

Hi Everyone,

I can't believe that I am writing this note to signify the end of First Class! It doesn't seem that long ago when we had our very first day in First Class. If you remember, I was late into school on our first day, the 29th of August, because my daughter Kate was starting school and then my brother got married on the 30th so I was 'as láthair' on our second day, but once we settled in I think we had a great year together. We had so much fun and we have learnt so much, not just academically but also about ourselves. We have made new friends and we have learnt new skills and developed our talents. We had many changes in First Class, such as moving to a new building, to a new classroom, to a new yard, to the longer school year and you all handled these changes fantastically.

As one chapter in a book ends another one begins and your next chapter will be Second Class. By now, you will know who your Second Class teacher is and you might be happy to know that we will still be next door to each other on the same corridor and in the same building as we were in last year. Of course, we will also be on the same yard and I am looking forward to chatting and catching up with you all after the summer holidays.

I really enjoyed teaching you all this year and I am really sad that our year was brought to a sudden end but I really want to say how proud I am of you all for all the hard work you have put into your homework at home and how well you have worked under the watchful eyes of your parents. Well Done Everyone! For homework this week, I have just put together some fun and practical ideas as we end our school year and begin our summer holidays. I hope you enjoy the activities.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday and I am really looking forward to seeing you all soon. I might not recognize you because I am sure you all have grown since I saw you last.

See you soon,

Ms. Quinlan

All book rental books are to be returned to the school on **Thursday 25th or Friday 26th 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.

### **PE 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 drowned 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](http://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 bumblebees 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=UUw986IQgbhZpSiZR5BAd7eA&index=22>

### 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
<b>Egg and Spoon Race.</b> 20 points for the winner.	
<b>Press-up Challenge</b> 60 seconds on the clock. 5 points for each press up.	
<b>Toilet Roll Tower.</b> How many toilet rolls when the tower fell? 2 points per roll. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=32&amp;v=JGcMK1loZxo&amp;feature=emb_title">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=32&amp;v=JGcMK1loZxo&amp;feature=emb_title</a>	
<b>Slow bicycle Race:</b> 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>	
<b>Keepy Uppy</b> 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.	<b>Total Score:</b>