



Spotlight on the Junior Room!

November 2024

It's been a busy few months in the Junior Room!!! With so many fun and exciting events happening, what better way to find out just what our Junior Room pupils think about their school than to interview them! The BCNS Senior Room pupils invited Junior Room pupils to their classroom for their interviews and here's what they found out:

We asked Ben, Came, Jude and Ted a few questions about school:

Do you like school?

Caoimhe: I love school it's really fun

Ben: School is the best!

What is your favourite subject in school?

Ted & Jude: We love building blocks.

Caoimhe: colouring!

Ben: I love Maths!

What was your favourite school event?

Ted: I loved the Halloween day, I dressed up as a soldier!

Jude: Yeah, I really liked the spider-web shootout

Caoimhe: and the flour game!

What do you think about your teacher, múinteoir Eoin?

Ben: I love when he looks at me and winks

Ted: He is really nice and kind.

By Aryan, Răzvan & Amelia



Rabiat and Indi-May interviewed some Senior Infant pupils:

What is your favourite thing about school and why?

Olive: P.E. and playing with friends.

Charlotte: yard and my friends.

This goes to show how much school can impact on your life and help you to grow friendships with new people.

What is your favourite subject?

Juliette: Irish because it helps me to learn more about my country.

Lucy A: Art because of all of the colours.

What is your favourite hobby?

Juliette and Nicholas said swimming,

Charlotte said skipping and Rylee said spending time with her family and friends.

Molly and Olive said cycling. Logan said running and Lucy Allen said playing with her teddies!

By Indi-May & Rabiat

We interviewed five junior infants on what they thought about BCNS!

Willow: I love yardtime because I get to play football.

Leo: I like yard time because I play minions.

Nonie: I loved doing the Hallowe'en song.

Holly: I liked the Hallowe'en song because the audience made me feel confident.

Evana: I like Art because I can show my Mum and Dad

By Annika, Kate and Oisin. 🗨️😊



Spotlight on First and Second Class!

Recipe for Good Friendship

We worked on a fun project that was all about friendship. We shared our ideas of what a good friend is. We read some interesting books about being kind and being a good friend. We created a cool recipe that can spread good friendship!

The ingredients are....

Love, kindness, respect, always be there for your friend, be helpful, caring for your friend and teamwork. These things will cook up a super friendship!

Shared writing by Amelia, Mary, Janelle, Connor, Sumayyah, Lochlainn



Maths Week

On Maths week we did lots of really fun activities. Everyone in the school liked the estimation station. We had to estimate how many creepy crawlies were in a glass jar.

Aisling in 2nd class actually won the competition by estimating the exact number in the jar which was 48. We worked really hard to create maths hats. We had to show lots of different information about maths on these hats. Everyone in the school walked in a parade to show off their cool maths hats. We loved the tricky maths challenges that we worked on everyday. Students from 5th & 6th class came to our classroom and they played many different maths games with us. Maths Week was one of the best weeks so far in this school year.

Shared writing by Aisling, Erin, April, Eoghan, Rosie

Adventure Day to Russborough Parklands

We were stunned and bursting with excitement when we discovered that we would go on an adventure day to Russborough Parklands. We travelled there by bus and when we arrived we ate our lunch on wooden benches. It was so different to being in our classroom! After our snack we played with our friends in the playground. Then we went on a fairy walk and we found lots of cool fairy doors. We used our senses to talk about what we could hear, see and smell on our nature walk. It was a spectacular adventure day.

Shared writing – Leo, Sienna, Arianna



Spotlight on Third and Fourth Class

Hallowe'en Baking

In October, 3rd and 4th Class researched spooky Halloween recipes. We picked which of the recipes we would like to try and our Múinteoir gathered all of the ingredients that we would need. The next day we got straight to baking, making cupcakes and cookies. We crushed up Oreos to make Oreo bats and used a special fondant icing to make little pumpkins and ghosts to decorate our cupcakes. Our teacher bought edible eyes, and we stuck them on with melted chocolate chips.. We also cursed Oreos into the frosting, it was really tasty. We got to try American candy corn for the first time too.

By Ciarán 4th Class



Pumpkin Carving at Brannockstown CNS

This year for Halloween we got a gift of pumpkins from the Brannockstown Community Group. We were very grateful. Each class worked in groups to design and carve. First, we decided what design we would like to carve on the pumpkins. We drew our designs on a piece of paper. Then we picked our pumpkins, we got our carving tools and got to carving. We drew our designs on the pumpkins and cut off the top. Next, we used our hands and pulled out the pumpkin guts. Then we started to carve. Once they were all carved, we used them to decorate our yard for the week. There were so many interesting designs, some of the pumpkins had cat ears, some people even scraped their designs on so they could be more detailed. When we finished up for the midterm break, we put them out on the road for everyone in the community to enjoy. We could even see them on our drive home from school. We really enjoyed carving the pumpkins, it was such a fun Halloween activity.

By Sophie and Marie 4th Class





Spotlight on Fifth and Sixth Class!

{~*🎃 Halloween Party 2024 !! 🎃*~}

On the 25th of October, the 5th and 6th did something special for the Junior and Senior Infants and 1st & 2nd Class. The senior leaders created games and activities such as Eye-Bowling, Slime Splat, The Witches' Den, The Haunted Willow Hut and the Flour Face Game!

Everybody loved it! One of the most loved stations was The Witches' Den. It had 2 Sorcerers inside who helped everyone make their own potions with super ingredients, like Skull Bone Tissue and Rats' Tails! It was a big hit amongst our younger schoolmates! The 5th and 6th class spent hours creating the stations and were glad everyone had such fun!

By Kitty & Angus

Animal Research Projects and Dioramas

Our fifth and sixth class had an amazing time creating their own dioramas and reports of an animal of their choice. We started the report on the 16 of September and ended on the 9 of October. First Múinteoir Deirdre assigned us Seesaw accounts where we could do our note-taking. Then Múinteoir did some English work on other reports to demonstrate different strategies on hooking the reader. We worked for the next few weeks on finishing before 9th of October. In those few weeks we made dioramas to go with our reports using natural materials. We also made clay models of our animals. On the 9th of October we arranged our class desks in our in a semicircle and presented our report to the other classes.

By Era & Jess.



The Creation of Our Spooky Stories

Greetings, everyone! If you are looking for a mix of fun and horror in the form of a book, you came to the right place! In this report, we (Jack and Aria) share one of BCNS' latest projects; our Spooky Stories by the spook-tacular 5th and 6th Class. The following story is a sample from one of the 5th class students, "Lovin' Lunacy", by Aria. "My critical thinking pauses thanks to a sudden prolonged creak. Unsure whether my rusted door or the hazardously open floorboards generated the interrupting noise, I freeze and continue to observe the outdoor spectacle through my clouded window with abnormally sized fingerprints along it." We hope you not only had extreme chills, but also were overjoyed by this report. We wish you a happy weekend and appreciate you viewing and adored this newsletter! Kind regards,

Brannoxtown Community National
School

By Aria & Jack



Upcoming EVENTS

29
Nov

🕒 All Day

School Closed:
General Election

Friday

1
Dec

🕒 4:30pm

Turning on the
Christmas Lights in
Brannockstown
Village



Harristown
Gates
followed by
refreshments
in school.

Sunday

6
Dec

🕒 08:50 - 14:30

PJ and Movie Day
Parents' Association Fundraiser

Friday

20
Dec

🕒 12:00: Half-Day

Christmas Holidays
Return Date: 6th of January

Friday