



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to the November edition of the school newsletter.

## Third Class

Third class have just started learning all about the violin. They can tell you all about the parts, the names of the strings and how to hold the instrument and the bow correctly.

If you are a third class parent, please ask your child about this.

We were lucky enough to be visited by celebrity biologist Éanna Ní Lamhna this month.

She chatted with the children about native Irish plants and animals - taking a break to show everyone a preserved tarantula that she was carrying in a glass case in her pocket! We went for a nature walk around the school grounds and Éanna pointed out lots of new features to us.

She was very interesting and informative -and most importantly - great fun!



*Above: Éanna with some third class children*

## Junior Infants

Junior and senior infants have now started Aistear. This is working well and we are all very excited about it.

Senior infants are busy preparing for their Christmas play "Ralph the Reindeer". This will take place on Friday the 8th of December.

All welcome. Time will be confirmed soon.



*Above: Fifth class children learning to code*

## Whizzkids Coding

Fifth and Sixth Class have created their own computer games with the help of the wonderful Whizzkids Programme that has been running this term. The children have loved learning all about coding and have become tech wizards.

Please check the school website for more photos of the children coding!



*Above: Sixth class presenting their invention – more photos on the school website*

### **Sixth Class at Dragons' Den**

On November 14th, 6th class went to Xilinx to show our projects that we invented the week before to the four dragons (aka the judges).

When we arrived at Xilinx we were brought to a big room where we were split into our groups. There were seven groups. Our volunteers came and helped us to figure out what everybody was going to say.

We had lunch and then we were ready to present our projects.

The first project was the Swift Tornado Machine, the second one was Back to Beautiful Makeup Machine, the third one was Time Savers, the fourth one was Doggy Brave, the fifth one was Hovermatic, the sixth one was Tinker and last but not least was Codex.

Each group got a chance to go on stage and present their project. After that we all got certificates and each group got a teamwork award.

6th class all had a brilliant time and are grateful and thankful to Xilinx, Junior Achievement and the school for letting them do Dragons Den.

- Reporting by Fiyin and Zoe

### **Green School Committee**

The Green School Committee have been distributing high-vis vests to all children in the school who do not have one.

Due to dark mornings and evenings the Committee are urging all students to wear these vests to keep themselves safe on route to and from school.

The annual Recycled Christmas Decoration competition is underway. Good luck to everyone who entered. Winners will be announced soon!

The Clean and Green team have been busy mulching the trees in the new wooded area. They have also been working hard keeping the school grounds tidy.



*Above: Halloween Fun in Fifth Class*