

SAPLINGS NEWS!

Spring Term Newsletter



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Easter is here!

We have come to the end of our 2nd Term of the school year and there finally seems to be a change in the weather, the days are getting longer and more importantly the Easter eggs are nearly ready to be eaten! We have had a great term here at Saplings—here are some of the highlights!

School Trips

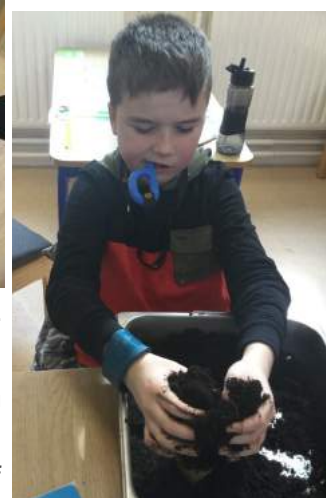
Take a look at some pictures from the various class trips our children went on. They all had a great time! The children thoroughly enjoyed their experiences—from bowling and soft play to pet farms and a cinema trip!



Class Activities

All classes have been working extremely hard during this Spring Term and have made some fantastic progress. Here a just of few pictures and summaries of what has been happening in each class.

Classroom 1



As you can see for the pictures above, Classroom 1 have been extremely busy this Term and have covered lots of learning tasks from the primary curriculum from Music and Science to Maths and Reading. We worked on lots of art projects for Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and of course, Easter!

Classroom 2

This term has been very busy in Classroom 2. The children have had lots of preparation to do for Valentines, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. The children made a beautiful Spring and Easter display. They learned to identify the primary colours in Art and experimented with mixing them to create new colours and tone. The children also engaged with lessons about the Season of Spring and the changes it brings in the world around us. They enjoyed lots of baking this month and made some lovely Valentines and St Patrick's day cupcakes and cookies. The children are going on their school tour this week and we look forward to some Easter Treats toward the end of the week. We have had a busy and fun term in Classroom 2.



Classroom 3

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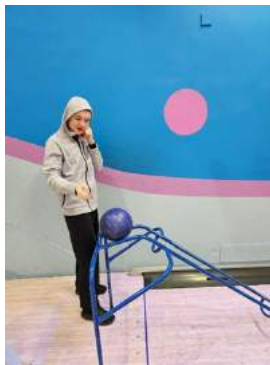
Spring is finally here, and the weather is starting to change. We have been busy talking about new life in Spring and looking for different signs of new life on our daily walks. We have been very busy preparing for St. Patrick Day, Mother's Day, and Easter. All children took part in singing 'Ireland's Call' song and we talked about what a parade may look like. We made St. Patrick's Day decorations, Mother's Day cards and Spring animals for our display.

All children took part in playing Easter bingo and Maths worksheet such as sorting Easter smallest to biggest and biggest to the smallest. Children also enjoyed playing find the bunny, for this game each child would take a turn to find the bunny by picking a number between 1-10. If the child was unsuccessful, they would need to take a card from the action egg pile and complete the action given such as touch your toes ten times, spin around or hop on one leg for 10 seconds.



Classroom 4

Classroom 4 have had lots of fun over the past few weeks and have individually made wonderful progress. We have enjoyed sensory activities, art activities and lots of learning. Classroom 4 had a wonderful time out and about on our school trip! The boys enjoyed bowling, arcade games, the cinema and they all enjoyed McDonalds when we arrived back to school. All of the staff in Saplings are so proud of all of the boys and how fantastic they all were while we were out and about.



Classroom 5



This term Classroom 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Clonfert Farm where the children dodged the rain to enjoy some lovely time in the playground and with the various animals on show. The goats were of particular interest! We have also enjoyed lots of art activities based around the themes of Mother's Day, St. Patrick's day and Easter. We all hope the children have a lovely break over the Easter and we look forward to more outside adventures in the summer term!



Summer Programme

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey I sent out about the Summer Programme. We have enough interest from families and staff to go ahead with the planning of it and I am happy to say that we hope to run the programme from the 3rd—14th July. As you know the hours are shorter for the Summer programme and therefore it will run from 9:20—13:20 daily. We are in the early stages of organising it but I hope to have everything in place for a successful programme this summer. I will be in contact with families regarding this in the coming weeks.

Career Breaks and Resignations

This term we have said goodbye to some long standing staff who have moved on to other challenges. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emma, Richelle and Wendi (Career Break) for all their hard work over the years and for all the dedication they have shown Saplings and more importantly the children during their time with us. We wish you all the best for the future and hope you will pop by when you are passing!

Swimming—Summer Term

We are hoping to bring the children swimming this term and I have booked in sessions in Gym Plus in Monread in Naas. These are due to start on the 25th April and I will be asking families for a contribution towards the cost of these sessions. The PA have kindly offered to support the sessions by covering the cost of the buses so we are hoping the overall cost will not be that high.

Communion and Confirmation

The communion and confirmation ceremonies have been booked in with Fr Willie for the 21st June in the local church. We are looking forward to supporting our families with this lovely occasion and will hope to hold a little celebration back in the school for the families involved.



Surprise Visitor

And finally I would like to thank Lucy's Aunt for supplying all the children in Saplings with lovely Easter Eggs, we had a surprise visitor who appeared to help hand them out!

I hope everyone has a lovely Easter and I am looking forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term!

Kind Regards,

Alan

