

Brannoxtown CNS Newsletter: 20th February 2019

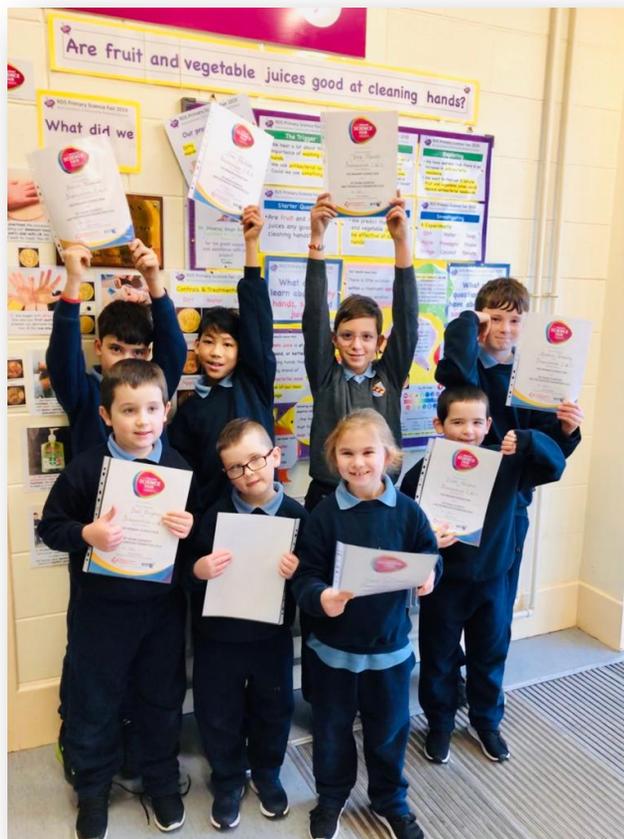
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RDS Primary Science Fair 2019

By Sai

Our school was chosen from hundreds of primary applicants to present at this year's Primary Science Fair at the BT Young Science and Technology Exhibit (BTYSTE). School children from all across Ireland come to present their experiments. The children worked with their teachers in school for weeks to complete their experiments. We were thrilled to get a letter in December to say that our project was shortlisted for presentation.

On January 10th the children of Brannoxtown CNS got on a bus and went to The RDS in Dublin, to present their experiment on the effects of fruit and vegetable juices on killing bacteria on our hands. When we got there we set up our experiments up on a table and two of us stayed with the experiment at all times to answer questions for other children, teachers and the judges. When we were not at our stand, there were hundreds of exhibits to visit and some science entertainment like the 3-D show on the universe. It was a great experience!



Celebrating our achievement at BTYSTE 2019!

Celebrations

By Eliot, Paul and Paul

Since January, we have learned about St. Brigid and Chinese New Year. Long ago, St. Brigid lived in Kildare. She was a very kind person and helped the poor. In class, we weaved a St. Brigid's Cloak using colourful paper.

This year, Chinese New Year was celebrated on the 5th of February. We are now in the Year of the Pig. We learned which Chinese year we were born in. In our class, we were born in the Year of the Rabbit, the Tiger and the Dragon.

In March, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. We are looking forward to a four day weekend as we have the Friday (15th March) and the Monday (18th March) off school!

Spotlight on Moldova

By Zaharia

Did you know...?

1. Moldova it is an Eastern European, former Soviet Union country.
2. Moldova is bordered on the west and southwest by Romania and on the north, south, and east by Ukraine.
3. The capital of Moldova is Chisinau.
4. In Moldovan:
 - hi = salut
 - good morning = buna dimineata
 - good bye = la revedere.
5. In Moldova traditional foods are pastas, polenta, wine, sour cream etc.
6. Moldova it is very small country; it has a population of: 3.55 million.

We wish to say huge thanks to Richie Kelly (Caretaker, BCNS) for all his great work to improve the school grounds including the dismantling of the old portacabin outside the kitchen!

Tin Whistle

By Múinteoir Dawn

This term, we began to learn the tin whistle. The children have learned all the notes and are now practising different nursery rhymes. Some children suggested that we learn their favourite song, 'Happier' by Marshmello. It's an ambitious song but with lots of teamwork I'm sure we can learn it! Múinteoir Sarah and I are very impressed with the children's progress so far. Keep up the great work, everyone!

Pyramid poem: 'm' phoneme

by Timmy

Bubble

A bubble

A blue bubble

A bubbly, blue bubble

A blingy, bubbly, blue bubble

A bizarre, blingy, bubbly, blue bubble

Buzz-off bubble!

Mount Lucas Wind-farm: Fun facts

By Jorge and Timmy

Our school visited Mount Lucas Wind Farm on January 31st. This trip was fully funded by the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA). Here are some fun facts we learned along the way!

1. Mount Lucas wind-farm has 32 turbines.
2. Each turbine is around 150m tall.
3. Each turbine has a value of €28 million.
4. The blade of a wind-mill can spin at speeds of up to 300 km/h.
5. There are 226 wind-farms in the Republic of Ireland.

Swimming

By Zaharia

We had our first swimming session with Fiona in the Osprey hotel on February 12th. It is very cool! We swim on Tuesdays for an hour. We are swimming lengths. I recommend the Osprey pool!

Engineer's Week: 2-8 March 2019

By Daniel

This year our school will celebrate national Engineer's Week with some great hands-on activities. We've also planned two trips:

1. We'll be taking a tour of the building site beside our school, led by Peadar O' Tool (Engineer) and we'll have an opportunity to learn about how houses are built – from start to finish.
2. We'll be visiting the Engineer's Week show: *Alice Perry's Incredible Adventures* in Carlow IT on Tuesday, March 5th. This one-hour show explores the science of transport. It is a 'Science Made Simple' show to encourage budding engineers!



Our visit to Mount Lucas Wind Farm, January 2019!

Sharing our news

By All of us

We will create a Newsletter every half-term to share our important news. You can learn more about our school from our website: www.brannoxtowncns.ie. It includes information for parents. You can also find out about our learning on our Facebook and Twitter pages: Brannoxtown CNS.

We are Designers!

By Andrew

We worked with Dave at Doodle Moose designs to create our new school crest. You can learn more about it on our new website: www.brannoxtowncns.ie. We've been doing some graphic design ourselves, creating comics and designing this newsletter. We've studied character development, dialogue and story sequence. We came up with questions for Dave who will talk to us about what its like to be a real graphic designer when he visits!