



# St Oliver Plunkett's NS Newsletter



January 2021



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### Welcome to January's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all well. Let's hope with the start of Spring that we will see a dramatic drop in cases and that we will be allowed to return to school sooner rather than later. I hope your children are enjoying the tasks and activities that are being set for them. The work is of a high standard so well done to you all.

We are conscious of maintaining the current level of engagement with the school community so we are planning on having a Well Being Week starting the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. We will do maths, English and Gaeilge daily and a Well Being activity. The Well Being activities will be mostly open-ended activities that the children can do independently. Remember as we go through this lockdown your child will be open to engagement most days but there will be days that are difficult. On those days remember don't stress do as little or as much as you can.

Parent teacher meetings will be in late February and Early March. It will be by phone call this year. I will let you know when the appointments can be made using Aladdin Connect. Parental Survey: Thank you for taking part. We can see that there is a high engagement with google classroom. This seemed to be the most useful tool we are using. Pre-recorded lessons and Zoom classes were on a par with pre-recorded lessons marginally more useful than zoom. Irish is the most difficult lesson to support at home, teachers will do some pre-recorded lessons and post on Google Classroom to support you.

In relation to zoom classes, SEN classes and SNA meets with children it is important that the children are ready for the meet. We ask that there is no eating at these meetings, camera should be turned on unless you have e-mailed teacher to explain why it is not on, please make sure your child is dressed, please make sure your child is not taking the class in bed, please cross check that your child has only one device when on a zoom. We had an incident last week where a child recorded a zoom class using a second device. I have sent out the Acceptable Use policy last week and drew your attention to the school's code of behaviour so please cross check with your children. Thank you.

Take care, stay safe.

Mrs Murphy

Here are some samples of the work that was sent in:



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## Grandparents Day

Why are your grandparents amazing?  
Dad and Pop are amazing and hard people to  
be from Sharnon and need to be a teacher.  
He taught math, woodwork and helped students  
in Cornerstone College. Dad is from Co. Down and  
used to be a bookkeeper.

What would you like to tell your grandparents?  
Although they still mind on socially distancing  
We can't do the things we usually would.  
I would like tell them that they are amazing  
wonderful grandparents.

What do you like to do with them?  
Watch Targ. I like to see a lot of gardening  
have a chat or the CNN or RTE ones!  
With Dad I like to go for a walk, have  
a chat and run and read my homework etc.

Do you have any pictures of them?  
Yes, Mum is then celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary  
in 2019!



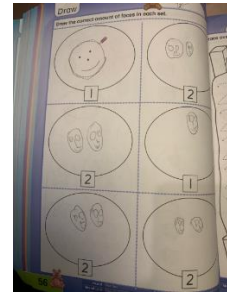
**Learning about the weather above. That must have been a very windy day!**



Feeling good!

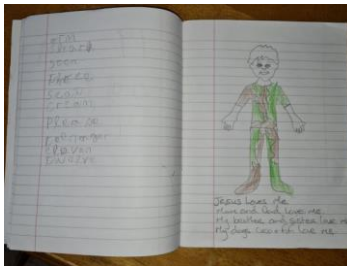


super artwork



maths

Great writing. Collaborative work is great, parents feel free to do this. We often as teachers do this in school. We write as the child is speaking.



Our Earth



## Bird watching

In my garden I have lots of starlings, sparrows and blue tits. Thank you for taking part in birdwatch over the weekend. This is something you can do anytime.

A robin in a garden in Balrothery.



swans in Skerries





Today is St Bridget's day.

There is a lovely story on utube . <https://youtu.be/LEeg5zjmVq4>

Well done to James for making this wonderful St Bridget's Cross.



Last but not least congratulations to the girls from Mr Callaghan's class on winning an award for their work on "Someone like me". They were the overall winners in Dublin.



