

# Kilcoskan N.S. TERM 1 September - December 2019 Newsletter

Hi everyone - hope you all enjoyed your holidays!!
We wanted to tell you about all the things we got up to



in our first term.

Our secretary Debbie, caretaker Roy, teachers, special needs assistant teachers and pupils all were working so hard in term 1 and we will tell you all about it later in the newsletter.

# Principal's news



We have had a very busy term (as usual !!) and this year we have had swimming on Fridays in November to add to the madness !!

Pupils from  $2^{nd}$ - $6^{th}$  class go to Sportslink in Santry on Fridays from 12.45pm-1.30pm . They are picked up by O'Grady coaches at 12noon from the school and return at approx. 2.15pm .

We also went to the Helix to see The Three Muskateers in November .



Table tennis with Gavin continues during January 2020





Also we will be doing tennis for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class in February in the yard – more info to follow

# **Teacher Aisling Infants**

Term 3 News

Everyone settled in well especially the junior infants on their first day of school. In Aistear we were bobbing for apples for Halloween.

Cilla the Gorilla was given every Friday to the student of the week. The student then wrote of the adventures they had with Cilla over the weekend.

Seán the Elf was up to mischief in the classroom.

We enjoyed posting our Santa letters in our local postbox!!

We went to Fun Galaxy a few weeks ago and had a great time

Teacher Aisling is going on maternity leave and we hope that she enjoys her break ⊕

We are very lucky to have teacher Amy taking over — she has already been in teaching the class during the year but will take over full time in January

## Teacher Aoife 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

- We dressed up for Halloween and visited the Haunted House. We made chocolate apples.
- We went to DCU to see a Maths show for Maths week.
- For engineering week we boats and experimented with how many passengers they would take.
- 2nd class went swimming in Sports Link.
- Our class went to Lego club and Christmas crafts club.
- · We made shakers in music class and learnt songs from Australia.
- We went to DCU to see the Christmas Panto.
- We played table tennis.
- We went to Charlestown shopping centre, Newpark Nursing Home and Dublin airport to sing Christmas carols.

## Teacher Aoife 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

We were very lucky in 3rd and 4th class and started the year with newspaper photos and TV appearances! Our photos were in the paper in our Dublin colours for the All Ireland Final. We also spoke to the presenter from RTE News2day about our school garden.

This term we planned, created and submitted group projects to the STEPS Young Engineers Award. Thanks to all the parents that came to our project showcase it was really beneficial for the children to present the prototypes after all their hard work.

3rd and 4th class have really enjoyed all the trips and special visitors to the school. Especially the maths show in DCU and the science show in school. We're also getting lots of exercise with Nigel for football, Gavin for table tennis and swimming every Friday.

Recently, we have really enjoyed being part of the choir and performing in the airport, Charlestown shopping centre and Newpark. Our best performance was definitely at the Coolquay Christmas concert.

#### Class news 5th/6th Term 1 2019

Bake sale: We had a bake sale to raise money to buy presents for children in Direct provision. We raised 300 euro! It was a big highlight of the term and we were so happy to be able to help children in need

We had a fantastic Science Week and completed some excellent projects about the digestive system. We went to Teagasc and we got to do cool food science experiments! We also had a science show in the school.

Panto: We really enjoyed The Three Musketeers panto at the Helix!

Swimming: For the last five weeks, we have been going to Sports Link for lessons. Last week we had great fun in the leisure pool!

Christmas carols in the Coolquay, Airport and Charlestown: For the last two weeks the choir have been really busy singing. It's been fun!!

#### Valerie's class

Teacher Valerie's class had a very busy term, with lots of activities and outings! We went to Fun Galaxy in October and had so much fun! We had a lovely time in Swords library at a sensory music workshop, and we went shopping for Christmas presents after. We went to visit Santa in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre too, which we really enjoyed! We enjoyed weekly visits to the Coolquay lodge every Wednesday, and this month we had our very first Christmas Show for our families.

#### Eoin's class

We had a lovely first term in 2019! The highlights would have to be our 4 trips...we visited the library in DCU, went to the playground and McDonald's in Ashbourne, saw the Panto in the Helix and of course paid Santa a visit in the Blanchardstown Centre!

We also read lots of picture stories, recited lots of poems, made (and ate!) lots of tasty foods and produced lots of lovely artwork! We're looking forward to an even better term 2 in 2020!

We hope you enjoyed reading our news and keep an eye for all the excitement in term 2 for 2020!!



Kind Regards

Paddy Christie