

SAPLINGS NEWS!

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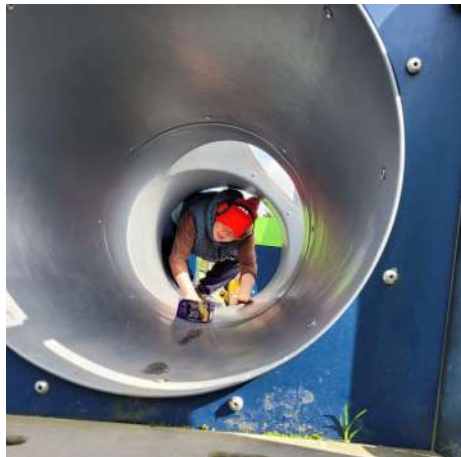
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Summer Term is here!

We have just started our final term of the academic year and the year has absolutely flown by so far. We have lots of fun events such as school trips, swimming, etc... and excellent learning to look forward to this term and I am sure the children are going to enjoy spending more time outside as the weather (hopefully) improves!

ST Patrick/Easter Pics

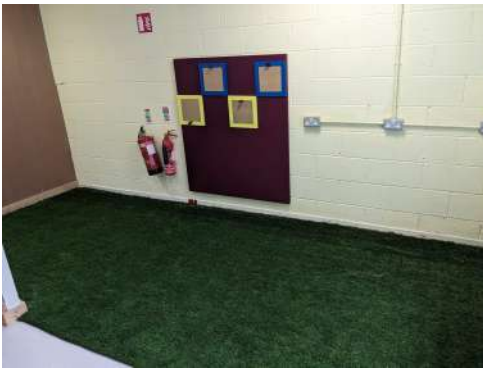
Here are some pictures from the end of last term where the children learned about St Patrick and completed some Easter related activities.





New Library Area

A huge thank you to the Parents' Association for their support in helping us develop our new library area. We had the works completed during the Easter Break so the area would be ready for the children on their return to school. They have already been enjoying the new library and we currently waiting on a delivery of new books.



Swimming

We are hoping to start our trips to the swimming pool on Wednesday 24th April. A letter has gone home about this. Please sign and return at your earliest convenience. We would ask parents to ensure that their child comes to school on Wednesday 24th with an extra bag containing their swimming gear (hats, goggles, swimsuits and towel). If your child is unable to take part in the swimming sessions a staff member will stay with them at school.



Music Therapy Sessions

On Thursday we had our music therapy sessions which the children really enjoyed. Thank you to Michelle Monahan for putting us forward for funding for these sessions and Ciara Dunne for help us source a therapist. We will explore options of how we can budget some more sessions before the end of the year. As you can see from the photos below the children were very engaged with the session.



Fundraising

We have some fundraising events taking place during this term.

The local Lions Club have very kindly nominated us as their charity of choice for the annual Golf Classic that is taking place at Naas Golf Club on Friday 26th April. The proceeds of this event will be used to support various projects we have planned for the school in the upcoming year.

The L.C.M.C are having their 15th annual charity motorbike run in support of Saplings on Sunday 9th June. This will start from Toughers Garage, Naas at 10:30am. If you are available, please come along and bring your child to see some beautiful bikes before they start their run.

Thank you to parents who put themselves forward to support the NCC event this year. The NCC committee have already started planning for the event which is due to take place on Sunday, 18th August. Volunteers will also be required to support with the event on the day. Please contact Eleanor or Laura if you are available to help with this very important fundraiser for our school.

Summer Programme

We have received confirmation from the department that the school based summer programme will be funded again this year. Thank you to everyone who has responded to the email regarding the programme. I have spoken with staff and believe I will have enough school staff to undertake the programme again this year. It will run from **Monday, 1st July** until **Friday 12th July**. There are still some details to be sorted out such as buses, escorts, etc... I will be in contact with any families who may be effected by any change.