

## March 2016

In March our Aistear theme was the Dentist. Our role play area was the dental surgery and the children had great fun pretending to be visiting the dentist. The different jobs they had were receptionist, patient, dental nurse and dentist. The receptionist had to write down the appointments and check what was wrong with the patient. The patients sat in the waiting room where they could read books while they waited. The dental nurse assisted dentist. We were lucky to have a visit from a dental nurse who taught the children the proper way to brush their teeth.



Receptionist hard at work.







Small world dental surgery.



Making teeth with play dough.



Brushing teeth in the waiting area.





Learning to brush teeth.

In History and Art the children learned about the 1916 rebellion and then they constructed Irish soldiers.





## April 2016

In April our Aistear theme was the Garden Centre. With the help of our caretaker Charlie, we really enjoyed becoming gardeners for the month. We turned our sand pit into a vegetable patch and the children sowed turnips, lettuce and carrots. In our new raised bed outside the classroom the children sprinkled wild flower seeds. We also sowed potatoes, marigolds, pumpkins, and leeks. We are looking forward to watching their progress over the next few weeks. The children learned to name the different parts of a plant. They carried out an experiment to see do flowers really drink water through their stems. The children put white flowers in coloured water and there was great excitement when they turned red, blue, yellow and purple!





*Our sand pit vegetable patch*



*Our outdoor vegetable patch*





*Everyone, including all the staff sowed a sunflower seed*



*We observed roots and shoots*

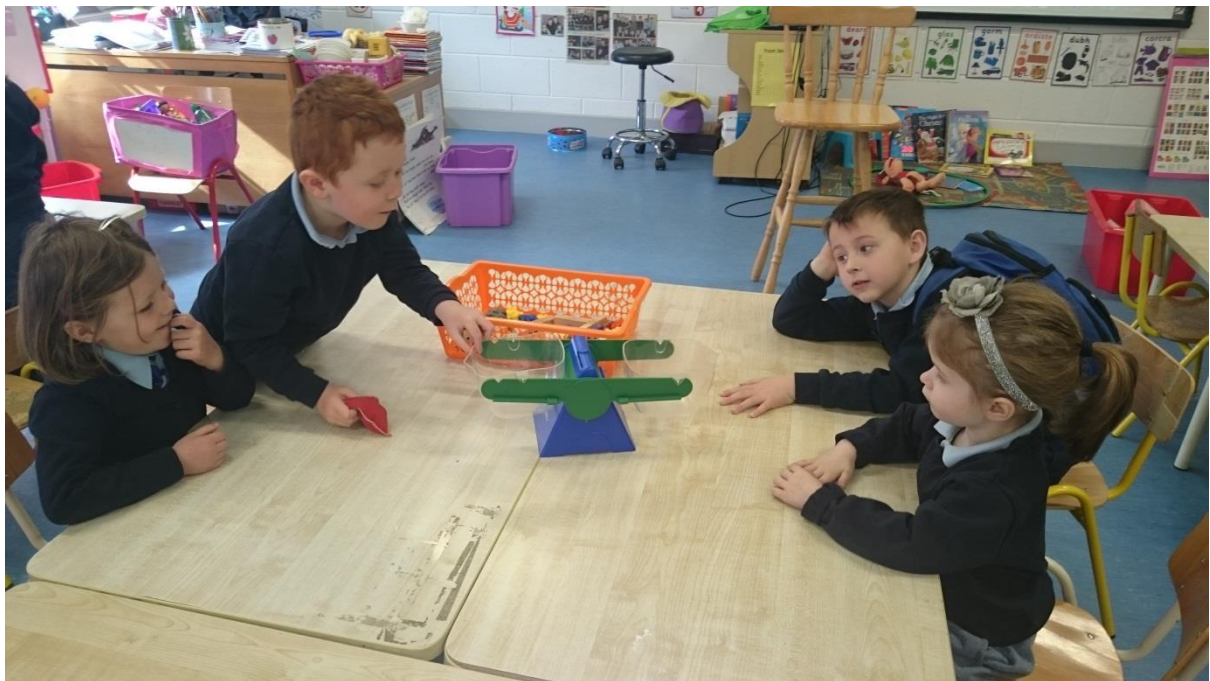




They also listened to the English version of the story and performed a puppet show afterwards.



In Maths the children were busy learning about *Weight and Number*







*Fun weighing and balancing different objects*



*Making number 5 in different ways*