



# Danu CSS News

November 2023

## Message From Principal

Welcome to our November edition of the Danu CSS Newsletter. This month in school, Danu CSS was 4 year old (18th November). The students and staff celebrated with WHOLE SCHOOL party, with lots of art work, balloons, birthday cake, party games and a disco. The students had a great time. Thank you for all your supportive messages, birthday cards and kind gifts sent in for the staff and students to celebrate this special occasion.

The monthly theme in school for teaching and learning has been all about planet Earth and Space. The students have engaged in many activities, experiments and art work related to this theme including decorating the corridor ceilings. The Theme for December is Winter Celebrations. Many of the classes will be going out and about in the community to enjoy these celebrations. The students are also rehearsing for the Christmas Class Sing A Long on 14th December 2023. Each class will have a different time for the sing a long and will be sending out personalised invites to parents to attend. We look forward to seeing you then.

The first Danu BOM term ends on 30.11.23. We would like to extend our thanks to this BOM for all their voluntary contribution to Danu CSS from the onset. They were a dynamic BOM and supportive in the setting up and development of the school since November 2019. We would like to congratulate our two parent BOM members for the new Danu CSS BOM term November 2023 to 2027, Danielle (Finn's mum) and Michael (Adam's dad). Wishing them well for the coming BOM term.

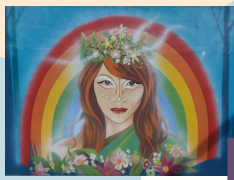
We are also delighted to announce the appointment of two teachers in our school, as middle leaders, as Assistant Principal's in our school. Congratulations to Elaine and Sergio in their new roles.

Apologies on the delay on sending out the IEPs and All About Me Plans to parents. We have had a lot of illness in the school. IEPs and the All About Me Plan will be sent out in the coming week. We ask that parents sign them and then return to the office ASAP. A copy will be then sent home for parents.

As winter approaches, keep well and take care.

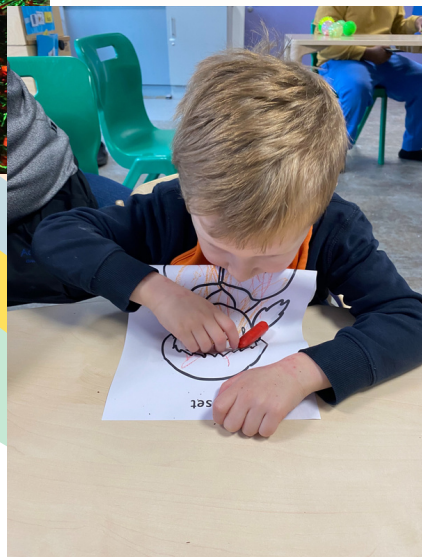
Kindest Regards

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## Willow Class



We have had another busy month in Willow class. This month we explored space. The students enjoyed our galaxy corner where they relaxed, explored space with sensory play and played with the rocket. We used foam and glue to make a moon and smash painted to create the planets. The class favourite “Spin the Wheel” was space themed and the students loved to watch the space man jump and the rocket fly into the air.

Our core words this month were eat, drink, wait and stop. The students used these words in many different ways. We played stop games, listened to songs and then began to match the words to pictures.

We had 2 very special birthdays this month. Danu was 4 years open. The students enjoyed going to the whole school party in the Atrium, eating cake and dancing to music. We also celebrated Ryan’s 10th Birthday with some cake and music. We started to prepare for Christmas with a shopping trip to buy some decorations for the classroom. We have been practicing our Christmas songs and look forward to welcoming the parents into the class on the 14th of December to sing some songs with the students.





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## Juniper Class

In class Juniper, we continued into November with more excitement to learn together with our friends. Our theme for us to explore this month was 'Space', which we found many ways to do from the comfort of our classroom!

We enjoyed learning to match the planets of the Solar System through worksheets & puzzles, we were able to spot the differences in their size, their many colours & how many we could count together. We expressed our creativity & togetherness, by using our painted handprints in blue & green to form a unique; 'We've Got The Whole World In Our Hands' mural for outside our classroom door.

We used paper plates to paint the unique colours of the planets we'd discovered, and also had fun painting with balloons which made for great prints with our mixed colours too! We also used our imaginations & creativity to design our own galaxies, alien faces & even blasted our own designed rockets into space through straws! This was also a great way to celebrate Science Week 2023.

We continued to work on our living skills & independence this month also, in so many different ways. In particular we showed great teamwork skills when we all worked together to whip up the tastiest rice crispy cakes & hosted our own class picnic on a rainy day. We've helped each other put on coats & hats before going out, assisted with cleaning our classroom everyday & showed so much kindness when sharing with one another.

This was also a very special month as we got to celebrate the 4th birthday of our school Danu. We all worked hard on creating decorations to be displayed in the school hallways for this special day. We then had so much fun at the big birthday bash in the atrium, with music, dancing, balloons & the most amazing sweet treats!

Another special event this month was Diwali, the Festival of Lights, which we got to celebrate & created our own candle artwork which shined bright outside our classroom.

We've had so much fun working & learning together again this month, but to ensure we're definitely on Santa's good list in December, we're planning to prove ourselves even more in the next few weeks. Stay tuned friends & family!





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## Apple Class

November has been a very busy month for the Apple Class! It was filled with fun learning for the students, inside and outside of the classroom.

The students had a day out with the Garda bus, where they went to the café to get a sweet treat, before a trip to the playground. They were immersed in the busy public and communicated lovely with anyone they met along the way.

We have been learning about autumn in the classroom, creating lovely art pieces using autumnal colours and exploring the season through our daily walks around the school grounds.

We celebrated science week this month and the boys really enjoyed the sensory elements and artwork that we completed.

As the Christmas season approaches, we have started our Christmas songs using Lámh and making our own decorations we will use to make our classroom a festive sight.

We look forward to seeing our parents and friends come in for the Christmas show and show you all the hard work we do in the Apple Class.







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## Ash Class

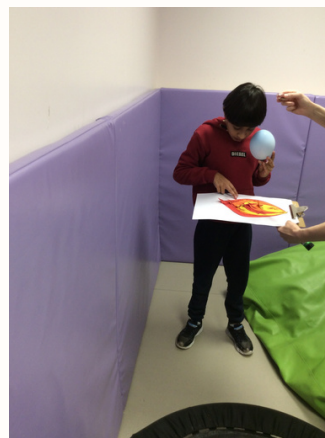
We celebrated Danu's 4 Birthday. Ash class was busy this month with crafting art work for the event. We had great fun at the party and had a disco with our friends.

November brought lots of learning to Ash class about space and planet earth and we really enjoyed it.

During November we did a lot of art work and have started preparing for Santa Claus, learning Christmas songs and decorating the classroom.

The last week we had a lovely trip out to Phoenix Park, where we spotted some deer. We hope to make many more trips out. We're going to be very busy next month preparing for Christmas

Ash Class would like to say goodbye to our teacher Hazel. Hazel will always be part of the Danu family and we thank her for all her hard work during her years in Danu. Good luck in your new career Hazel, we will miss you.





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## Hawthorn Class

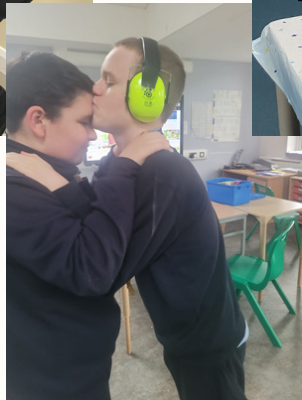
November has been a busy month in Hawthorn Class. We commenced learning about Space and planet Earth. All students loved exploring the universe, planets, constellations, planet Earth and all her continents. We enjoyed a story about an alien travelling through space in his rocket and have completed many mini projects in the class.

This month, our school, Danu CSS, celebrated 4 years since opening. For this event our students had a big party with great fun celebrating and a lot of dancing.

November also started a new activity for some of the students. They went to Parlickstown House in Dublin 15 for "breakfast club". They were able to enjoy in the community a breakfast of their own choosing.

As a part of Physical Education, Danu started this month a daily mile walk. This means our whole school takes a daily walk together. As you can see Hawthorn class is non stop fun and learning....pew, what a busy class.

See you in December for more news about Hawthorn Class!!!







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## Oak Class

Hi everyone, we hope that this finds you all healthy and well. We have been very busy in Class Oak doing our table-top work (which includes See and Learn, Colourful Semantics

Handwriting Without Tears and much much more). Thanks to the amazing kindness of Ben Dunne Gyms and some local donations we have a small gym in our school now with exercise bikes and an elliptical machine. The boys have been getting used to these machines and some are enjoying it more than others!!! We have been taking care of our environment by maintaining the leaf cage and litter picking. In amongst all this hard work we had great celebrations too, including Matthew's birthday, where we enjoyed cake and balloons, Danu's 4th birthday, Diwali and Science Week. We have been learning about planet Earth and space and really enjoyed all the art that we created.





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## Parents Association (PA)

We would again like to thank all who contributed to Danielle's fundraiser in October. The Children are loving the music therapy with the money raised from the donations. We hope you are all keeping well and warm as the temperature is dropping rapidly. Winter is approaching which only means one thing Father Christmas is on the way. Santa will be coming to the school on December 20th and we will be in touch regarding gifts very soon.



## Upcoming Events

- 6th December - School closed for students at 12pm to facilitate a Staff Meeting.
- 8th December - Laura Lynn Christmas Jumper Fundraiser - All students invited to wear Christmas colours or jumpers. Students to contribute €2.00 towards the fundraiser.
- 14th December - Christmas Class Sing A Long.
- 20th December - Santa visit.
- 22nd December - School Closes at 12pm for Christmas Holidays.







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## Art Work for November

