

4th Class Newsletter – June 2021

4th Class have been very busy throughout the summer term. Have a look at all the fun activities that we have been up to:

Active Week

We thoroughly enjoyed active week and took part in events such as dancing (daily), the long jump, the high jump, hockey, cricket, table tennis, a skipathon and a penalty shoot out to name but a few. Sports day took place on the beach this year. We loved playing GAA with Paddy and cricket with Michael every week.



Sandcastle competition

In our pods we planned our sandcastle structures. We used our design skills and various items we found on the beach to create some spectacular structures. Have a look at some of the sand structures built:









DSPCA workshop

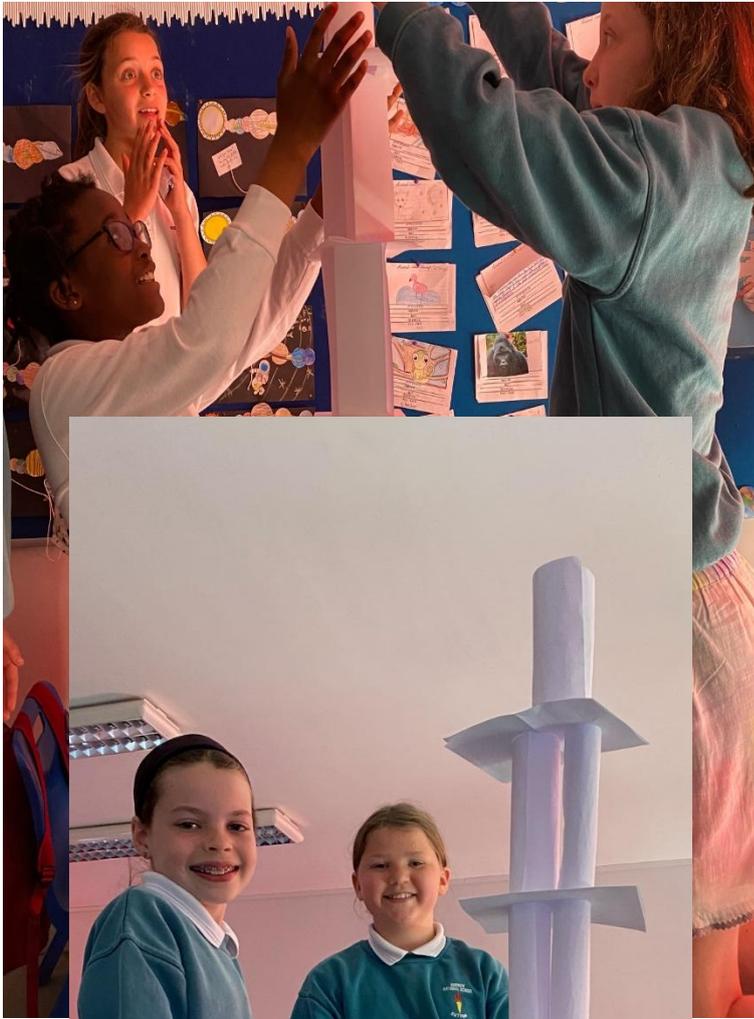
The DSPCA hosted a zoom workshop on the 28th May in which we learned about the prevention of cruelty to animals. We discovered when to help an animal in need. We also learned some amazing facts; dogs need their tails for balance, a horse needs to drink 20 litres of fresh water a day, ducklings need to stay with their mother as they develop a waterproof layer when they are young. The most unusual animal the DSPCA rescued was a 'pet raccoon'. We discussed which animals should be kept as pets and the animals that should also be kept in the wild or in the zoo. We also had the opportunity to ask questions at the end. You can see us here following the workshop with Margaret Waters:



Paper tower workshop - STEAM

We used our problem-solving skills to create the tallest paper tower. We could only use one material – Paper! The tower needed to hold a 100g bean bag. We followed the guidelines from the zoom workshop. We were encouraged to roll, fold and tear the paper. We then stacked it to build the height. We had lots of fun completing this challenging task.







Music festival – 4th Class Fiesta

Due to so many events being cancelled this year 4th class decided to hold their own music festival! We created tie dye t-shirts, wristbands, tickets and posters to bring to the festival. The music festival took place in the back garden and we created areas such as the dance area, the

chill out zone, the campsite, the main stage and the food trucks. Many children performed for our class. We really enjoyed the event.

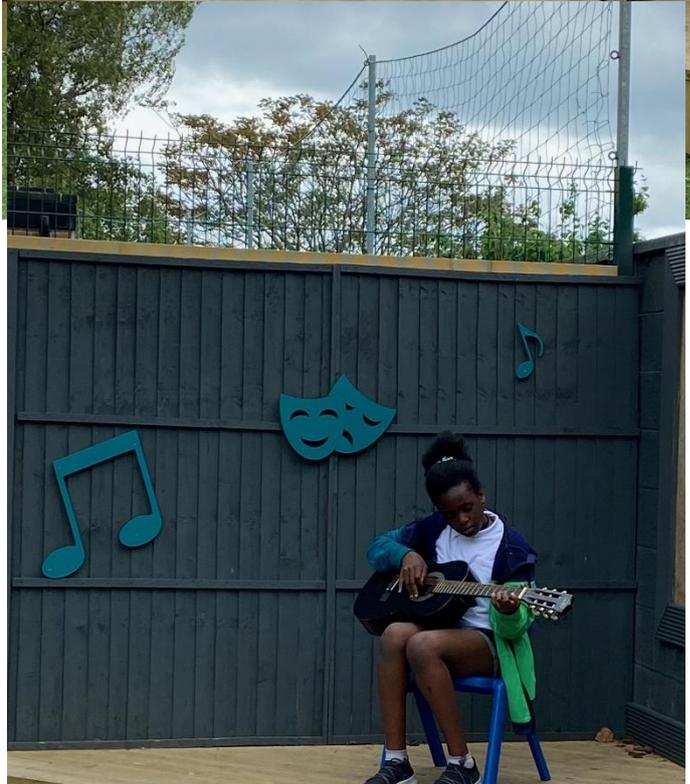


Anna and Sasha danced to Levitating by Dua Lipa.

Julie played the 'Boyne Hunt' on the tin whistle.



Romie and Keelin singing 'History' by One Direction.



Adora played 'O'Carolan's Welcome' on the guitar.



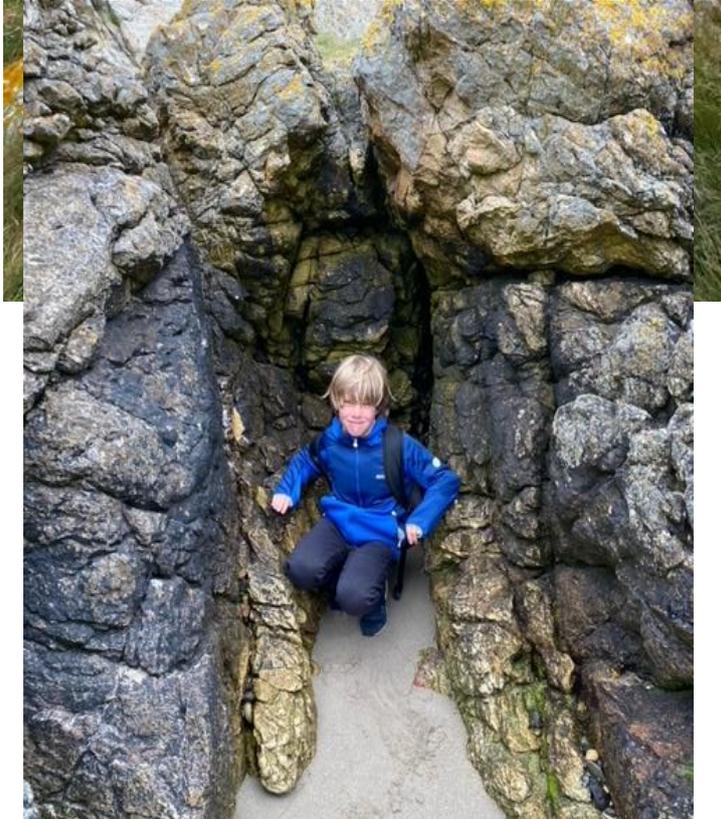
Romie sang and played the tin whistle.

The Ark - live stream play

We watched a live stream play 'What did I miss?' performed by The Ark Theatre. The play was written about a primary school graduation that took place during these strange times in 2020/2021. This play sparked a conversation in the Oireachtas.

School tour - Ireland's Eye

4th class met on Howth Pier on a wet and windy Wednesday morning. We took a short boat trip to Ireland's Eye. We hiked around the island; viewed the monastery ruins and the beautiful scenery looking back towards Howth from the top. We saw many seagull chicks, skimmed stones and searched for rocks and seashells. We returned to the main land by boat. Afterwards we had delicious ice-creams with sprinkles from Yummies in Howth Harbour and had great fun in the playground.













Explores Seashore Guide - Field trips to Burrow Beach:

We have been learning about the seashore. We have observed the various sea creatures in their natural habitat on Burrow Beach. Noirín from the Marine Institute has shared some amazing facts with us during a zoom workshop.

Here are some of the creatures and plants we have found:





Millie spotted a bi-valve cockle.

Ben also found a closed bi-valve cockle.



Beth picked up a crab.

Danny found some sea spaghetti.



Minnie and Romie spotted some gut weed.



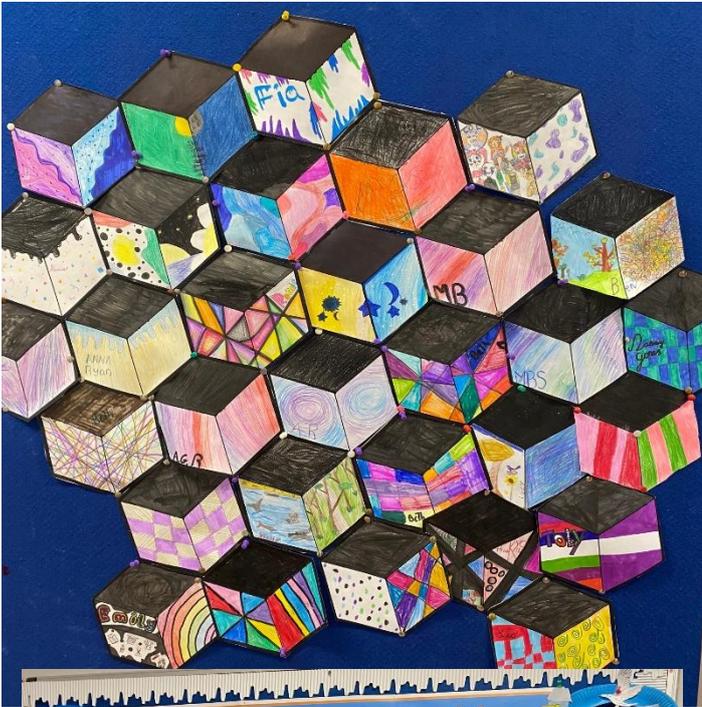
Can you spot Ms. Swindell? She was teaching us all about the tides and the seashore.

Rounders:



One of our favourite activities this year was rounders on the beach. How lucky are we to have Burrow Beach right on our doorstep! We have had a memorable summer term in 4th class.

Have a look at some of the amazing artwork we have completed this month:



Flower Seaside, to remind Canon Brew of his time spent in St. Mary's Church.

Street Art inspired by Thank You X