

FROM THE HART



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

On Tuesday 3rd March 2020, our P7 pupils ventured out to County Tyrone to discover the world of 1840s Ireland and USA at the Ulster American Folk Park. P7's World Around Us topic this term is the Irish Famine - and pupils were taken back in time to see how and where people lived, the jobs they had, the hardships they found themselves in, and the life-changing circumstances that the famine caused them to endure. Pupils were fascinated by the small, stone cottages where mother, father, children and animals lived together. They were also taken aback by the difference in schooling, as expectations were a little different almost 200 years ago! They walked through a typical Irish village with real shop fronts and then took a journey to the New World — America — on a ship and experienced what life would have been like there. It really was a journey back in time as pupils were able to visualise themselves emigrating to the New World to start a whole new life! Pupils behaved excellently and made the most of the day, having the opportunity to visualise the world they had been reading about in the classroom. A great experience had by all! Well done, P7!

THE IRISH FAMINE-P7s discover what it was really like



RESIDENTIAL UPDATE

TODD'S LEAP (P6) 13-14 May

At the moment, we hope to rearrange this trip for a date in September. We'll keep you posted.

EDINBURGH (P7) 9-12 June

Unfortunately, this trip will almost certainly have to be cancelled. We are waiting for the travel company to do this so that you will get as much of the money you have already paid back. Again, we'll keep you posted. SO disappointing for our P7s.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Unfortunately, we've no dates for the diary but be assured that the only date we're interested in-our return to school-will be passed on to you without delay as soon as we know it!



P3 - ALL IN A FLUTTER!

P3 pupils have been thoroughly enjoying their latest World Around Us topic on Birds. As part of the learning process, our resident bird and wildlife expert, Mr Poots, flew in to tweet some interesting facts to our little chicks! Bird watching was made easier with binoculars made in their Technology lesson - the children were just twitching to get outside to see what they could see!











BOOK WORMS - BIG & SMALL

There are few things more enjoyable for pupils than to become teachers for a while! That's exactly what P6H pupils were doing here when they went into the P3MT classroom to support their younger schoolmates with their reading. A winwin activity, with P3s being taught by their peers and P6s learning by teaching.



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HOCKEY BOYS DIG DEEP

THE NEWS...IN WORDS & PICTURES

Monday 2 March saw our hockey boys heading over to Killicomaine JHS for the annual Spring tournament. The lads had it tough in their first match against a very strong Kings Park team and had to dig in to keep it to a 1-0 loss. Maralin was fielding a strong side but the boys kept their heads up and came away with a draw. They were over the hump of the hill, at that stage, and coasted through their next three matches against Edenderry, Hardy Memorial and Drumgor with fabulous wins. Our boys lost out on a semi-final place by 1 point but the team played super hockey throughout and their sportsman-like behaviour was second to none. Well done, boys!!

27/02/19	Kings Park PS	0-1	Lost
27/02/19	Maralin PS	1-1	Drew
27/02/19	Edenderry PS	3-0	Won
27/02/19	Hardy PS	1-0	Won
27/02/19	Dickson P S Lurgan	3-0	Won

HOCKEY GIRLS ON THE RISE

The girls played an excellent match at Edenvilla Hockey Pitch against Seagoe on Tuesday 3 March. Their efforts were strong and enduring throughout the first half, leaving the match scoreless at half time. Goal keeper, Korneiljia, played an excellent defensive role, saving any goal attempts that came at her. However, in the last two minutes of the second half, despite all our efforts, Seagoe managed to score, leaving it 1-0 to Seagoe at the final whistle. Our girls

WORLD BOOK DAY 2020

This year we tried something very different for World Book Day. Each class chose a book and decorated the doorways to their class-rooms as the book cover! There was quite a buzz during the week leading up to Thursday 5th March. Pupils, teachers and classroom assistants were all busy preparing their masterpieces, and trying to find out the top secret information — what was everyone else doing???

The project was a huge success as, on Thursday morning, we came into school to see every door transformed into the cover of a well-known book. The children loved it! As Literacy coordinator, Mrs Giffin was delighted with the finished products. Everyone worked really hard — well done. A special mention for P1TA who were judged the winners by the two members of the Board of Governors who spent the whole morning going around all the classrooms, enjoying each class's creativity and acting as judges. Happy to say, every other class's door received a Highly Commended star!









WINNER!

were highly commended for their efforts by the Seagoe coach. A week later, the girls went into their match against Edenderry determined and driven. The team's defence was super, repelling every potential goal-scoring chance from the opposing team. The girls worked hard together, passing the ball and using clever techniques to work around the other players which resulted in captain, Caitlin, scoring to win the match 1-0. This was a wellearned, fantastic result for the team, which was truly deserved after their hard work.



'TIL WE MEET AGAIN

We knew that Thursday 20 March 2020 would be the last day we were altogether as a school for a long time so staff were determined to make it as enjoyable, happy and relaxed a day as possible for all the pupils who were present. To mark the occasion and to give our pupils a good send off, we gathered them altogether in the Junior playground — ensuring social distancing — just before 3pm with their coats on, bags on their backs, out in the Spring sunshine, for a 'til we meet again' sing song. The children sang 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and 'Pack Your Troubles' - both of which all of them knew from their P4 World War 2 topic—and finally, 'One More Step Along the Road' which we sing in assemblies and would have been singing with the P7s at their Leavers' Assembly in June. You can check out the videos on the website and we even got a mention in a few local papers! We want to let all our pupils know how much we miss them and are looking forward to the time when we will all be together again.



P6M—KEEPING IT FAIR!

The pupils of P6 McLeod performed their Special Fairtrade Assembly for family, friends and KS2 children on Friday 6 March. They educated their audience about what Fairtrade means, where Fairtrade goods can be bought and how buying these products can help change the lives of many adults and children living in third world countries around the world. The pupils put on an inspiring performance for all in the audience. You CAN make a difference by looking for the **Fairtrade** logo every time you do your shop.

KEY WORKERS

To all our parents who are Key Workers, we want to express our heart-felt appreciation for the job you are doing to care for the sick and to keep the country going in this unprecedented time of crisis.

Hart Memorial Primary School will continue to support our Key Workers by looking after their children when they have no other childcare options available (see website: Parents—Letters for registration criteria and instructions). We are doing our number bit to allow YOU to do your huge bit.