

# 4<sup>th</sup> Class

## October Newsletter

It has been an excellent start to the school year, despite the unprecedented situation that we find ourselves in. 4<sup>th</sup> class have settled in wonderfully well. Thank you to the parents and children in 4<sup>th</sup> class for your support and cooperation in these challenging times. Although we have new class rules this year, such as regular hand sanitising, social distancing and working with our pods, we have also had the opportunity so see our friends again and have a bit of fun. Here is what we have been upto:

### **FAI 'Show Racism the Red Card':**

4<sup>th</sup> class have been learning about racism. We have taken part in an FAI programme called 'Show racism the red card'. The children enjoyed sharing their own stories and experiences. This programme enabled the children to understand the damaging effects of racism. The children created anti-racism posters.

*'It was sad but also helpful to watch the video and for people to realise what they are doing'*  
Sasha - 4th class.



### **Maths Week:**

4th Class really relished the challenges during maths week. They solved problems and completed some cooperative challenges in their pods. Nicole and her group created toilet paper aeroplanes. They had to figure out how to make their plane travel further. They investigated the difference that shape, size and weight made in the flight of their aeroplane. They also considered aero dynamics.

They have been learning about lines and angles in maths. The children went on a line and angle hunt and spotted some lines and angles in the school building. Can you help Toby to spot some more lines and angles in this photo?



We also found different angles in yoga poses. Can you spot the angles Anna has created?



4<sup>th</sup> class have been learning their times tables. They practised them using a dice and drawing a hopscotch. They multiplied the number on the dice by the number on the square that the dice landed on. They then hopscotched to pick up the dice. We are trying to learn our tables off by heart. Below you can see Beth, Sienna, Emily, Holly and Moss taking turns and playing with their pods.





**Gaeilge:**

During Irish 4<sup>th</sup> class have been learning about the theme of ‘An Fómhar’. We took a walk around our beautiful garden and were ‘ag caint as Gaeilge’. We practised our Irish grammar and sentence structure while trying out the new bench. ‘Bhí na páistí ina shuí ar an mbinse nua’.

**Well-being:**

4<sup>th</sup> class have taken part in daily mindfulness activities. We went on a mindful walk to the beach with Ms. Swindell and we completed a collaborative mindfulness colouring activity. We have been using the Calm app to practise breathing exercises, body scans and listen to music and soundscapes. We are being kind to ourselves and others.



**Halloween art:**

We have completed lots of beautiful Halloween art. We had a 'design a pumpkin face' competition in class. Minnie's design won and was carved into the pumpkin.



I hope everyone has a well deserved break. Enjoy lots of treats (which I hope taste just as delicious as our artwork looks), Stay Safe (in the words of Leo, Sasha and Millie) and see you in November. Happy Halloween!

