

May 2016

In May our Aistear theme was "The Supermarket". This theme tied in with the Human environments strand in Geography, focusing on people at work in our local community. We created a TESCO supermarket in our role play area. It had aisles, shelves, cash register, conveyor belt, trolleys, baskets and lots more! The children played the parts of cashier, shop assistant, store manager and customer. They practised taking turns whilst playing. It was great to see the children practising skills they had learned in Maths class such as counting money, writing prices and weighing objects. They wrote and read their shopping lists. They also made posters for advertising and were busy sorting all the deliveries, putting each item in the correct place in the store.



The shop assistants busy at work!



The cashier and customer



The children labelled all the different items in the store



A busy day's work

In the play dough area and the crazy art the children made items that you might find at a supermarket.





Crazy art area

During May Junior Infants began to learn all about capital letters. They practised making them with plasticine.



We also were lucky to have a wonderful student teacher in our classroom this year. Her name was Ms Owen. She taught them many

interesting lessons. The children were sad to see her leave at the end of May!



Saying goodbye!

We also had another very special little visitor to our classroom during May! Michaela's little baby sister Gemma came in to see us and the children had a lot of very interesting questions lined up for her Mammy! This tied in with our RSE lessons. The children learned lots about caring for babies.



Our very special class visitor

June 2016

Our Aistear theme for June was "The Seaside". This play theme has been a lot of fun for the children as we approach the summer holidays! We transformed the role play area into a paradise beach with all the items you would need for a good day out. There was deck chair, parasol, sand, sea, barbeque, puppet theatre, boat, fishing rods, fish, octopus and swimming ring. We learned about water safety at the beach. The children wrote postcards home, applied sun cream, learned fishy tricky words, read seaside books, sorted shells and performed puppet shows to entertain the beach goers! There was a lifeguard on duty at all times too! Learning on the beach was great fun.



Sun shining and Jelly fish decorations - thanks to Monica's creativity!





Fishing for tricky words!



Cooking on the barbeque



Sorting seashells



Crazy art fish creations

In the sand area the children made sandcastles and decorated them with shells and seaweed. They practised taking turns with items such as the bucket and spade. We practised the language of procedural writing and wrote simple sentences to show how to make a sand castle. The children also sequenced pictures.



We had a wonderful day on our school tour at Wells House. The children searched for fairies, designed a shelter for fairies, fed goats and looked at creatures such as lizards, ferrets and rabbits. We explored the basement of Wells House and had great fun playing in the playground. Best of all the rain held off and we enjoyed the lovely warm sunshine!

We've been watching all our vegetables and flowers grow over the past few weeks. Well done to Riain who sent me in this photo of his sunflower. It has been so well looked after and it is almost as tall as he is now!!



Riain and his sunflower

Finally, the children had an ice-cream party to celebrate filling up their compliment heart with lots of compliments. All year they have been giving each other compliments and every time they do they got to stick a coloured square on the heart. This was a lovely and yummy way to celebrate the great school year we've had in Junior and Senior Infants. Well done everyone!













