

## Principal's Message

As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The past few months have been filled with wonderful learning, memorable experiences, and great teamwork across our school community.

A sincere thank you to our dedicated staff for their tireless work and to our pupils for their enthusiasm, kindness, and effort in all that they do. It's been a joy to see the boys grow and thrive each day.

Sincere thanks to our Board of Management and our Parents' Association for their ongoing commitment and hard work. Thank you to you, the parents, for your support in school events and especially in our fundraising efforts this term. Congratulations to the boys for their continued hard work, the kindness they show to one another and how they engage in their learning each day.

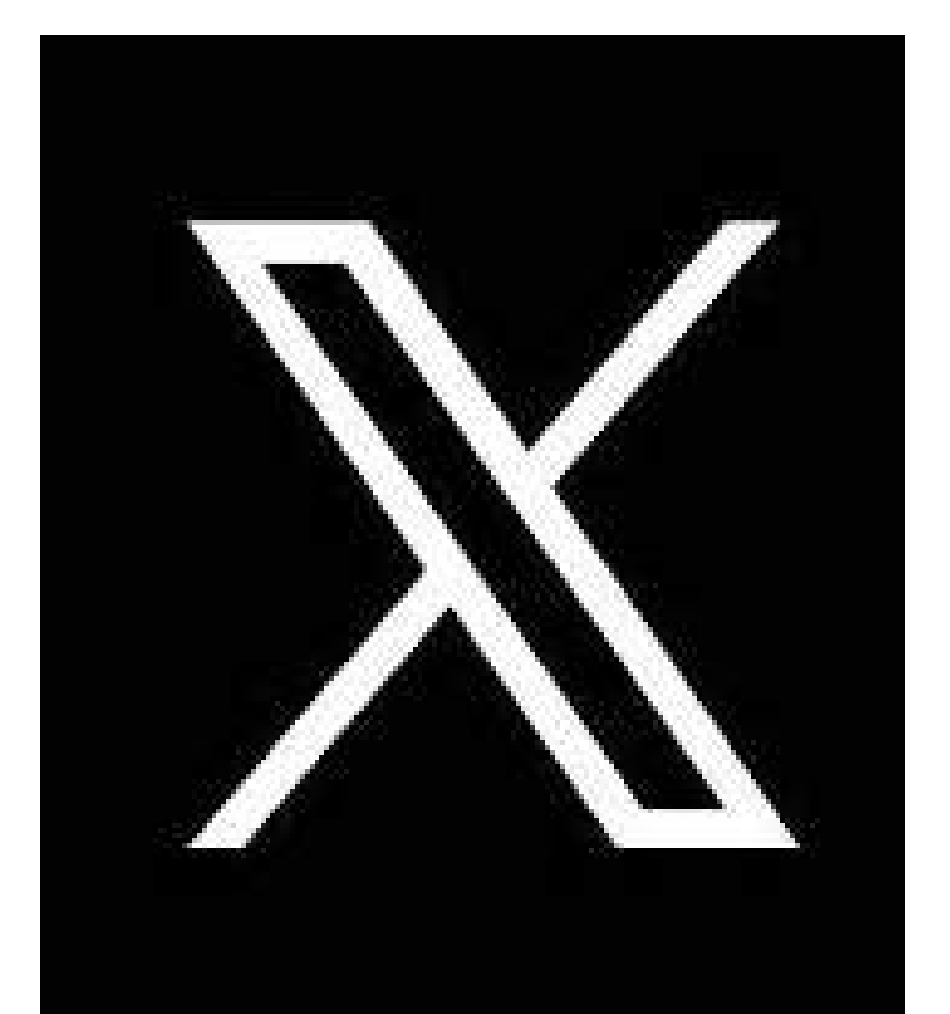
We wish all our families a happy and peaceful Easter and hope the boys enjoy a well-earned, fun-filled break over the next two weeks. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, April 29th.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

John Drewett

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# JUNIOR INFANTS NEWS



Junior Infants have had a fantastic few weeks full of fun and learning! They explored the signs of Spring on a Spring hunt, enjoyed Pancake Tuesday with a variety of delicious toppings, and loved listening to the story Mr. Wolf's Pancakes. For Seachtain na Gaeilge, the boys worked hard learning their Irish dance, the Céilí, enjoyed Mr. Dineen's accordion tunes, and had great fun playing the Bodhrán. They've been playing beautifully together, especially with board games, and we were delighted to see their enthusiasm for World Book Day—Ms. McDermott's and Ms. Hogan's classes joined a Zoom with Irish authors Erika McGann and Muireann Ní Chíobháin, followed by Circle Time on our new carpet where the boys shared their favourite books. Ms. Hogan's class are also very happy to welcome Dimal to their class!





# SENIOR INFANTS NEWS



Senior Infants have been working hard this term. They have been learning all about Money in maths and even set up their own class shop. They have been learning lots of interesting facts about Dinosaurs and they have been working hard as archaeologists making and searching for fossils. In Aistear, they have been enjoying role playing in the Doctor's Surgery and The Vet's Surgery, their favourite part of Aistear was creating their very own x-ray machine! They have been practising hurdles and long jump in Athletics this month, catch them in the Olympics in 2028!

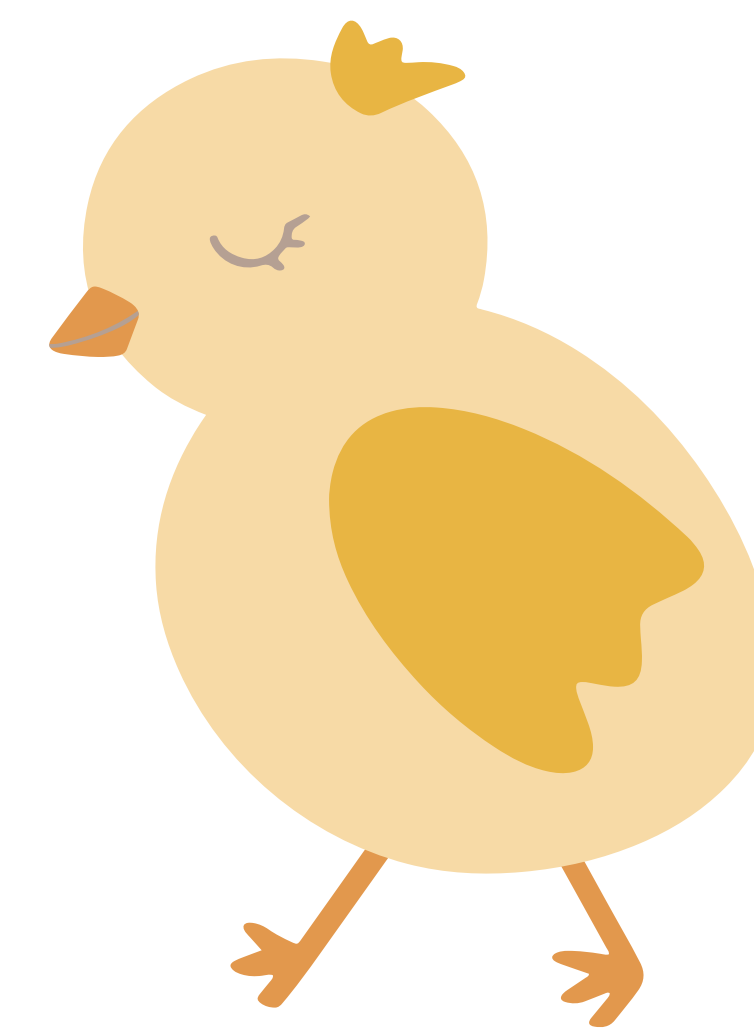
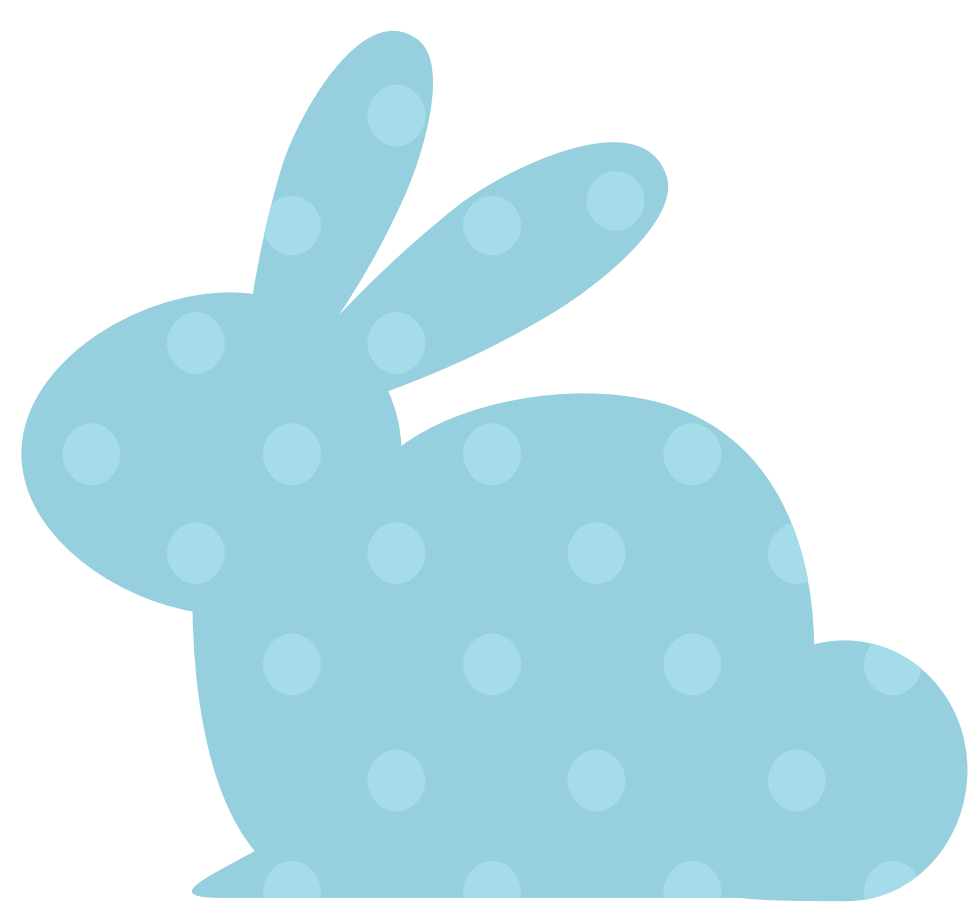




# FIRST CLASS NEWS



First class have had another busy term. They did their first ever project on the country of Spain. In maths, they were learning all about Time and Money. They did a Spring walkabout around the school to see what signs of Spring they could see. They had loads of fun playing the bodhráin, learning the Irish dances for the Céilí Mór and enjoyed the trad session with Mr. Dineen and his accordion down in the school hall. They learnt how to draw a horse's head and used different fabrics to represent its mane. They helped to raise money for Daffodil Day. Ms. Keane's class went swimming for the first time. Ms. Fitzsimon's and Ms. McCarville's classes will be going later on during the year.





# SECOND CLASS NEWS



Second class students have been busy learning about procedural writing, where they've practised creating clear, step-by-step instructions. They've also been working on exciting projects about Brazil, exploring its culture, wildlife, and traditions. In history, second class have been captivated by the story of Setanta, the legendary young warrior who later became Cú Chulainn. Ms Mulreid's second class had a great time using Beebots with Ms. Hogan's Junior Infants, practising teamwork and problem-solving. The second class boys enjoyed learning and performing their dancing and gaeilge during Seachtain na Gaeilge. They have also been learning about money and length in maths and have had great fun measuring things around the school!





# THIRD CLASS NEWS



Third class have been learning about lots of different topics, such as fractions and decimals, Kenya and Quatrain Poetry. They started training for the Class Leagues and are sure their skills will really improve after their matches together. Third class are really looking forward to all the eggciting events over the next couple of weeks, such as Easter holidays, Easter hunts and indulging on what we find during the hunt! They are especially looking forward to their well-earned rest after all of their hard work. Happy Easter from Third Class!

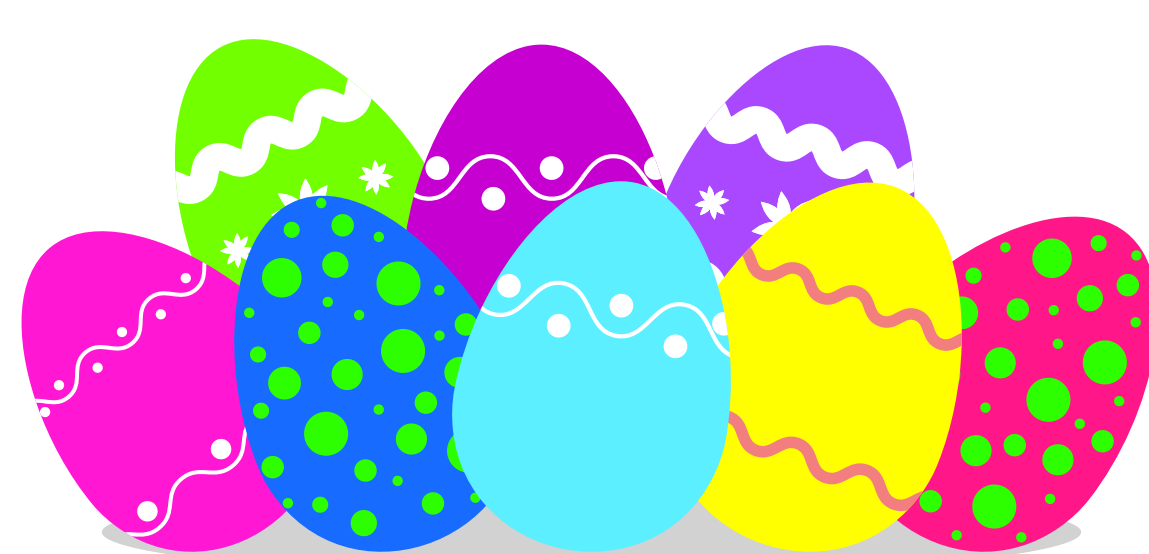




# FOURTH CLASS NEWS



Fourth class boys have been busy learning about the Weather in geography and the instruments that are used. In history the boys are learning about the Normans and how they came to Ireland. In science, the boys learnt all about Friction and Isaac Newton and the three Laws of Motion. The boys composed lovely Persuasive Writing pieces and are starting to learn about Procedural Writing. They created some beautiful art for Easter and Seachtain na Gaeilge. Ms. Ahern's class were treated to exciting Easter fun, a bunny themed puzzle and some delicious cakes made by Emilis and his sister, Idha. What a treat!

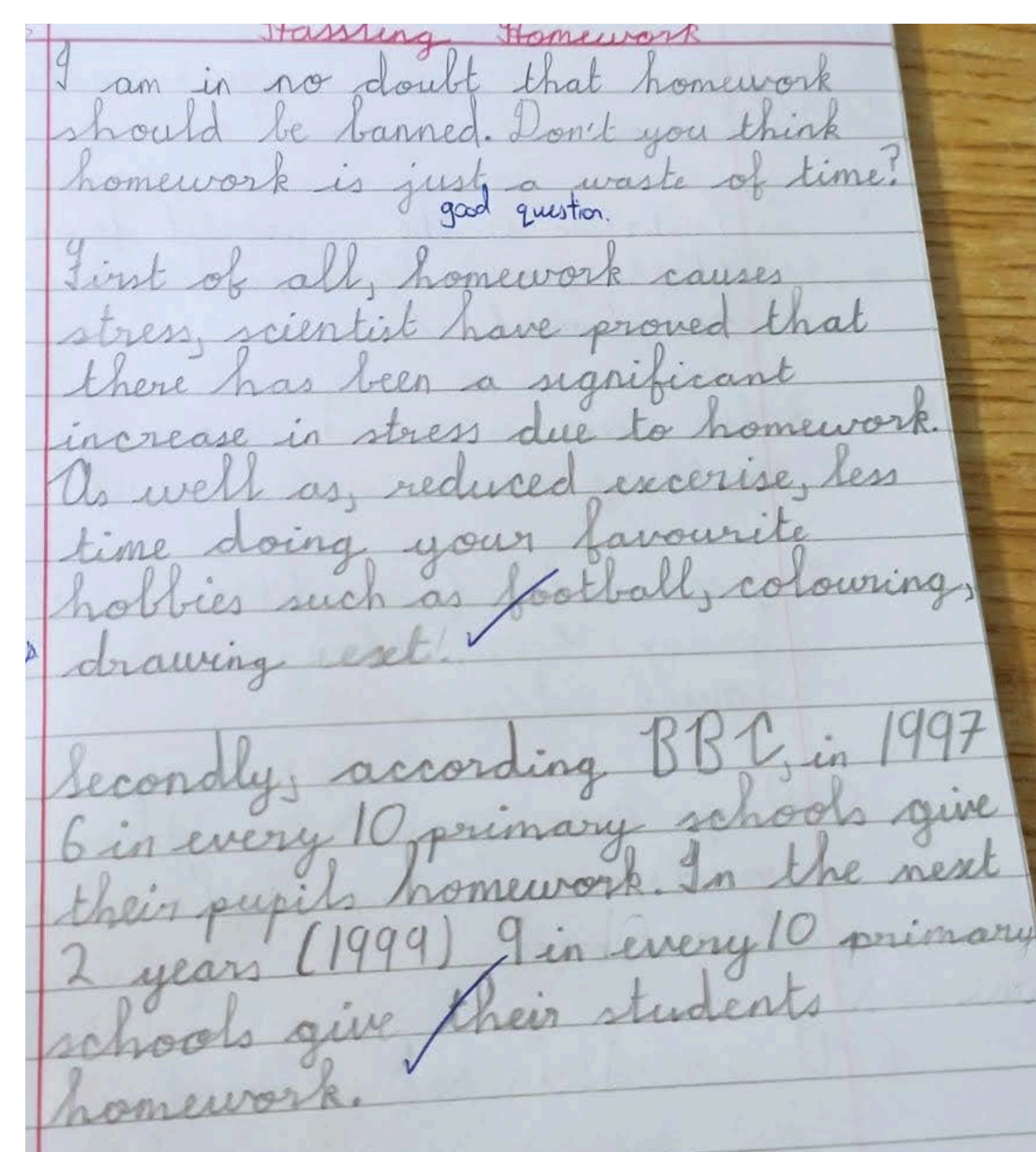
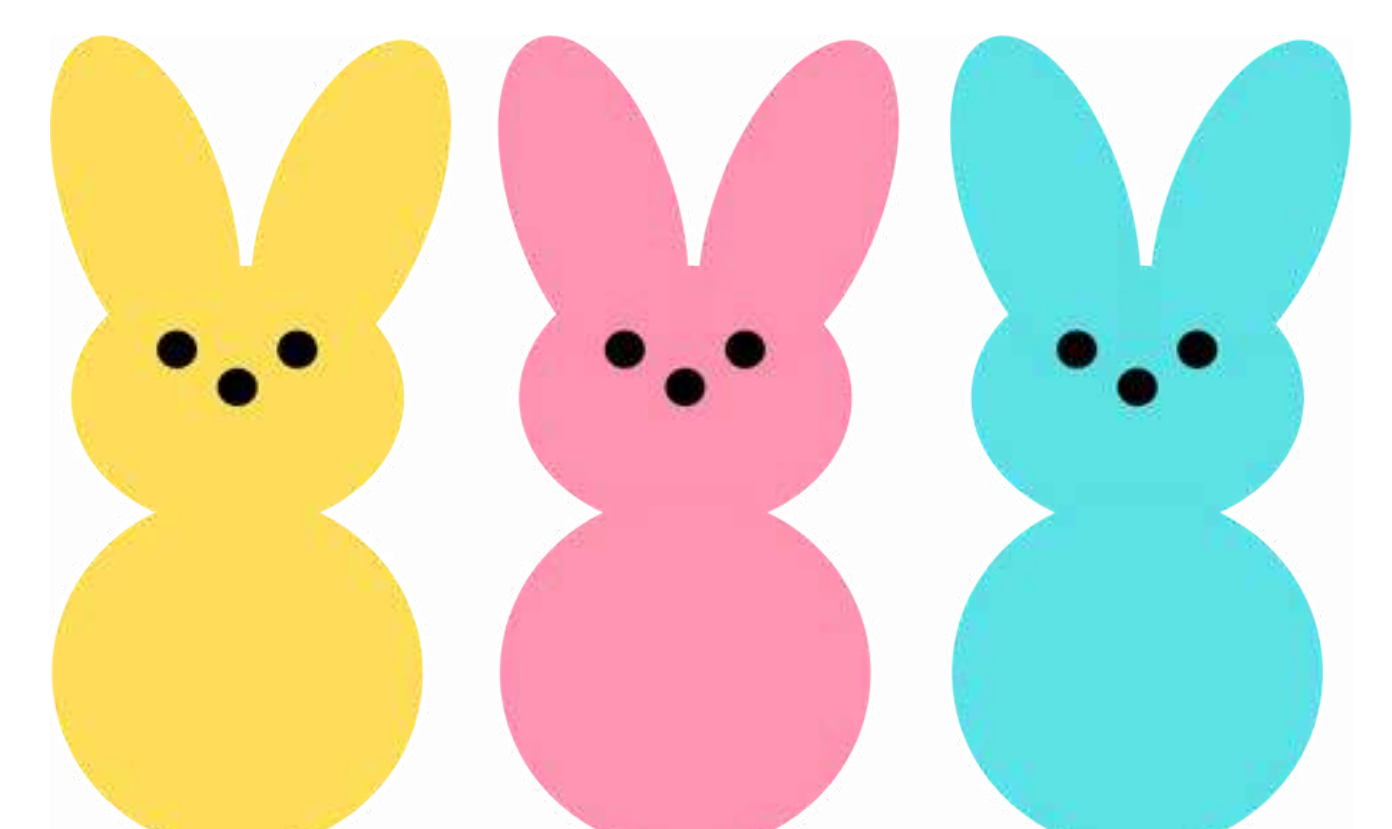
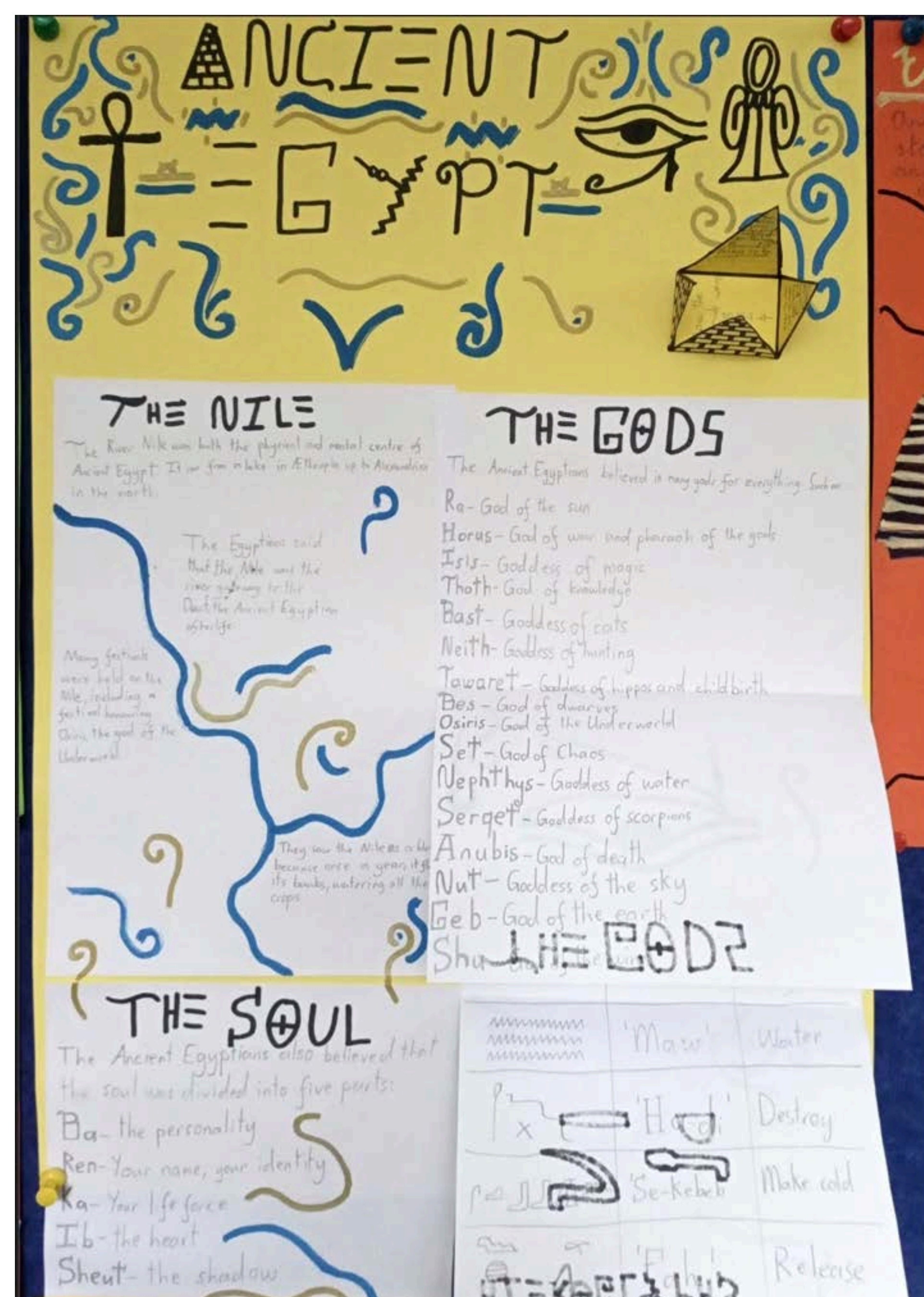
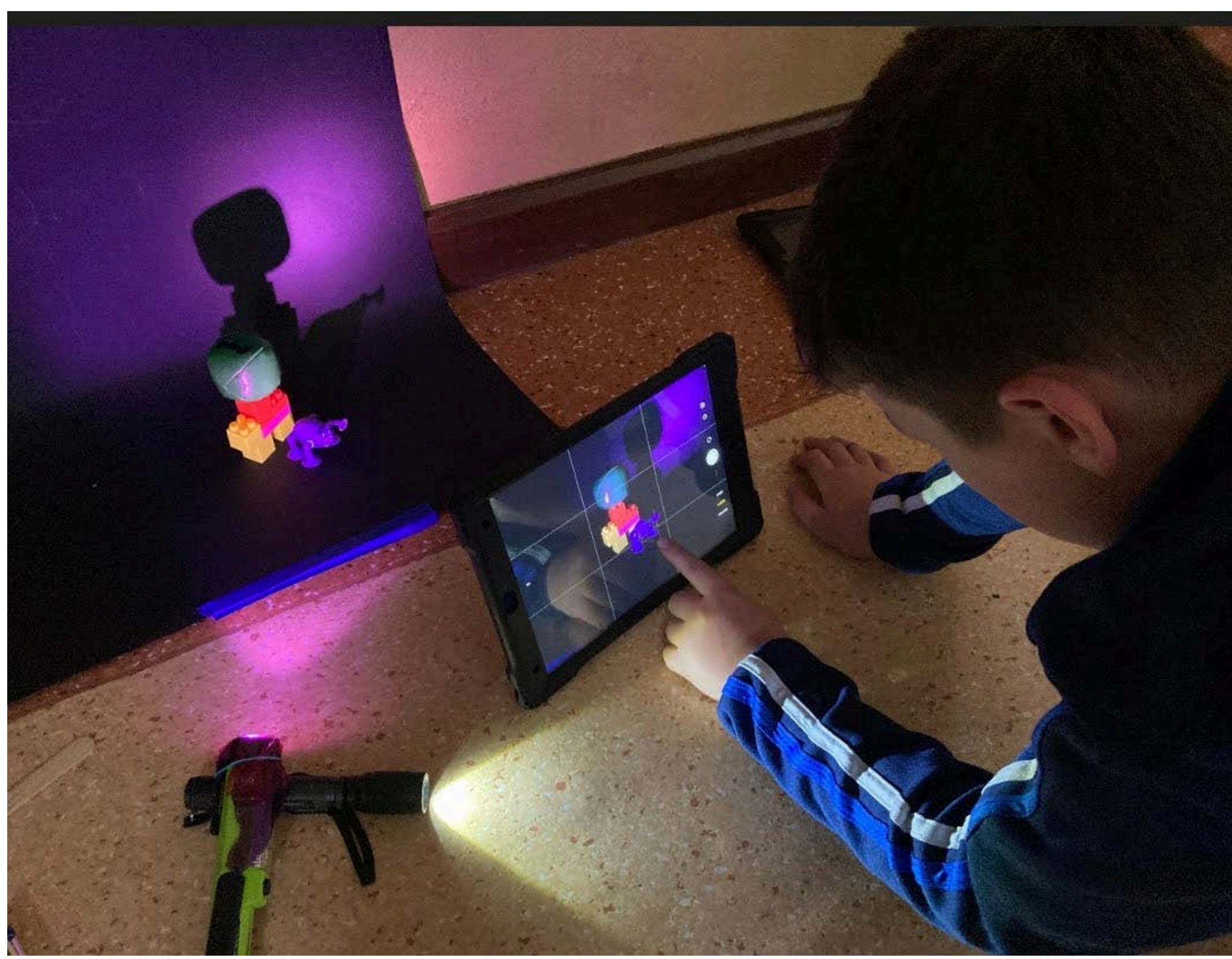




# FIFTH CLASS NEWS



Fifth Class have had a busy and exciting few weeks full of learning and creativity! In history, they explored the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt and completed some wonderful projects showcasing their knowledge and artistic flair. In science, they investigated the force of gravity, taking part in hands-on activities and lively discussions. Literacy lessons took on a persuasive twist as the class learnt the art of debating, developing their speaking and listening skills through structured arguments and teamwork.



On the physical activity front, the pupils had great fun playing volleyball and also continued practising for the upcoming GAA class leagues, building their skills and team spirit. They were also delighted to welcome artist Brian Creegan to the classroom. He worked with the pupils on developing their photography skills and introduced them to the exciting world of stop motion videos, which sparked lots of creativity and enthusiasm.



# SIXTH CLASS NEWS



This term has been a rich and rewarding one for 6th class, filled with creativity, exploration, and growth. In English, the boys embraced poetry, improved their exposition writing, and are currently enjoying a “Read-a-thon.” Maths came to life through hands-on work in the measures strand, while Gaeilge was enriched through engaging topics and a celebration of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

In SESE, they explored topics from Ancient China to The Troubles, investigated plant and insect life in science, and made meaningful cross-curricular links through the study of trade. SPHE sparked important discussions on discrimination, internet safety, and global fairness. In Art, they explored printing techniques and studied Kandinsky, while in PE they enjoyed gymnastics, GAA, dance and orienteering. Music and Drama brought history and contemporary issues to life through song and role play.



The boys celebrated their Confirmation in February—a proud and spiritual milestone. A highlight was receiving their 6th class hoodies, funded through their own bake sale and St. Brigid's Crosses, raising over €1,500. Well done, boys! Their enthusiasm, kindness and maturity have made this a truly memorable term. Ms. Mangan's class won this year's PuncHESTOWN Senior Art Competition with their creation of the Corban's Cup of Coolness. A wonderful achievement!





# SPORTS NEWS



## Checkmate Champions! 6th Class Secure 3rd Place at Chess Finals

On 1st April, our 6th Class chess team travelled to Celbridge to take part in the Chess Finals. After a series of challenging matches and some brilliant strategic play, the team proudly achieved an impressive 3rd place overall. A huge well done to all the boys for their concentration, teamwork, and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. A special word of thanks to Ms. Mangan for organising the event and supporting the team! Our in-house school chess competition will take place after Easter for pupils in 4th to 6th Class. Get practising – it's time to make your next move!



## Gallant Gaels! U12 Mini 7s Team Finish 2nd in County Final

Congratulations to our U12 Mini 7s Gaelic football team, who put in a fantastic performance in the County Kildare competition, finishing in 2nd place overall! The boys reached the final, where they narrowly lost out to Derrinturn by just two points in a hard-fought match. Their skill, determination, and teamwork were clear to see. Thanks to Mr Smyth and Mr Dineen for organising and preparing the team for the day.



## Strategy and Smiles – 4th & 6th Class Enjoy Ficheall Chess Fun Day

On 29th January, our 4th and 6th Class chess teams took part in a fantastic Chess Day organised by Ficheall in Naas Community School. The event was all about enjoying the game, practising skills, and meeting players from other schools! Our boys played with great focus and enthusiasm throughout the day and represented the school brilliantly. Well done to all involved.



# SPORTS NEWS



## Basketball



In February, St. Corban's Basketball Team took part in a blitz held in Kilcullen. Unfortunately, several players were absent, however, the team took on the challenge, the boys showed great spirit, accepting the outcome with good humour and proudly receiving the "wooden spoon award" for finishing last. Well done to all involved for their resilience and positive attitude on the day.



## Tag Rugby



Fourth and Fifth class boys had a wonderful day in Naas RFC last week. Both teams played 5 matches each and represented the school brilliantly. Well done boys!



## Soccer

Our two soccer teams represented the school proudly in a soccer blitz in Newbridge on March 11th. Team one won the Kildare contest and are now progressed to the next round in the North Leinster Competition.



## U 12 Mini 7s Hurling

Congratulations to our U12 Mini 7s Hurling Team, who played with phenomenal skill in their games this year. They won all of their matches in the group stage and reached the final in Éire Óg. The final was tense to say the least as the team won three out of their four matches, narrowly missing out due to points difference. Thanks to Ms. Crowley and Ms. Keane for working with and looking after the boys for the competition.





# SPORTS NEWS



## Under 13 Football

On Tuesday 8th of April, the U13 football team began their league with a match against Rathangan on our own school field. They played excellently and showed off their hard work from training. The boys came out with a good win, what a great start to the league!



## Cross Country

Our cross country runners had a very successful day on Thursday, 10th April. All of the boys ran for their lives and they managed to come in third place in the Large Boys' School Competition. We are so proud of them all! Well done lads.

## Under 10 Football

Last week, St. Corban's U10 football team kicked off their Cumann na mBunscol campaign with a fantastic performance against St. Patrick's BNS, Rathangan. The boys played some brilliant football, displaying skill and teamwork throughout the match. Their attacking play was a highlight, with some terrific goals and points, that showcased the array of talent within the team.

The final whistle blew with St. Corban's securing a comprehensive victory, marking a strong start to their journey in this year's competition. It was a great way for the team to open their account. Well done to all the players, and best of luck in the next match!



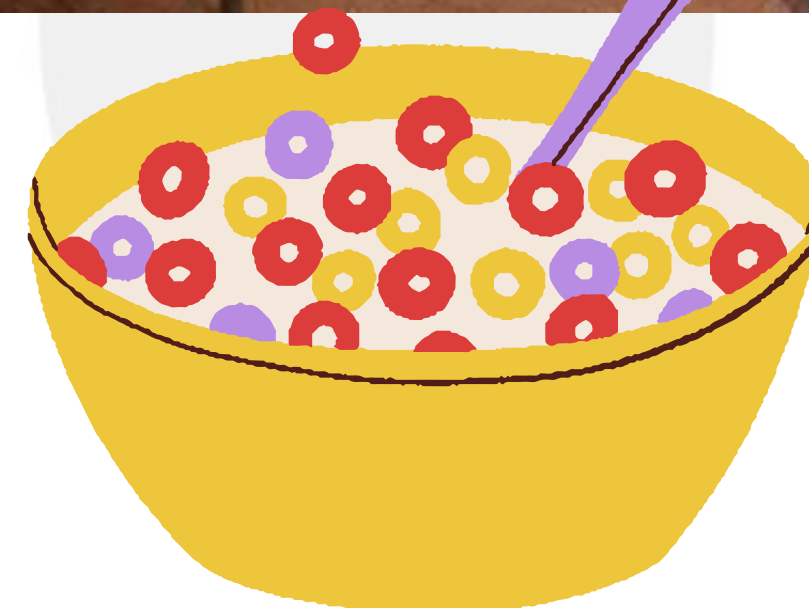


# MISCELLANEOUS



## Breakfast Club

Our brand new Breakfast Club began in March and has been a great success! The boys have enjoyed having their nutritious breakfast followed by fun activities every morning in our GP room. Some spaces are still available in the Club. If you wish to enquire, please email [breakfastclub@stcorbans.com](mailto:breakfastclub@stcorbans.com)



## Quiz Teams

Well done to our two quiz teams who represented the school so well at the Credit Union Quiz in February. The teams were Louie Queally, Sam Ryan, Dylan Hctor and Finn Dudley for U11s and Louie O'Reilly, Conor Griffin, Milo Cagney and Eddie Melia for U13s. Both teams came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, just missing out on a place in the next round. A great performance boys.



## Bí Cineálta

As you know, the Department of Education has introduced a new Anti-Bullying Programme for schools called "Bí Cineálta" which will replace the school's current Anti-bullying Policy. In our preparation for the creation and implementation of the Bí Cineálta Policy, we consulted with our school community to understand parent's experience of our old policy and to inform our new policy. We wish to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your contribution is a valuable part of our research. The link which was shared via Aladdin will remain accessible until Monday, 14th April at 5:00pm.

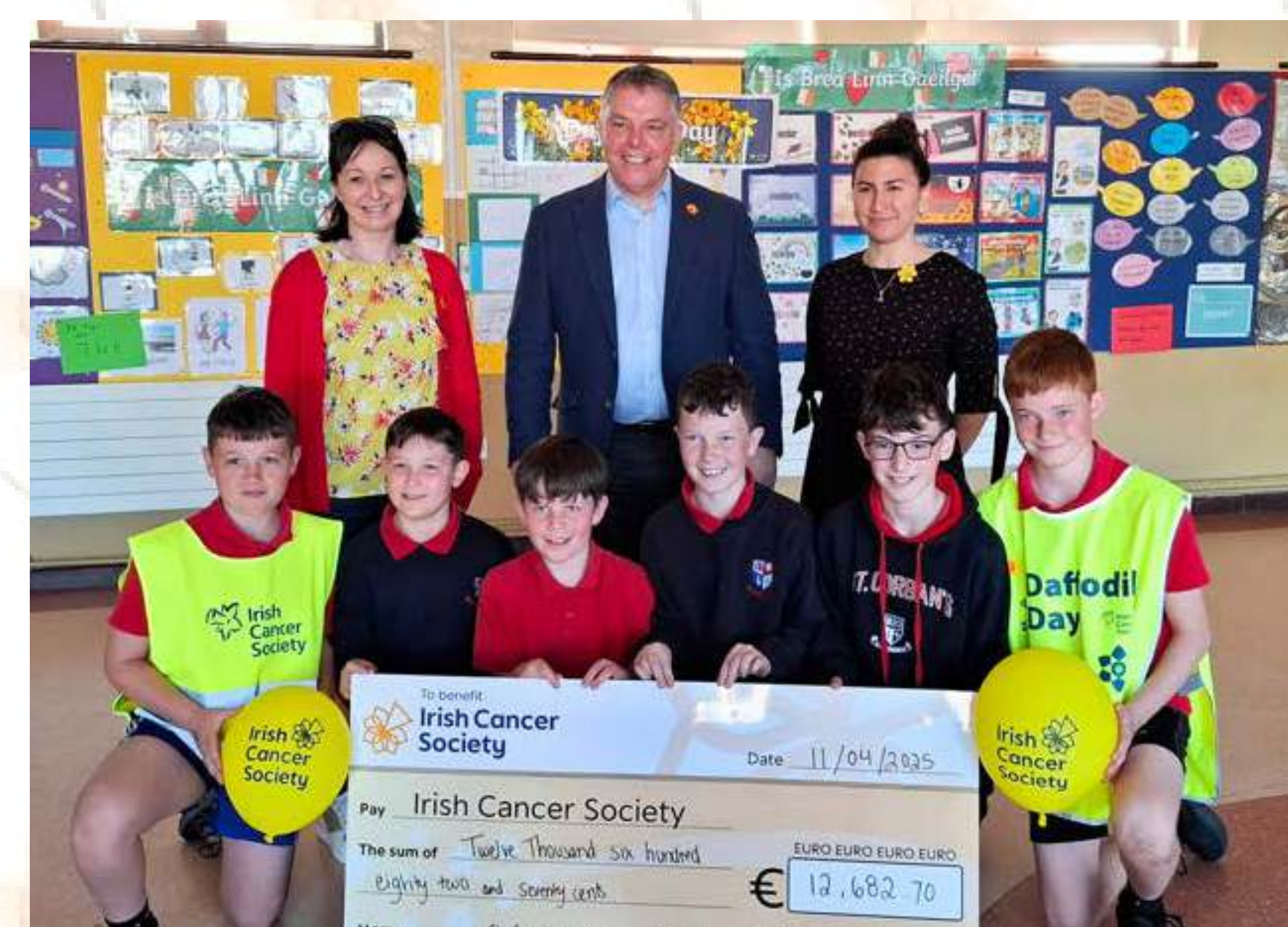


# MISCELLANEOUS



## Daffodil Day

Our school community collected an astonishing €12,682.70 for Daffodil Day this year. We are all delighted with this amazing amount and we want to thank those who contributed to this magnificent result. We know that this money will go to supporting people who have been diagnosed with cancer and also supporting their families as they struggle with the challenges that cancer brings. It is inspiring to see the generosity and kindness bloom as brightly as the daffodils that are the symbol of this day. It was an immensely proud occasion on Friday presenting the cheque to Sarah Valliere from the Irish Cancer Society. Well done to all.





# SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



Bhain gach duine go léir spraoi agus sult as Seachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana. The boys all thoroughly enjoyed all of the wonderful activities which were organised by Ms. Jones for Seachtain na Gaeilge this year. They took part in the puc and cic fada, listened to some traditional music from Colman and Marie and our very own Mr. Dineen and secretary, Kathleen also treated the pupils to some fantastic tunes. Our school's set of bodhráin were put to great use as all pupils got to try them out over the week. The boys even demonstrated their dancing prowess in a sea of green for our Céilí Mór. What a wonderful week of celebrating our culture!





# COMMITTEES



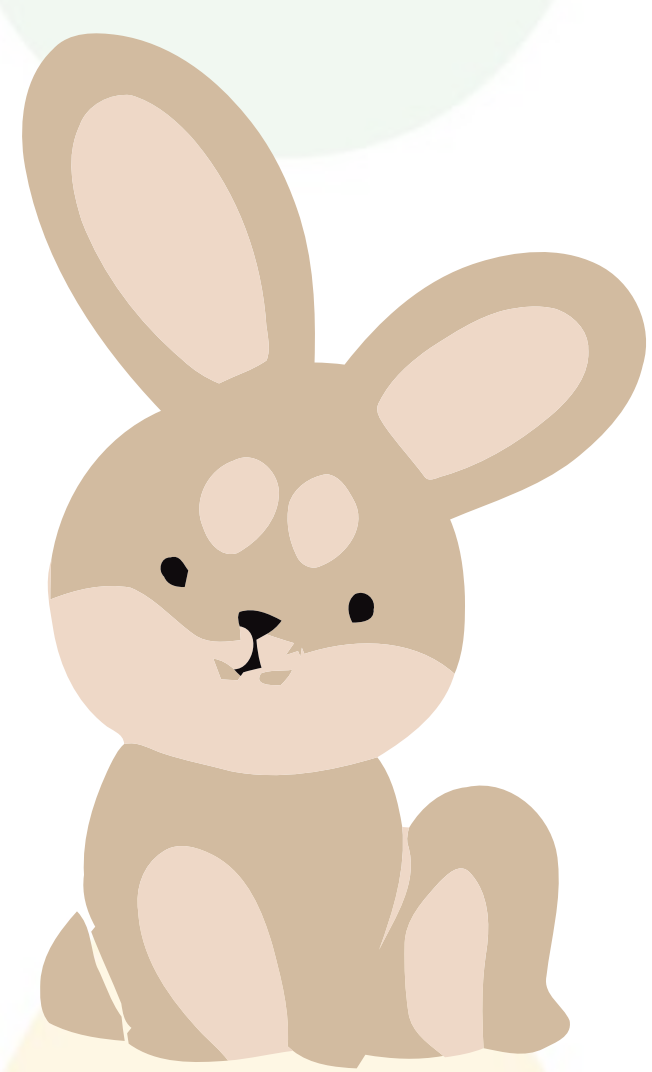
## Parents' Association

The Parents' Association have been extremely busy this term. In February, they coordinated Fill the Van which raised an impressive €760. In March, they organised a supermarket collection which raised a whopping €2,399.

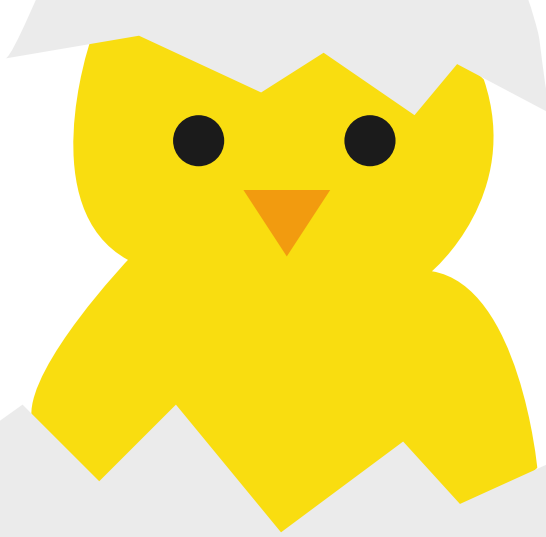
They would like to express their sincere thanks to all of the volunteers and supporters of both fundraising events which makes a huge difference and enhances pupils' experiences in our school so much. Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.



Looking ahead at the final term, the Parents' Association are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with the collection at the Punchestown Races on Wednesday, 30th April. This is your chance to make a difference for the school while enjoying the excitement of the races. Email [stephanieztao@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieztao@gmail.com) today to volunteer! Let's make this event a success, together!



# THANK you



## Board of Management

We would like to thank the outgoing Parents' Nominee, Robert Kennedy who has resigned his position on the Board of Management. We are immensely grateful to Robert for his great work and dedication to the Board and the school over the last number of years and we will be sad to see him go. Wishing him all the best in his future endeavours.

We also wish to welcome our new Parents' Nominee, Victor Quinlan who was elected to the Board on 9th April. We look forward to working with him.