



Summer Newsletter 2020

Christ the Saviour N.S.

Ballingarry

(Part 2)

News from 5th Class

Photography Project

The pupils in 5th class were given a photography project to complete for Art during May. They had to try and document their life in quarantine using pictures. There was a great response and the pupils even thought of names for their photos. The pupils then had to post their work in SeeSaw instead of using an Art Gallery or display board. Here are some lovely examples from Lydia, Michael, Abi, Sarah Jane and Adam.





Confirmation

On Wednesday May 20th the pupils in 5th and 6th class were due to celebrate their Confirmation Day. It was a huge disappointment to the children and their families that celebrations had to be postponed due to Covid 19 restrictions. In order to make the day special the children were given the day off school work and were encouraged to mark the occasion in some way with their families. Fr Lane very kindly mentioned all the pupils by name during a special online celebration of mass. We know how much work and effort had gone towards Confirmation preparation both at home and at school. We hope the boys and girls enjoyed their day and we look forward to the rescheduled Confirmation.



One Million Solo Challenge

MKL Gaels is the ladies gaelic football club that Ms Tangney plays for in Mid Kerry. She was on the first ever team that was formed all they way back in 1999 and is still playing football and having fun. They wanted to do something together as a club, involving the sport they love that could build awareness of Childline's services and also help them to raise much needed funds. Childline is a charity that helps children all over Ireland. On Sunday 31st May 2020 they tried to complete 1 million solos in one day. The 5th class pupils in Christ the Saviour N.S got a special P.E challenge to help the club reach this huge target. It occurred over the June bank holiday and the weather was perfect to get outside and play football. 5th class were a great help and contributed over 3,000 solos which was a fantastic effort. As you can see from the image below the club achieved over 1 million solos and most importantly raised over €7,000 for a worthy cause. Thank you to all the pupils who helped make this possible.



MKL GAELS

Ladies Gaelic Football Team

#1MillionSolos

Sun 31st May

ISPC Childline

Total Solos:

Children need Childline

1,177,875

Total Raised so far:

ISPC
Childline

€7,281

[Justgiving.com/1millionsolos](https://www.justgiving.com/1millionsolos)

Virtual School Tour

Here are examples of art from 5th Class after completing their virtual tour to Dublin Zoo.

Louise has painted a lovely silhouette of an elephant at sunset and Aaron drew an amazing pencil sketch of an elephant.



News from 6th Class

Working hard on SeeSaw

6th class have done some tremendous work this term on SeeSaw. Well done for all the hard work rang a sé. They completed work on maths through powerpoints and often made up their own questions at the end of a topic. They took part in lots of different STEM activities. They did creative writing most Thursdays and wowed Ms O'Sullivan with their brilliant stories, poems and article reviews. They did lots of fun creative tasks both on their devices and outside. Check out some of the garden art they did here as well as samples of lots of their different completed tasks here.

Garden Art

Megan



Michaela

Grace Fitzgerald



Lanna

Lelia

STEM and Other Activities



Sorcha's house of cards



Grace Gaffney's boat



Patrick's boat



Molly's Bug Hotel

Bia 25/3/20

Is é collóga
 an hríofeasta 35 Gearr-
 loom.
 De gnáth oide collóga
 agus slán baime-
 fíocháin má collóga.
 Is bia leon collóga,
 tséin, fíocháin, putóg dhubh
 agus burgar. Ní mhaíth
 leon tráta arísallta,
 uibh thrúise, uibh fhríocháin
 mearra agus abhacáid

Cáid a shearín tá do
hríofeasta?
 Cad a shearín tá do
 leon?
 Cad a slán tá do
hríofeasta?

Billy's Gaeilge work on Bia





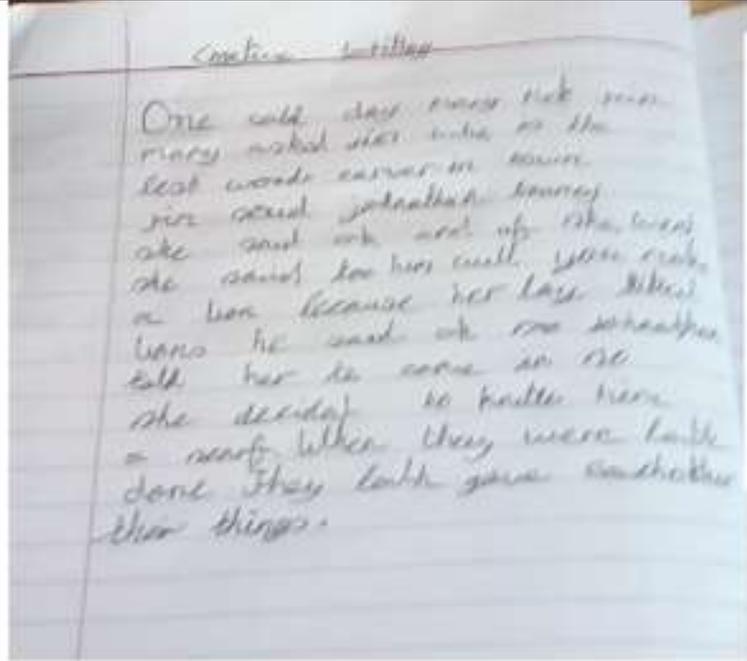
Ben's car drawing project.



Ryan Alymer's bridge



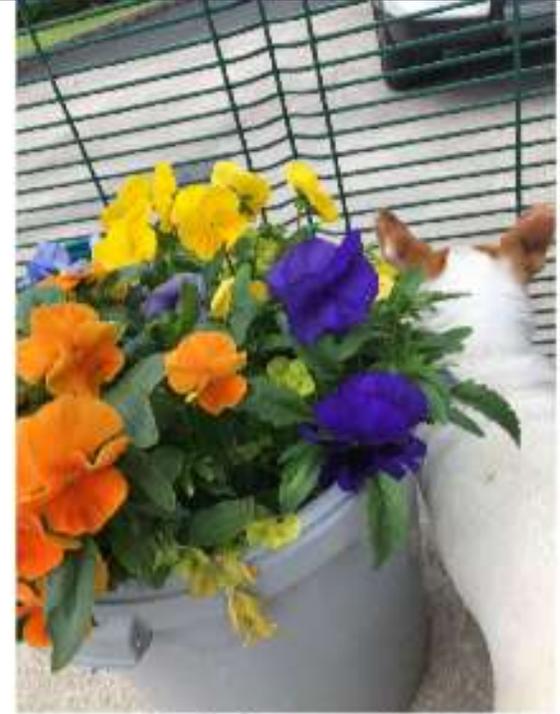
Aoife's nature drawing.



David's creative writing



Cathal's American Football project



Sarah's flower hunt.

6th Class Graduation

The 6th class graduation took place on Wednesday 24th of June on Zoom. Fr. Daniel Lane celebrated a special graduation mass for us. This was followed by videos of the pupils and a special message from all the staff to our departing pupils. Although it was very different from all of the graduations that had come before it, we hope that it was a very special day for the children and their families.

Next Step Forward Workshop

Lots of the boys and girls joined in on a Zoom workshop with Dorothy Scarry from Next Step Forward. They learned some different things about secondary school and about how to prepare for entering their new schools in September. They were very interactive and asked lots of questions. Well done on all your participation 6th Class.



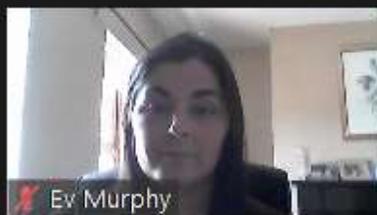


6th Class Virtual Graduation Day

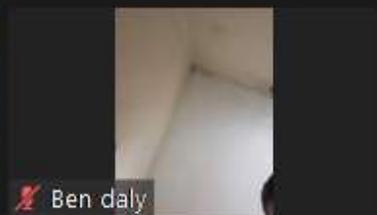
Our wonderful 6th class pupils all graduated on Wednesday 24th June virtually. They were joined by staff, family members and Fr. Lane. It was a very special occasion for all and an honour to share the celebration together. All children had a part to play in the ceremony and we watched some special 'Down Memory Lane' videos.



Orla O'Sullivan



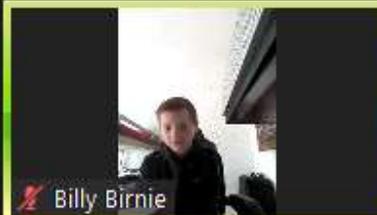
Ev Murphy



Ben daly



Amy Foley



Billy Birnie



Sorcha O'Sullivan



danfl



Mary Hanley



Cathal



Emma Condron



Martin Scannell



David



Kyllian O keeffe



Grace Gaffney



Patrick



grace f



Deirdre Shelton



Emily



Rory Alymer



kellyb



iPad (2)



Aoife



iPhone



Lelia & Michaela



Kate

Virtual Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd June

Thank you to Seán O'Connor, Ciara Murphy and Graeme Mulcahy for their challenges and good wishes videos.



Well done
Megan
and
Donagh!!













A mighty display from Juliet, well done!



Well done to the Doody family giving Sports day a great effort!



Plenty of competition
and fun at Murphy's
for Sports day too!





Well done Condron family!!

Virtual School Tour

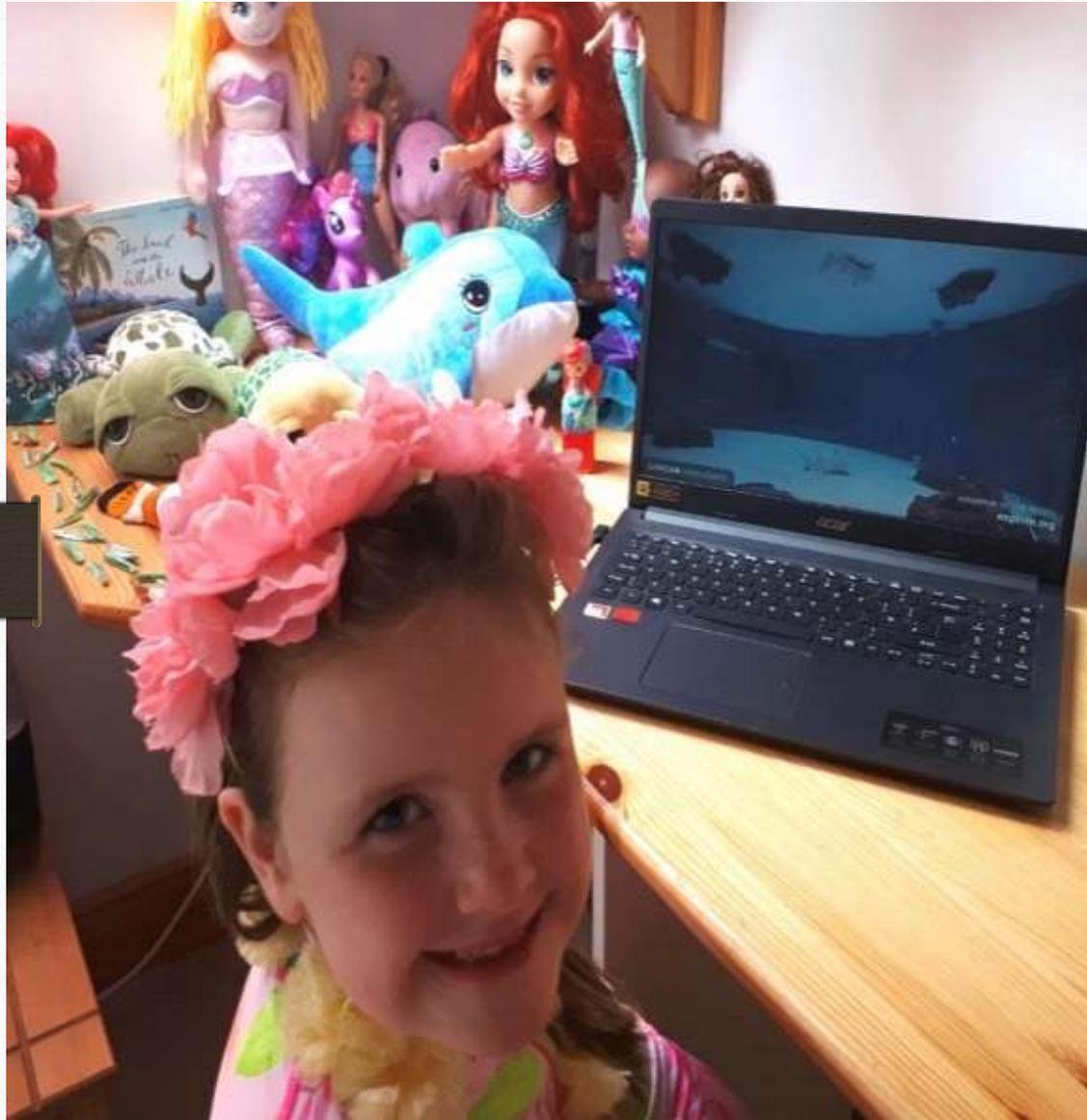
Our virtual school tour took place on Friday 19th June. Our teachers had researched and collaborated to prepare 4 virtual school tour guides for the different class groupings:

- Junior/Senior Infants went to Aquarium of the Pacific
- 1st/2nd class had lots of fun exploring Dublin Zoo
- 3rd/4th class went to Orlando, Florida to visit Universal Studios
- 5th/6th class visited Dublin Zoo and Áras an Uachtaráin

These 4 school tour guides are available on our school website www.ballingarryns.com if you wish to do a different one at any stage over the summer.

Boys and girls uploaded videos and photos to SeeSaw of the different activities and parts of the tour they enjoyed the most!

Here are a selection of photos from the day!





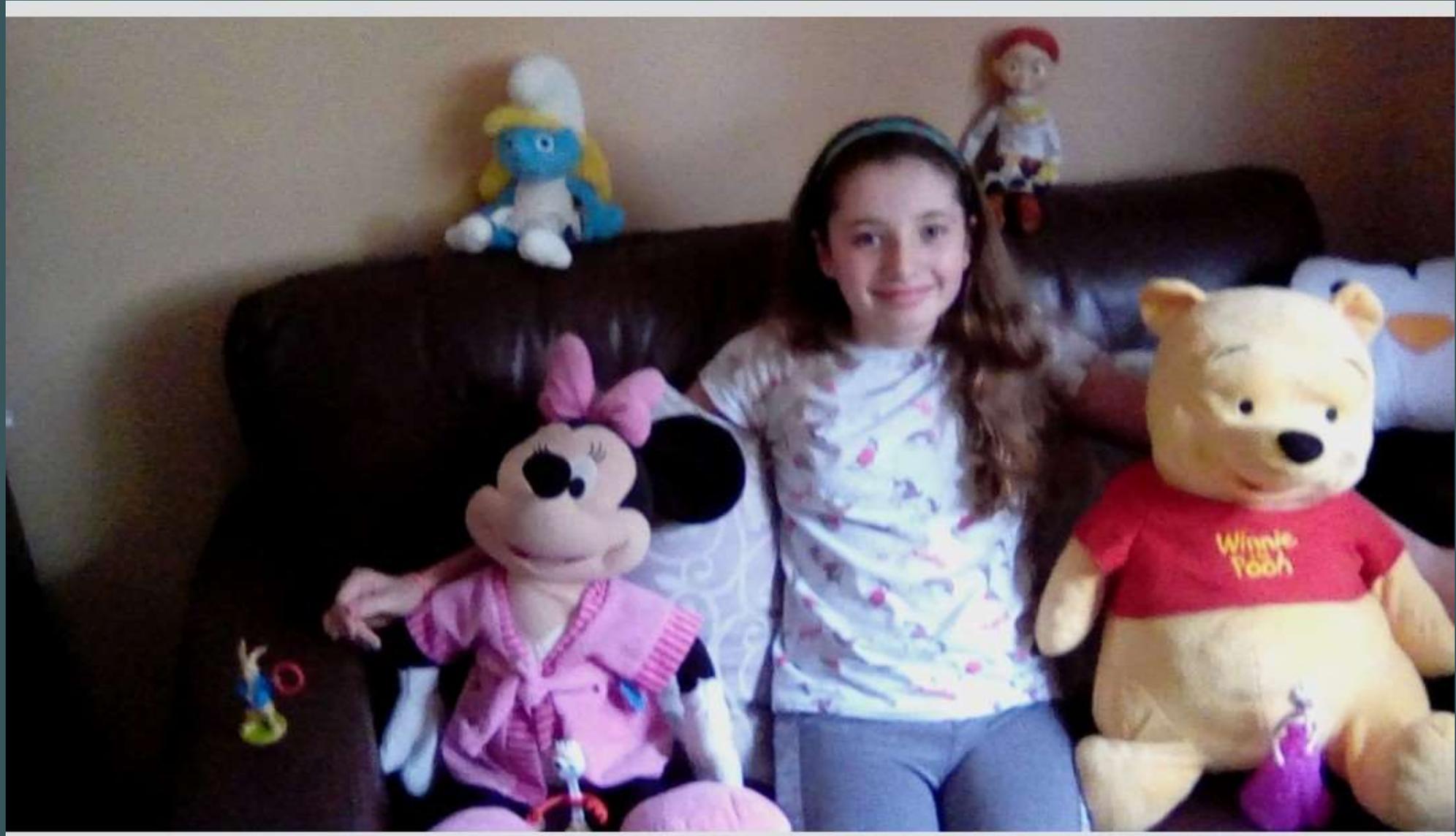
The Davis brothers
riding the
rollercoaster in
Orlando on their
virtual school tour!

Is it a bird????

Is it a plane?????

No, it's Captain America
a.k.a. Nigel!!





News from our Parent's Council

Little did we know when we submitted to the Easter Newsletter that we would all still be out of school until September. On behalf of the Parents' Council I hope everyone is keeping safe and well during these trying times. At least the weather has been kind and even unseasonably hot these past few days.

We succeeded in getting a bouquet of flowers delivered to Ms Cleary and her family on behalf of all the parents in the school at the end of April. We also donated €500 to Temple Street Children's Hospital on behalf of all the parents in Mark's honour. Prior to Lockdown our fundraising efforts for 2019/2020 had raised €3,300 approximately so thank you everyone for supporting us so well over the past school year.

I will be contributing to the Welcome Pack for new Juniors explaining the role the Parents' Council plays in the school as obviously we will not be having our usual Introduction day for the incoming Juniors.

Again I speak on behalf of us all, if I may, that we are all mindful of what our children missed out on this year – First Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, School Tours, Sports Day and the final days in Primary School for all our 6th Class pupils.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Staff in our school for their commitment to our children's' education during Lockdown. It was reassuring to know that all our teachers were contactable and giving feedback on the children's' work throughout the Home School period.

Finally, I wish you all a lovely, safe, and happy Summer and please God we will have some semblance of normality by September.

Aisling Relihan, PRO on behalf of the Parents' Council.



Let's be nosey....

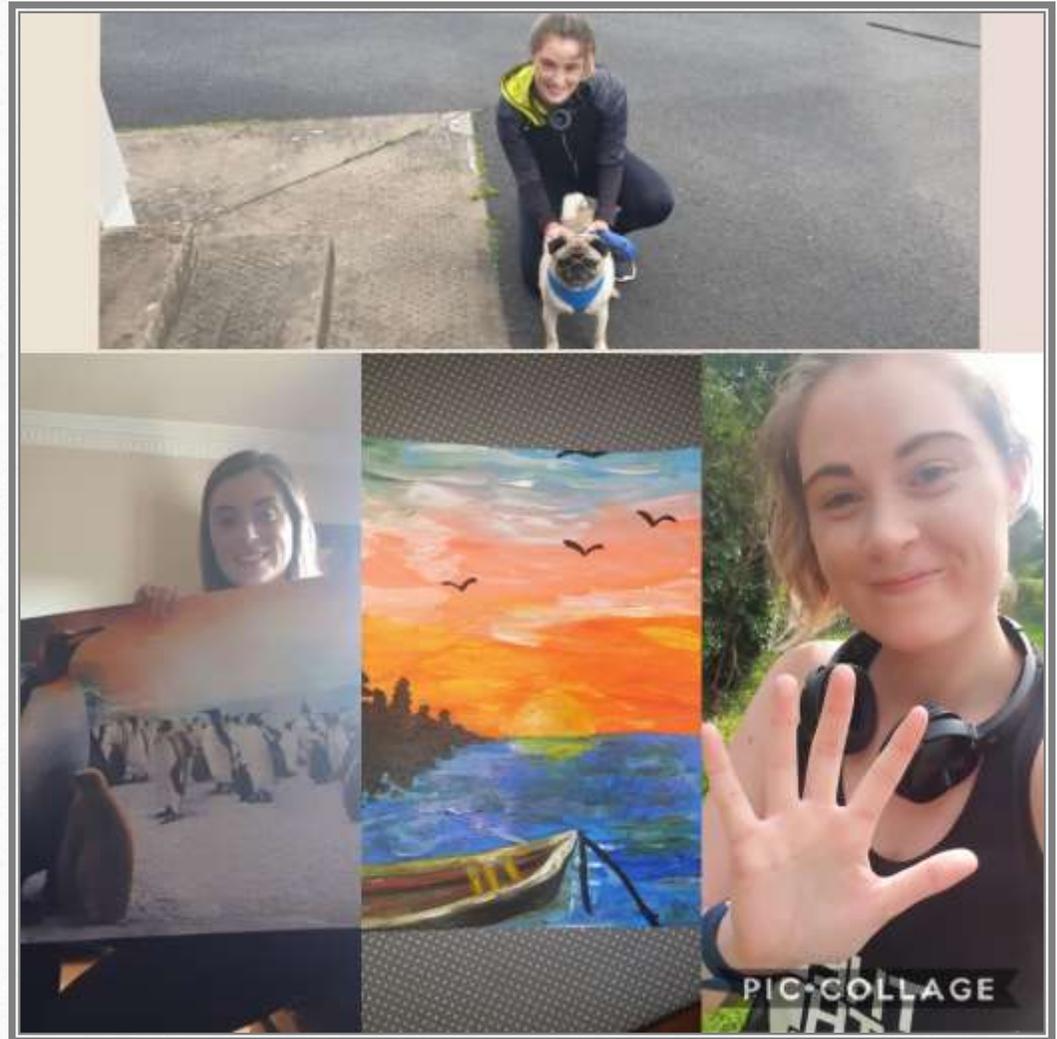
What have the school staff been up to in their free time, let's have a look...

Ms. O'Sullivan did lots
of cooking and baking
including some
homemade ravioli.

Yum!!



Ms Shelton has taken up running, she is back painting and of course walking the lovely George everyday!





Ms Foley has been walking a lot in Knockfierna and she captured this beautiful image. Ms Foley likes to take photos on her adventures of all the beautiful scenery in Limerick.



Ms Devine also visited Knockfierna for the very first time. She had so much fun, as you can see and she promises to visit many times again.



Mrs Murphy did 'TheMay50K' with her family to raise money for MS research around the world. Together they walked 1,000km and raised €6,000.



Mr Scannell
visited the beach
with his beautiful
daughter.





Mr Flynn has been working on his garden



Kate has learned how to sew, she has been busy making very pretty face masks for her family.



Ms Hanley and Maeve
have been visiting
some donkeys on their
walks together.

Ms Wright has been enjoying all the beautiful scenery on her walks. Here are some of her lovely photos.





Billy has enjoyed having Ms Tangney at home more during the school closure. They enjoy walks everyday and Billy really loves his visits to the beach.



Marian has been doing online courses and also some gardening. She built a fairy garden and started to grow some herbs too.

Fr Lane's Retirement

The pupils, staff and Board of Management would like to say a big thank you to Fr Lane for his major contribution to school life in Christ the Saviour National School over the past 15 years. Fr Lane has always been such a support to the school staff and the pupils helping to prepare them for the sacraments and making their First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmations such special occasions. Whenever called upon, he was present to celebrate Grandparents Days, school masses and prayer services and support the boys and girls for Christmas Concerts and Carol Services. His presence made these occasions all the more special. His role on our Board of Management has been immeasurable. On behalf of all the school community, we would like to wish him health and happiness in his retirement.



Donation to Temple Street Children's Hospital

A combined donation of €800 was made to Temple Street Children's Hospital recently to honour our Principal Rebecca Cleary and her husband Sean and their beautiful boy Mark. Our Parents' Council generously donated €500 and our staff and Board of Management donated €300. This donation will be used in the intensive care unit of Temple Street.



4 June 2020

Ms Mary Hanley
Acting Principal
Christ the Saviour National School
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Your Supporter ID: 0358649
810908/0007

Dear Mary,

On behalf of Temple Street Children's Hospital thank you so much to the staff, Parents' Council and Board of Management for your generous donation of €800.00 in memory of Rebecca's son Mark Cleary.

Thank you for remembering Mark in such a beautiful and moving way. And thank you for helping sick children in his name. I think it's because these kinds of gifts acknowledge loss but they are also so full of hope and positivity. Marking the end of someone's life by coming to the aid of a sick child at the beginning of his or her life's journey is such a lovely and important act.

So, a huge thank you for making such an inspiring gesture.

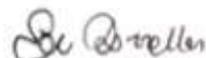
The donation you've made in Mark's name will be put to work straight away here in the hospital. There are always pressing needs to replace life-preserving equipment or to buy much-needed, new medical technology in our Intensive Care Unit.

Indeed, right now, today – this minute – children and families continue to need our help. That's why I'm so grateful that people like you are there for them. That you remember the person you've lost. And you remember Ireland's sickest children.

So, this letter is but a small act of thanks in return for your great act of kindness...and an inspiring act of remembrance.

Thank you so much.

Ger



Ger Donnellan
Communities & Fundraising Coordinator
Temple Street Foundation
Part of the Children's Health Foundation Family

Message from Ms Hanley

Since the school closure on March 12th, this has been a challenging time for all families and we wish to acknowledge the huge work of our parents who have juggled home schooling while also dealing with their own work commitments. I'm sure all families are looking forward to a break from SeeSaw and the books over the summer holidays! All staff have been very impressed with the quality of work that pupils have produced on the online platform SeeSaw and through Aladdin also. It has been like a school year like no other! We would all have loved to say goodbye in person to all our pupils.

The Department of Education will be issuing guidelines shortly on the arrangements for the next school year to ensure the safe return to school for pupils and staff. I will be in contact before our return to school with information on these guidelines.

On behalf of all the staff and Board of Management, we hope that all pupils have a great summer with lots of rest, sunshine, fun and laughter!

