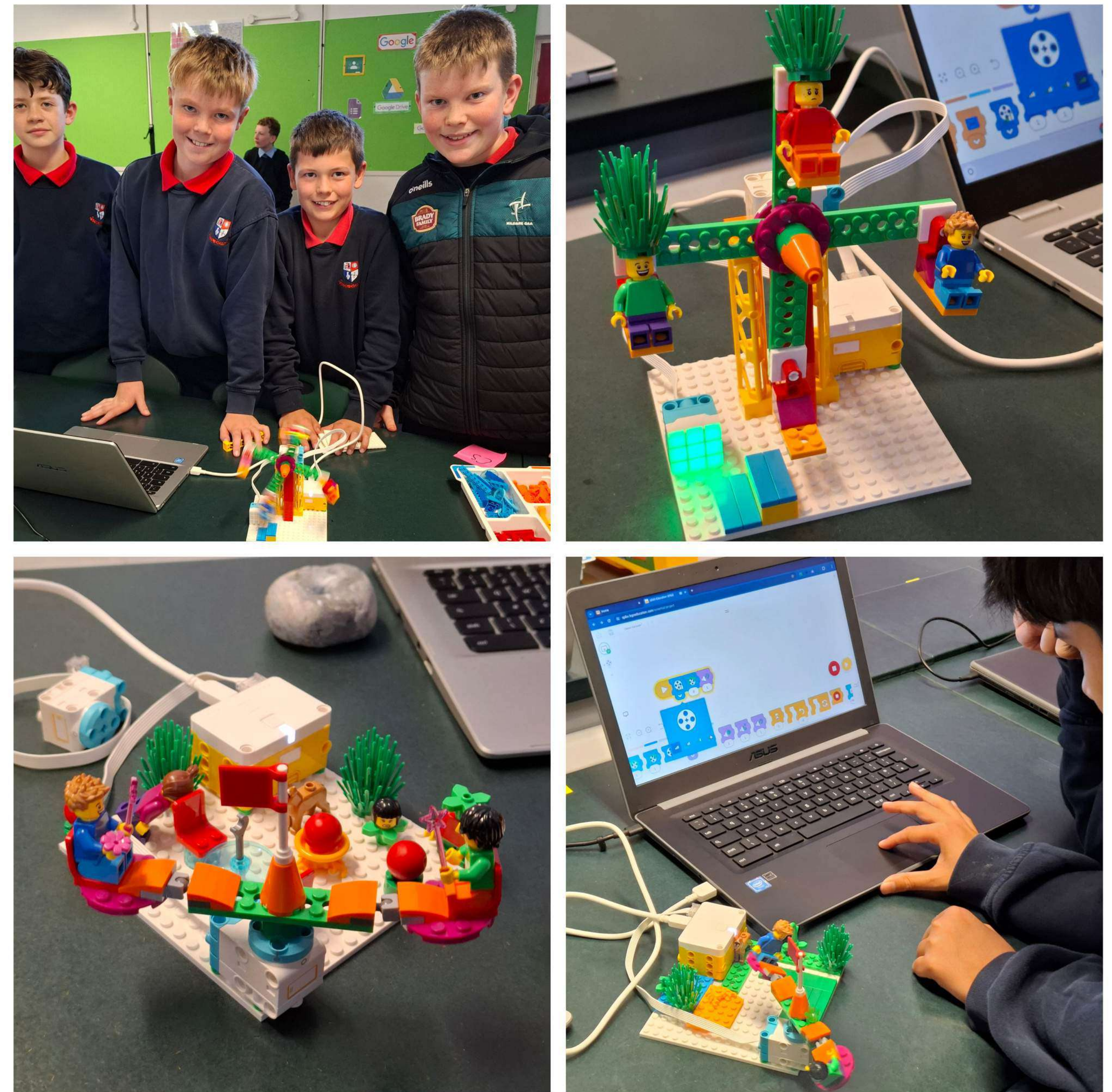


DIGITAL LEARNING NEWS



New Equipment

We have recently purchased 30 new Chromebooks and 8 sets of Lego Spike coding kits. We now have six sets of iPads, two full class sets of Chromebooks, an interactive flat panel in each classroom as well as a collection of coding equipment for our pupils to enjoy including BeeBots, Micro:bits and now the Lego kits. Who knows where these early experiences in computing will take our pupils!



Coding Club

Our Coding Club is back again this year, new and improved with pupils enjoying coding with Micro:bits and now, also coding with our new Lego kits. The boys have been showcasing their talents every week and are thoroughly enjoying the sessions. They particularly enjoy coding the Lego kits and are working collaboratively to build impressive creations like amusement park rides and arcade games. Really impressive work!

Digital Learning Team 2024-2025



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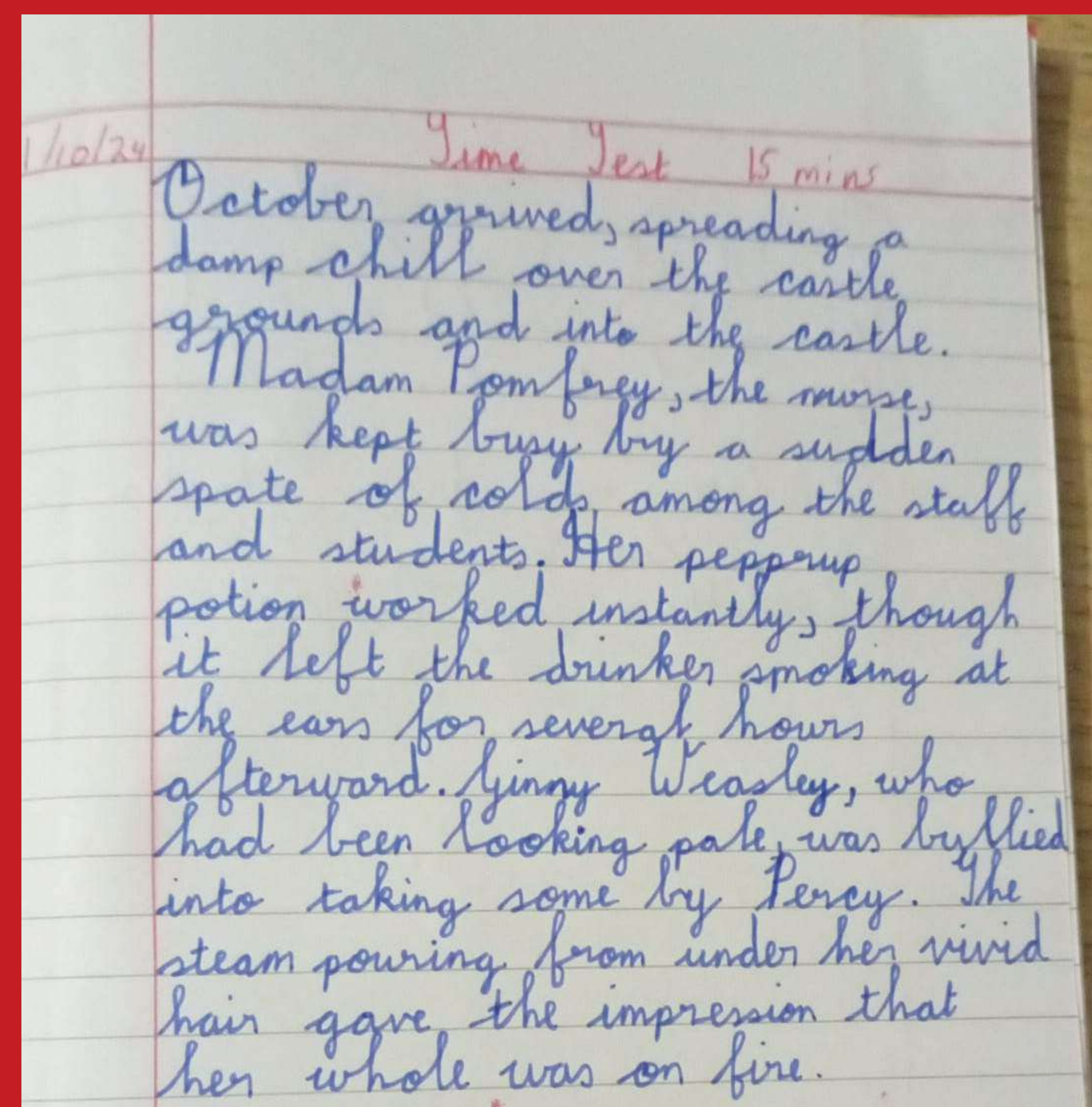


Visit from Garda Shane Smyth

Our community Garda, Shane Smyth visited our school to talk with the boys about being safe during Hallowe'en. He discussed the different ways for children to keep themselves safe. A huge thank you to our Community Garda Shane for all his work in our school and our community.

School Improvement Plan

This year we are focusing on Handwriting, Penmanship and Presentation as part of our School Self-Evaluation. The boys have been working very hard on the presentation of their work and their handwriting. The standard is very high as you can see in this piece written by James Devitt in Mr. Smyth's fifth class. Well done James and all of the boys.



St. Corban's Bake Off

Congratulations to our Star Bakers Ms. B. Mangan and Ms. C. Mangan on becoming the first winners of the inaugural St. Corban's Bake Off. What a fun day it was for all staff!



MISCELLANEOUS



School Choir

The school choir is back up and running for the school year. The boys are currently rehearsing for their big performance in the 2025 Peace Proms in the RDS Dublin in February.



Say Yes to Languages

Our French classes are back up and running this year. Facilitated by Ms. Lyons and Ms. Delaney, the boys in 5th have been learning lots of French. Bravo!



Club Chorbáin

Our After School Irish Club is back this year and Fourth class boys have been having great fun all while using their cúpla focail the past 4 weeks. Fifth classes will have the opportunity to take part after Hallowe'en. Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí!

After School Clubs

A programme of paid After-school Activities will begin after Hallowe'en. There was a huge demand for places when we released the links for parents to sign up their sons for the clubs. For those who were disappointed because they missed out on a place on their chosen Club, we are hoping that more Clubs will be organised for after Christmas. Information to follow.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

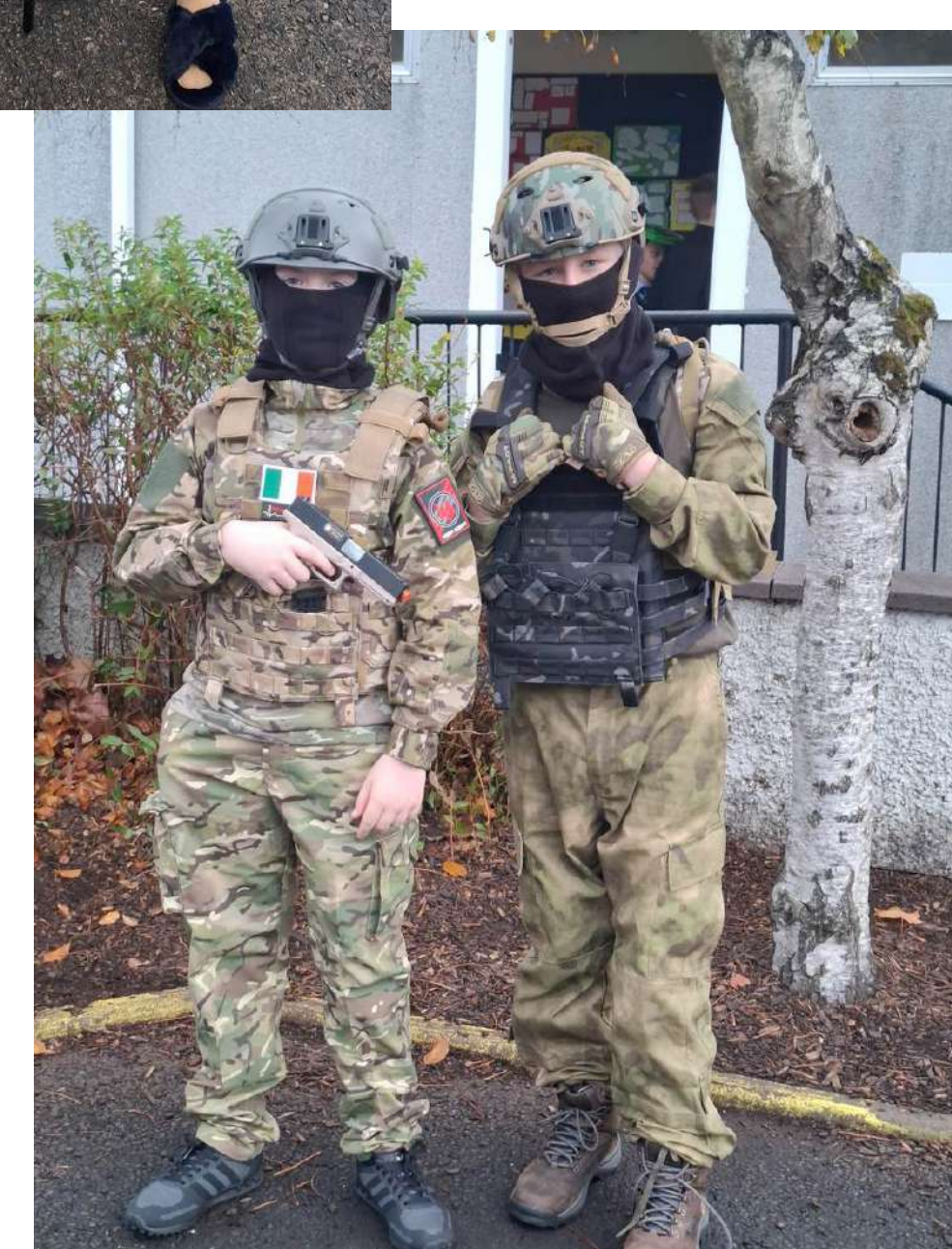
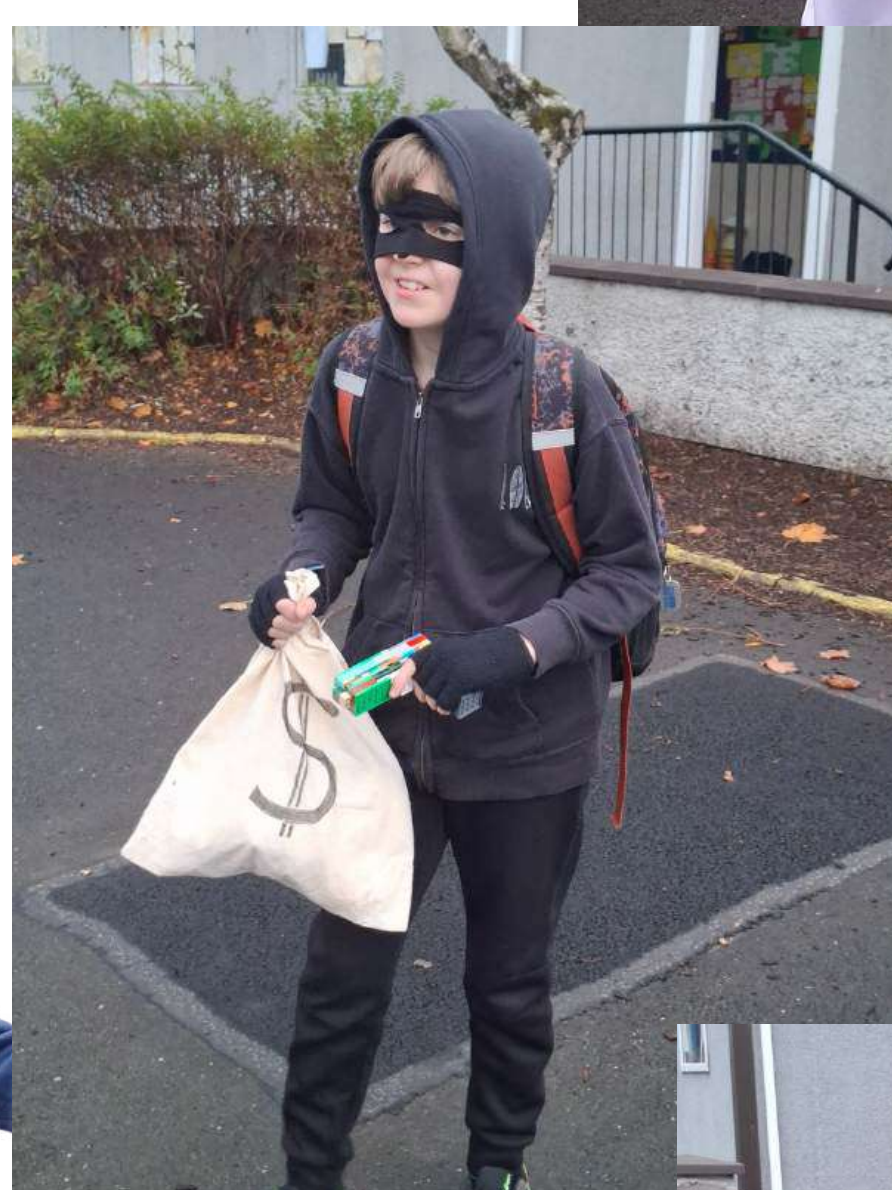
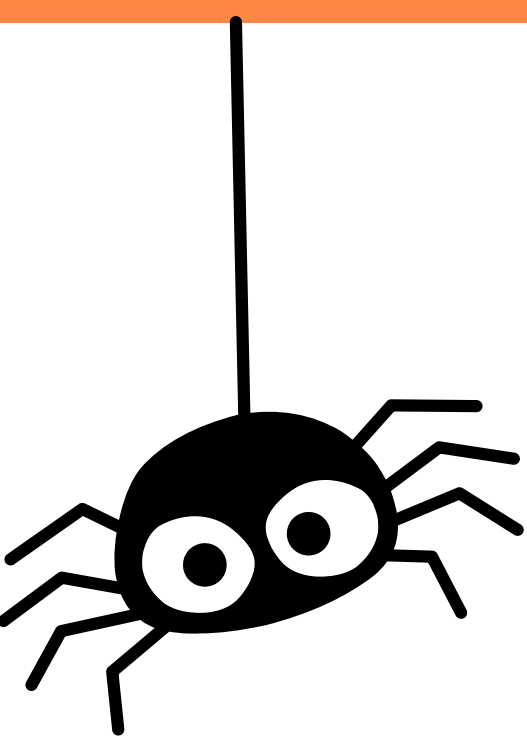
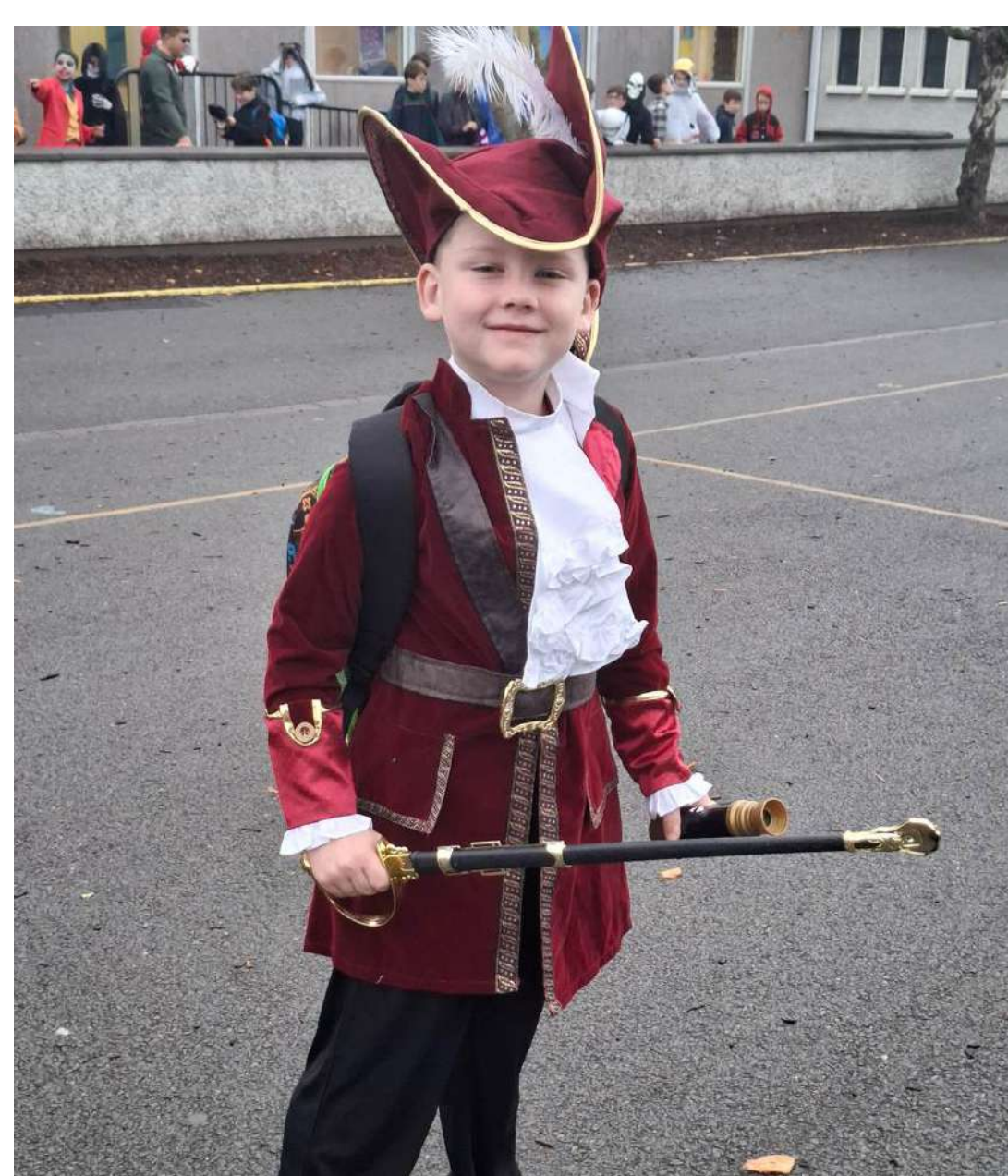


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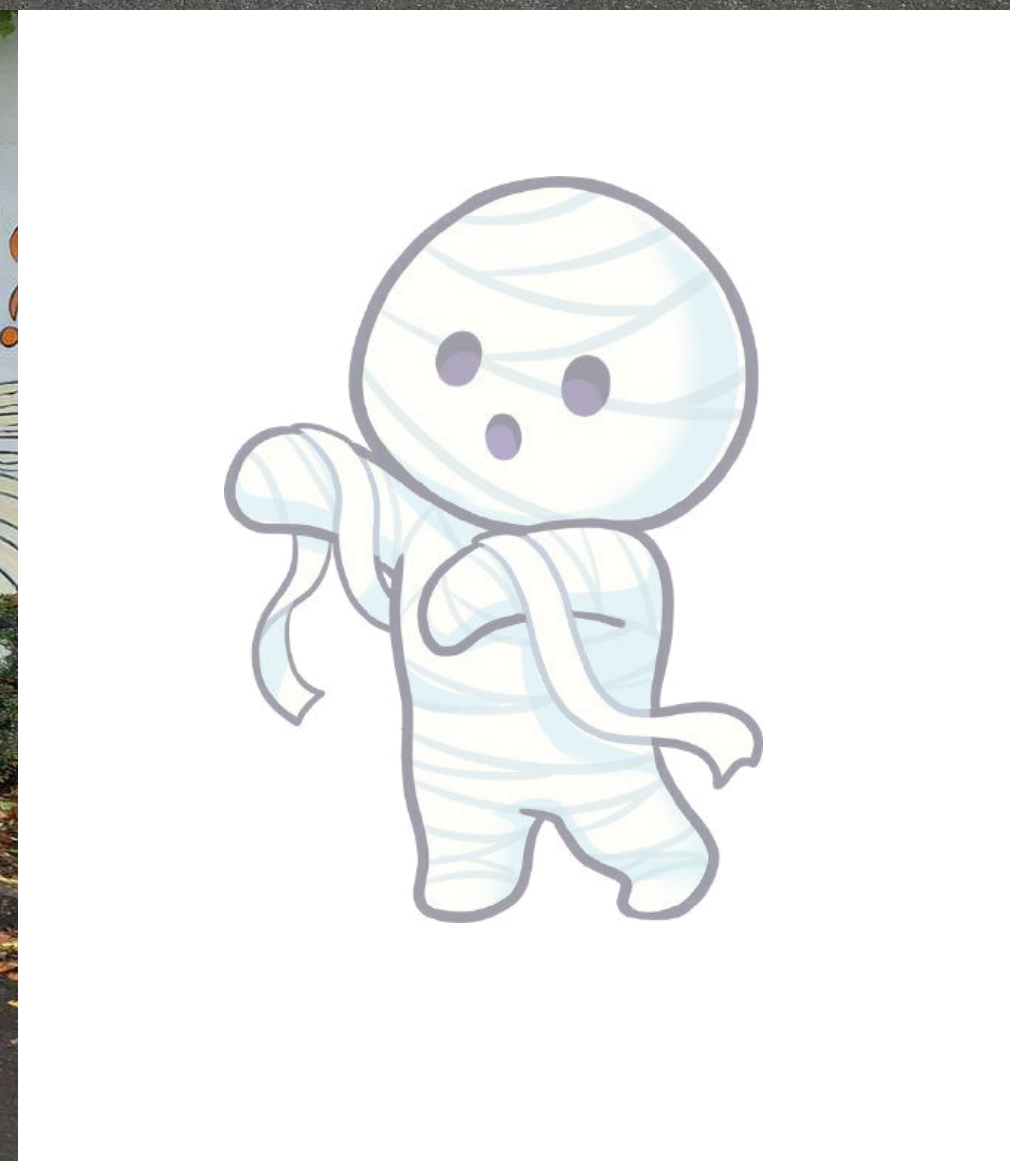


Spooktacular Hallowe'en Walk

Our wonderful Student Council organised a Hallowe'en Walk for pupils on Fri 25th October as a fundraiser for our school. All pupils were invited to dress up for a walk around the lakes. All money collected will be used to purchase games for the yards and storage bunkers. Thanks to everyone for their donations. Check out our Instagram for photos and videos from the walk.



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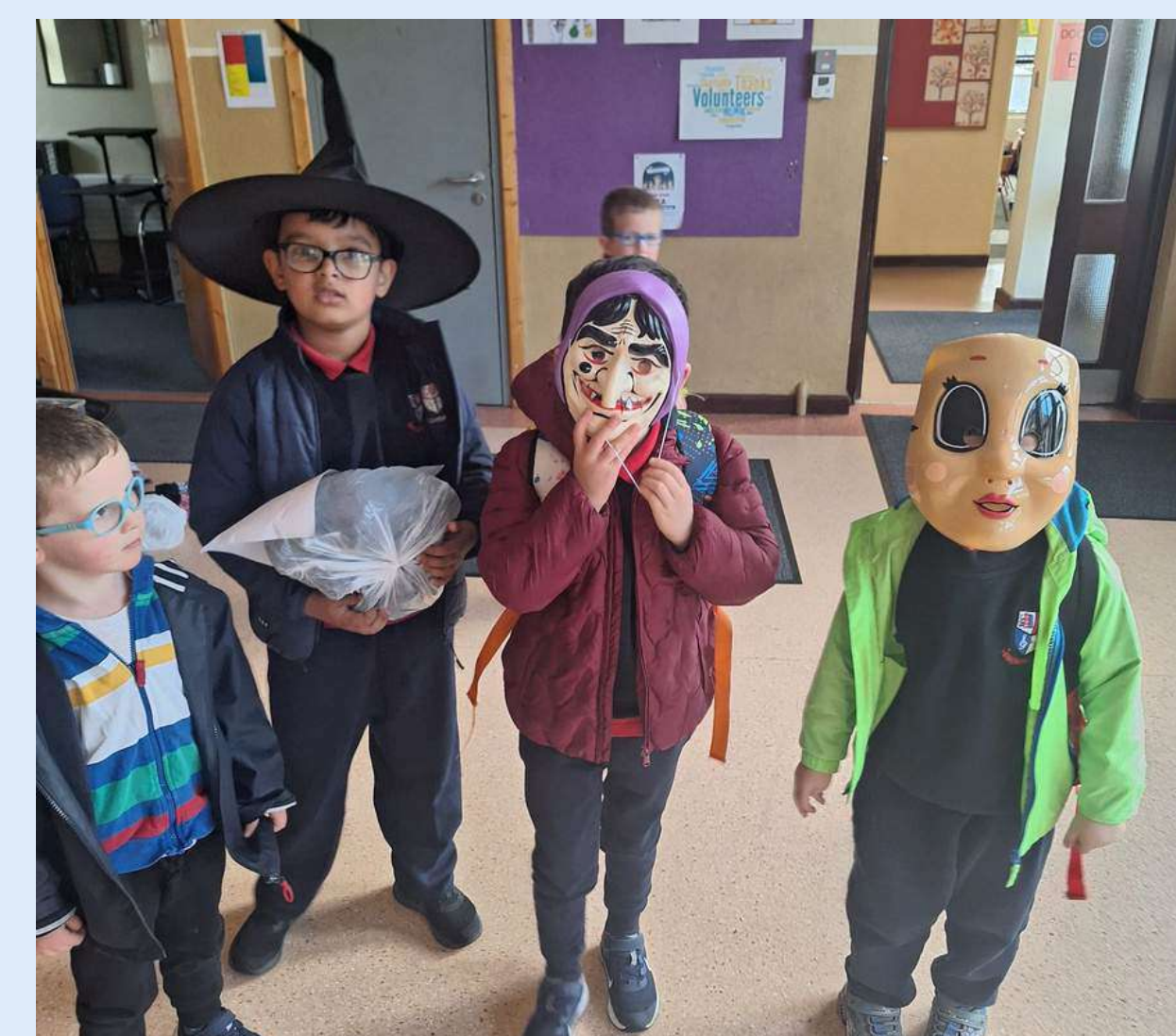


PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Fill the Van

Our Fill the Van fundraiser on 13th September was a huge success with a total of €970 raised. Sincere thanks to all parents who contributed bags of clothes and helped with this event.



Hallowe'en Costume Shop

On Thursday 17th October, our Parents' Association organised a costume sale of donated costumes and raised €208. Thanks to all those who donated costumes. We hope to make the shop an annual event.



Go Phone Free Initiative

There has been a wonderful response to The Go Phone Free Initiative following the Parents' Information Evening in the Osprey Hotel and Reuben's presentation of his "Hacked" show for the boys. For any parent who wishes to sign up, there is still time to do so with the Opt-in Forms online.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

This year, we will be running a Christmas Raffle and organising the sale of Personalised Christmas cards created by the boys. More information will be provided on Aladdin after Hallowe'en.

We would like to thank the Board of Management and the Parents' Association for their ongoing and invaluable support and contributions to the school.