



Principal's Christmas Message

Christmas is a special time of year for the young and the young at heart. It is a magical time to spend with those we love and to share our blessings with each other. I hope that the St. Corban's Christmas 2025 Newsletter, will add to your Christmas cheer and brighten your day, as we showcase the talents of our school community. Each article displays the love of learning, the joy of sharing and the generosity of spirit of all involved in the activities featured.

I wish to thank everyone in our school community, particularly the school staff who give so generously of their time and expertise in empowering students to pursue excellence in all aspects of school life. I want to thank the Board of Management and the Parents' Association for their commitment and hard work in supporting the development of the school over the past year. I would also like to commend all of the boys in the school on the kindness and care they have shown to each other over the course of this year. Finally, a sincere thank you to all of parents and guardians for your support and cooperation throughout this year.

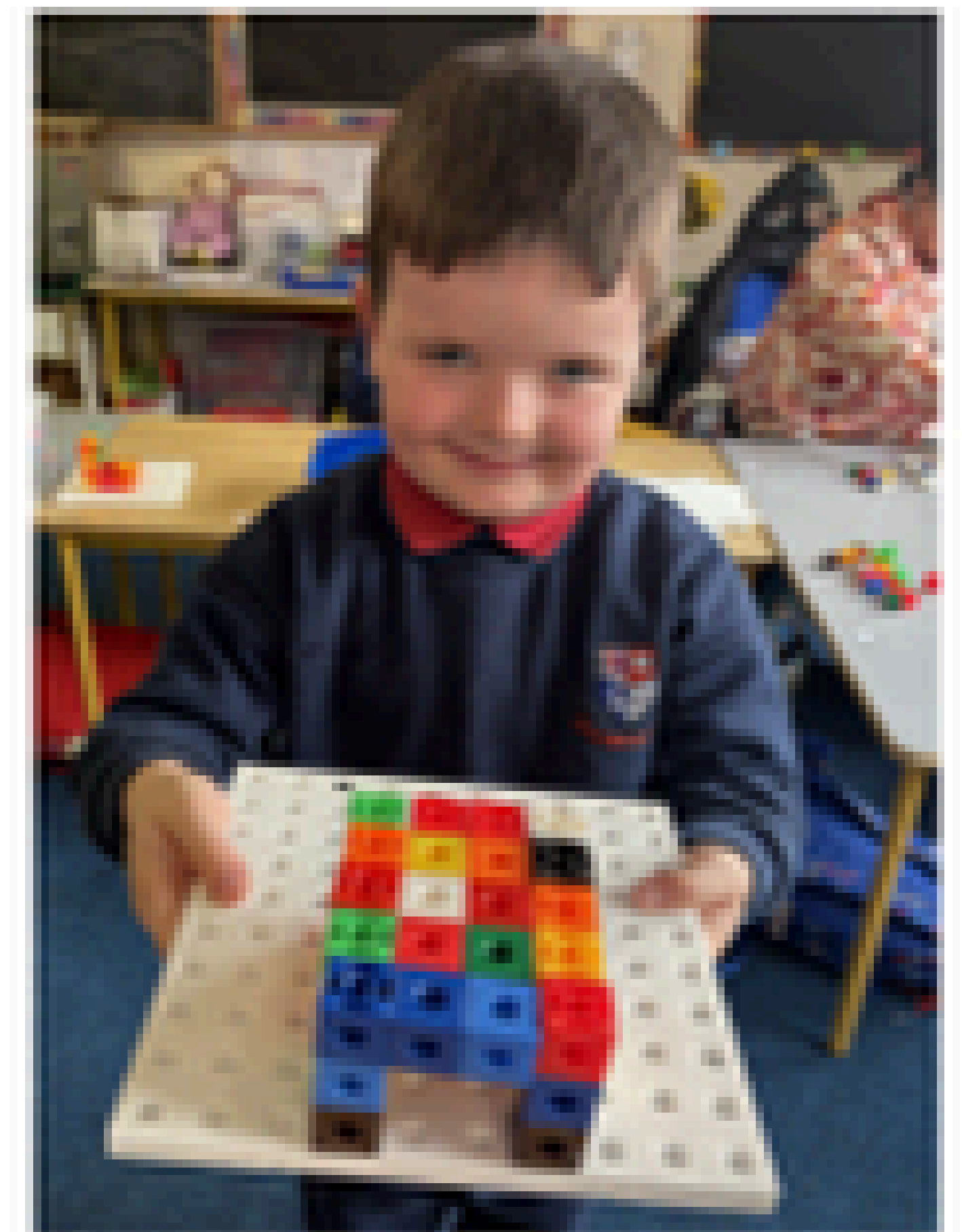
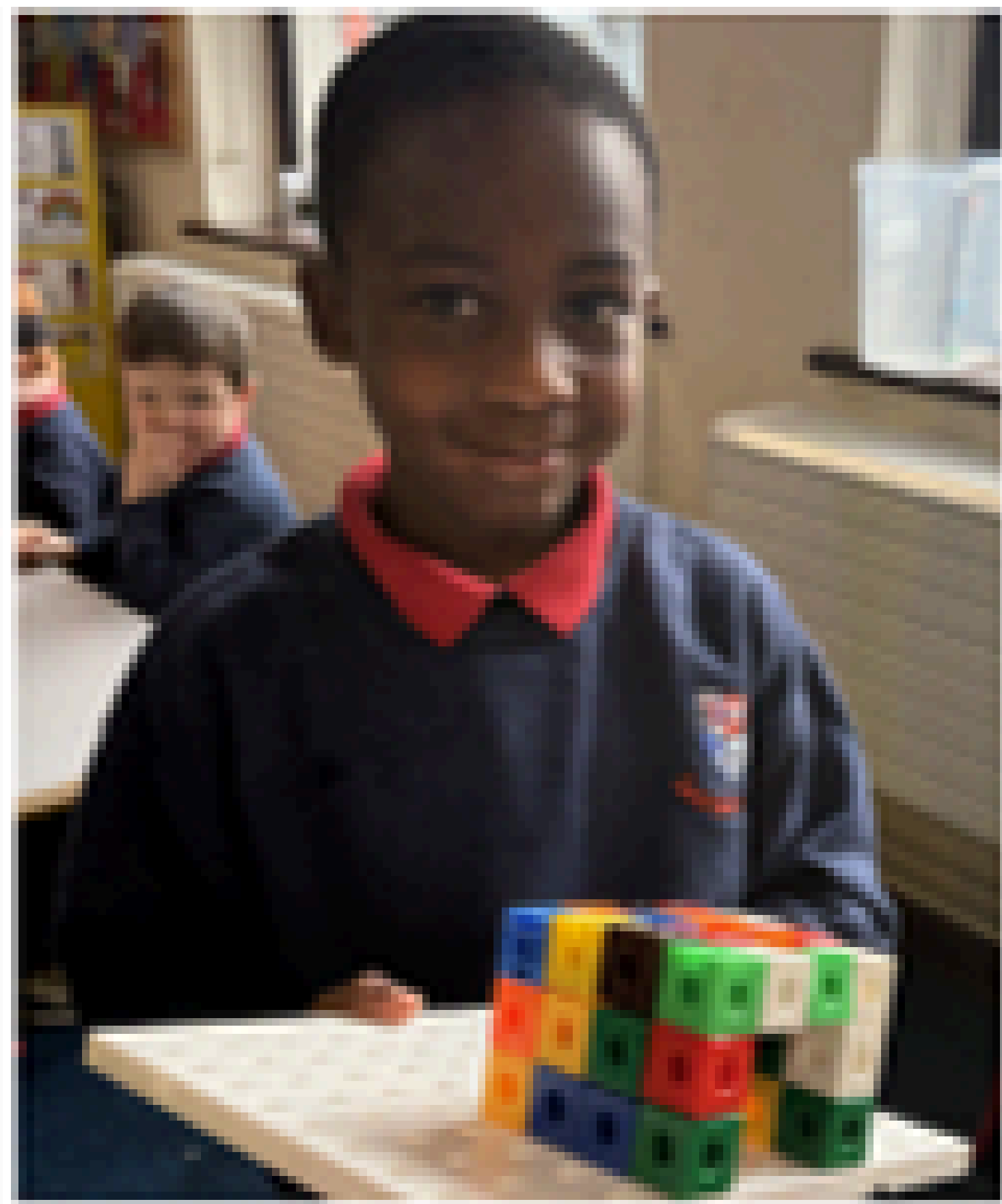
Everyone here in St. Corban's would like to wish all of our families, a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year in 2026.

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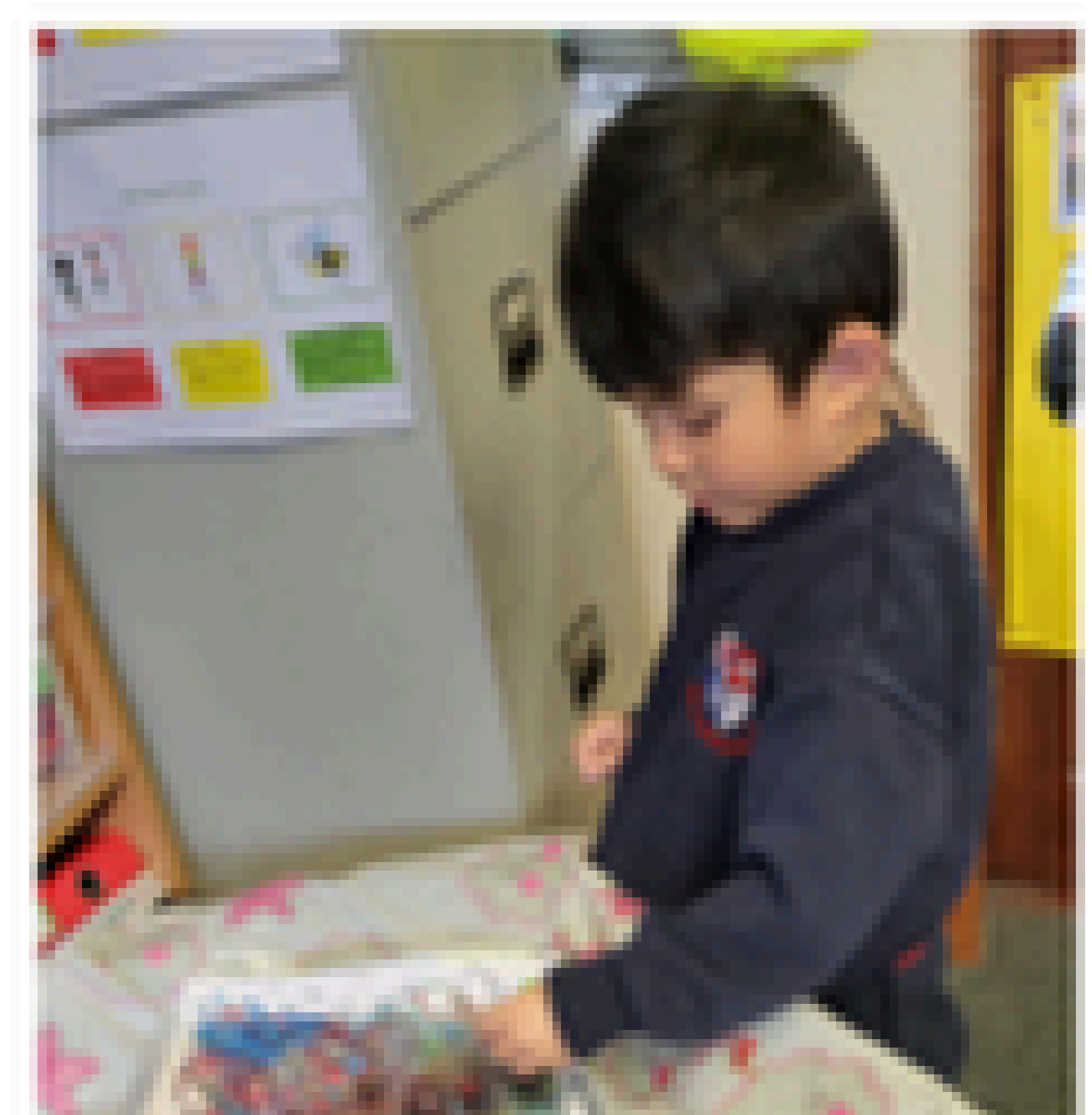
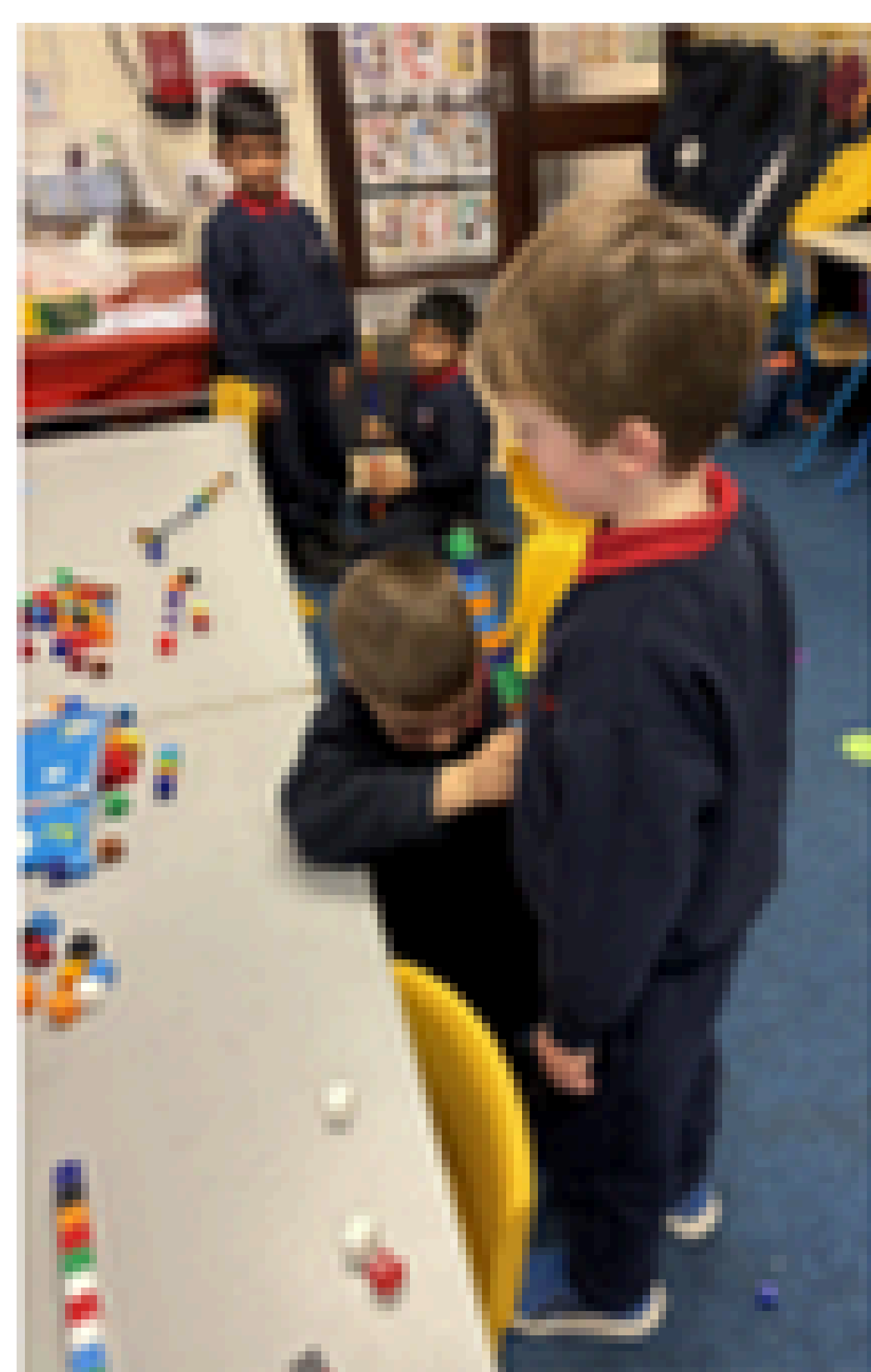
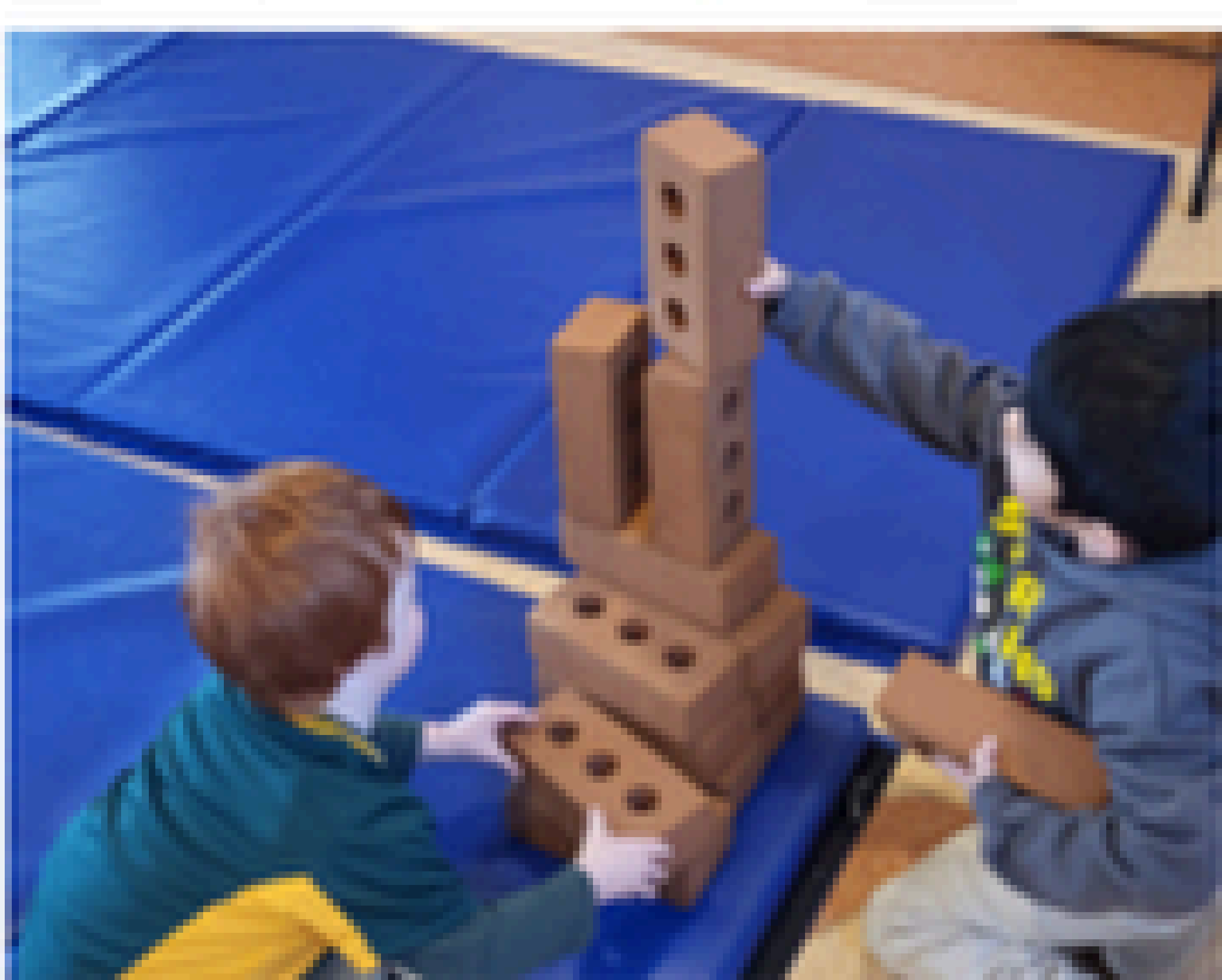
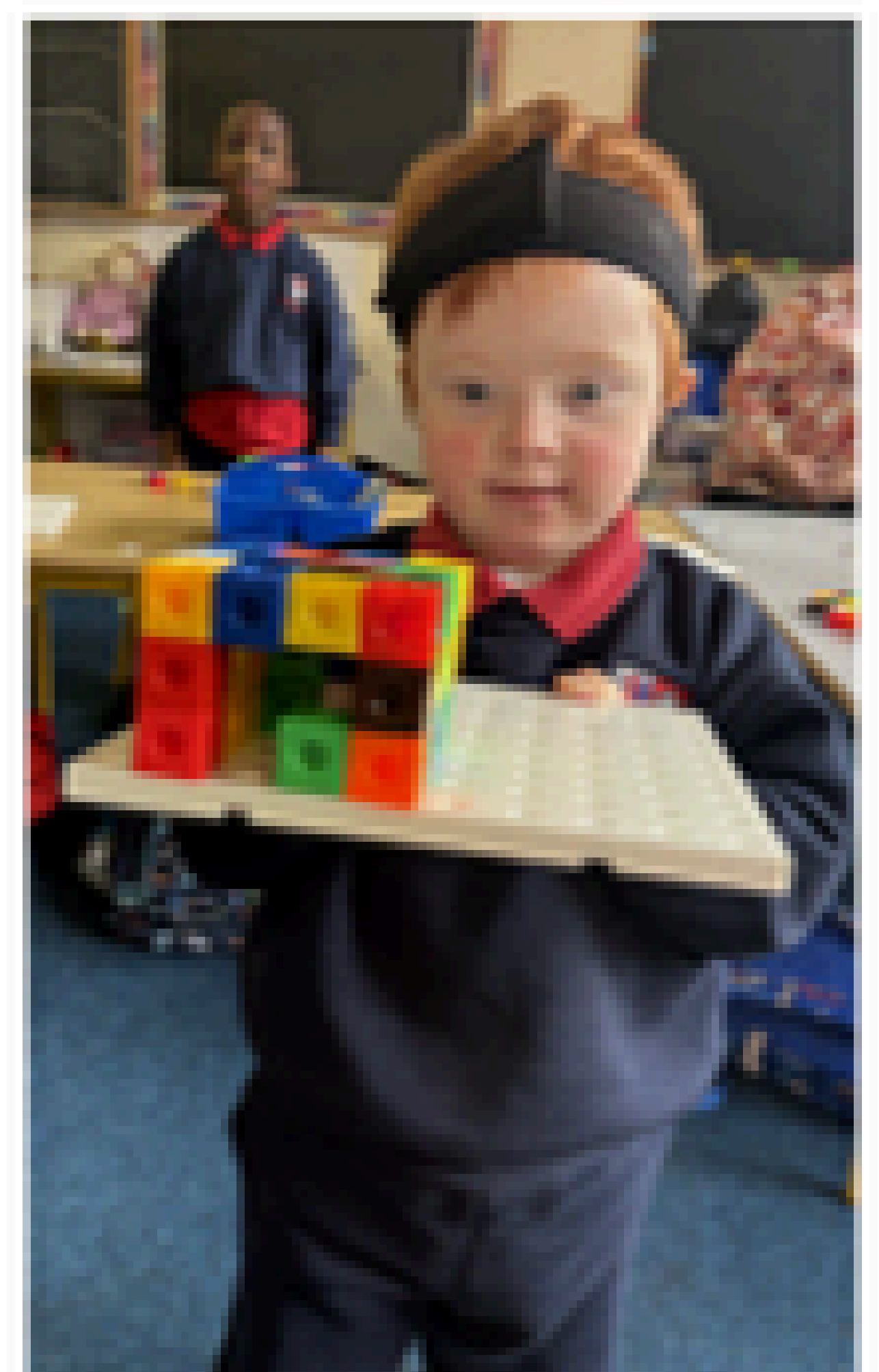
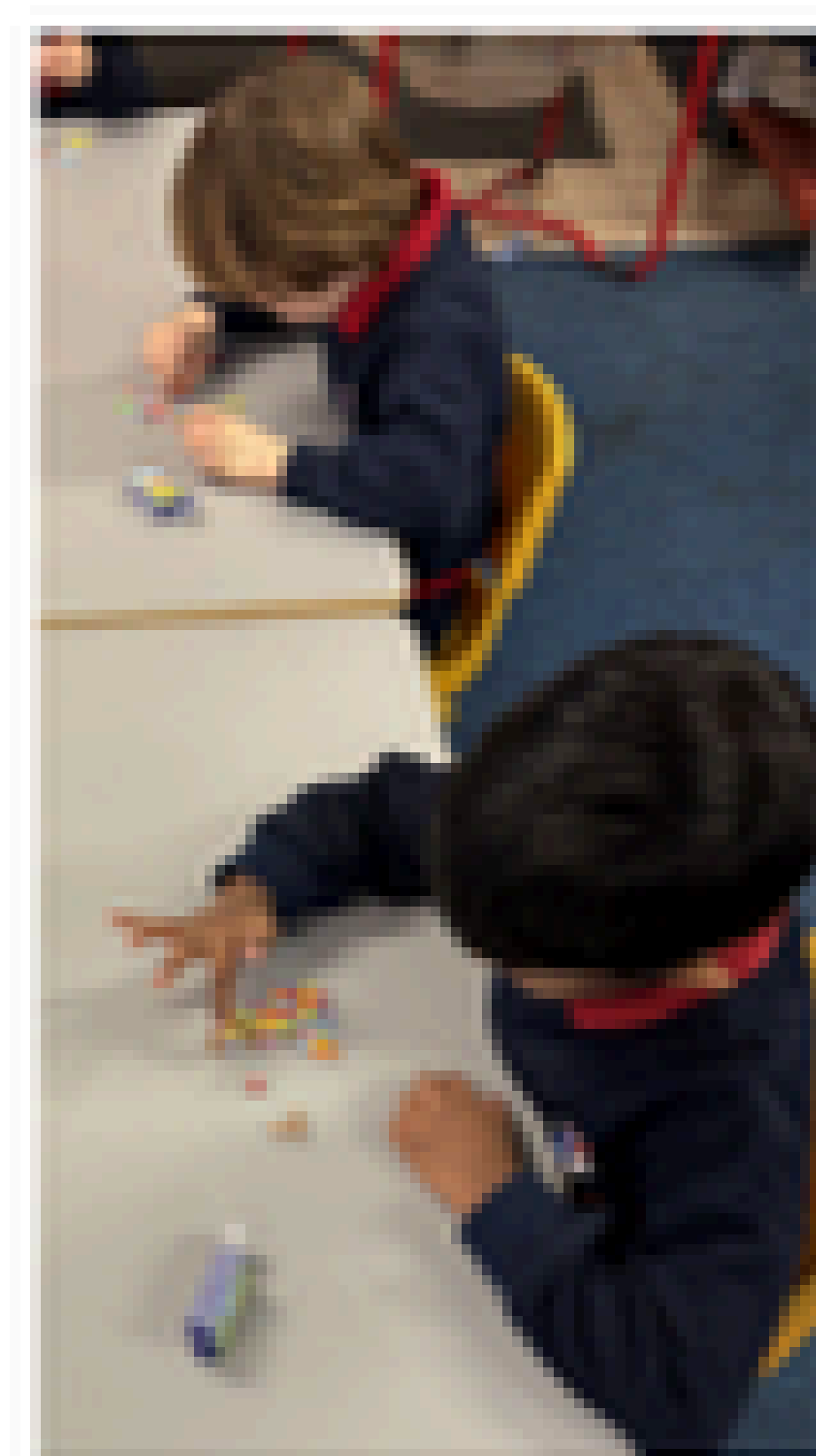
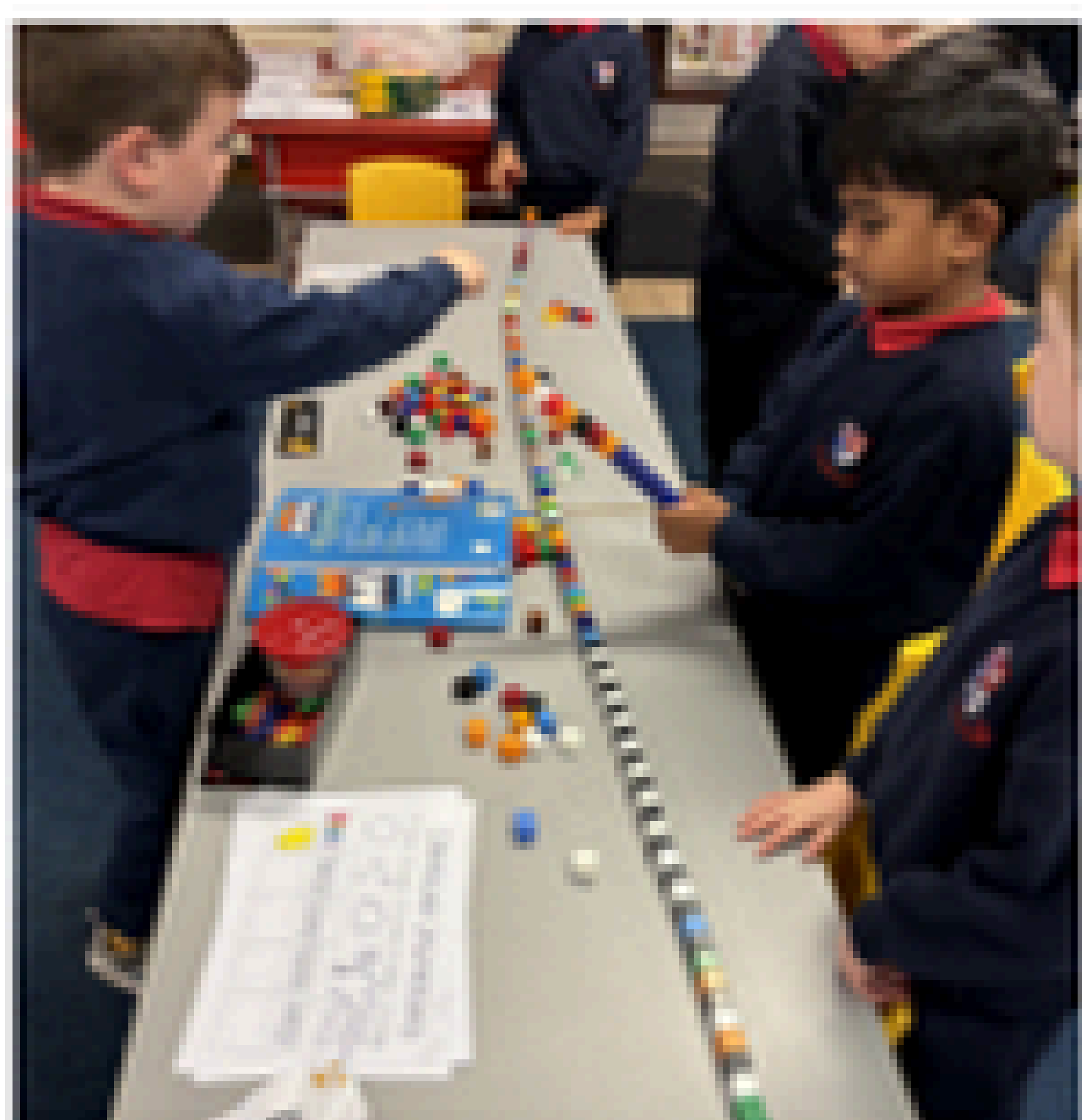
John Drewett
(Principal)



JUNIOR INFANTS NEWS



The Junior Infants have been full of excitement in the run-up to Christmas, eagerly exploring a range of festive and winter-themed topics. They have learned all about polar bears, the life cycle of a robin and the traditions of the Inuit people, while also getting creative by building igloos and designing beautiful Arctic scenes during Aistear. In maths, they have enjoyed learning new topics such as spatial awareness and data, creating colourful bar charts using packs of Smarties. A tasty way to practice data! The children are especially looking forward to the Christmas pantomime at the Moat Theatre and are bursting with excitement as they prepare to perform their Christmas concert in front of everyone.



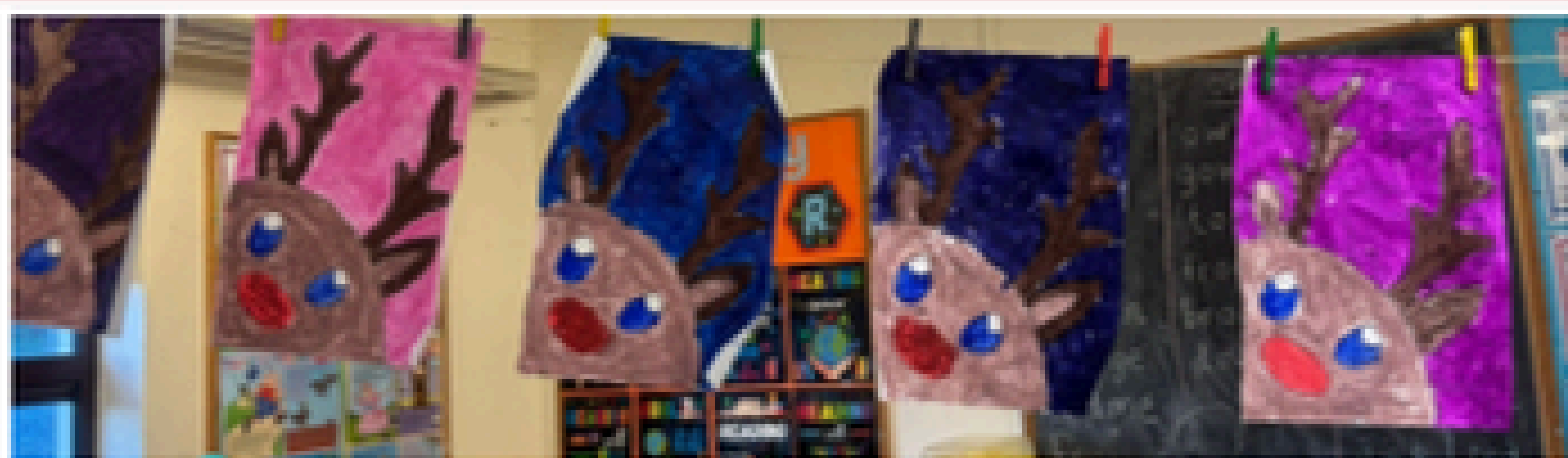
SENIOR INFANTS NEWS



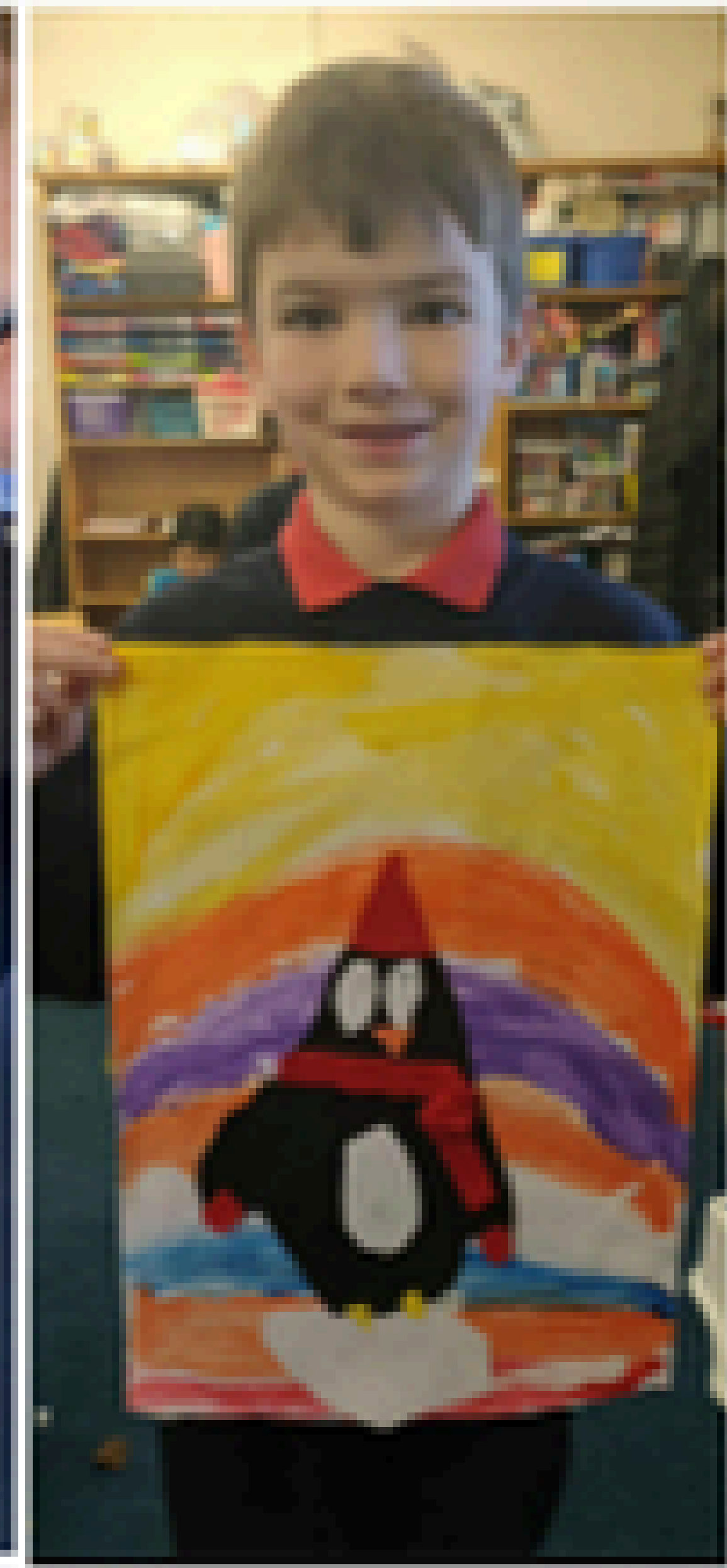
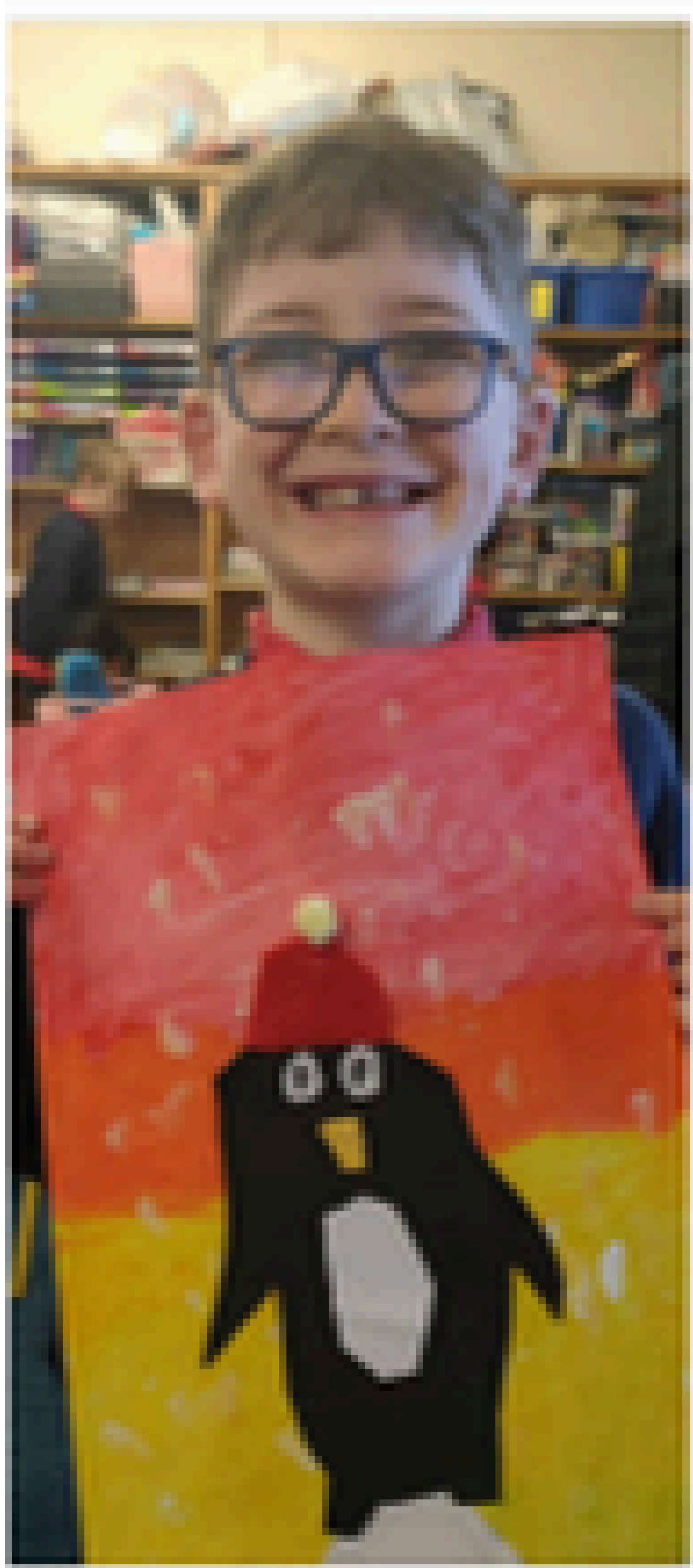
Senior Infants have had a wonderfully busy and fun-filled term!

Senior Infants flapped their wings into learning all about owls and discovered how animals snuggle up to hibernate for the winter. The Food Dudes helped them chomp their way through lots of healthy fruit and veg, and they became little artists as they created sparkling winter and Christmas masterpieces. Their classrooms have been buzzing with music and movement as they practiced the songs and dances for their Christmas concert—they can't wait to shine on stage! During Science Week, they enjoyed becoming mini scientists, exploring exciting investigations and even creating their own home experiment videos to share with their friends.

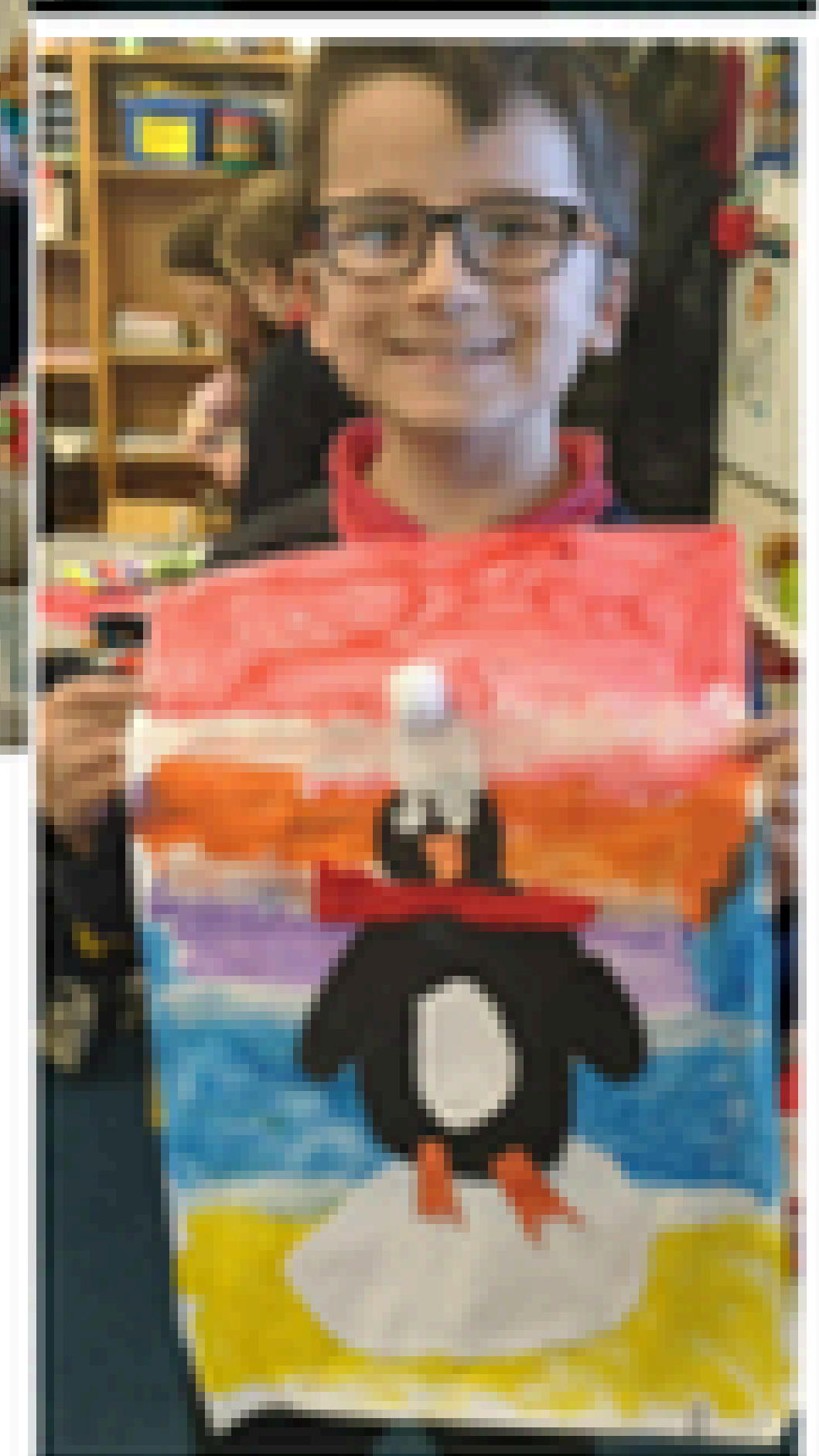
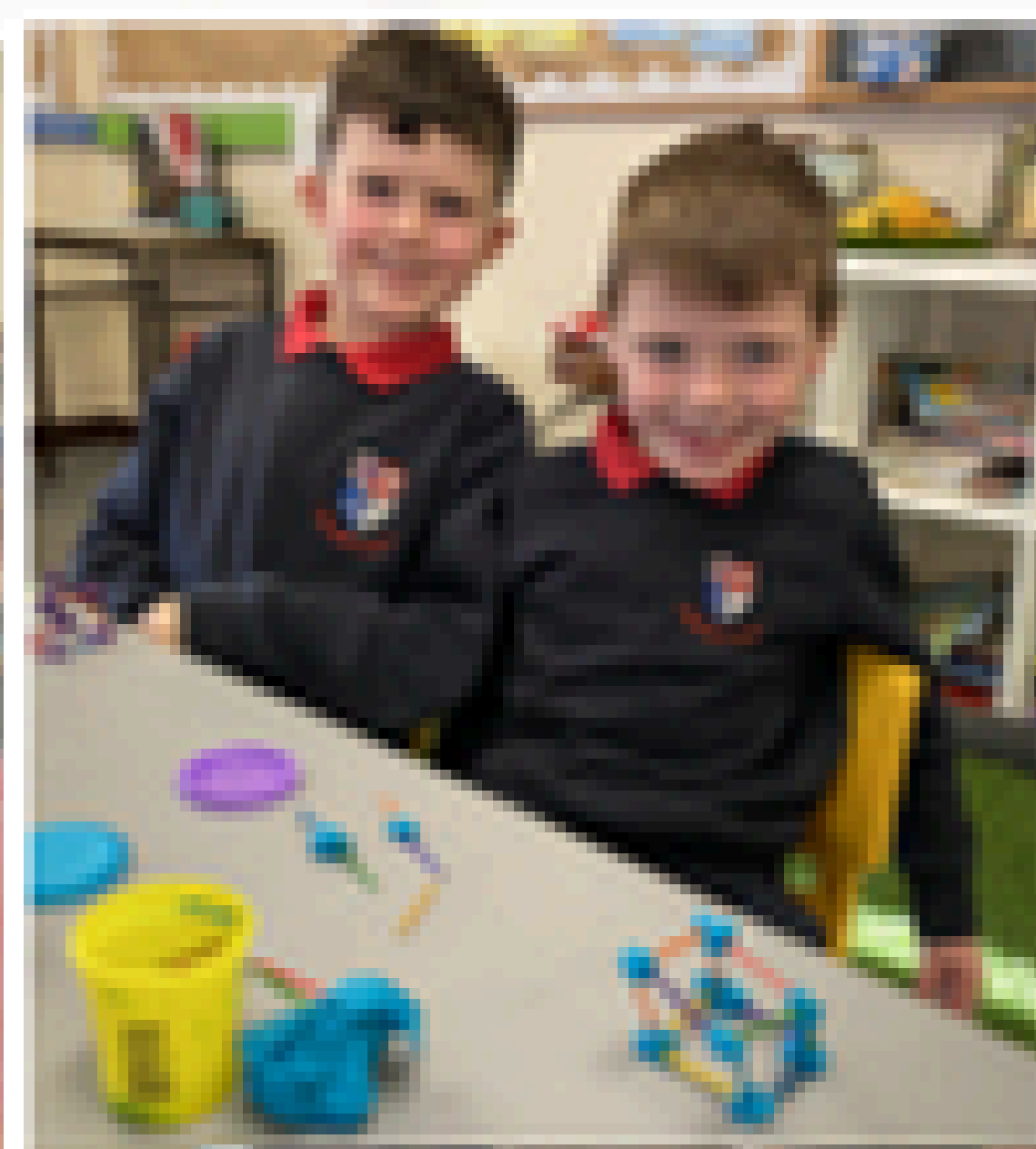
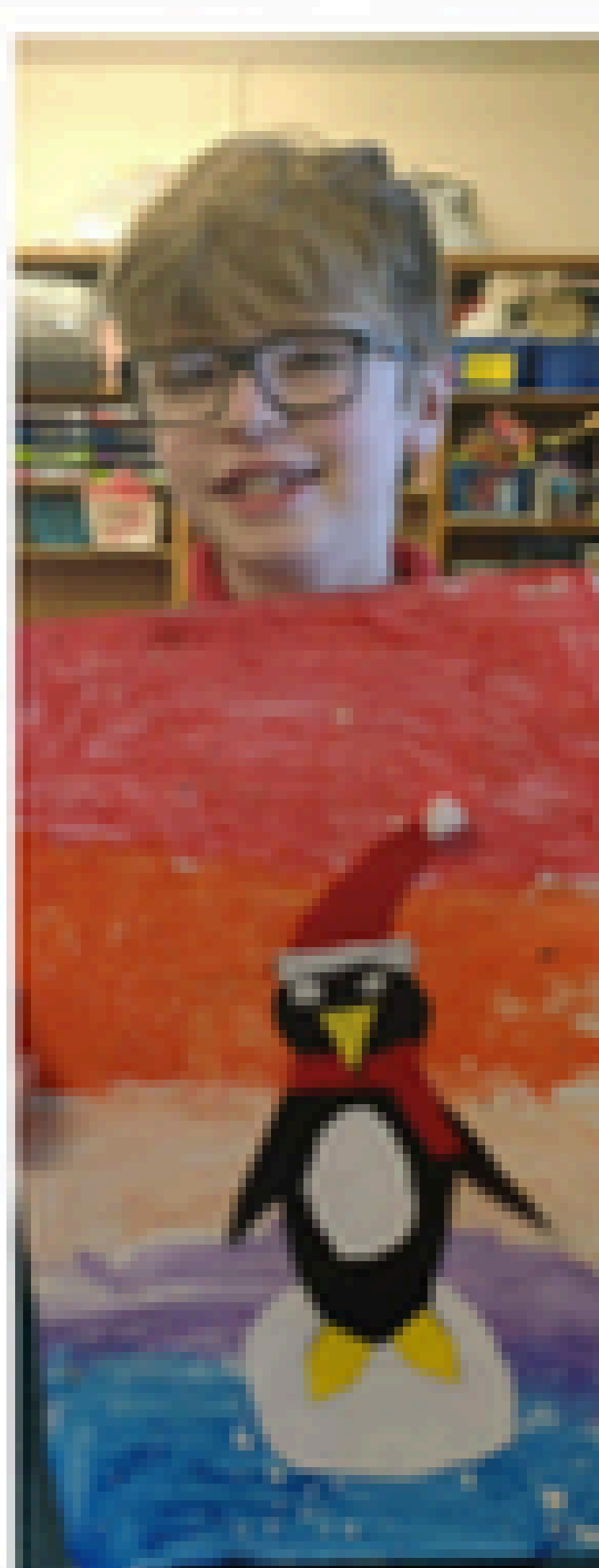
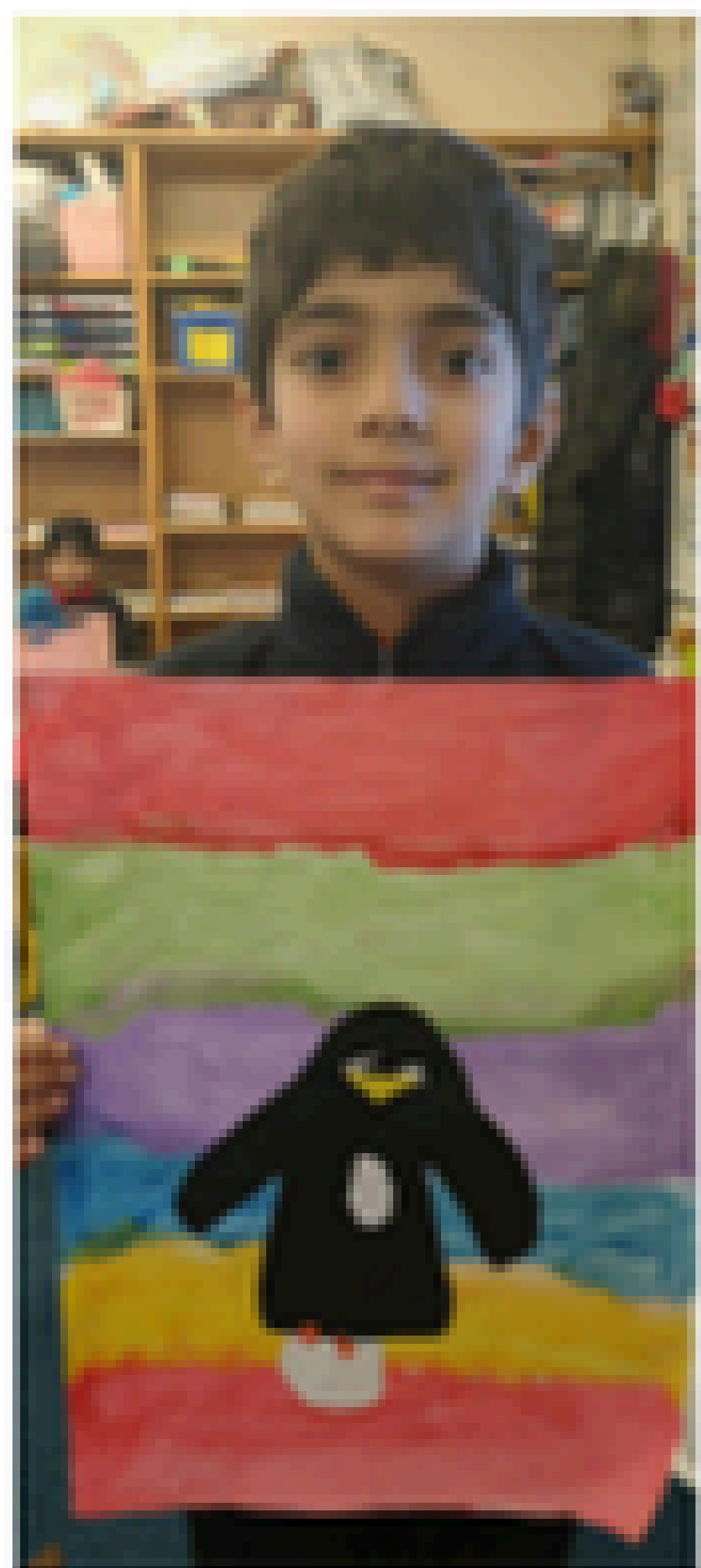
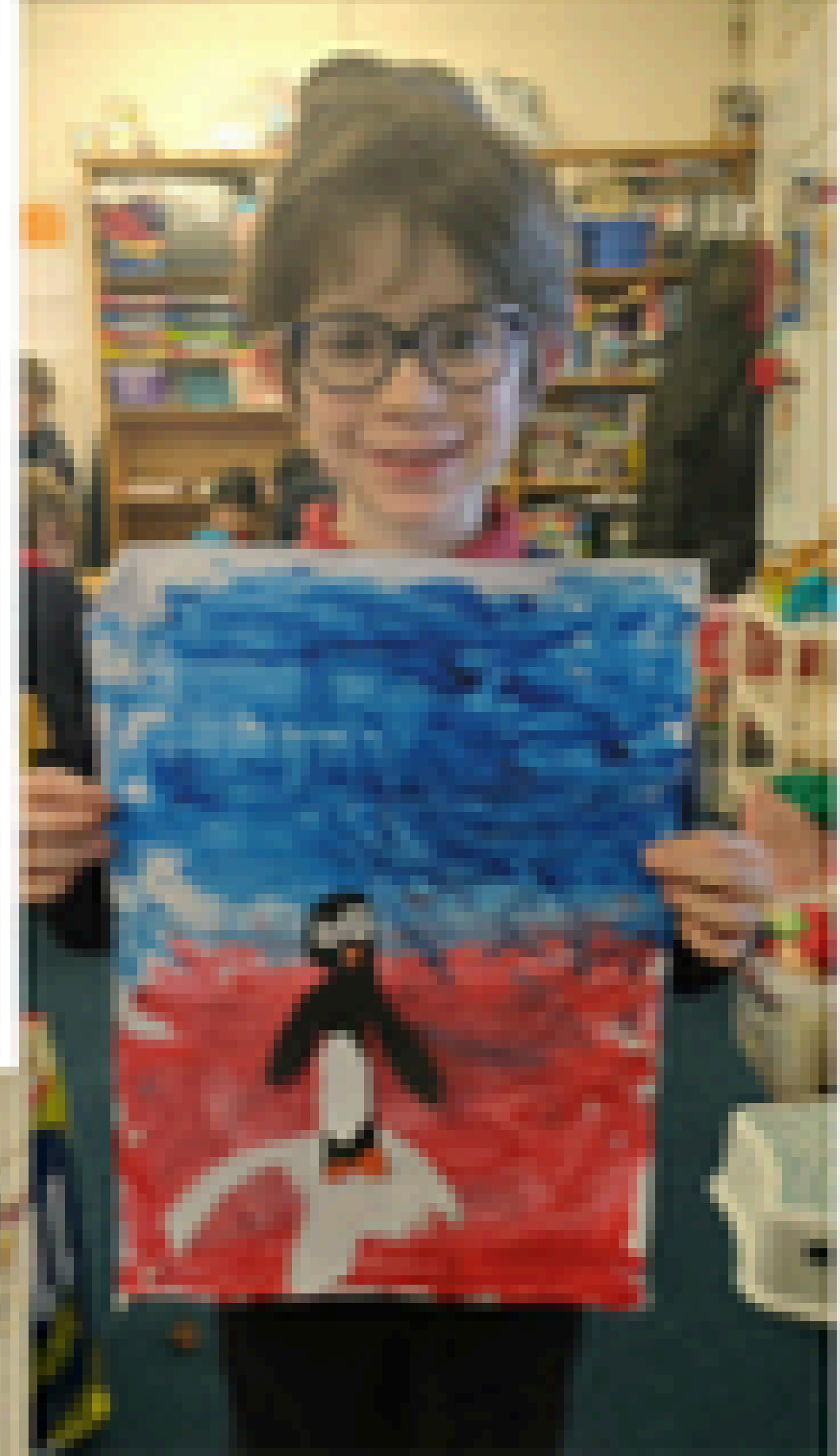
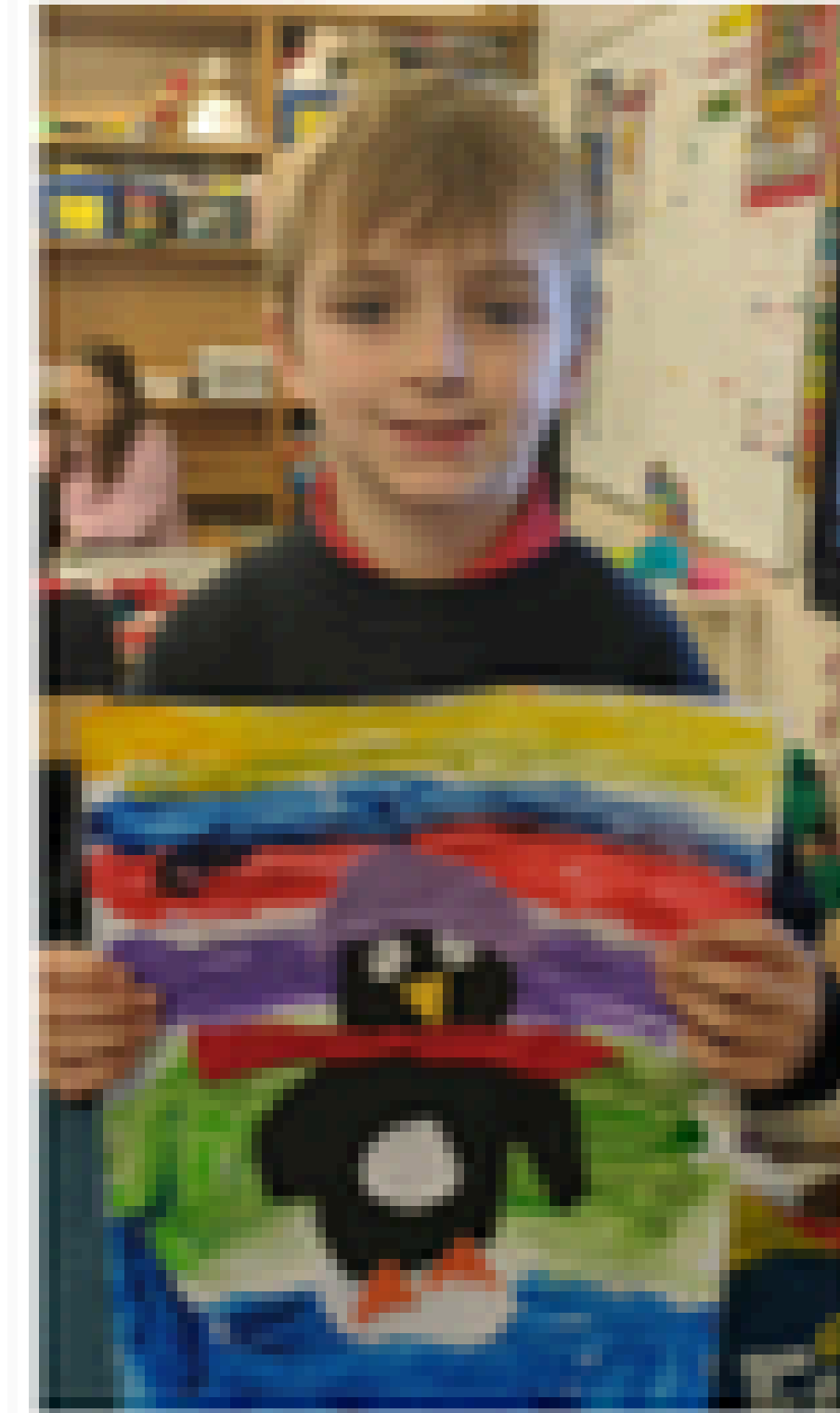
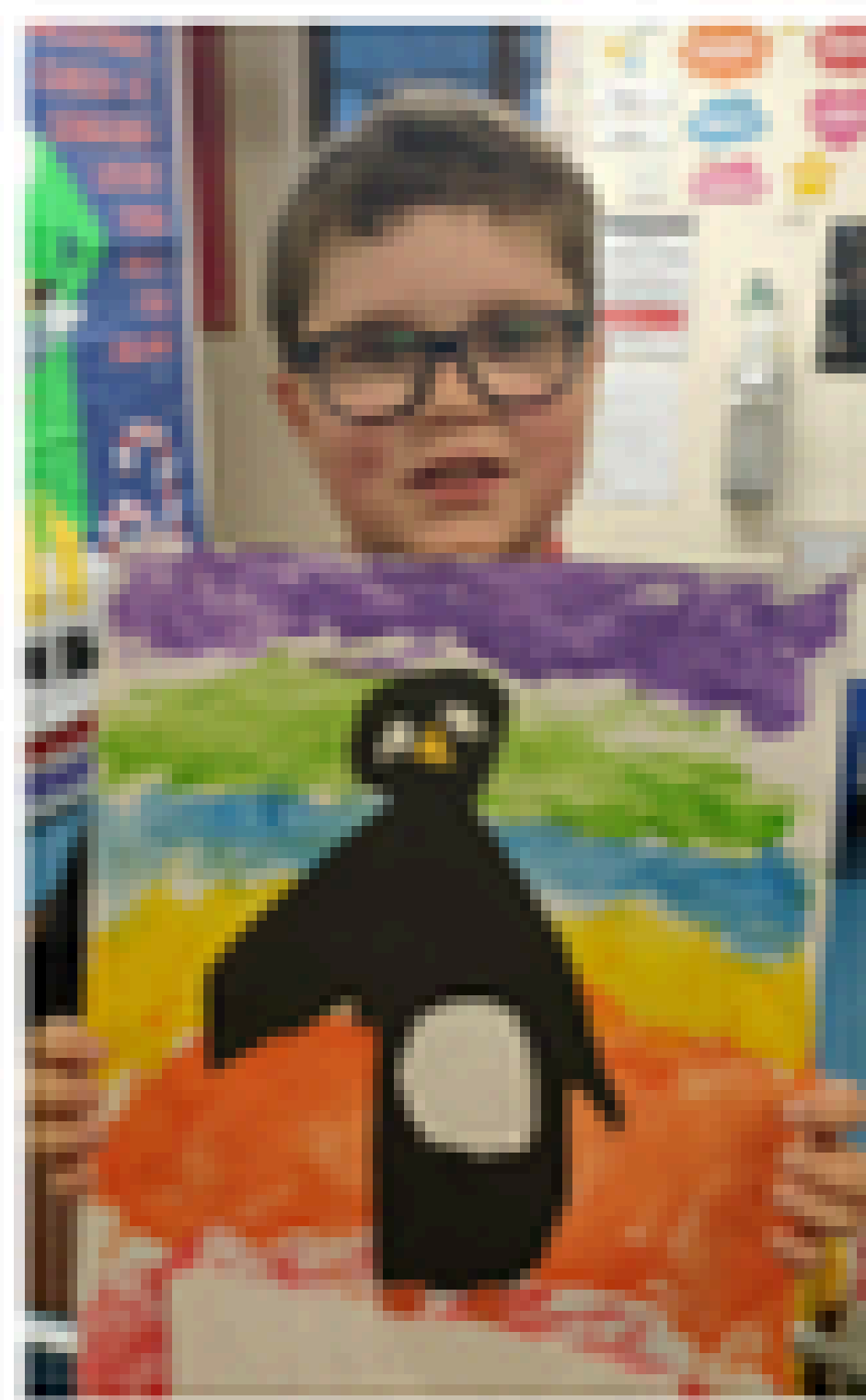
It's been a magical term full of learning, laughter, and lots of festive fun!



FIRST CLASS NEWS



First Class have had a wonderfully busy and exciting term! As part of Science Week, the boys enjoyed carrying out lots of fun science experiments, and they also tried a variety of fruit and vegetables for Food Dudes. In SESE, they learned all about winter and discovered what life is like in Lapland during the snowy season. They did some seasonal art like Antarctic penguins and created Northern Lights using chalk. In maths, the boys explored 3-D shapes and even made some of their own. In Irish, they have been learning new vocabulary on the topic Éadaí. Everyone is now very excited as we get ready for our Christmas show!



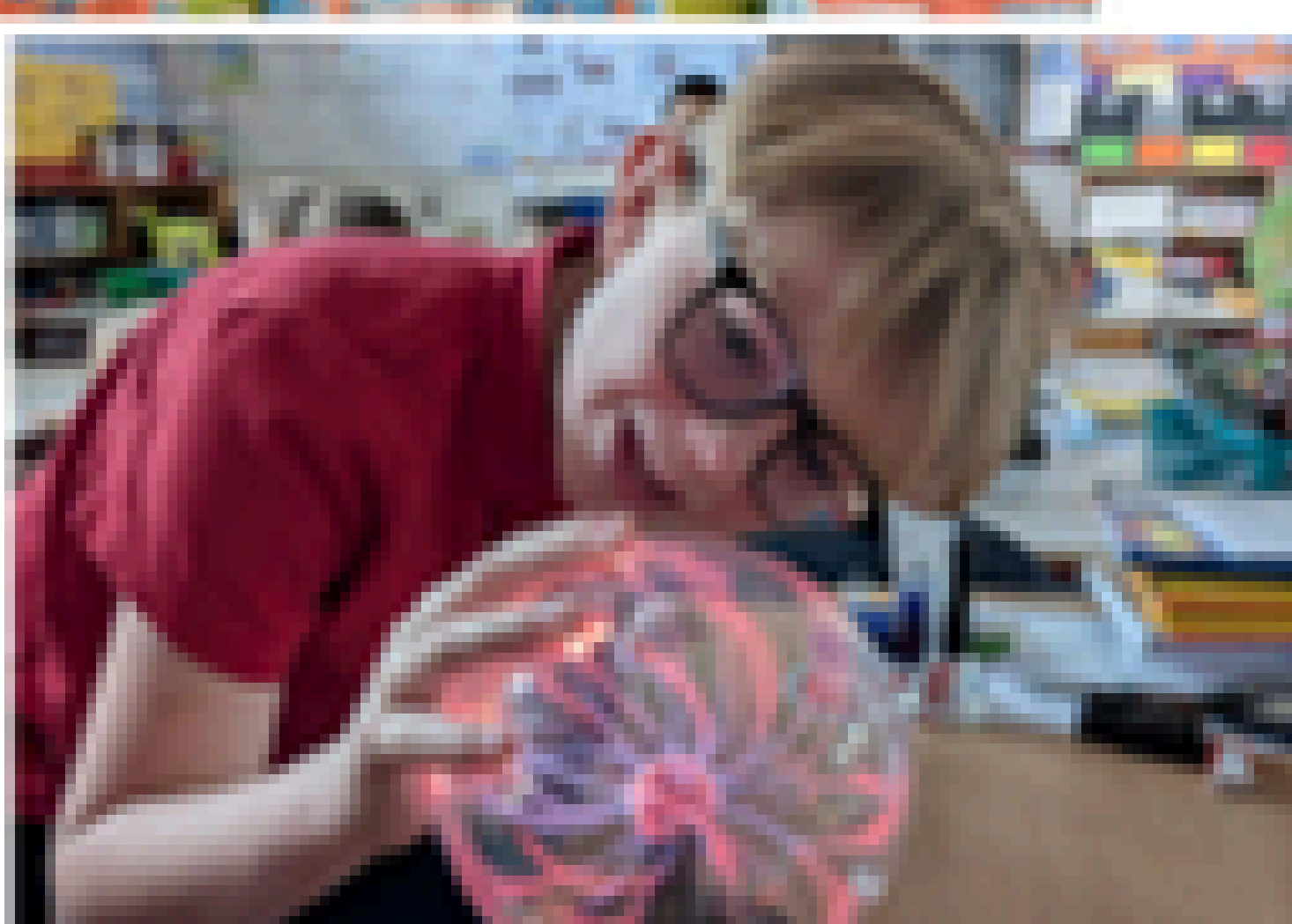
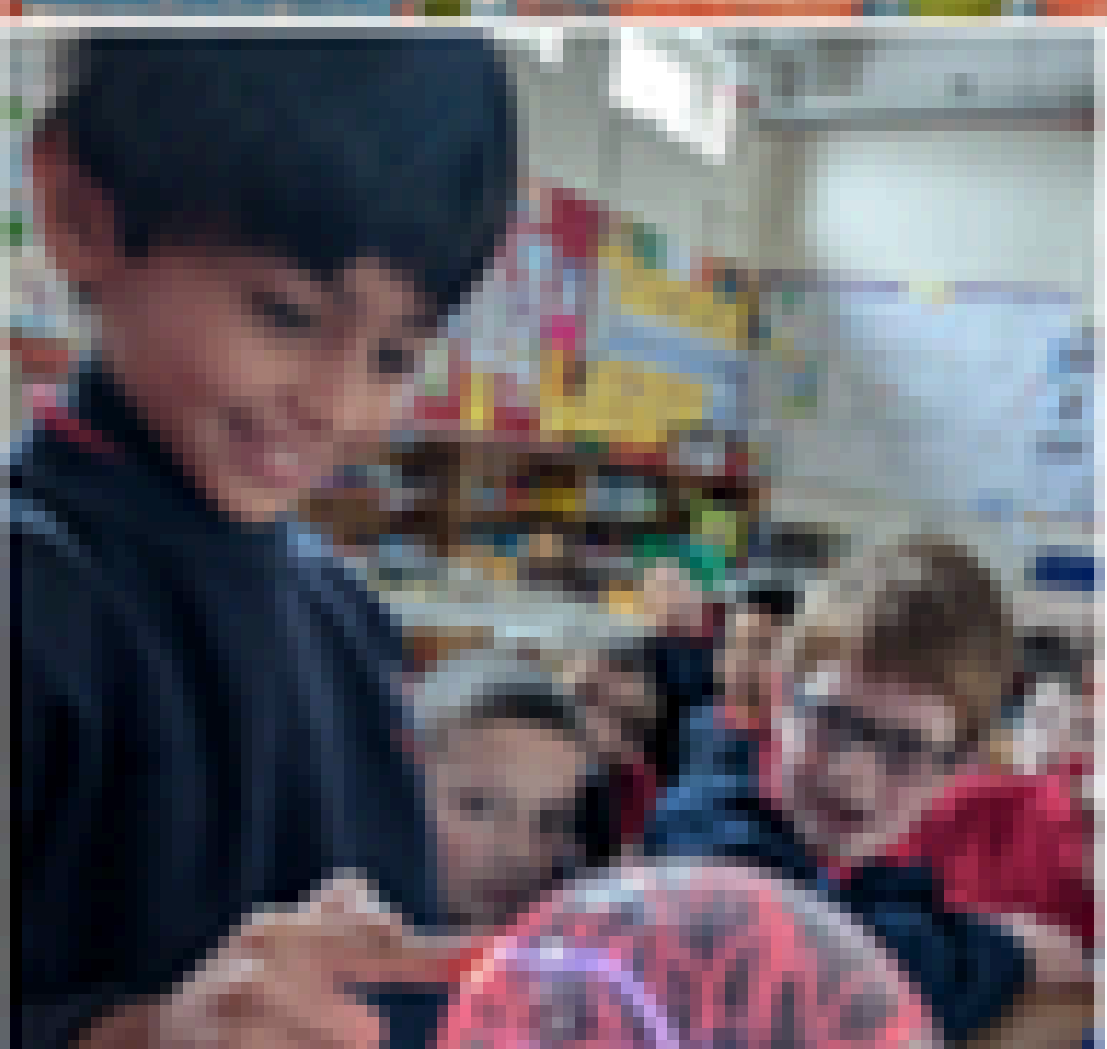
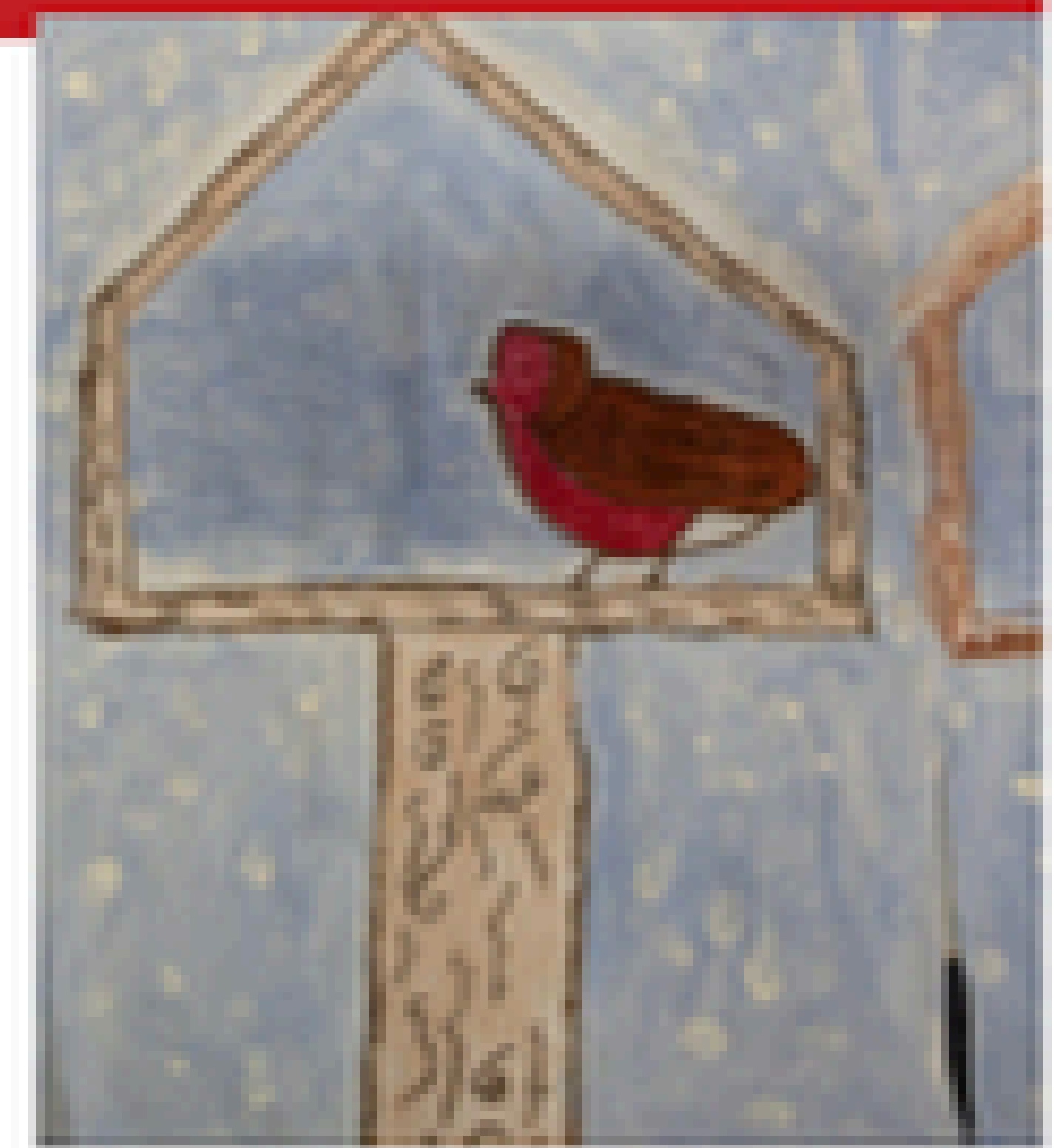
SECOND CLASS NEWS



Second Class have had a busy term! We had lots of fun during science week this November trying out experiments in our classrooms. Wellbeing Week encouraged us to reflect on gratitude, practice mindfulness, and develop growth mindsets. We also learned a lot about the history of Naas, staying safe online, and explored topics like 3D shapes, number patterns, new words (focail nua), and small Christmas-themed poems and songs (danta beaga) about Christmas and food. We had a wonderful time creating festive Christmas card art, making winter robins, and engaging in many other drawing and painting activities.



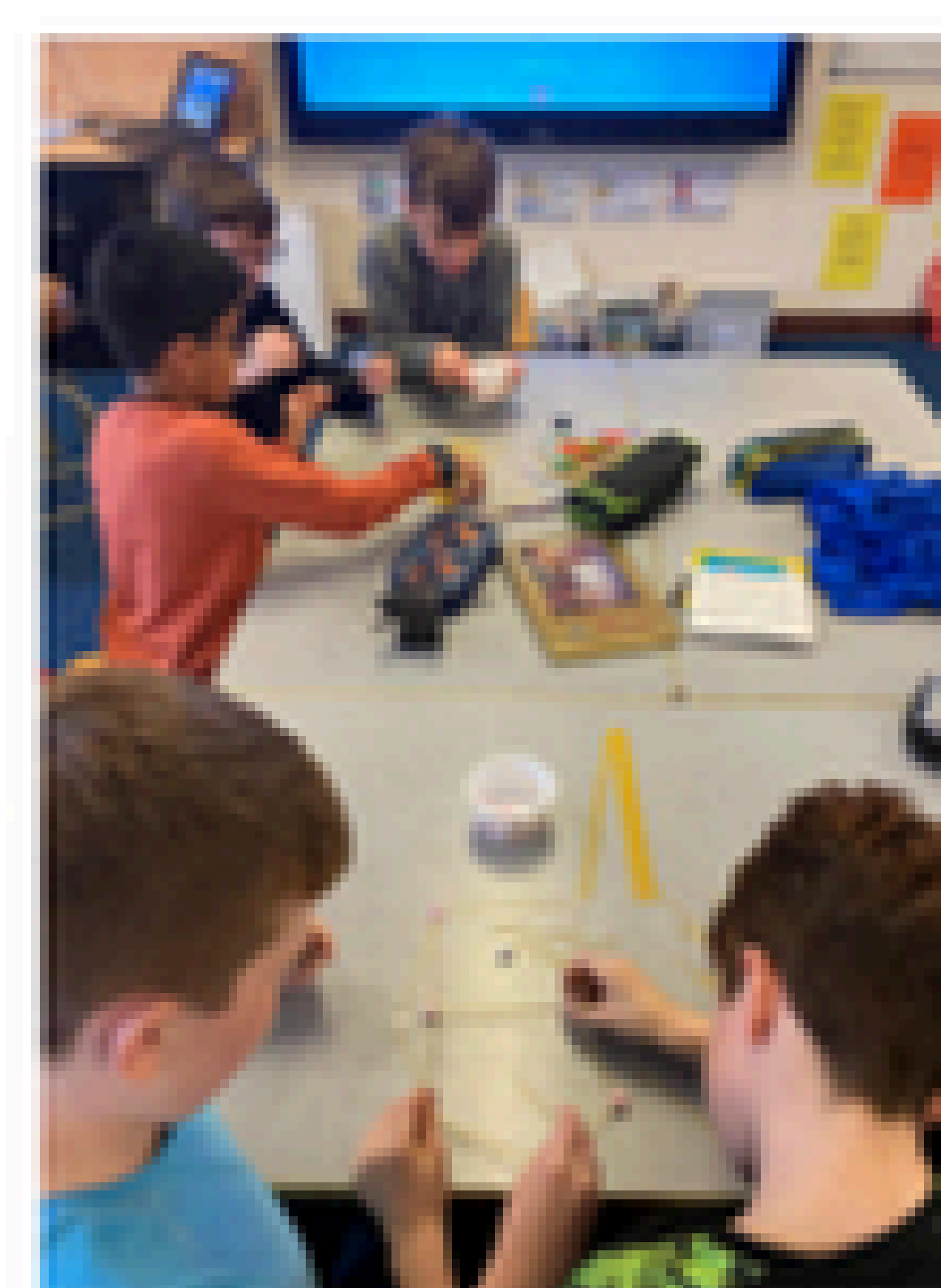
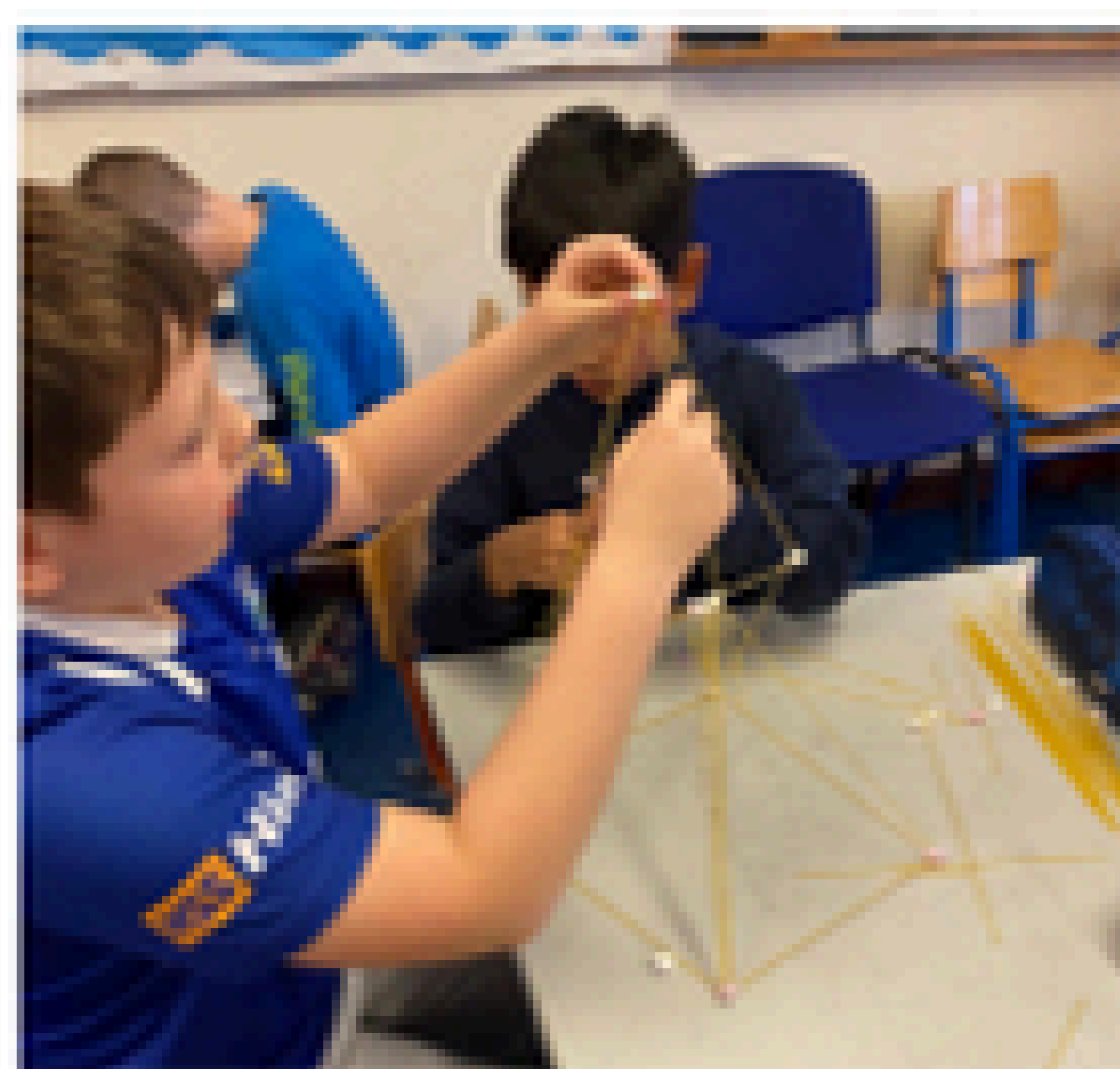
Our Christmas show, "Elves on Strike," has kept us singing and dancing every day, filling our classroom with festive cheer. We also visited the Moat Theatre for a Pantomime, which really helped get us into the Christmas spirit. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fun-filled Christmas Jumper Day, celebrating the season in style. We are continuing our First Communion preparations, including a visit from Fr. Johann and an adoration service. We look forward to our Carol Service on December 15th. It's been a wonderful term, and we're excited for what 2026 will bring!



THIRD CLASS NEWS



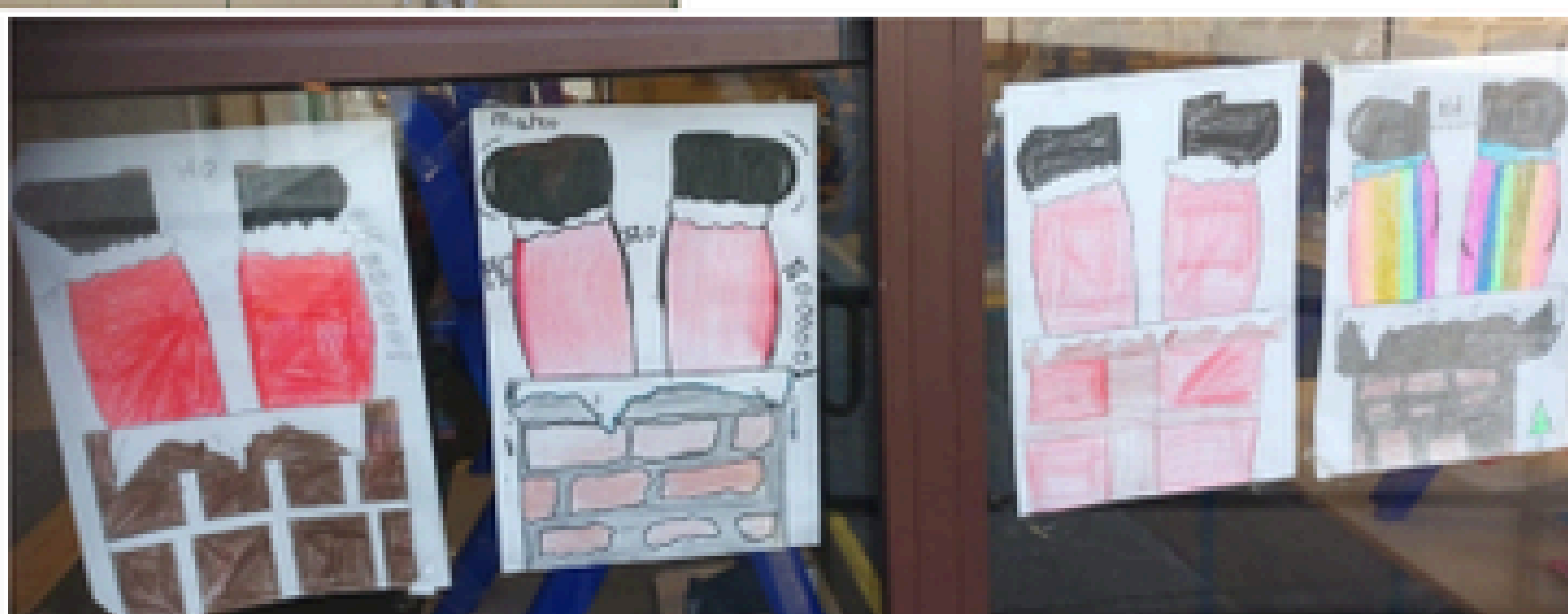
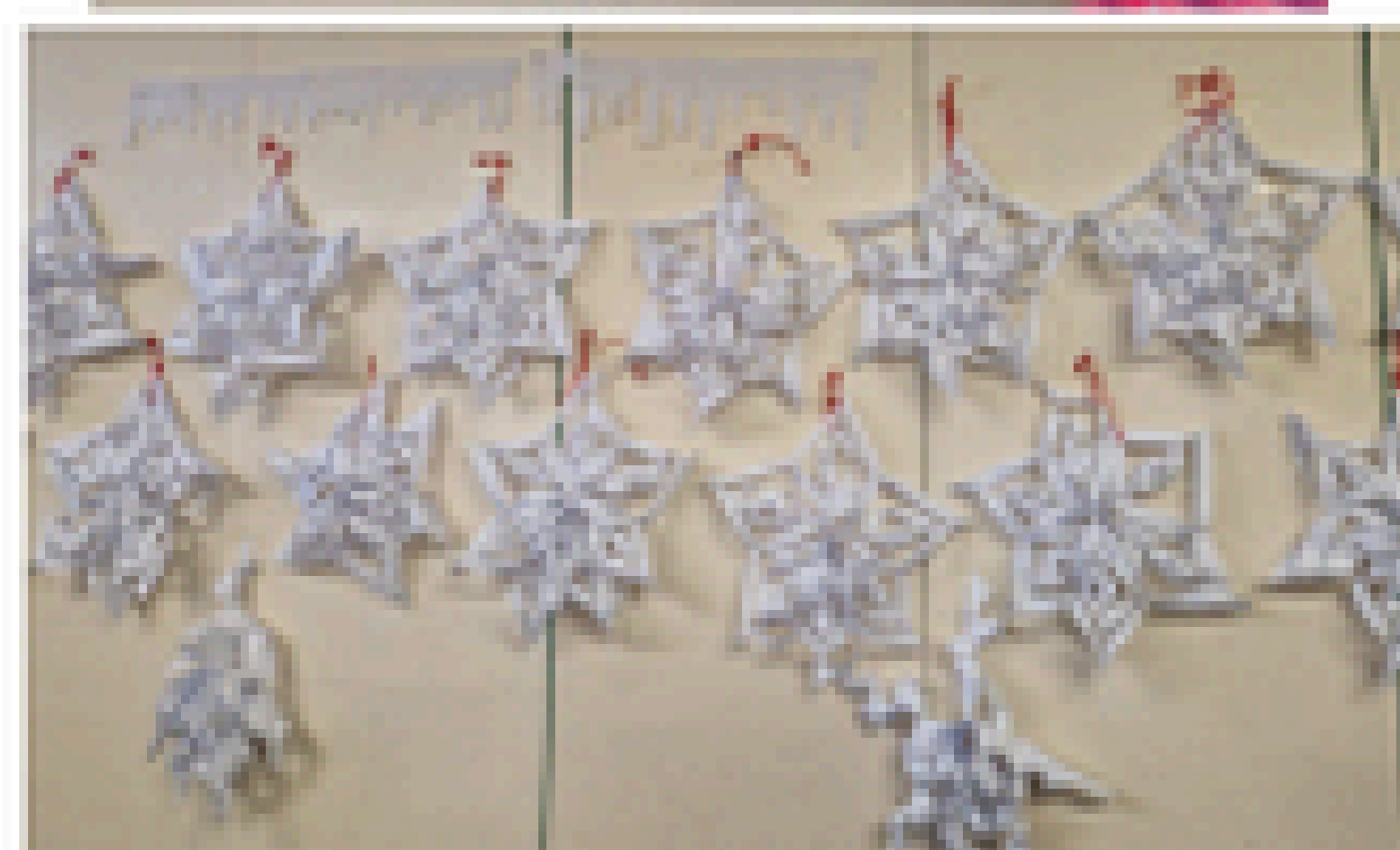
This month has been full of festive learning and fun. We worked on division and data gathering in maths, explored the poem, *'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'*, and enjoyed creating Christmas art such as starry night skies, Christmas tree crafts, and decorations. We have been practising songs for our Carol Service and learning about extraordinary and unexplained things like the Bermuda Triangle. We also used Google Classroom and Google Slides to support our learning and focused on being kind and good to each other. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!



FOURTH CLASS NEWS



Fourth Class worked on fractions in maths. In art, they drew Ferrari cars, and created festive Christmas and Winter pieces. In music, some boys performed in 'The North Pole Mix Up', while others demonstrated their lovely singing voices in our Christmas Service. In science, we learned about heat through hands-on experiments exploring radiation, conduction and convection, and linked these concepts to everyday life. Fourth Class met author Alan Nolan. Alan was amazing, so much fun and patient with the boys. The boys were delighted to get his autograph and a little message on each of their drawings.

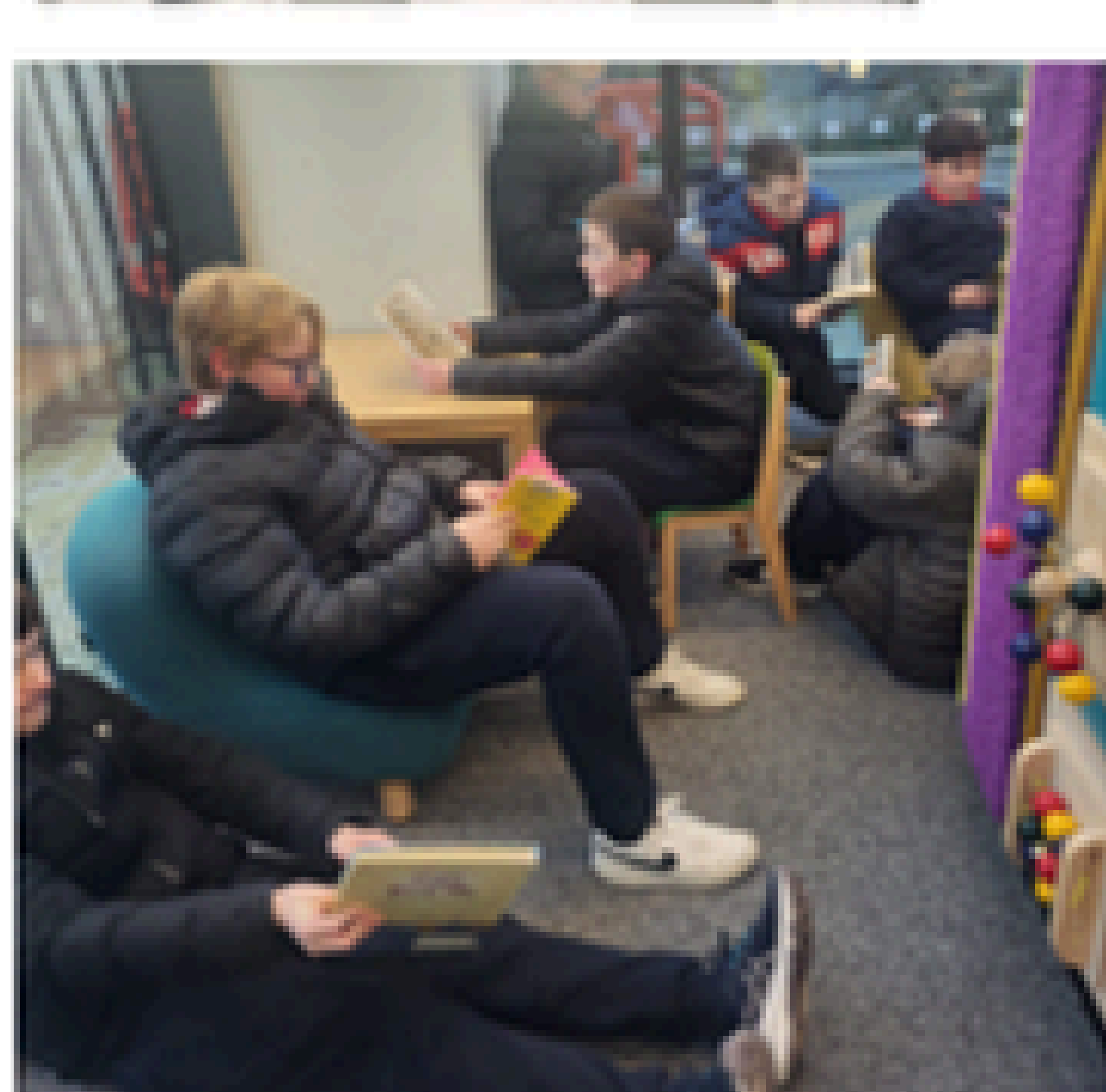
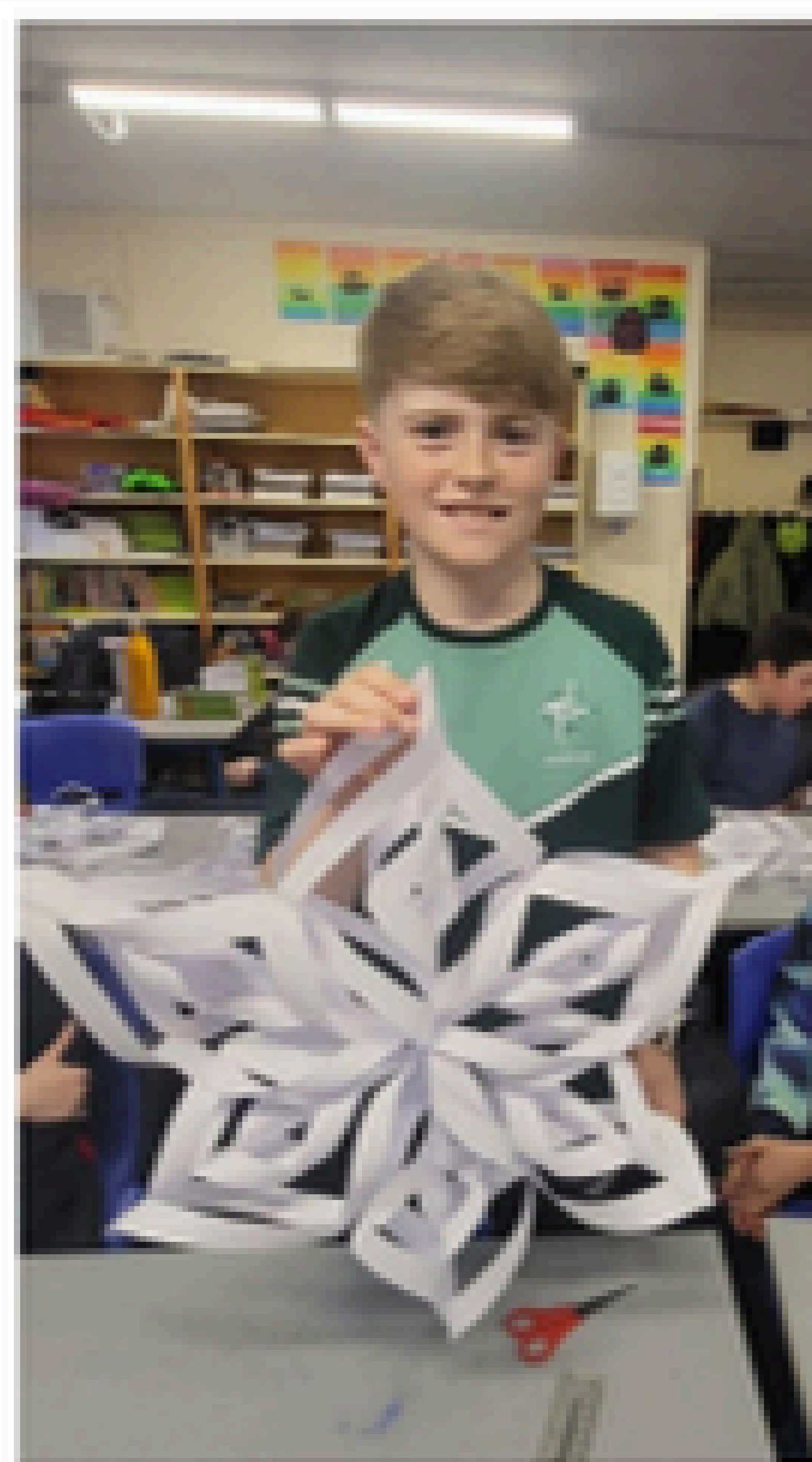


FIFTH CLASS NEWS



From Fractions to Festivities

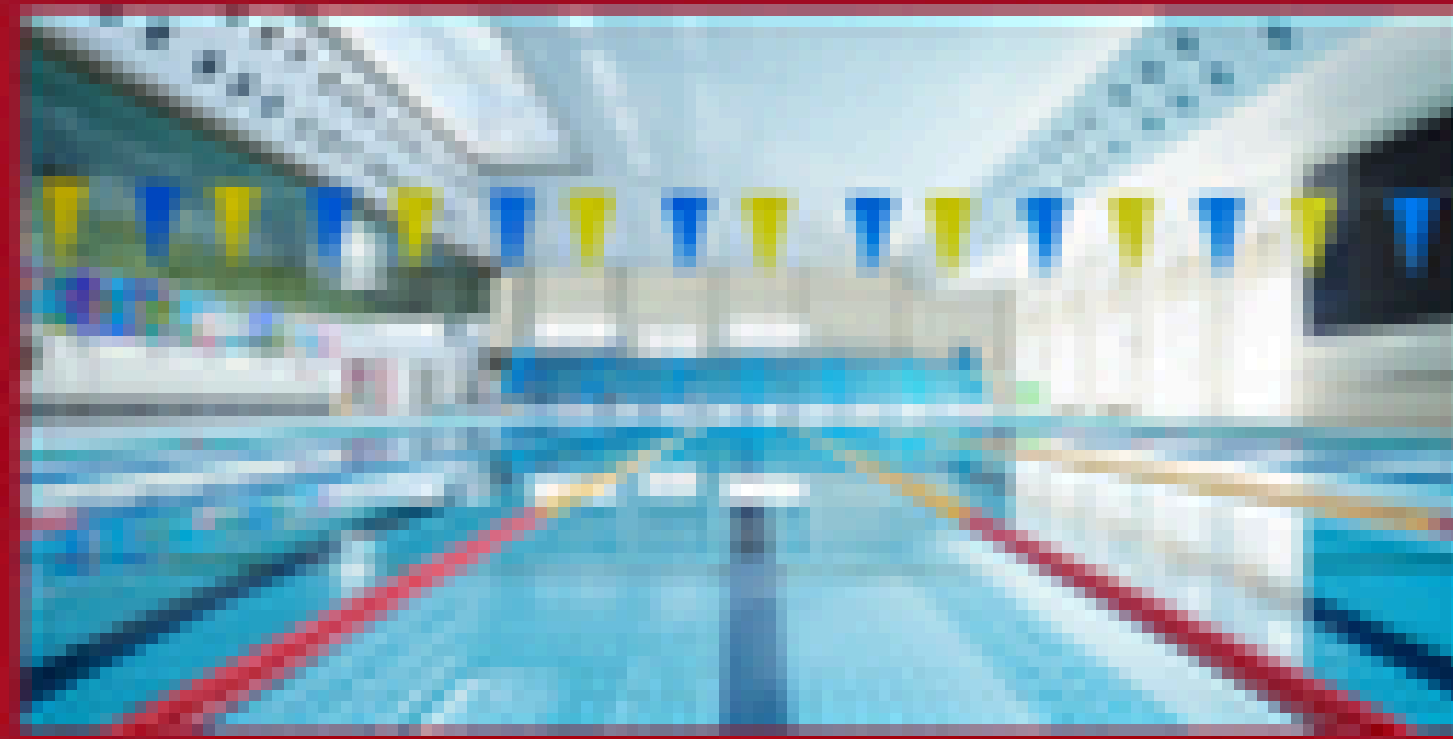
Fifth Class have had a busy and exciting term. The boys are preparing for their Christmas shows and have been stitching Christmas stockings and mini hats in art. In maths, they have been learning about fractions, while in geography they explored the counties of Ireland. In English, the children have enjoyed reading their class novels, and in science and technology they worked with Lego Spike, building and coding creative designs. In music, they had great fun playing boomwhackers, exploring rhythm and teamwork. The boys also took part in swimming lessons and enjoyed learning new skills in tag rugby. It has been a lively and productive term, with plenty of learning, creativity and fun.



SIXTH CLASS NEWS



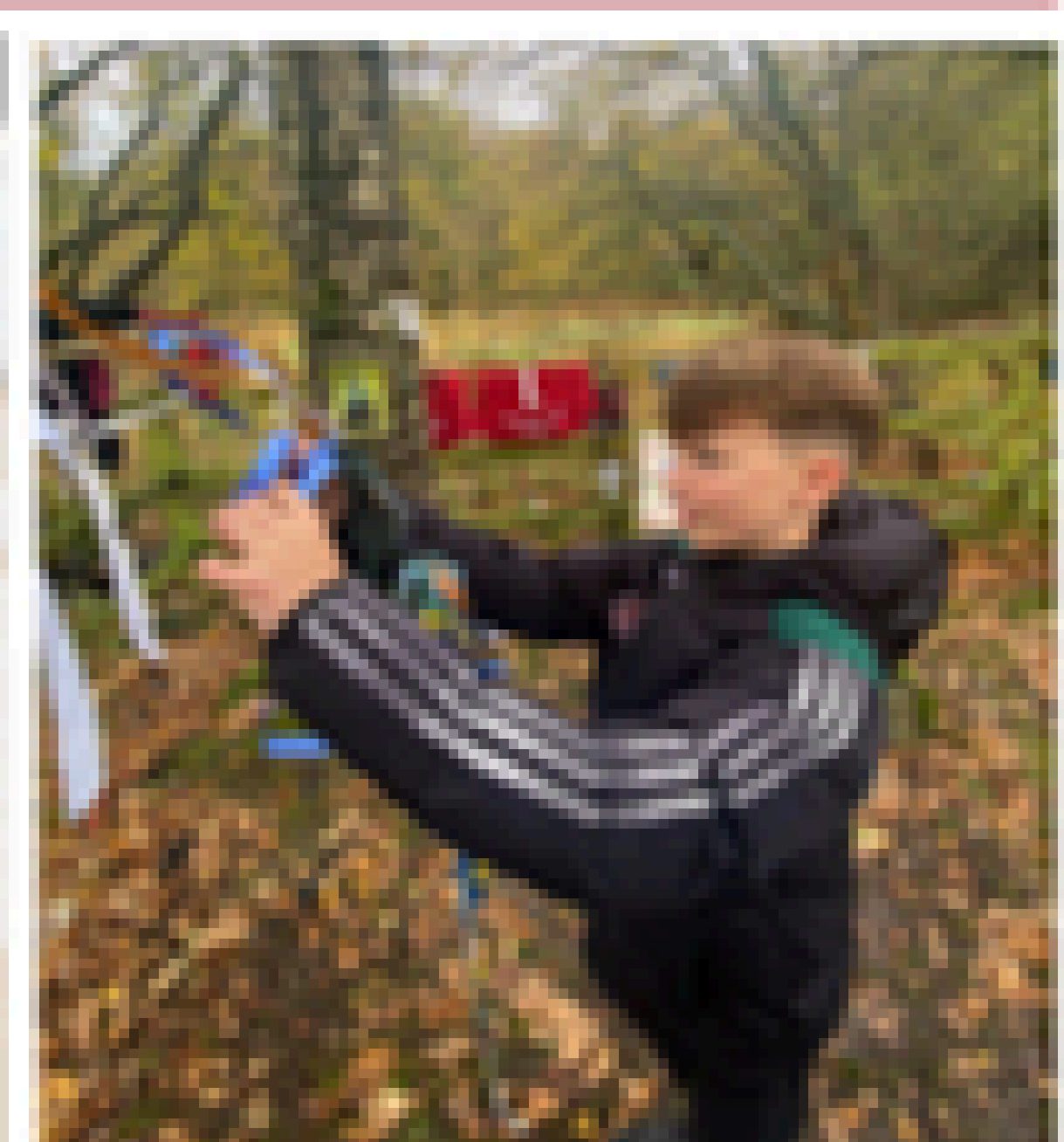
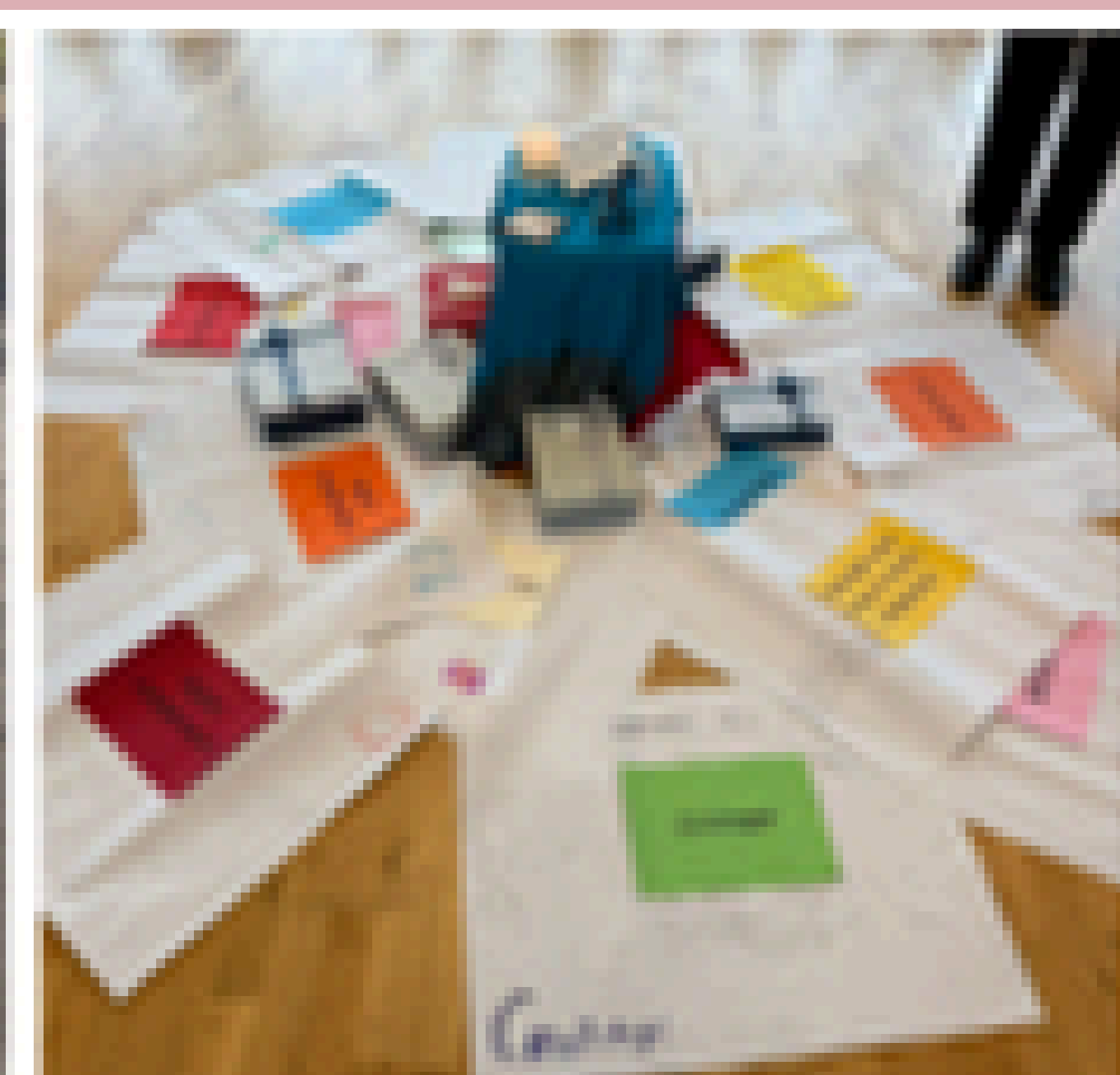
The Sixth Class boys are having a vibrant term at St. Corban's! They're finishing *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, creating stories, and making festive art. In PE, they're progressing in swimming and tag rugby, giving their best every week. In Maths, they're exploring fractions and decimals—some even using cake to understand them! Their French work shone in the 'LanguageNut' competition, with many students ranking highly. Overall, they're showing great enthusiasm and dedication across all subjects.



The 6th class boys hosted their first fundraising event of the school year. In aid of their 6th class jumpers, they baked and sold in a very successful and enjoyable bake sale on December 11th. The boys should be proud of their hard work and it was enjoyable day for the whole school!



The Confirmation candidates attended their retreat on November 12th at Solas Bhríde in Kildare, an important step as they prepare for this special occasion. They had a wonderful day and their behaviour was superb. Preparation continues with weekly visits from Fr. Johan and the recent completion of a short story on a Saint of their choosing.



SPORTS NEWS

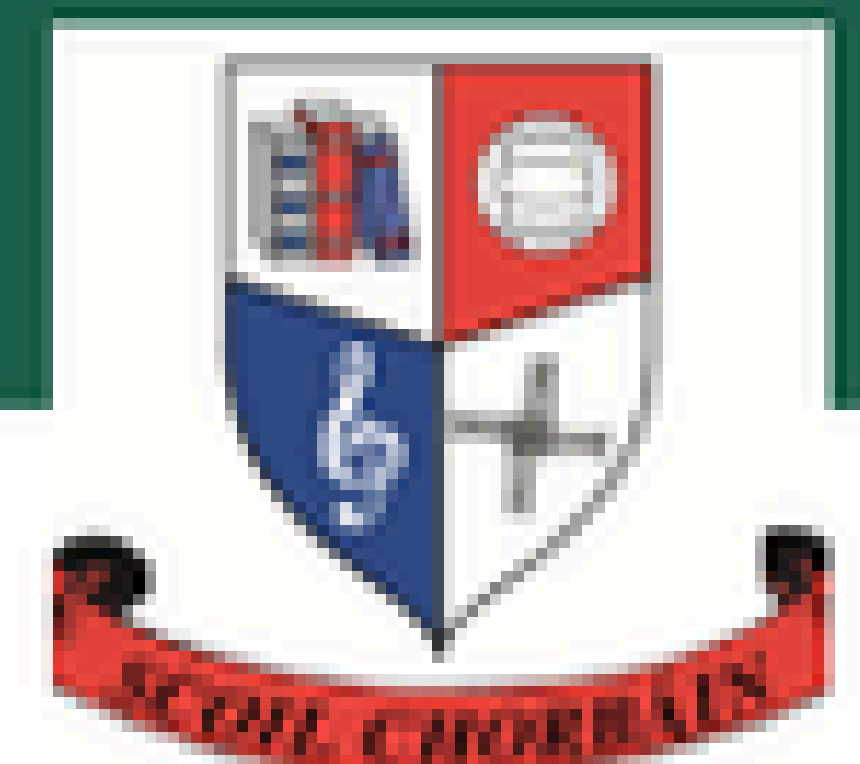


Basketball

The school basketball team was selected in September and fourteen 6th class boys were chosen to represent the school. The boys proudly represented the school on three occasions so far this year, with two losses against Clane and Maynooth and a win against Ballycane. The boys held their heads high after the 1 point loss against Clane, a match that St. Corban's dominated and led for the most part, but unfortunately lost within the last two minutes. The games were very tight and the boys played incredibly well together as a team and strengthen their skills with each training session and match played. Ms. C Mangan, Mr Ryan and Ms. Murphy are very proud of the team and wish them all a lovely Christmas!



MISCELLANEOUS



Science Week

The whole school celebrated Science week, from 10th-14th of November. It was an incredible week of curiosity, creativity and discovery. The boys enjoyed investigating at home and in school. There are many scientists in the making!



MISCELLANEOUS



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We wish to express a huge 'Thank You' for the super response to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. This organisation work in Africa and Eastern Europe to help children affected by poverty and hunger. Our school collected a remarkable total of 186 Christmas Shoeboxes this year! Many families have also kindly donated online directly to Team Hope. Your kindness and generosity will truly make a difference, and will bring a smile, joy, and hope to many children in need across the world this Christmas.



Christmas Jumper Day - Fundraiser for Kenya Project.

We held our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 17th December. A big thank you to our pupils, parents and school community for making a donation to Naas CBS Secondary School Kenya Conservatory Project. This project involves 30 Transition Year Students from the CBS who will travel on a voluntary basis to the Soysambu Conservancy in Kenya, Africa to work with the community and take part in vital conservation work on endangered wildlife. Some of the TY students visited the school this week and spoke with the boys about the project.



MISCELLANEOUS



The Christmas countdown has officially begun, and the school is buzzing with festive spirit. Our Christmas Service on was held on Monday. Boys performed so brilliantly for their Christmas concerts. Classes from Junior Infants to 2nd Class enjoyed the Christmas Panto at the Moat Theatre during the week also. We wore our Christmas jumpers and Santa visited the school on Wednesday. There was great excitement in the whole school!



AFTER SCHOOL



School Choir

The school choir travelled to the National Indoor Arena Centre in Blanchardstown last week to rehearse and practice with the Peace Proms conductor Greg and other school choirs around the country for the 2026 Peace Proms that will be taking place in the RDS Dublin in February.



After School Clubs

The boys had lots of fun participating in our after school clubs, including STEM, Coding Club, Chess, Homework Club, Lego Club, Football, Table-tennis and Modern Languages. There was a huge demand for places in the clubs at the beginning of the school year, which were a great success.



AFTER SCHOOL AND WELLBEING







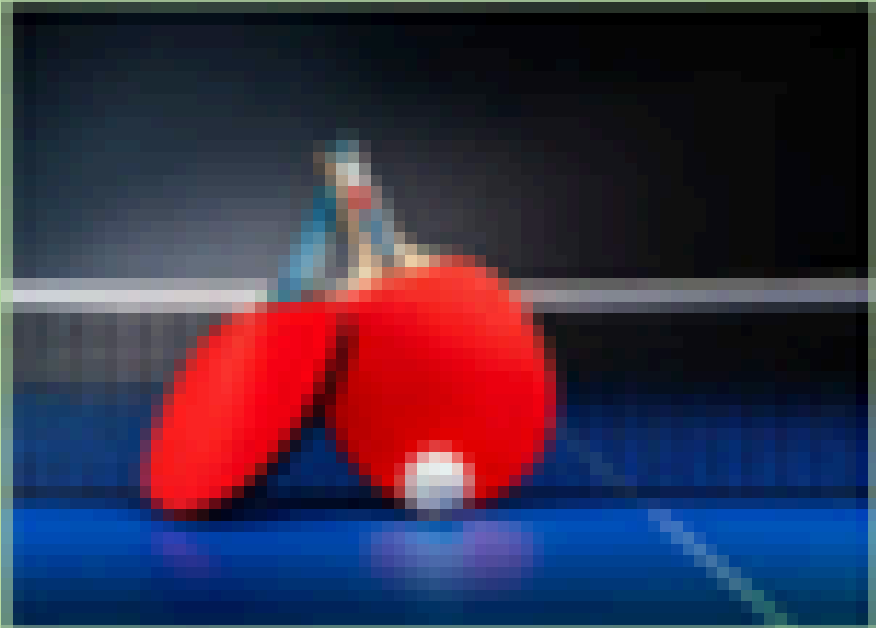





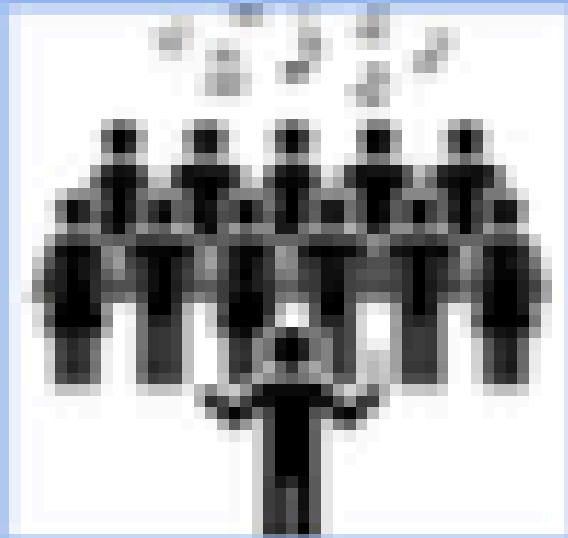

After School Clubs

The next programme of paid After-school Activities will begin again in the New Year. Booking and information details of the next block of After-school Clubs were sent on Aladdin. There are limited places and the Clubs are booking up fast. See the time-table below for our after-school clubs for eight weeks, starting from January 12th until March.



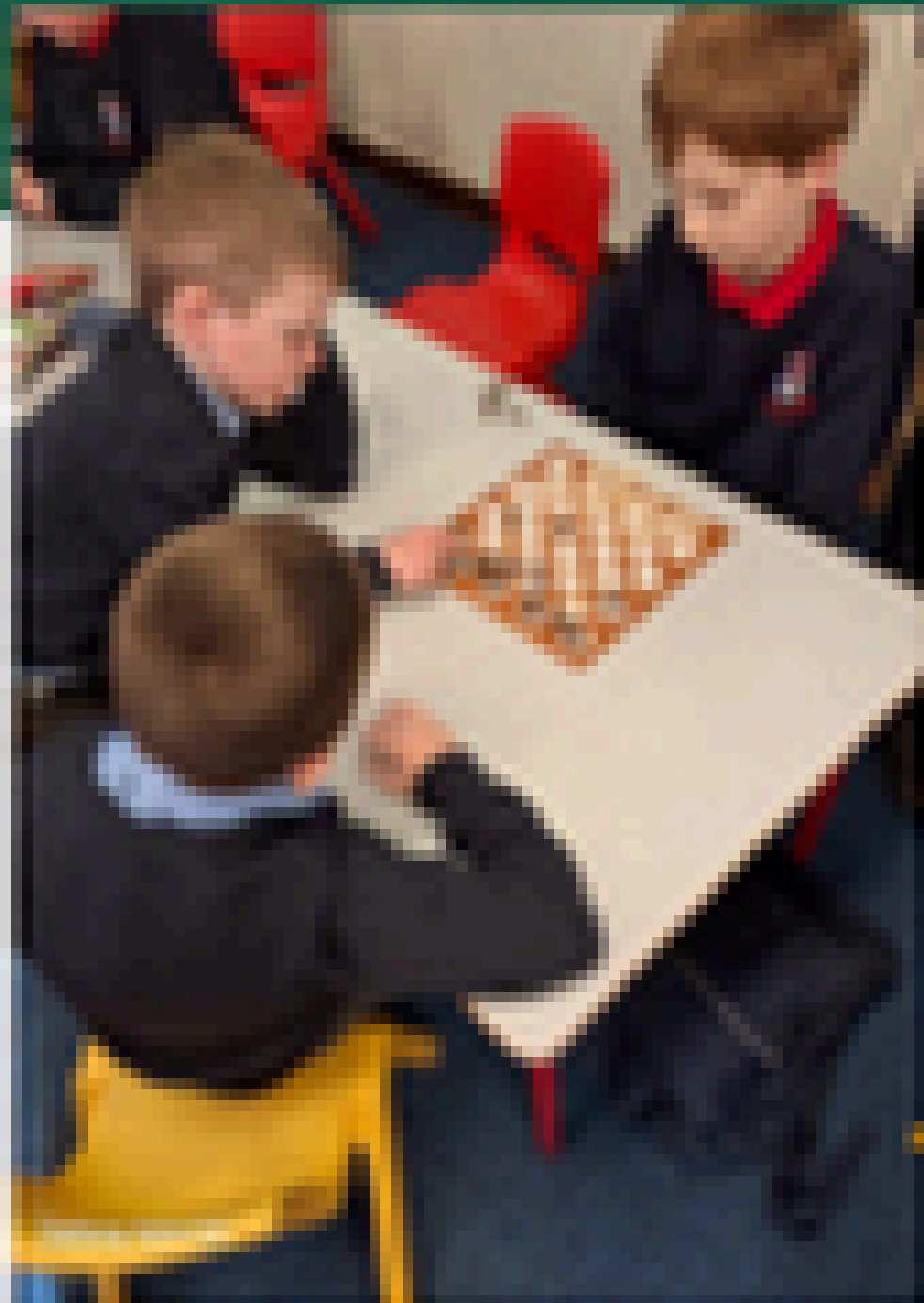
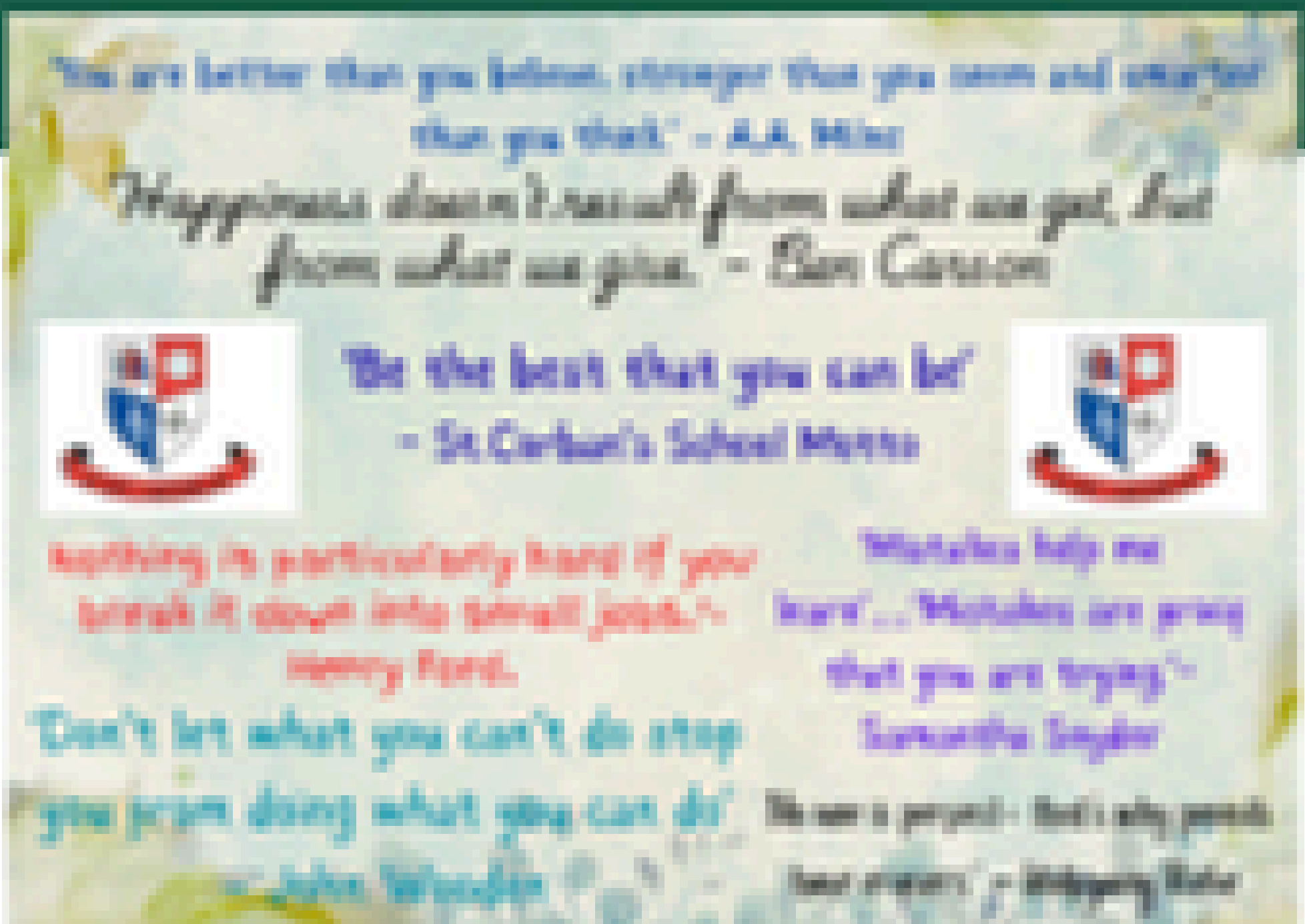
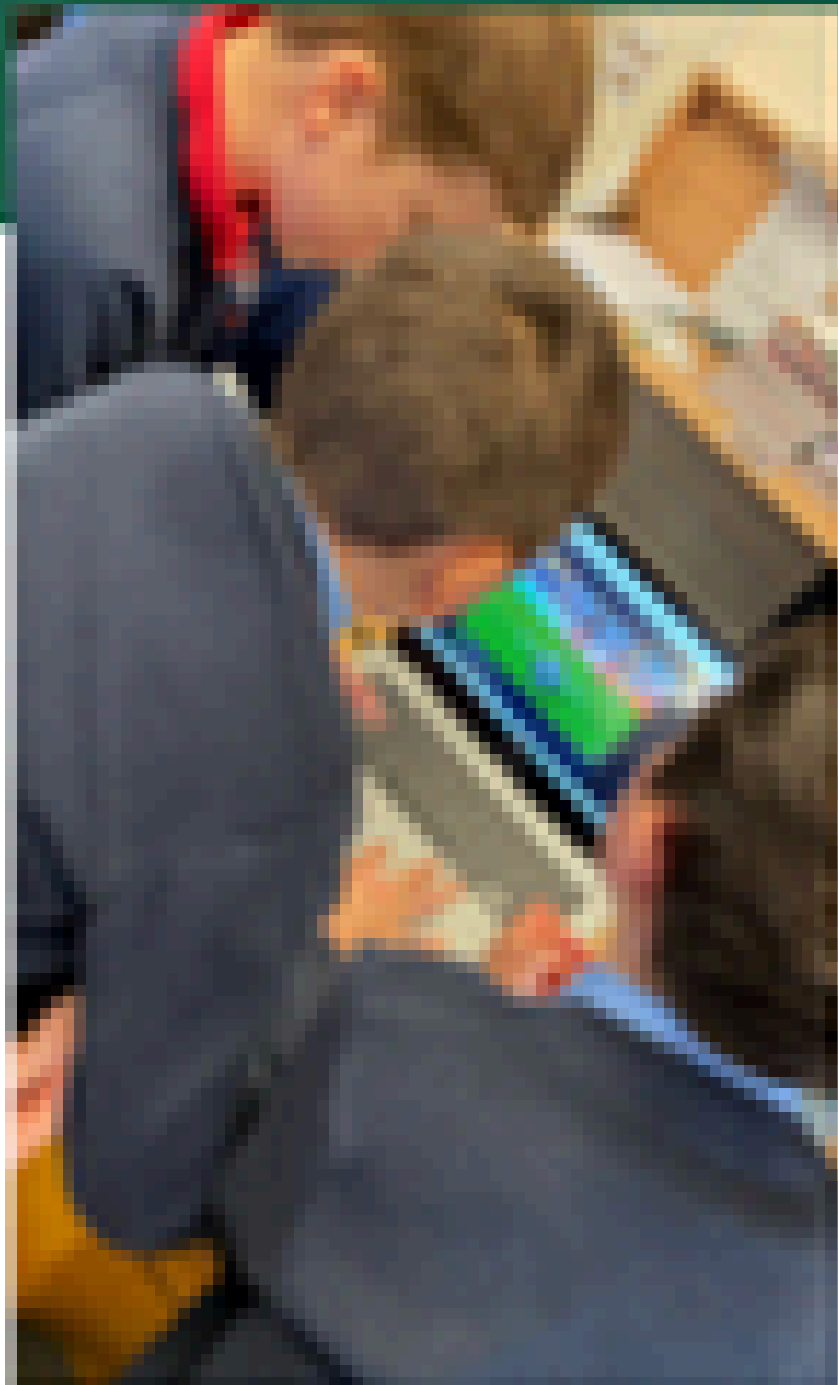
*St. Corban's B.N.S. After School Activities
(January 12th - March 2nd. Some clubs may run later due to school holidays)*



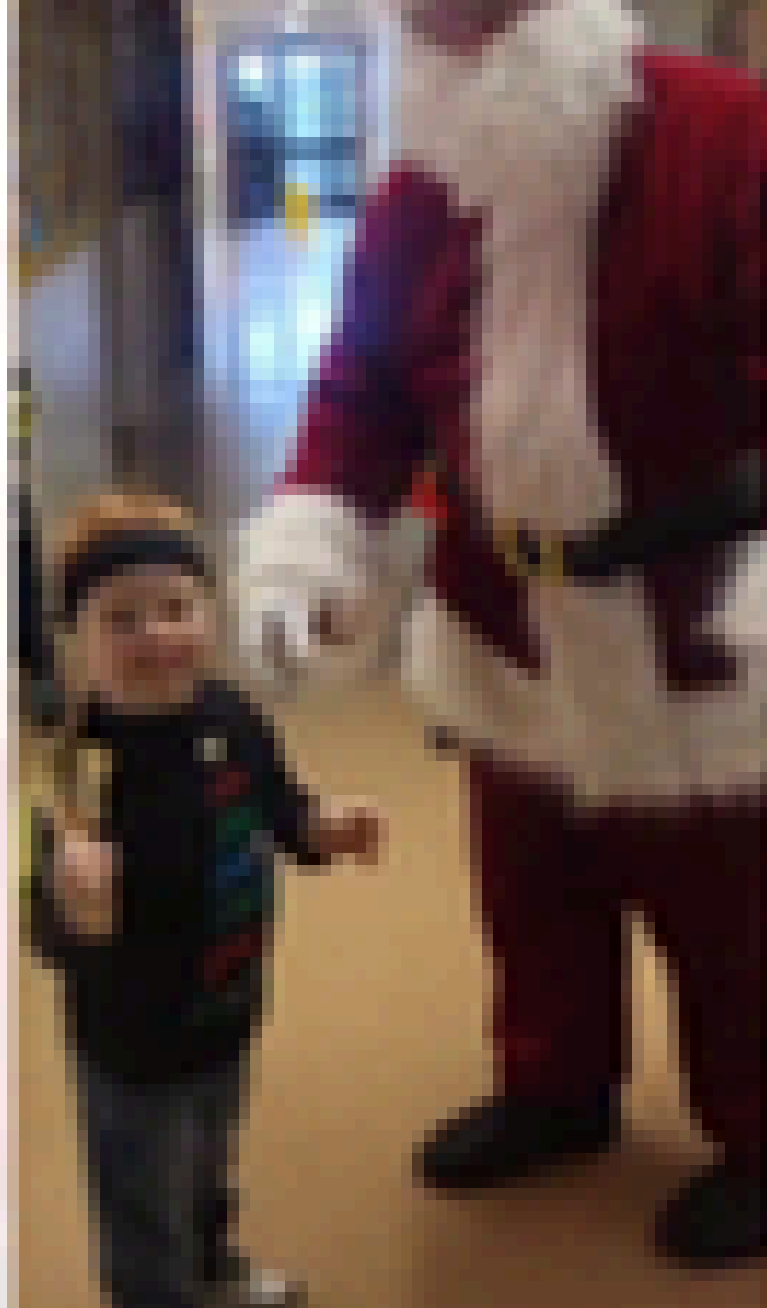
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Club (1st- 6th) 	STEM Club (3rd - 6th) 	Homework Club (1st - 6th) 	Modern Languages Club (3rd - 6th Class) 
Table Tennis Club (4th - 6th Class) 	Homework Club (1st -6th) 	Lego Club (1st - 3rd Class) 	Coding Club (4th - 6th Class) 
Football (1st- 3rd Class) 	Chess Club (4th-6th) 	Choir (already booked out) 	

Wellbeing Week

In November, we celebrated ‘Wellbeing Week’ in St. Corban’s. Our children engaged enthusiastically in a variety of wellbeing activities designed to promote their mental, emotional, and physical health. Sixth Class also enjoyed teaming up with their younger buddy classes for some mindfulness activities!



SANTA VISIT



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



It has been a very busy half-term for our Parents' Association. From organising the hugely successful Christmas Raffle which raised €7,605 (see results below) to coordinating the Pupils' Personalised Christmas Cards which raised €2,112 it has been a hectic but very successful period. St Corban's BNS PA Team wishes to say a big THANK YOU to all our generous sponsors who donated prizes listed below, to all the boys for their hard work selling lines and to all of the families that supported our fundraisers. All proceeds will be used to support and enhance the boys' school experiences.



The PTA provided 5 selection boxes to be raffled in each class and facilitated the visit from Santa who brought sweets to all the classes. Santa Claus dropped in to say hello to the children before heading back to the North Pole to complete his final preparations for Christmas Eve. The children wore Christmas Jumpers on that day and we donated the money raised to our past-pupils on the Naas CBS Secondary School Kenya project.



Support our Re-turn Bottles & Cans fundraiser

The Parents' Association are looking forward to the New Year and have already begun working and planning for the next term with the Re-turn Bottle and Can scheme. So, gather up your empty bottles and cans over the Christmas and donate them to the school when we return on January 5th 2026, to raise funds for treats and fun activities.



A Message from The Parents' Association at St. Corban's

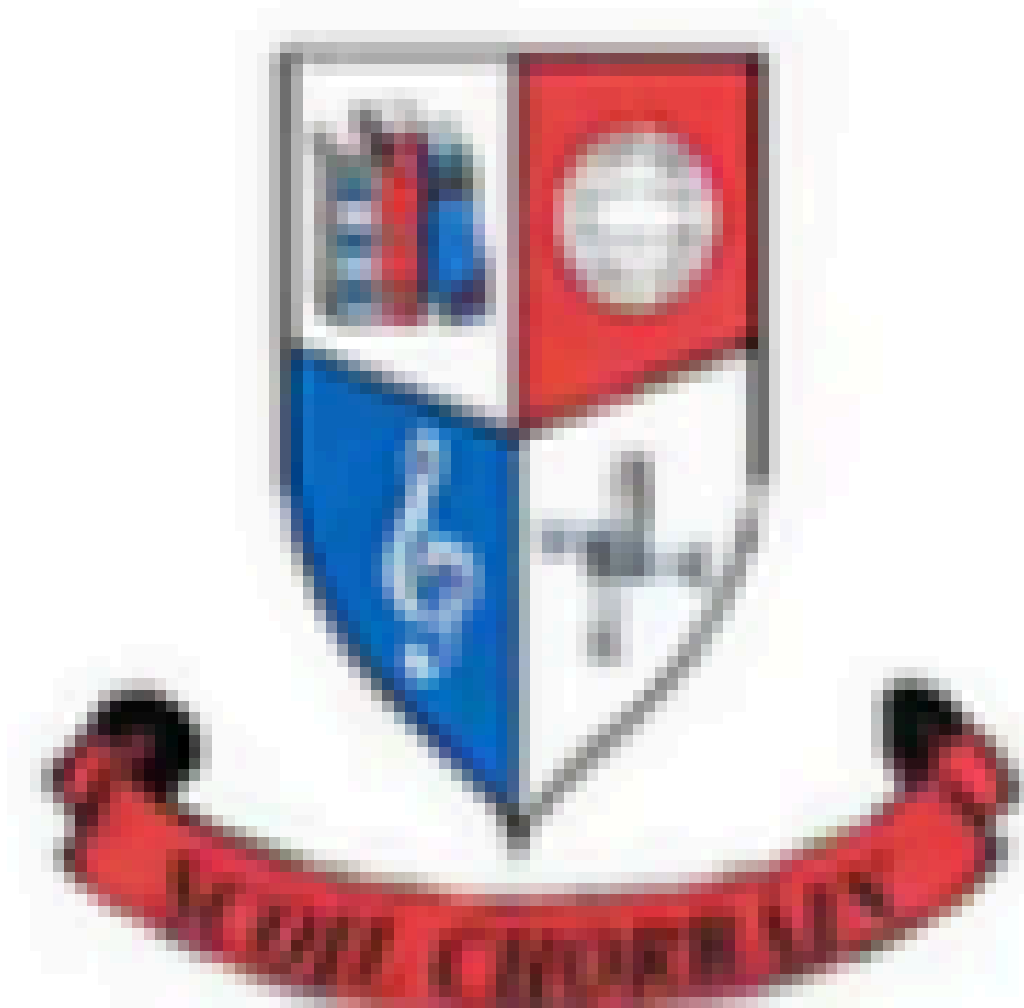
On behalf of all of the Parents' Association, we'd like to wish the entire school community a very happy Christmas & a healthy, joyful New Year! We especially want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes our school so special — to all the teachers and support staff, to Kathleen, Sharon and Brid in the office who keep everything ticking along so well and Brenden and our cleaners Anna, Lidia, Beata and Eddi, who keep the school in tip top shape — your dedication doesn't go unnoticed. Finally, we want to thank all of our parents and families in St. Corban's for your generosity and support in our fundraising activities and all of our endeavours. Wishing you all a well-deserved Christmas break! Nollaig Shona daoibh.

Happy Christmas from Lize, Michael, Clara and all of our Parents' Association members.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Christmas Raffle Prize Winners



Place	Prize	Sponsor	WINNER
1 st	Xiaomi Redmi Pad 11" 128GB	Bradbury's	Edon Halli
2 nd	A Child's Bicycle up to €170 from Halfords	Bradbury's	Trish Doherty
3 rd	1 night Mid-Week Break for 2 Adults @Castlestone Holiday Homes	Castlestone Holiday Homes	Susan Dempsey
4 th	€100 One4All Voucher	Kola Digital	Alex Lynch
5 th	€100 Voucher for Music Lesson	DCM Guitar School, Kill	Amy Duignan
6 th	Gym Membership for 3 months	GymPlus, Naas	Cathy Crookes
7 th	Meal for 2 at Peplow's St Stephen's Green	Parent Donation	Gull Wayeen
8 th	Restaurant Voucher €75	The Forge	Emily McDaid
9 th	Voucher for Dog Grooming to value of €70	Wunderdog, Kilcullen	Siobhan De Barra
10 th	One4All Voucher €50	Ventech	Gary Behan
11 th	Restaurant Voucher €50	Rustic	Abdullah Shahidul
12 th	Restaurant Voucher €50	Las Radas	Martina Nolan
13 th	3 Course Early Bird Menu for 2 people	33 South Main	Janet Balfe
14 th	Voucher for FOOD MAXX €50	FOOD MAXX, Naas	Carrie Ann Devitt
15 th	Voucher for FOOD MAXX €50	FOOD MAXX, Naas	Killian Farrell
16 th	Voucher for Recycling Centre & Civic Amenity €50	Wilton Recycling Centre	Susan Kelly
17 th	Afternoon Tea for 2 @ Convent Tea Rooms	McAuley Place	Karen Behan
18 th	Indie Spice Voucher €40	Indie Spice, Naas	Teresa Callaghan
19 th	William Yeoward Designer Cushions x3	S.K.I Interiors	Sabrina O'Toole
20 th	Food Gift Hamper	Fused by Fiona Uyema	Brenda Brady
21 st	Gift set	Blanc Quigley Hair Salon	Maggie Zhik
22 nd	Gift set	Hawk & Blade Barbers	Marican Pullos
23 rd	Framed photograph of DeBurgh Gardens	Tony G. Murray Photography	Tom Griffin
24 th	Madra Dubh Cafe Voucher €30	Madra Dubh Cafe	Alan Flood
25 th	Homewares Gift Hamper	Parent donation	Yogiva Garg
SELLER'S PRIZES			
1 st	National Book Voucher €40	The Book Haven	Noah Scully
2 nd	Elverys Sports Voucher €30	Parent donation	Deevain Garg
3 rd	Odeon Cinema Voucher €20	Parent donation	Liam Collins
4 th	Family Pass x2	GymPlus, Naas	Joseph O'Sullivan
5 th	Family Pass x2	GymPlus, Naas	Ryan Day Fogarthy



*******TOTAL FUNDS RAISED: €7,605*******

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OTHER LOCAL NEWS



Christmas GOAL Mile Naas GAA

On Christmas Day each year Naas GAA participates in the GOAL mile, where people walk or run one mile to raise money for GOAL, a charity that works with countries across Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, providing life-saving support to families affected by poverty, disease and conflict.



The annual GOAL Christmas Mile will take place in Naas GAA Club, between 11am-12pm on Christmas morning.

More information can be found online at <https://goalmile.org>. Your support this Christmas will help save lives across Gaza, Sudan and beyond.



A huge thank you to our dedicated Parents' Association and Board of Management for their commitment and unwavering support. To our children at St. Corban's, their parents, guardians and families, and the whole school community, thank you for all you do and for your continued support.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year!
Nollaig Shona daoibh uilig.

