



# Danu CSS Newsletter

March 2023

## Willow Class

March has been a busy Month in Willow class. The students have been working on their independence.

They have been helping prepare their lunches by putting their own spread on their crackers or cutting their own food. This month the students have worked with two new core words, help and open. They have been using the core board, choice boards and lamh signs to communicate these words.

The class has also had plenty of fun doing St Patricks day crafts and messy play with the Irish colours. The students experienced paint in many different ways this month. They used cars to make patterns with the paint, spray bottles to splash the paint on the page and their hands and feet to explore the texture of paint.



## Upcoming Events

- April is Autism Awareness month
- 21st April is PA coffee morning at 11am
- 26th April Breast Check staff training

## Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

We welcome you to our first ever Danu CSS Newsletter. We will send out a newsletter at the end of every month to keep you informed of what is happening in the school. There is also a section for the Parents Association to keep you up to date. I would like to thank the Parents of Danu CSS for your continued support to the school. In addition, I would like to thank the dedicated and committed staff in Danu CSS. Enjoy. Kind Regards, Pat



## Parents Association

The parent committee have been busy fundraising for the sensory garden. We are hoping to do the mini marathon in June to raise more money for the school. We will send more information closer to the event for anyone that would like to join us. Recently some money that was raised went to supplying the living skills room and we hear the students are enjoying baking with the new materials.

We recently set up a Facebook page to help in our efforts to fundraise for the school. You will find the page by searching

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090473464512>. We were delighted to hear that the staff enjoyed the food provided by the parents for their training day and are very grateful for the voucher, they are currently deciding on what to spend the money on.



## Apple Class

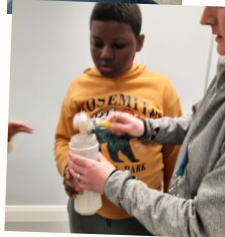
Apple Class have been very active this month. We are learning to do lots of different exercises, like toe touches, hopping on one foot, and star jumps. We are enjoying getting fit. We are learning to do sit ups and bear crawls.

We had a lovely final music session with our student Music Therapist, Rachel. We sang favourite songs 'You've Got a Friend in Me' and 'Old McDonald'. Rachel has finished her placement with us now, but she will be back two days a week in June. We are excited that she will be back again.



## Juniper Class

In Juniper class we were busy doing art for St. Patrick's Day. We particularly loved making our snake for the corridor. We also made green milkshakes - we preferred eating the ice cream more than drinking the milkshakes. We loved the ceilí and the bag pipes. We also made cards for Mother's Day. We enjoyed walks. We learned how to be a nice friend and counting songs. We looked for signs of Spring and learned spring words. We had a party for Finn's birthday.



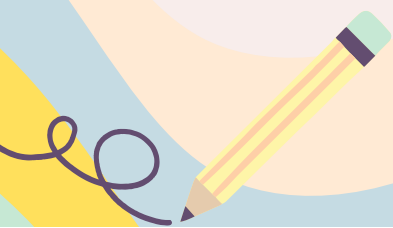
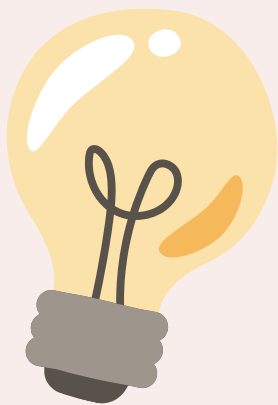
## Ash Class

The month of March was loaded with activities of learning and fun for us- Class Ash. It was a much awaited time of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. And as a memory of St. Patrick, the school created a huge collage of a snake, in which our class gave a realistic look by using bubble wrap printing and finger paints of different colours. We felt the different textures as we touched, and smeared our hands with finger-paints. This was fun.

We touched the beautiful daffodils on our daily walk around the school premises and then we painted Daffodils when we got back to our class. We enjoyed making green milk shake especially for St. Patrick's Day and eating ice-cream.

We were able to explore and handle various musical instrument and experience the different sounds that each instruments made.

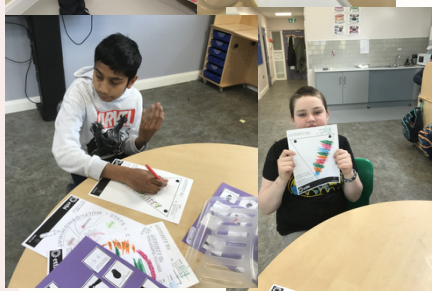
We learned Lámh signs for friends, hello, good morning, happy, sad, thank you while listening to the rhymes and songs played during Circle time.





# Hawthorn Class

We are learning about St. Patrick's day and it is an important celebration in Ireland. Few activities we made was the history of the saint, decorate Ireland flag and make a milkshake. In the second picture celebrating the world book day and encourage the pupils to select and reading them favourites books. The last pictures we talk about our school patron and make few activities for that day to celebrate ETB anniversary.



# Oak Class

Class Oak has had a very busy month in March and have been working very hard. We have learned all about healthy eating, diversity, friendship, and feelings. We visited the library in Rathdara and the local shops. Our class loved working with Rachel, the music therapist, and this helped to improve our listening and concentration skills. We had great fun celebrating St Patricks Day and were very lucky that Sam played the bag pipes for us on the day. We are very much looking forward to the Easter break after all our hard work.



# Birch Class

Hello friends,

My name is Jashoda and I am going to tell you what I have learned this month of March:

This month I have been happy to come to school as I have been able to make new friends. I love to go to Hawthorn Class and learn new things about daily life in Circle Time with my mates.

I also learn how to ask for more things that I like and I have increased my vocabulary. For example I love to listen to music when I want to so I use my words and I always have a friend to play music, sing or dance with me.

Other times I just say 'open' or 'go' because I love to explore my school, when I'm hungry I say 'lunch' and when I'm tired I just say 'finish' because I also enjoy having some time to myself.

I have shown interest in new toys and games. I especially like cuddly toys, particularly doggy cuddly toys as I can make sounds. Musical instruments have always been my passion, especially the piano and guitar as they have sweet and fun sounds.

Now I enjoy playing with bubbles and as they are colourful I can pop them and relax.

This March I have also been able to spend more time at school and discover new things, so I only hope that April will be even more exciting for me!



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Members of our extraordinary family

