



# St George's NS



## Christmas Newsletter



### Junior Infants

Junior Infants have had a great term in school. A while back we planted daffodil bulbs in the school grounds and we are looking forward to seeing how much they have grown over the next few months.



In Aistear our theme of the month in November was 'The Doctor's Surgery.' We had so much fun in role play and learning all about the hospital equipment that doctors and nurses use. We took turns playing the role of a nurse, doctor, surgeon, patient and receptionist.

Our Aistear theme for the month of December is 'Santa's workshop.' Santa's helpers have been very busy wrapping presents and creating lovely art work to display outside the classroom.



### Ms Quinn's Junior & Senior Infant Class

#### **Be Safe, Be Seen!**

As part of Social, Personal and Health Education we learned all about being safe. We learned about keeping safe in a variety of familiar situations. One of the discussions we had was about road safety. We looked at safe places to go for a walk, we discussed crossing roads carefully and we looked at some road signs.

Then, it was time to go on a safety walk



check our knowledge by around the school grounds.

We received high

visibility jackets from the

Road Safety Authority. These were perfect for our safety walk as the jackets are a great fit for over our coats on dark winter days.





### Senior Infants-Ms Mullan

Senior Infants have been busy this term. We have explored the Aistear themes of homes, the doctor's surgery, Halloween, the vets surgery and the dentist. We enjoyed playing with blocks, sand, jigsaws, board games and role playing all the different characters. We dressed up for Halloween and had fun on our spooky walk! We also went on a Nature Walk and found lots of interesting minibeasts and objects. We learned about Road Safety and wore our new high visibility vests on our Road Safety Walk. We are practising our Christmas Carols and can't wait to show you all!



### Ms. McMahon's 1st Class

First Class have been working very hard this term. We have been learning all the new rules needed to keep everyone as safe as possible. We have become expert handwashers - always with a smile. Yet even with this we have had some really fun activities outdoors. We had a fantastic Halloween Walk, and there were spectacular costumes on show.

When the weather has been good, we have been able to have a Friday afternoon yard exercise - two favourite games are beanbag basketball, and snakes and ladders. For the past four weeks, we have had GAA Coach Anthony teaching us



new skills.

As long as it is dry, we will continue to get out into the fresh air as often as we can. It is great to be able to run around and play together - we are all such good friends.



### Mr Joyce's 1st Class

The children are working very hard in school. They have been learning about lots of new things like:

Wangari Maathai, who planted lots of trees in Africa for Black History Month. They are loving Gaelic football with the GAA coach as well. We are now preparing for Christmas and they will make their sock snowmen in art.

Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year to all our children and their families.



### Ms Storey's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

We have been working really hard in Room 8 so far this year and are really proud of ourselves and our amazing work! This term we have been learning a lot about the different animals and plants of Ireland. We began by creating our nature table which is full of amazing things that we have found on our way to school and in the school yard!

After this we learned about some of the animals that migrate to Ireland at different times of the year.

fact files about swallows  
swallows made their long  
the Winter.

Then, we started to learn  
that hibernate in Winter.

how they gather food and prepare their homes and their bodies for their long sleep. We then completed some projects about Hedgehogs which we proudly displayed in our classroom!



We then created  
just before the final  
journey to Africa for

about Irish animals  
We learned all about



Next, we were learning all about Space and Space Travel. We were really excited to learn all about the astronaut Mae Jemison! Look at our amazing projects



We also planted some daffodil bulbs outside of our classroom with Ms Murray. We really enjoyed gardening with our pods and we are so excited to see our flowers in the Spring time!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Mr. Higgins

We've had a very busy term in of hard work, fun and as much



2<sup>nd</sup> Class - a healthy mix exercise as possible! We

have been learning a lot about the months and seasons of the year and have talked about our favourite and least favourite season. The children understand that it is difficult to say exactly when one season ends and the next begins. However, they can now describe what we expect to happen in each season and can talk about the type of weather we normally see at different points of the year. Most recently, the children designed Christmas/winter posters in their pairs.

We have been trying to keep as active as possible in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Coach Anthony has been coming into school to do GAA with the class and we have also learned some new soccer skills. We have practised passing, dribbling, shooting and throwing the ball back into play when an opponent has put it out of bounds. We

have enjoyed learning about the different jobs each person on the pitch has - but we've discovered that it can be difficult to stay in your position!

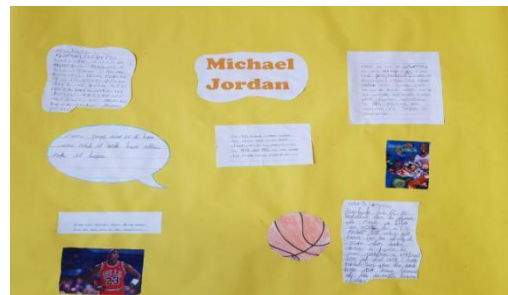


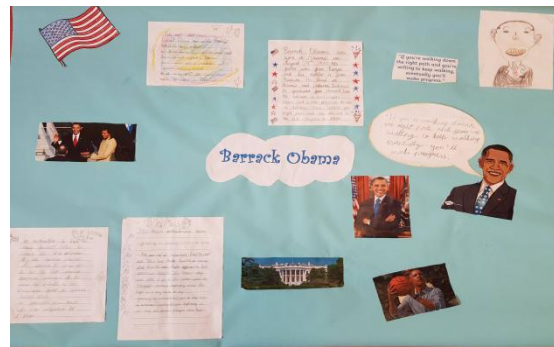
*Learning new soccer skills*



### Miss Gill's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

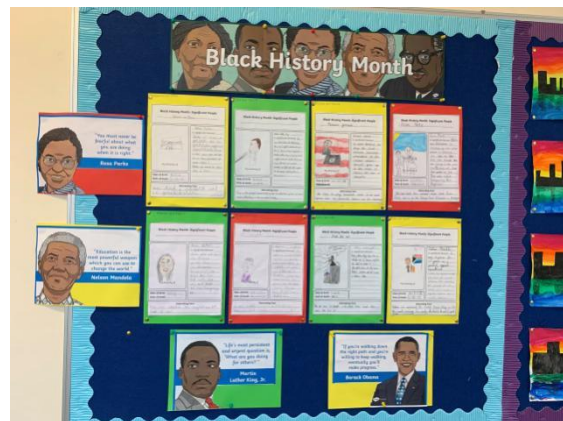
This term we have been working very hard in Ms. Gill's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. The children learned about Black History Month and the great achievements of black people throughout history. They worked on projects in class and then we had an Assembly at the end of November which was presented to the whole school. Below you can see some of their projects. Well done!





**3<sup>rd</sup> Class Ms. Heffernan**

In October we celebrated Black History month. Together we researched influential black leaders and activists who have had a positive impact in the world. In pairs we used ipads to find out information about great people like Barack Obama, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. When we were finished we reported our findings to our class mates. We really enjoyed learning about all these inspirational figures in history.



**Ms Anderson's 4th Class Newsletter:**





Ms Anderson's 4th Class have had a very busy but fun Term 1. We have had a few new classmates in our class to enjoy making friends with this term. We have been making excellent progress in Maths with our multiplication tables and now understand what division means. We get to play lots of exciting Maths games. Ms Anderson and our friend Keerthana have been teaching us how to knit and crochet and we are loving this. We have also been learning a new poem each week. We love building on our poetry reciting skills, and our teacher gives us each dojo points if we can recite perfectly!

Christmas is nearly here, so we are beginning to decorate the classroom with our own festive artwork. Our own collage work winter woolly jumper designs

are now hanging at the back of our classroom. We all helped to decorate our little Christmas tree. Our Nativity Concert will soon be ready to present. We are working very hard on it at the moment to make it a wonderful performance!



#### **4<sup>th</sup> Class Ms Kelly**

Hello and welcome to Ms. Kelly's 4<sup>th</sup> class newsletter. We have been very busy this term and would like to share it with you. Coming up is; Patient Pen-pals, Amazing Art and much more!

#### **Patient Pen-pals**

This year we have written letters to France! Yes, you read that right...and if you don't believe me just ask the children of Nice. Every student in our class is paired up with another 4<sup>th</sup> class student in a school in Nice. We have become pen-pals which means we will be exchanging letters while also learning some French! We will also design Christmas cards to send to them. We are so excited to hear from our new French friends again. They were very patient waiting for their letters.

### **Amazing Art**

We have completed lots of various art this year. So far my favourites have been 'Our Hallowe'en Skeletons' and still life art inspired by Paul Cezanne. We have

also worked with "Fabric and Fibres". We made woolly hats and gloves for the winter season. Our latest designs which we are working on are Celtic Letters.

### **Day of Debate**

While Donald Trump and Joe Biden had their debate, we had our own! It was about whether or not to wear a uniform to school. Half the class were "For " it (listing all the Pros) and the other half were "Against" it ( explaining all the Cons).This was a fun way to learn about Persuasive writing.

In other news in Maths class we are doing our Multiplication and Division tables the "squat "way-learning our tables while also keeping active!

Thank you for reading to the end of our 4<sup>th</sup> class newsletter. We hope you enjoyed it.

### **Ryan Foy**





### Ms Moore's 5<sup>th</sup> Class

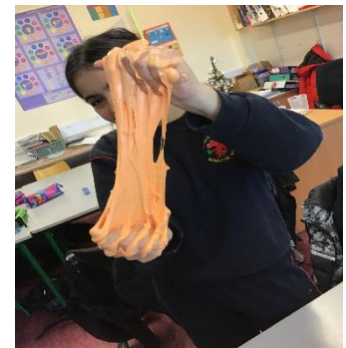
#### Science Experiment

For our science experiment we made slime. It was a very exciting experience and a lot of fun. The ingredients and materials included were glue, shaving foam, food colouring, baking soda, saline solution and a bowl and spoon. It was interesting because some of the ingredients we used were new to us.

It was kind of difficult but really fun because we had to knead the slime with our hands until we got the right texture.

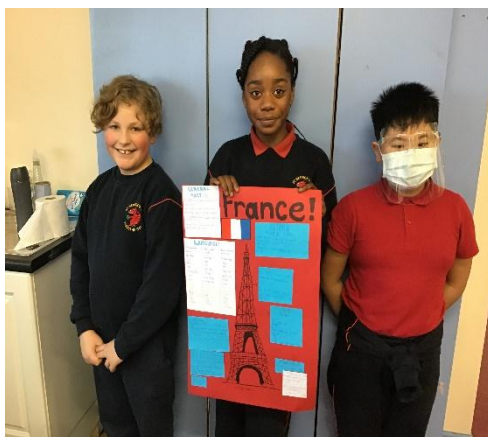
It was really fun and I think all of my classmates enjoyed it!

By Foyinsola Sadiq



#### France Projects

During the past few weeks, in Geography, we were learning about France. We made some posters about France. We drew a big Eiffel Tower on my group's poster. We also researched facts on France on the school iPads. After the whole class was finished, we presented our French posters. I was a bit nervous standing up in front of the class but it all went really well. In my opinion it was one of the most enjoyable classes we did so far in



5th Class!



- Mark Plonkins

### Maths Week

About a month or two ago, we had maths week! During maths week we did all sorts of activities such as games and brain-teasers.

In the brain-teasers we had to do very tricky word problems! - The winner for each round got twenty points for their table.

Another game we played was called "King or Queen".



In this game the teacher will ask a student a maths question. If you get it right you

move onto the next person with a new question, however if you get it wrong you move onto another person with the same question but the teacher can't repeat the question. That's why it is important to be listening! The winner is then called the King or Queen. I really enjoyed maths week and can't wait for the next one!

By Titi.

### Miss Spellman's 5<sup>th</sup> Class

#### Science Week:

For Science Week 2020, we investigate the effects of



carried out an experiment to different liquids on our teeth. The equipment we used was 6 hard boiled eggs, coca-cola, milk, vinegar, orange juice, mi-wadi, water and 6 plastic cups. We put each egg in a different liquid (this was the variable). We kept the amount of liquid in each cup the same (this was the constant). We left the eggs for five days. Five days later, we were shocked with the results. The orange juice and the vinegar removed the outer layer of the egg shell and discoloured the shell. This is because they are very acidic. The mi-wadi slightly discoloured the egg shell. The milk and the water had no effect on the egg. The coke stained the egg shell. This was a really interesting science investigation as it helped us to realise the effect each liquid has on our teeth.

Written by Yoyinsola





### All about France

This month we have been learning all about France. In our pods, each group created a fantastic project on France. We used books, articles and ipads to research different information about France. Here are some of the quick facts that were mentioned in many of the projects:



Area of France: 343, 801km<sup>2</sup>

Capital City: Paris

Bordering Countries: Spain, Andorra, Monaco, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

Government: Democracy

Tourist attractions: The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Sacre Coeur Cathedral.

Main Religion: Roman Catholic

Currency: Euro

We also learned a lot of interesting facts about the Tour de France. The Tour de France always ends in Paris, however the route is different every year and it often starts in different countries. It lasts 23 days with 2 rest days (3 weeks of cycling in total). Instead of medals or trophies, the cyclists are awarded different coloured jerseys for different things.

France is a truly beautiful and interesting country and it was so much fun researching and making our projects.

Written by **Pedro and Michelle**





## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Ms Bennett

### Black History Month

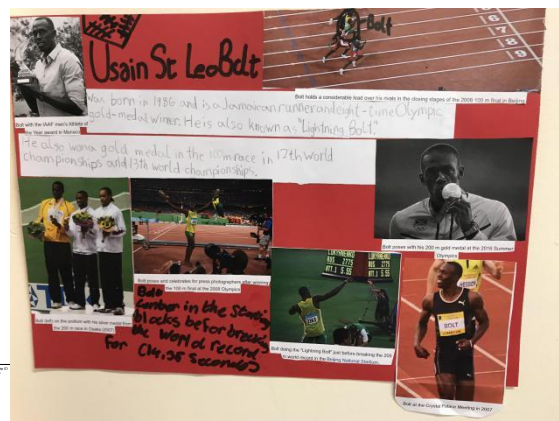
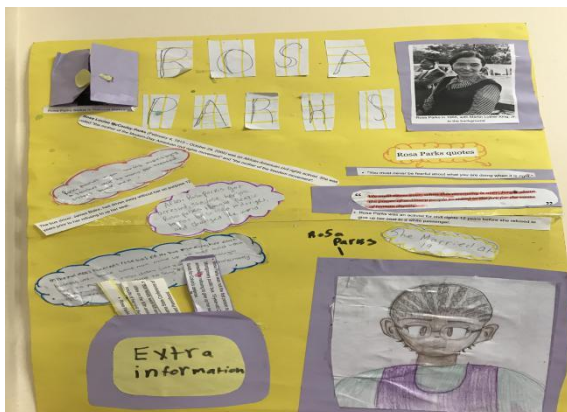
Last month our class learnt all about Black History Month. We researched significant black people throughout history and picked a figure to do a project on. We looked at these figures' roles in history. They all had one goal, to have equality

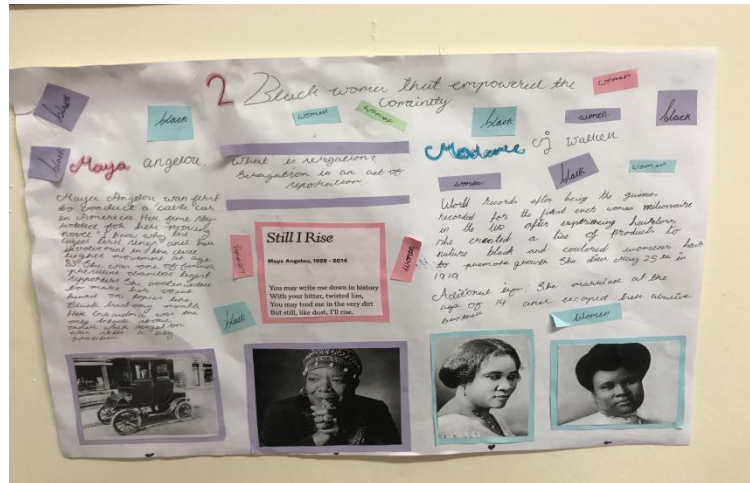
We did some research for a few days enough. Then, we got to choose if we project on a poster, on a powerpoint allowed to let our imaginations go

By Morgan



and made sure we had wanted to present our or in a book. We were wild!





### Ms Needham's 6<sup>th</sup> Class

What a busy first term we've had at St George's NS! In September we were very excited to be the first class in St George's NS to perform our assembly virtually! Assembly was streamed live to all the other classes in the school. We practised all week in the lead up to the assembly and thankfully everything went to plan. We welcomed everyone back to school and spoke about some of the challenges we may be facing during these uncertain times. It is important to

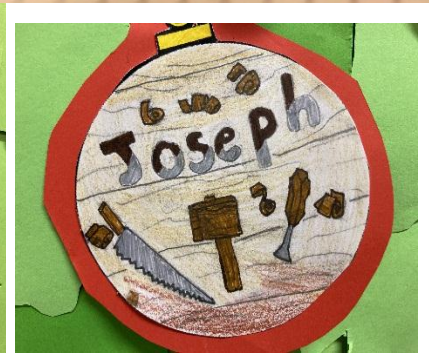
remember to focus on the things we can control. We cannot control the behaviour of others. We can only focus on how we behave ourselves.

In October we women in history file posters about Classroom. In the hall in an



learned about some influential black men and for Black History Month. We created fact-some of these influential people using Google November we ran laps and had dance breaks in effort to reduce sedentary time during the school day.

We are all looking forward to Christmas and are making some lovely art to accompany the Christmas presentation we are sending out to parents. We hope everyone enjoys the Christmas holidays!





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daoibh agus  
athbhliain faoi  
mhaise daoibh  
go leir**

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