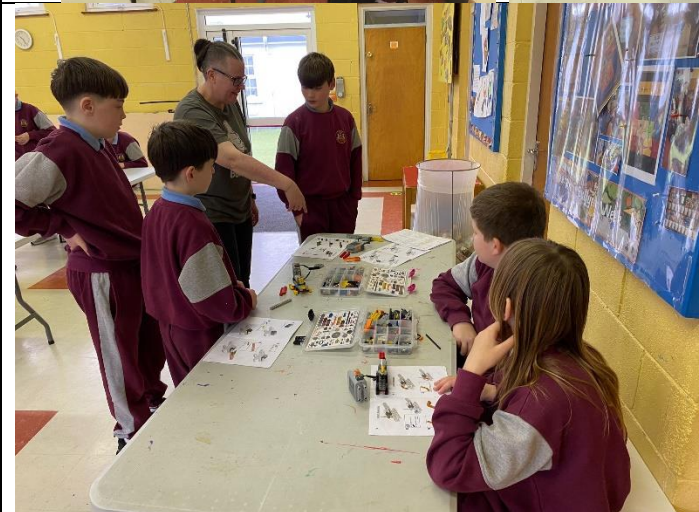
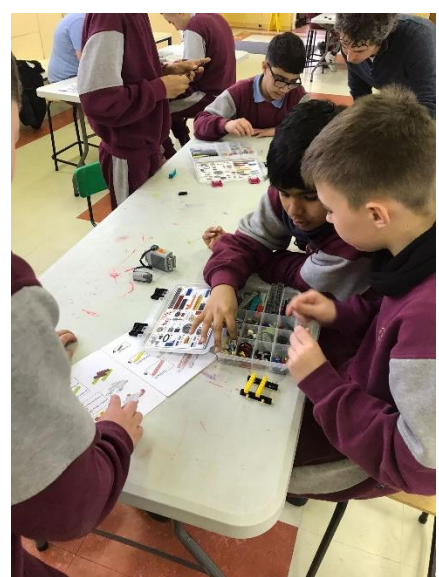




Happy Sunday everyone.

### Creative February

Creative February continued this Friday where we explored the connections between creativity and STEM. We had a visit from Bricks 4 Kidz who brought some amazing lego resources which afforded all children the opportunity to improve their understanding of numerical concepts and enhance their problem solving capabilities. At training for the Primary Mathematics Curriculum recently, teachers explored the difference between abstract and applied mathematics. Supporting the children follow instructions to make the lego mechanics was applied mathematics at its best. Some of the children even created their own inventions using the materials...the tutor that brought the resources was very impressed with the creative skills she observed!!! We were very proud!



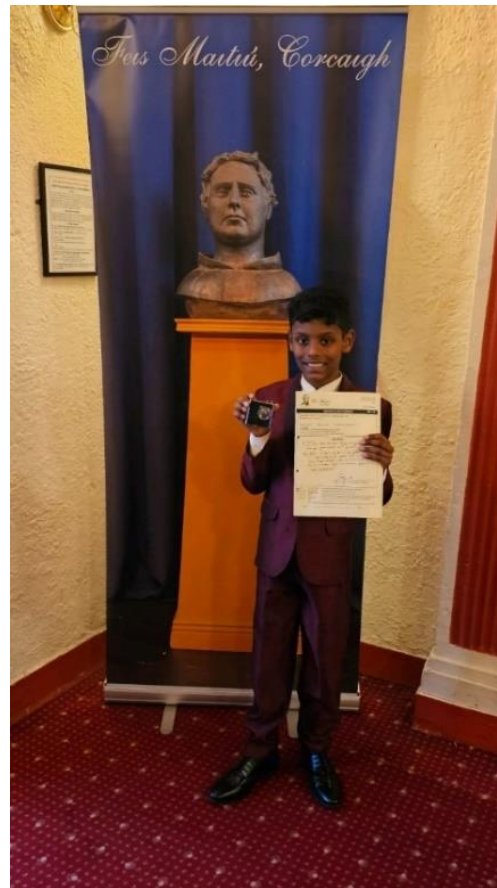
Drama with Emmett



Exploring LEGO maker online in 6<sup>th</sup> class...we were amazed at the different ideas the boys had.

## A wonderfully talented pianist ...

Huge congratulations and well done to Abhishek Jino in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class who won First Prize in Feis Maitiu Piano Solo competition as well as Féile Luimnigh Solo and duet competitions recently. We hope that Abhishek will have an opportunity to play for the whole school in the coming weeks.



## Parents Association AGM

### AGM

The Parents Association AGM will take place this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February @7 p.m.

All parents/guardians/caregivers are invited to attend this meeting, even if you are not interested in becoming involved in the PA, it is important that you are aware of the very important work that the PA do on behalf of all families in the school.

Our Parents Association had identified two excellent webinars this week:

**"Don't teach your kids to fear the online world, teach them to navigate it"** - An online webinar for parents/ carers of young people.

ISPCC Childline are delighted to deliver a series of webinars, which aims to support **parents/ carers** and their young person to be safe online . This two-part series will focus on:

- Recognising ways to interact with your child's online world and day to day experiences
- Reflect on how you might support your child to navigate the online world
- Implementing digital boundaries
- Guidance on how to deal with cyberbullying and upsetting content online
- Practical solutions and tips to help your child stay safe online

Unfortunately, I didn't manage to let you all know about this webinar on time as they were held on Tuesday and Wednesday last, I've asked ISPCC as to whether recordings of these will be available and if they are I will let you know.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to our Digital Citizenship Day on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming School Closures:

Mid Term Break takes place on Thursday and Friday of this week February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> next.

On Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the school will close at 12.30. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this, but the closure is to accommodate whole staff planning and development on the day.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, we have been directed to close the school as it will be used as a polling station on that day. This request is outside of our control unfortunately.



## School Calendar

School Re-opening	Wednesday 30th August 2023
October Mid-Term	27th Oct 2023 - 6th Nov 2023 (Inclusive)
Christmas Holidays	Close 22nd Dec 2023 - Re-open 8th Jan 2024
January School Closure	Tuesday 16th January 2024
February Bank Holiday	Monday 5th February 2024
February Mid-Term	Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February 2024
St. Patrick's Day	Monday 18th March 2024
Easter Holidays	Close Friday 22nd March 2024 - Re-opens Monday 8th April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
June Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd June 2024
School closes for Summer Holidays	Friday 21st June 2024

Hope the mid-term gives an opportunity to rest and recharge!

Regards

Mrs. Horgan.