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FOURTH CLASS SUMMER NEWSLETTER



We had such a wonderful year in 4th class that it is difficult to pick just a few things to tell you all!

We have included a few highlights and photos for you to enjoy.

This year, we developed many skills as a class. We definitely learned a lot individually, but working as a group and learning things together has been a highlight for all of us! We had loads of fun, found new friendships and learned so much from each other. We really are a great team!

This year:

*We were
scientists.*





We learned all about the human body, movement and forces, biodiversity, light, growth and change in living things and had the most amazing science fair where we showcased all our knowledge!

Geography

We learned map-reading skills, investigated features of our planet, explored different countries like China and Norway and immersed ourselves in the geography of our locality and examined our role in caring for the environment. We spent a lot of time learning outdoors! We were very interested in daily lives in other places and shared our experiences of different cultures. For example, we learned a board game from Ethiopia called Mancala which is very, very old indeed. This game was very popular in the Roman bathhouses and the oldest evidence of the game was discovered etched on to the floor of a Neolithic house in what is now Jordan. Here we are playing it in 2023-wow!





We were Historians.

We worked individually and in groups to uncover some fascinating information about life long ago. We especially enjoyed learning about Early People and Ancient Societies; Stone Age people, Ancient Romans, Norman and Viking lives were all explored in great detail. We loved Myths and Legends from Ireland and China as well as exploring beliefs from Viking times. A highlight for many of us was building Motte and Bailey Models. They were amazing when we were finished!





We were Gaeilgeoirí.

We had lots of fun learning Irish this year and really gave it our all! We acted 'as Gaeilge', sang 'as Gaeilge' and even danced 'as Gaeilge'! We celebrated all things Irish in Seachtain na Gaeilge and had a siopa beag running in our classroom for 'Snac agus Scanánn'.







We were licence holders!

We valued the opportunities we were given to grow as learners. We were incredibly proud to receive pen licenses in 4th Class. We were delighted to view our work and the work of others displayed on the walls. We were impressed with the individuality of everyone's writing now we are writing freely in pen! 'For me, one of the best feelings was when I got my pen licence!'

This year also marked the official opening of the school library for school use and we look forward to using our library cards independently next year.



We were creative

We learned so much from each other this year. We really enjoyed Art and the freedom we were given to try things for ourselves.









We were Mathematicians.

We spent a lot of time learning Maths in pairs and small groups this year. You can learn so much from your partner and team-mates because we all learn and understand things differently. We really enjoyed Maths Stations, using the iPads and doing practical activities, but most of all, we loved doing Maths outside!





We were active and pro-active!

We really prioritized looking after our physical and emotional health and wellbeing. We loved our swimming lessons in Ballymun pool. It was a real adventure every Thursday! We enjoyed GAA, athletics with the DCU PE teachers and staying as active as possible with lots of active breaks during the day. Róisín visited our class and led a lovely yoga session and we had a fantastic Sports Day in the sun. In class, we learned about the importance of being mindful and how to practice this in different ways. We understand the value of gratitude and are learning how to journal. We spent a lot of time focusing on breathing and the effect it can have on how we are feeling. We had life coaching sessions that gave us brand new perspective on how we are all different and valuable in our own way. We worked on different tools we can use to become more

resilient. We did a lot of cooperative games and activities to nurture friendships and teamwork.







We Learned Together

We were very committed to learning about values in Learn Together-our core curriculum. We did our very best to live these values in school and at home. Circle Time gave us a great opportunity to share our beliefs, celebrations, ideas, thoughts and feelings and discuss bigger issues of social justice. In SPHE, we paid special attention to feelings, friendship, responsibility, respect, bullying, growing and changing. We also loved our monthly assemblies!



Circle Time in the park!

We
grew

We grew so much this year, individually and as a class. We learned, we shared, we helped, we cooperated, we tried new things, we had trust in ourselves and others and we are grateful for all the opportunities we had. We worked hard, we did our best, but most of all, we had fun...buckets

of fun!!! ☺ (sorry!)















We wish you all a fabulous summer- Aisling & Naomi