

St. Michael's Church of Ireland National School C072

S.T.E.M
Section.1. – Science
2016 /2017

STRAND	EXPERIMENT	CLASS
Living Things	Myself – Fingerprints & Dominant Eye	3 rd & 4 th Class
	Growing Beans	3 rd & 4 th Class
Energy & Forces	Build A Volcano	6 th Class Boys
	Dancing Raisins	5 th Class Boys
	Making Circuits	Senior Room
Materials	Growing Crystals	5 th & 6 th Class
	Bounciest Balls	2 nd & 3 rd Class
Environmental Awareness & Care	Spring	Junior Room
	Our Class Goldfish	3 rd & 4 th Class
	Make A Bird Feeder	2 nd Class
	Anti-Litter Campaign	6 th Class Girls
Visit	Blackrock Castle – Mysteries of Mars Tour	3 rd & 4 th Class
Event	Space Week: 03 – 09 October	School
Event	Science Week: 13 -20 November	School
Show & Tell	Showcase with Junior Room	5 th & 6 th Class Boys

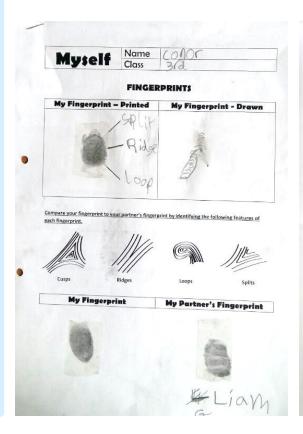
The Senior Room (3rd & 4th Class) learnt all about Fingerprints & Dominant Eye.

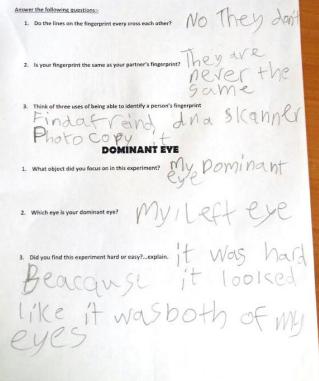
- * First we took a fingerprint of our thumb and tried to draw it.
- * We looked at our thumbprint with a magnifying glass and identified splits, loops, ridges and cusps on the print.
- * We compared our fingerprints with our friends and saw how each person's fingerprint in the class is different.
- * We discussed how fingerprints could be useful in everyday life.

We then conducted the dominant eye experiment by holding our hands in a triangle and focussing on an object and then closing one eye at a time. The eye where you could still see the whole object in the triangle is the dominant eye.

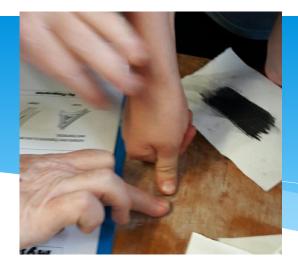
Living Things Myself

Fingerprint & Dominant Eye Experiment







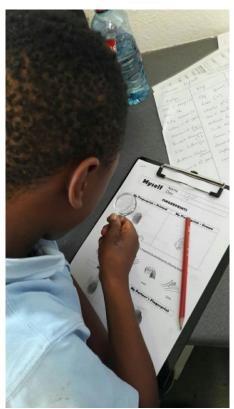
















Living Things Growing Beans



3rd & 4th class planted beans to watch them grow from a seed into a plant. We watched a video on the lifecycle of the bean and also a time lapse video on beans growing – it was very interesting.

We completed some worksheets all about beans and then planted our own bean to watch it grow and develop. We then noted down our observations every few days so that we could see the progress of the bean.

We then took them home and planted it in our gardens.





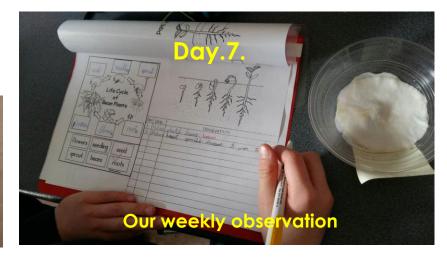
















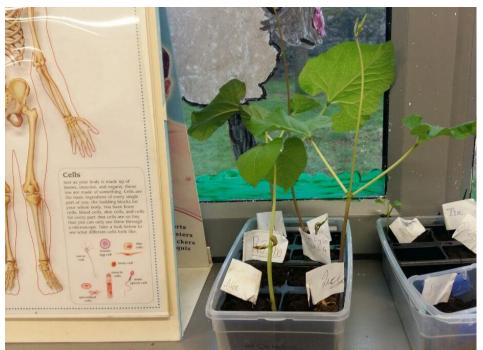


Day.18. Suan's bean is the first to show!

Day.10. and our beans have sprouted and we planted them in soil.

Day.25. Some of our beans are ready to go home to be planted and hopefully there will be loads of beans for dinner!





Show and Tell Experiments

The 6th Class boys conducted the volcano experiment with the Junior Room. The 6th class also completed worksheets on volcanoes





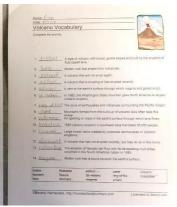


Energy & Forces Build A Volcano











Show and Tell Experiments

The 6th Class boys conducted the dancing raisins experiment with the Junior Room. They explained to the juniors why each water reacts differently on the raisins. The juniors had a great time enjoying the raisins as an 'after experiment snack'!



Energy & Forces Dancing Raisins



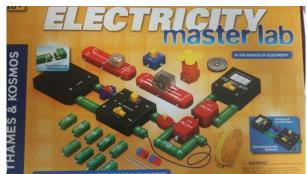
Each class worked with our Electricity Master Lab and built different types of circuits incorporating transformers, coils, relays. We experimented with electric currents and forces using metal shavings, speakers and lights.

Energy & Forces Making a Circuit











The Senior Room (4th, 5th & 6th Class) conducted the experiment – Growing Crystals. The group prepared the experiment and observed it over a period of 21 days.

The experiment was not successful and the crystals did not grow as intended. The group concluded that the reason it was a failed experiment could have been:-

- * The solution was not strong enough.
- * The kitchen area where the experiments were kept in a dark cupboard may have been too warm and or/too moist (steam from the kettle and washing up)
- We should have used string instead of wool

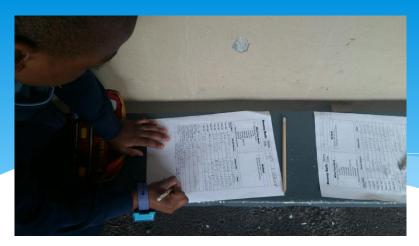




Materials Growing Crystals

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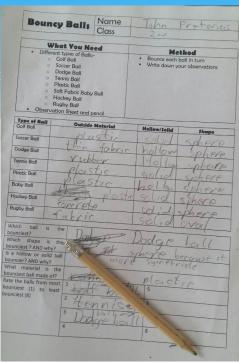
All the containers including the control was a sludgy mess with some presenting with mould.



Materials Bounciest Ball







2nd & 3rd Class had great fun with the bounciest ball experiment where they compared different types of materials balls are made up of to see which was the bounciest.

Environmental Awareness and Care Spring



1st and 2nd Class from the Junior Room have been learning all about spring.

We planted some new plants in the school garden in January and watched the grow. We carefully watered and weeded them and in the spring we had some lovely flowers. We also did some Spring related exercises in our workbooks and teacher gave us some crosswords and word searches to do.









Planting and propagating vegetable and herb seeds for our vegetable garden that we are going to plant.









1st and 2nd Class from the Junior Room and 3rd class from the Senior Room had an interesting morning with 'Naturally Wild'.

We learnt all about different bugs and trees and how we should look after nature as nature looks after us!



We then had fun exploring the playground and enjoying the sunshine.



Environmental Awareness and Care Goldfish

The Senior Room have two special pets that they look after – Sandy and Maple. Sandy & Maple came to live in the classroom in September 2016 and are two healthy and happy goldfish.

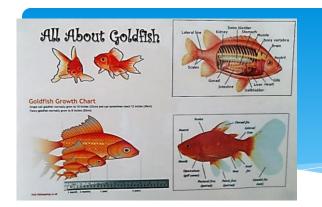
There is a feeding roster for the goldfish and each student takes a turn to make sure that the fish are fed each morning.

A tank cleaning schedule gives each student a chance to ensure that their living environment is clean. Each day a student takes out a jug of water and replaces it with a clean jug of water to ensure that the goldfish have clean, oxygenated water each day.

The tank is cleaned either once every 4 weeks.













Following the cleaning and feeding schedule.



The Junior Room made friends for Sandy and Maple in their art class.





Environmental Awareness and Care Show and Tell Experiments Bird Feeder

The 5th Class boys made bird feeders with 1st & 2nd Class. They prepared all the materials and then facilitated the session.

- Peat pots threaded with a string and stopper
- Peanut Butter
- * Bird seed
- Plastic gloves
- * Spoons
- * Bags to take their creations home









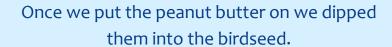
Felix from 5th Class explaining the process to 1st & 2nd on how to make the bird feeders and leading a class discussion on why it is good to put out bird feeders in the winter.



Putting on the peanut butter was messy and fun!









The 6th Class girls conducted a **behavioural trial** as part of the START Competition 2017. They tackled 'litter' as their subject

Environmental Awareness and Care Litter & The Environment





Please see their PowerPoint presentation and survey results they submitted for the competition under the 'Technology' section of this presentation and results of their survey under the 'Maths' section.



Outing Blackrock Castle Observatory Mars Well

3rd & 4th went on a trip to the Blackrock Castle where we spent morning doing various S.T.E.M. activities as part of the 'Mars Mysteries' workshop. We explored the night sky in the 'Star Dome' and saved the Earth from Meteors in the Mission Control room and then did various activities the workshop including:-

- measuring Creating and craters
- The surface of Mars
- The Mars Rover

We explored Mars through infra-red Google Earth and satellite images. Lots of fun learning!

















Designing our Solar System



Space Themed Short Stories



03 – 09 October 2016 Space Week



Solar System Scavenger Hunt





Learning about our Sun



It's all in the research!





Exploring the I.S.S.



Some of our projects







During Science Week, we did various activities around the school:

- * 5th & 6th Class Boys presented their Showcase with the Junior Room (See Step.5. – Show & Tell)
- * We conducted (or started) various experiments such as:-
- Fingerprints, Dominant Eye and Blindspot (3rd Class)
- Growing Crystals (4th, 5th & 6TH Class)
- Make A Bird Feeder (5th, 1st & 2nd Class)
- Make A Volcano (6th & Junior Room)
- Dancing Raisings (6th & Junior Room)
- Building Robots (Engineering)
- Bounciest Balls (2nd Class)
- We pretended to be geologists & archaeologists and mined 'fools gold', skeletons & geodes

All these experiments are in our presentation!

We also decided to start showing more awareness of our immediate environment and started an Anti-Litter Campaign in the school yard (6th Class)

13 – 20 November 2016 Science Week



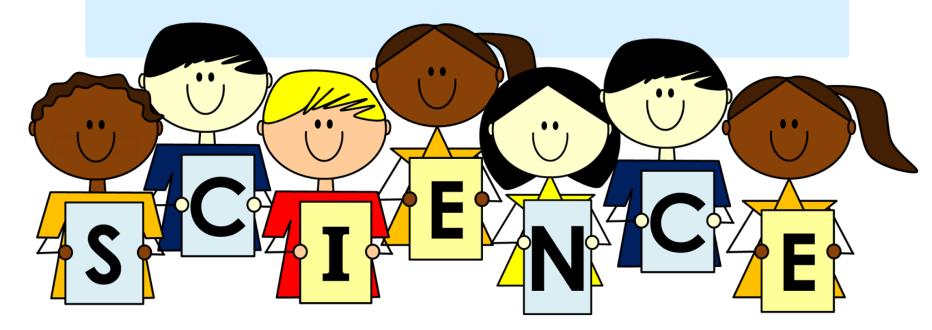




Science Week Junior Room Showcase

During Science Week, the 5th & 6th Class boys presented a showcase to the Junior Room and did various experiments with them.

Please see Step.5. – Show & Tell for more details





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S.T.E.M

Section.2. – Technology

2016 /2017

ACTIVITY	CLASS
Minecraft	Senior Room
Blog & Social Media	Senior Room
Manga High	Senior Room
Storybird	Senior Room
Scratch	Junior & Senior Room
Graphs	6 th Class Girls
Investigating the Raspberry Pi	Senior Room
Using the Office Equipment	Junior Room

St Michael's uses IT extensively during the day. Pupils all have access to a computer and we have 15 desktop sets, 5 laptops and 2 tablets to a class. (23 pupils in the senior room and 33 in the junior room). A number of programmes are used to enhance learning and practice skills. We have shown a variety of programmes in this presentation but have not shown the new projects we are starting including kidsblog.com and flipsnack. The junior room also have educational games software which enhances skills practice



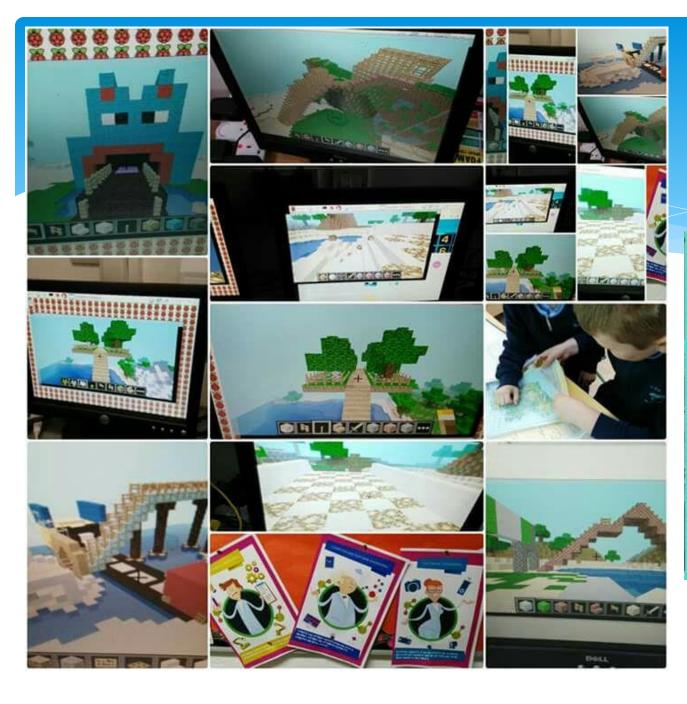
Bridge Building Minecraft Bridge Building Competition





The Senior Room was challenged to design a bridge on Minecraft. The winning engineer must have a bridge that:-

- 1. Stable
- 2. Can bear weight
- 3. Thoughtful design
- 4. Aesthetically pleasing.



The winner of the competition did a fantastic job designing a bridge with character, strength and design.



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Our School Tour to U.C.C. March 24, 2017 | Tra Kelly (4th Class)



workshop at the Glucksman Gallery in UCC. There was alot for us to see and do. In the art gallery there was a HUGE painting made entirely out of NUTELLAI. Then we went into this huge transport lift to the art room where

Read More

Elf @ Ashton



We went to Ashton on the 18th January to see Elf. We didn't have a bus so we had a brisk walk all that way to Ashton. It was worth it thought The Ashton students put on a really big show. Some old St.Micheal's students were in the play ke Aldan, Scott and Abl. We had...

Space Week

March 15, 2017 | Liam Gartland (3rd Class)

For space week 4th class, myself and a friend

Our blog is all about our life at St. Michael's with news and Interesting stories written by the pupils and staff.

> Senior Room (10) Junior Room (1)

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Recent Posts



Our School Tour to

March 24, 2017



Elf @ Ashton







Book Review - Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children



March 8, 2017



World Book Day - 2nd March 2017 March 3, 2017



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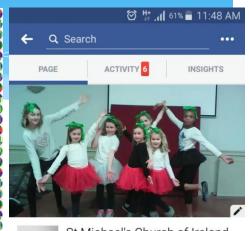


Book Review - Tell Me. No Lies

The pupils write a monthly blog on our school website and compiles collages with photogrid for our school facebook page.

Blog - Website Social Media – Facebook









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Manga High

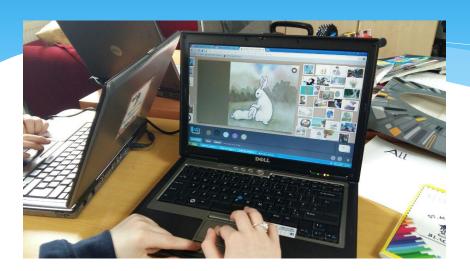






The Senior Room use www.storybird.com to practice their creative writing. Each pupil has their own profile and can use the pictures and templates to make their own storybooks.

Storybird









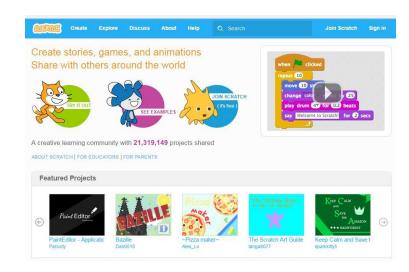
Scratch teaches children how to code and make short animated films and sketches. All pupils in the senior room have their own Scratch accounts. Not only does it test their maths skills but also logic and creativity.

Scratch





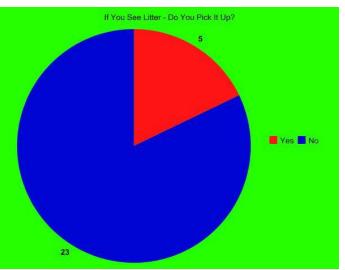


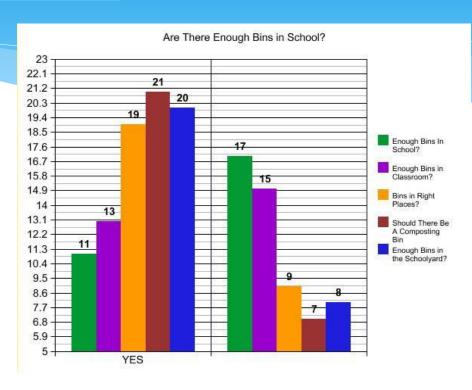


The 6th Class Girls took part in the S.T.A.R.T Competition and used Create-A-Graph to make graphs showing their compiled data.

Graphs









Investigating how a Raspberry PI works









Office Equipment

All pupils have been taught to use the copier and love doing that job for the teachers!









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Section.3. – Engineering

2016 /2017

ACTIVITY	CLASS	
Minecraft Bridge Building Competition	Senior Room	
Civil Engineering Talk – PM Group	Senior Room	
Building Bridges	Senior Room	
Launch Challenges	Senior Room	
Blackrock Engineering Walk	3 rd & 4 th Class	
Building Robots	3 rd & 5 th Class	
Making Circuits	Senior Room	
Investigating the Raspberry PI	Senior Room	
Event – Engineering Week: 04 – 10 March	Senior Room	

Bridge Building Minecraft Bridge Building Competition

The Senior Room was challenged to design a bridge on Minecraft. The winning engineer must have a bridge that is stable, can bear weight, have a thoughtful design and is aesthetically pleasing.









3rd & 4th class researched all about bridges and we had a guest speaker from Project Management (PM) come and explain what a Civil Engineer is.



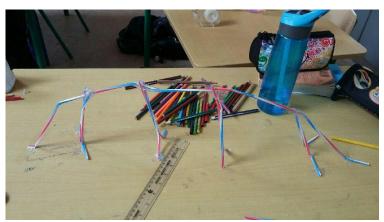
Heike Dornig from PM Group came and talked to our Senior Room about Civil Engineering and building bridges.

After the talk we had a chance to build some of our own bridges!

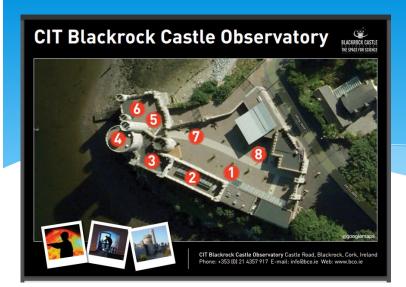


Civil Engineering Bridges



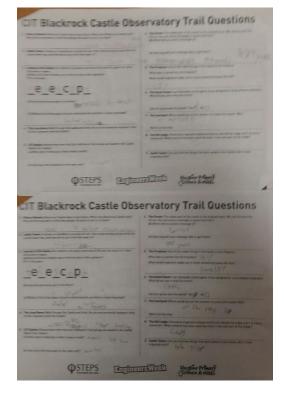






Civil Engineering Blackrock Castle Walk





3rd & 4th went on a trip to the Blackrock Castle where we spent the morning doing various S.T.E.M. activities. For engineering we took a walk around the castle and up the tower where we had to answer various questions, like a scavenger hunt.



The Junior and Senior Room did some exciting projects during Engineering Week including:-

- Egg Challenge
- * Building Robots
- Making Circuits
- * Junior Room Engineering Fun!



PATIENTS WCC

The Senior Room spent an exciting day building various robots and competing to see which robot works the best!

Mechanical Engineering Robot Building











The Senior Room had to design and make a 'vehicle' to see who could throw their egg the furthest without it breaking! The winning group threw theirs 6.8m.

Mechanical Engineering Launch Challenges

The Senior Room had to make launchers to launch their soldiers over the school roof! Loads of fun!



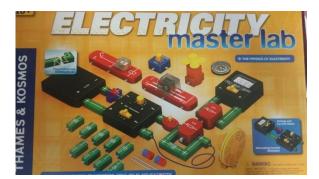
Electrical Engineering Building Circuits



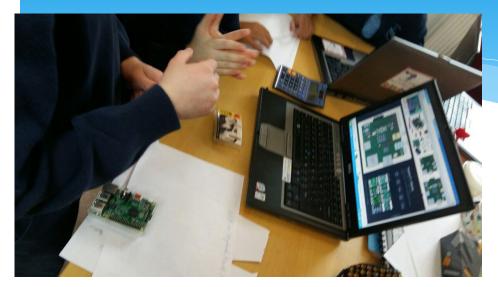














Investigating the Raspberry Pi









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S.T.E.M Section.4. – Maths 2016 /2017

ACTIVITY	CLASS	
S.T.A.R.T Competition – Tallying Results & Creating Graphs	6 th Class Girls	
Manga High	Senior Room	
Blackrock Castle – Creating and Measuring Craters	3 rd & 4 th Class	
S.T.E.M Maths – It's Everywhere	School	
Nagle Community College – Maths Competition	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Class	
1 st Class Maths Trail	1 st & 5 th Class	
Event – Maths Week: 15-23 October	School	

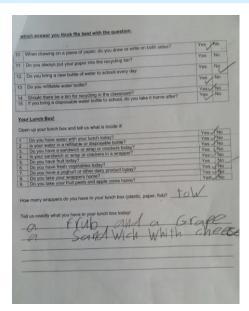
Litter Audit S.T.A.R.T Competition

As part of the START Competition, the 6th class girls (Lena, Alisha, Rebekha and Uche) did a survey on how the pupils treat litter and recycling in the school.

They then collated results as follows:-

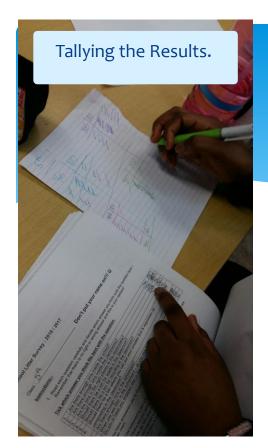
- Counted the number of surveys
- * Counted and tallied the yes and no answers
- Collated the different slogans
- * Prepared graphs of the results
- Prepared a presentation based on the results

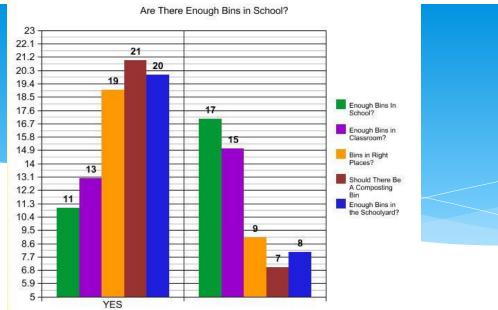
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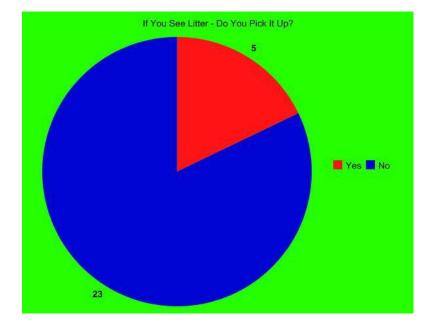












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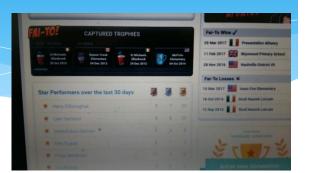
Each month we reward our Top Performers on Manga High.

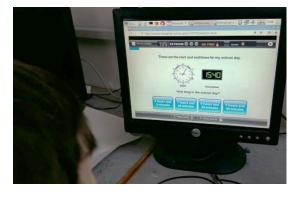




Gold Medal Winner

Educational Games Manga High





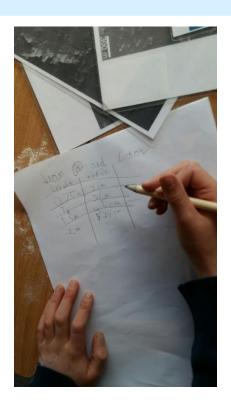


Measuring Crater Impacts Blackrock Castle

3rd & 4th went on a trip to the Blackrock Castle where we spent the morning doing various S.T.E.M. activities. During the Mars Workshop we dropped bearings of various weights into sand and had to measure the craters they made and then discussed how weight, height and speed impacts on the size and depth of the craters. We also had to measure craters on the moon, earth and Mars from satellite photos using a scale and then put them into size order.









It's fun to use Maths in all our projects!

S.T.E.M Maths It's Everywhere!!







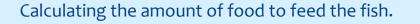


We used graphs to show where all our pupils come from in the world in Geography.



Maths in our Pop Art!





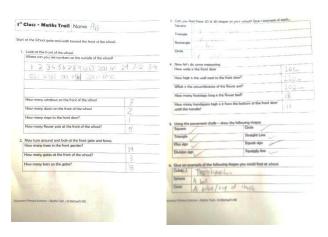
Nagle Community College 5th Class Competition 2016 Maths Competition





1st Class Maths Trail

The 5th Class boys took the 1st Class on a Maths Trail around the school where they did measuring of objects with tape measures, handspans and footsteps. They also identified various shapes around the school and had fun drawing shapes on the playground with chalk.











During Maths Week, we did lots of activities. These are some of our favourites.

Manga High Math's Week Olympiad Winners!



We did art that was based on maths! Join the dot landmarks & math problem pop art





1st Class Maths Trail



15 – 23 October 2016 Maths Week

Using brochures to learn about budgeting





Skipping whilst learning our timetables is lots of fun!

Learning to sequence using hopscotch!





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Section.5. – Show & Tell

2016 /2017

The 5th & 6th class boys did a Showcase with the Junior Room. During the day they conducted the following experiments with them.

- * Volcano Experiment
- Dancing Raisings Experiment
- * Make a Bird Feeder
- * Robots
- Scratch Computer Coding

