

February 2018 Newsletter

St. Laurence O'Toole's P.S

Third Green Flag Award

We are delighted to inform everyone that our school has successfully renewed its **Green Flag Award** for the **third** time. We received the fantastic news during the month. The **Eco -Schools** team were particularly impressed by the continuity, strength and commitment of the whole school. Huge congratulations to everyone including our Eco Committee who were just thrilled with this news. Well done everyone! Eco Warriors hard at work!



ECO NEWS



Food Waste Workshop

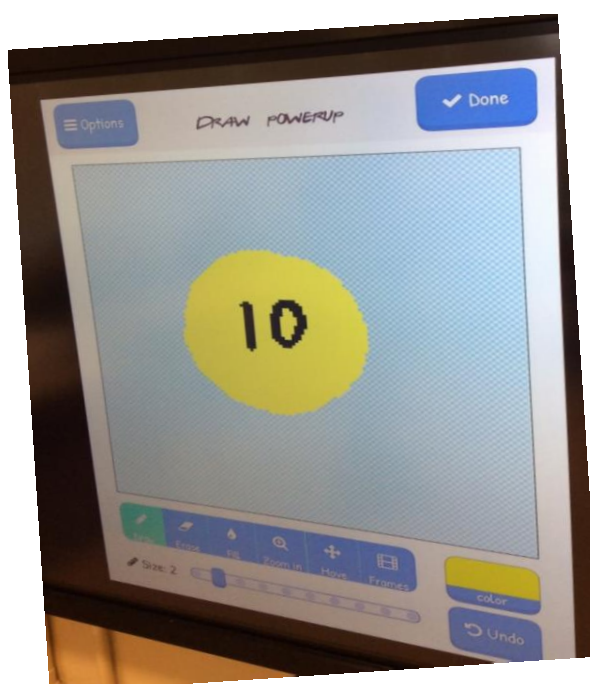
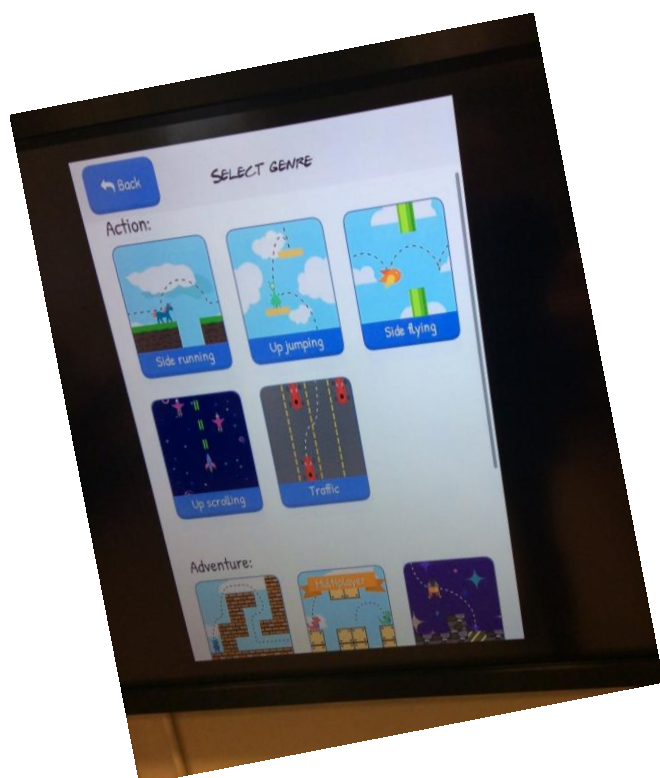
Chris from **Eco-Schools** visited us during the month to talk to the children about the importance of food waste in our school and at home. Our school has now signed up to participate in the **Eco-Schools Food Waste Challenge**. We look forward to seeing all the children's creative food recycling ideas.



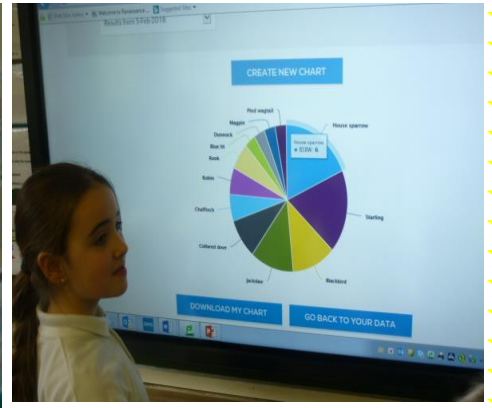
KS2 ICT Project

Interactive Design!!

Primary 5/6/7 pupils continue to work on their ICT Project (2D Gaming) in collaboration with the **Amma Centre**. Children have used the app **SketchNation** to complete a simple 2D game design. They had to draw their own '**power up**' into the app using a range of different tools and then design an '**enemy**' character. Fantastic interactive design skills being explored and applied. The pupils got the opportunity to actually play their 2D game at the end. So much fun!! Well done!!



RSPB School Visit



We had Karen from **RSPB** in school to talk to all the children about birds. All pupils participated in the **RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch Survey**. Children went outside, around the school grounds and used binoculars to help record the different type of bird species. Afterwards, Karen showed the children a presentation. Primary 5/6 then had the opportunity to transfer their information from the bird watch survey into a pie chart, depicting all the different types of birds around our school.

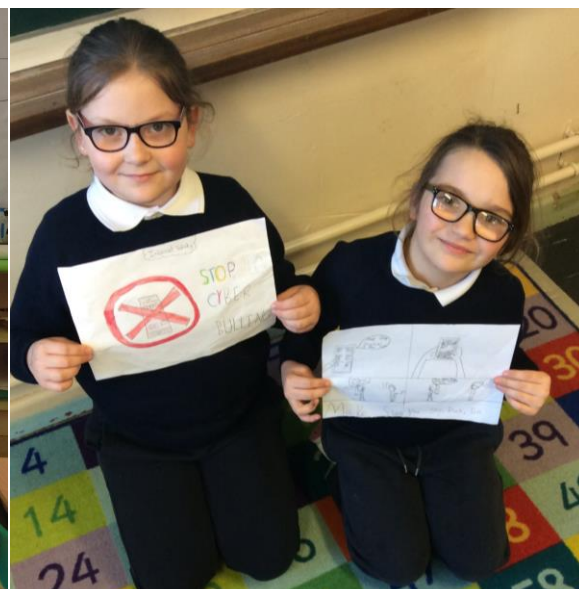


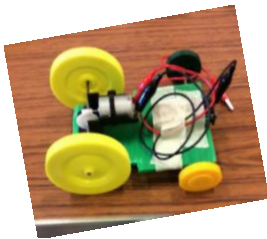
Pancake Tuesday



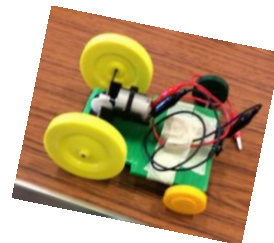


Internet Safety Day



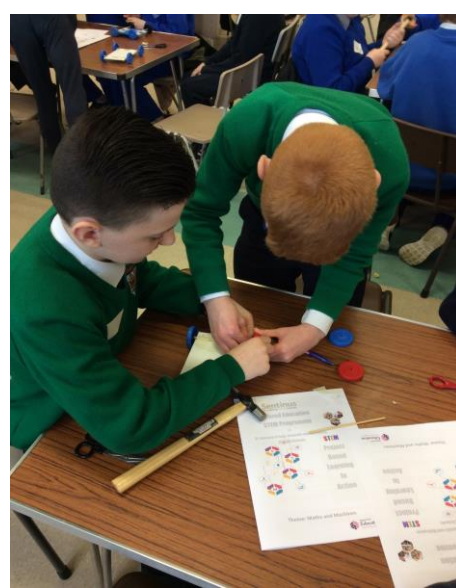


STEM



Peace IV Shared Education Project

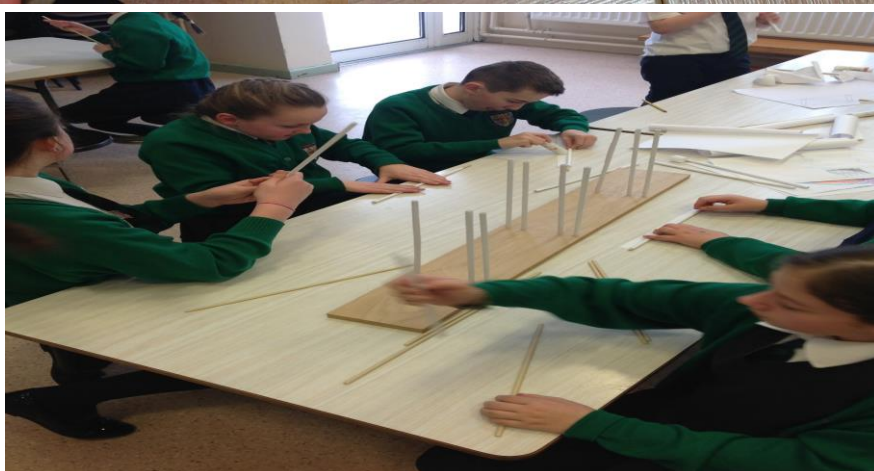
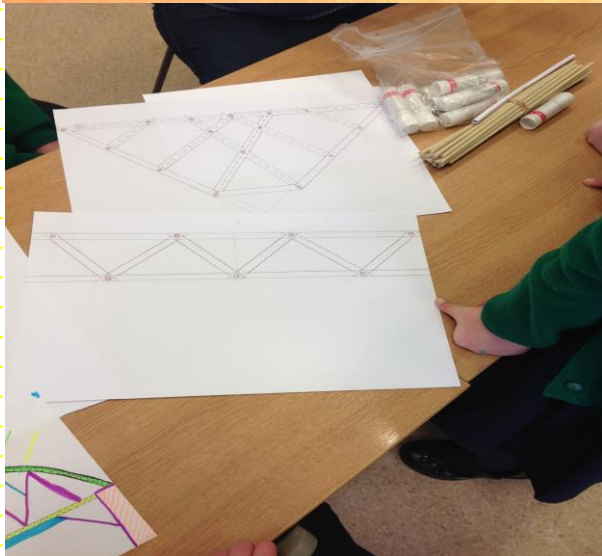
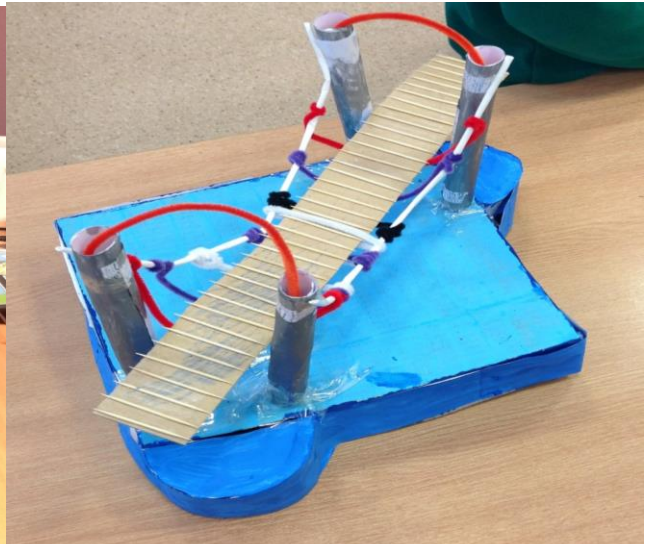
This month, Primary Six and Seven pupils travelled to Mullaglass Primary School to commence the *Peace IV Shared Education Project*. This project will focus on the areas of Numeracy and Problem-Solving. The children had the opportunity to meet and collaborate with pupils from Kingsmills P.S, Mullaglass P.S and St. Malachy's P.S, Ballymoyer. The day began with some problem solving challenges in Numeracy, before moving on to the children building and testing a Balloon-Driven Car and then, an Electric Car. What a fantastic day of learning had by all! Well done! The children are looking forward to returning to Mullaglass P.S on the **7th and 21st of March** to meet their new friends and work on more problem-solving activities.



STEM Project

Building Bridges

The P6/7 children have been working hard over the past couple of weeks on designing and building bridge structures.



Star of the Week Awards

	Mrs McGrath/Mrs McAteer	Mrs. Toner/Miss Murtagh	Miss O'Neill	Mrs. Friel/ Mrs McAteer
Week 1	Oisin	Darragh	Leah	Ryan
Week 3	Megan	Aoifa	Danielle	Sean

Pupil of the Month **Megan**



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Dean Kelly
Lucy Bradley
Ellen Grogan

Reminders

- ~ £1 Football money on Mondays
- ~ £4 Milk money for February
- ~ All homework must be signed
- Notes are required to cover absences**

Important dates:

- 6th March: **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (P4)
- 2nd March: **First Aid** for P5-P7 children from 2-3pm
- 7th March: **RISE Team** for 2nd Parental Meeting (7-9pm)
- 8th March: **Waste Bus** to visit school
- 12th March: **Digital Families Workshop** for P5/6/7
- 14^h March: **Translink** Workshop
- 19th/20th March: School Closed-St Patrick's Day Holidays
- 22nd March: School Nurse to visit P1/First Aid Workshops
- 23rd March: **STEM** Celebration Day @ St Paul's High School
- 29th March: Easter Holidays begin @ 11am
- School closed 30th March and reopens on Monday 9th April
- 29th April: First Holy Communion in St Laurence O'Toole's Chapel @ 11am
- 1st May: Confirmation in St Malachy's Church, Ballymoyer

Easter Hamper



A hamper has, very kindly, been donated by some parents to help raise money for our school funds. It will be raffled off before Easter. Children and parents can enter as many times as they wish (£1 per line) and the children have been issued with a sheet which encourages them to sell as many lines as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.