



Danu CSS News

May 2023

Message From Principal

Dear Parents, We are delighted to inform you that we had our first meeting with the Department of Education regarding our brand new standalone 20 classroom school building on Friday 26th May 2023. This was an introductory meeting regarding the design and building process. I will continue to keep you updated.

Summer trips out have commenced in school and this is always fun and exciting. Also to inform you that the Blanchardstown CDNT are currently providing the school staff with SLT training during May and June. We would like to thank our Parents for their continued support and commitment to their child's educational needs and meeting with teachers during the month of May to review IEP's. We are thrilled that the PA have organised a 5km walk in the Millennium Park at 12pm on 4th June as a fundraiser for sensory resources.

Warm regards,
Pat





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Willow Class

The students in Willow class learned all about the Sea this Month. We explored water through play. The students loved splashing around in the water, having water fights and playing with pretend sea animals. The students had the opportunity to learn about the animals that live in the sea through songs such as under the sea and by the sea. We also explored sand. The students felt the sand as it was poured on their hands and enjoyed building sand castles.

Jungle Dave came to visit the school this month and the students loved touching the different animals he brought with him. The snake and chameleon were clear favourites. The spider was not as popular. They held them in their hands, pet them and put them on their heads.

Our core words this Month Were Hello, water and All gone.

The students had many opportunities to learn how to use these words. Each morning we said hello to our friends, some used the lamh sign, some verbally said hello. We used the word and sign water during our songs about the sea, during water play and when the students had a drink. All gone was used during lunch times.





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Juniper Class

In Juniper we loved doing art on Under the Sea and reading the story about the star fish 'Starry Eyed Stan'. We loved water play and messy play. We enjoyed walks around the campus and trips to the shop. We also enjoyed having birthday cake for some staff in Juniper.









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Apple Class

Apple Class have had a brilliant month of May. We have been making the most of the good weather and getting into our swimming shorts to play with water in the playground. We have been learning about different sea creatures in our Under the Sea Theme and reading *The Snail and The Whale* and *Rainbow Fish*. We have also had fun developing our fine-motor skills using clothes pegs, pipe cleaners, and tongs, among other things.

We have sorted by colour, shape, and size





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Ash Class



This month Students of Class Ash had a wonderful shopping, going on daily walks and the school tour. The theme for this month was 'under the deep blue sea'. Students listened to various songs, stories and rhymes based on the theme. They enjoyed the sensorial play messing their hands with finger paints play activity as they painted their own sea. They had the experience to smell, touch and feel the actual sea weeds brought to school from the shores of the sea. They coloured different shapes of fishes, and sea creatures and came up with a very beautiful art work, which is being displayed on the wall of the school. They also enjoyed watching and touching the reptiles that visited our school. Students enjoyed the school educational tour to the SEA LIFE in Bray where they had the opportunity to see, touch different kinds of fishes. They were super excited to see the fishes, turtle, and sea creatures in the huge fish tank. They enjoyed McDonalds later on, which gave them experience to sit appropriately in the midst of other people around them. They enjoyed the bus ride to Bray Sea Life too. They all had a lovely day.





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Hawthorn Class

This month we were busy in Hawthorn Class specially with good weather and sunny days. We enjoyed spending time outside doing water play, swings and trampolines. Also, we engaged with our friend in other classes. Cruz delight to make some fun with Malcom from Oak Class.

We have a visitor from Jungle Dave and he showed us all the wild animals like snakes, gecko, chameleon and spiders. We loved to play with the animals and have a lot of fun. Billy enjoyed playing with the chameleon and giving some tickles to his head.



Sidaarth enjoyed playing the piano after some table work and spending some time in the yard play with his friends. He made few rhythms and we love it. And last but no means least, a new student started in our class the last week in May and she loves the class and the routine and she is being curious about other students, likes/dislikes and all the spaces and areas in the school and her name is Delemza. Welcome to Danu school and Hawthorn Class!!

Also we celebrated our Super Hero Day and our wonderful staff got nice costumes to celebrate this day with our students in the school.





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Oak Class

This month in Oak we have had a very busy time. We have been enjoying the hot weather and being outside. This month we gave our 'cosy corner' a makeover. We planted flowers and strawberries. We are watching and watering every day to see when they will be ready. In one of the photos you can see how we were learning about how our bodies grow and change....we lined up from the tallest to the smallest...can you see who is the tallest? We have also been doing lots of baking this month and even made some pizzas and scones...yummy. We had great fun on superhero day when we got all dressed up and raised €155 for LauraLynn. Thank you to all who donated.

We also had a very exciting visit from Jungle Dave who brought with him a snake, tarantula, iguana and much more. All the boys (and staff!!!) in Oak were very brave as you can see from the pictures. We look forward to our final month of June and all that we are going to learn and experience.





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Birch Class

Hello friends,

I am going to tell you what I have learned this month in May:

This month I have been very happy to have my own water play when I need it, and to be able to have a great time with my friends Linda, Fiona and Sam. I also learned how to use my choice board so that through PECS I can request my favourite activities whenever I want. Most of all I have time to relax in the sensory room or listen to some music with my friends. I also enjoy taking my daily walks around the school, and being able to match the different Frozen characters for a little reward. Now I am happier in school because I have learned new words that help me to express myself and to ask for what I want in school like: music, finished, excuse me, sensory room, thank you and sorry. This May I have been able to discover new words and favourite activities to help me relax so I hope June will be even more rewarding for me!





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Parents Association (PA)

The Parent Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated and participated in the walk in the Millennium park last weekend. It was a great success. We will announce the final amount raised in the coming days. As you all know, DANU will have a new school building. It has been a long journey to get this sanctioned but we are not finished yet. The parent committee would like to raise as much money as possible to help with projects for the new school building that will inevitably benefit all the students attending DANU. We are looking for as many parents as possible to take part in fundraising. If you have any ideas for fundraising, know of any company that would like to donate money to the school, or can offer some time to participate in fundraising events please contact us.

Up Coming Events, June

8th Juniper School Tour
16th Multicultural Day
Week of 19th School Active Week
22nd Sports Day
20th Apple School Tour
23rd Hawthorn School Tour
26th Oak School Tour
28th BOM
30th Half day for School Holidays





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