

Hello all,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. Well done for making it this far and flattening the curve. It is great to see the number of confirmed cases decreasing as the days go on, hopefully it will continue to go in the right direction; this is down to the great work you all are doing.

On an academic front, congratulations for completing all the academic work, don't worry if you didn't get it all done, I'm sure everyone tried their best and please give yourself credit for trying to juggle school work in the middle of a pandemic. I know you and your child deserve a much needed rest from books over the holidays, so take it. If possible, I would try to encourage a little bit of reading or writing over the holidays every now and again, even writing shopping lists or to-do lists, just to maintain all the great work that has been done over the last few weeks, but certainly don't feel you need to do an awful lot.

For the last week we're giving a few fun activities and sports. I really love the 'Rewild your child' nature videos from 'Nature North West' which are led by two lovely children (they have more nature videos also available on you-tube). Again, these are only suggestions and you may feel happier to pick and choose what suits you best.

I can't believe the school year is coming to an end. Little did we think in March that we wouldn't be returning to school. I'd like to take this opportunity to say it was a pleasure to work with you and your child this year. Your child worked so well in school, both academically and socially and I have no doubt they continued to grow and learn at home with you too. Don't underestimate the trojan work you did at home. I can't wait to be back in school in autumn and to bump into you and your child again. I know all the children are well able for third class and they'll do exceptionally well.

Thank you for all your support and I wish everyone continued good health over the summer.

Warm regards,
Irene O' Mahony

All book rental books are to be returned to the school on **Thursday 25th or Friday 26th of June between 6.30 and 7.30 pm**. Please place all books in a bag and **label with your child's name**. These are to be returned to the school hall and can be placed on the floor. Please enter through the front door and exit through the back door.

P.E With Joe

A great way to start the day or as a movement break, especially if there's any wet days. 'PE With Joe' goes live every morning at 9am and Joe Wicks AKA The Body Coach does a different routine everyday, lasting between 30-35 mins. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4ShRREe26w>

Wednesday 17th June

Paws (Primary Aquatics Water Safety) Water Safety

Paws teaches children how to be safe around water in homes, in pools, at the beach, on the farm and on our waterways. A devastating fact is that in Ireland, thirty children ,aged fourteen and under, drown every ten years. That's the equivalent of an entire classroom. By learning how to be safe around water, we can help to change this statistic. Visit www.teachpaws.ie to learn more about water safety.

Thursday 18th June

Rewild Your Child

Exploring nature at any age is good for your mind and body. Follow the links below to discover easy ways to explore nature. These beautiful child-led videos are dedicated to outdoor learning; learning about nature at home. I hope you enjoy watching the videos and exploring the outdoors.

Lesson 1 teaches us about the blackthorn and the hawthorn tree. This video will help you to tell the difference between the hawthorn and the blackthorn tree. Play a fun game using a plant called plantain and learn how to find bugs which are hiding in trees.

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Friday 19th June

Lesson 2 focus on willow tree flowers and learn why bumblebee like them.

After watching the video take a quick quiz to see how much you have learnt.

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Art:

Design an A4 poster creating a Superhero who has the power to get rid of Covid-19. What does this Superhero look like, is it male or female, does it wear a cape, do all Superheros wear a cape? What powers has it that gets rid of the virus, is it invisible like the virus?

Monday 22nd June

Lesson 3 teaches us all about butterflies.

In this lesson you can make a butterfly life-cycle, make a butterfly, try to catch a butterfly and take a quick quiz to see how much you have learnt about butterflies.

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Tuesday 23rd June

Lesson 4 focuses on primroses and dandelions, which are wild flowers which grow in abundance along ditches, fields and gardens. Watch the video and take another quick quiz to see how much you now know about primroses and dandelions.

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Go outside and try to find both flowers.

Take a leaf from each flower and if there are lots of dandelions, pick one.

What do they feel like?

What do the flowers smell like?

Rub the leaves against your cheek, which one is softer?

Can you find any pollen in the centre of the flower? Use your little finger to try to get some.

Open the dandelion and find the pollen, nectar and seeds.

Can you see any bees or butterflies nearby? What colours are they?

Don't forget to leave lots of flowers for the bees!

Wednesday 24th June

Today we will learn all about foxes. What do foxes look like? What do they eat? What is a female fox called? Where do foxes sleep? Find out all the answers by watching the following video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IX5qjuFnPak&list=UUw986lQgbhZpSiZR5BAd7eA&index=2>

Virtual School Tours

Sadly, this year we didn't get to go on our school tour but the Scoilnet virtual tour collection highlights some tours that you can take from the comfort of your home. You can visit places of interest in Ireland or even Europe! Maybe you might like to see what Áras an Uachtaráin is like , or visit the National Museum of Ireland or if you would like to go further afield, how about learning about Anne Frank! Choose your location to begin... <https://www.scoilnet.ie/go-to-post-primary/collections/tours/>

Virtual Sports Day

Again, this year we didn't get to enjoy our annual Sports Evening in Brinny pitch. Have a look at a virtual Sports Day which you can enjoy at home with your family. Count up your scores to find your winning family member. Be careful, because points can be deducted too! I would love to see some photos of your activities.

Scoil Eoin Virtual Sports Day 2020

Challenge	Score
Egg and Spoon Race. 20 points for the winner.	
Press-up Challenge 60 seconds on the clock. 5 points for each press up.	
Toilet Roll Tower. How many toilet rolls when the tower fell? 2 points per roll. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=32&v=JGcMK1loZxo&feature=emb_title	
Slow bicycle Race: Make a finishing line. The LAST person to cross the line is the winner. Last to finish 10 pts. Foot touches the ground <u>take away 2 pts.</u>	
Keepy Uppy Keep the ball in the air as long as you can for 30secs. Even if it falls, pick it up and keep going but the time keeps going. 2pts for each keepy uppy.	Total Score: