



Sycamore Times

MATHS WEEK

By *Iyobo and Caroline*

On the 10th of October the students in P.E.T.N.S had started Maths Week because they thought it would be fun to learn about maths in the environment.

On Monday, the Sycamore Class did Sudoku puzzles and code breaking. The students did their own codes and their partners tried to solve them.

Then on Tuesday the students did a maths trail involving going around the school and solving questions from a small booklet. They were split up into four groups, did a traffic survey and looked at maths in the school environment.

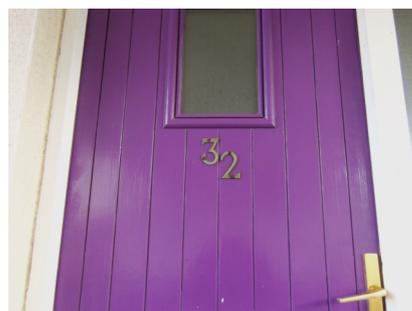
On Wednesday the students had maths art and made 3-D maths monsters. It involved using recycled toilet rolls, bottles, boxes, cereal boxes and bottle tops. The students glued the recycled materials and painted them different colours. They looked

brilliant.

On Thursday the students split into groups again and went on a Maths Eyes hunt. They went to Tyrrelstown and looked for numbers, shapes and patterns. Each group on took a camera and snapped photographs of shapes, patterns and numbers. Afterwards they came back to their class room. Mike bought some sweets and Mike shared it with everyone.

Finally on Friday all the students of P.E.T.N.S went on an exhibition upstairs in the school. They looked at all the work from maths week from all the classes.

Everything looked brilliant on display. Maths week was great fun!



Can you list all the factors of this number?

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HALLOWEEN

LITTLE EINSTEIN CLUB

By Chloe Shaw

On Friday the 18th of October a local Garda, Darragh O'Neill, came into talk to the Sycamore Class about safety this Halloween.

"Don't stand too close to black cats, bonfires and fireworks, or other dangerous stuff," he said, "Stand at least 15 feet away from fireworks."

He went from class to class starting with the Sycamore Class and everybody said they would be very careful.

If everybody is careful, everybody will have fun and enjoy themselves!

By David, Toby and Shalom

On Friday the 11th of October a lady came in to show us an experiment with slime. She told us that soldiers put slime on their suits so it can protect them if a bullet hits them. The lady brought in slime to show us and we got to touch it and punch it. At the end we got to make slime and it was fantastic. We really enjoyed her demonstration. May students are looking forward to Little Einstein Club beginning after midterm. Stay tuned to hear how they get on in the November issue.



SPORTS NEWS

SPORT WITH STEPHEN

By Kay

This term Stephen has been doing sport skills with us for P.E.

With Stephen we play dodgeball, football, skipping and other games. Stephen is good at sport. "He is good at being a coach," said Moses.

After midterm Stephen is not coming back. A new man is coming to teach us GAA. His name is James. He will come to the Sycamore Class on Fridays.

We will miss Stephen but we can't wait for the new coach.



ARTS NEWS

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

By Kevin and Candy

On the 7th of October, the school started running after-school clubs for the students at PETNS to help them improve their skills in lots of different areas.

There are lots of different activities on offer. On Mondays there are sports with Darren and Andy or French with Deirdre. On Tuesdays, there is

Write a Book with Mike or Dance with Gráinne and Sharon. On Wednesday, there is a debating club with Cróna. On Fridays, the Sycamore class does Drama with Dominic.

Moses said "I like it because we get to do stuff that we like."

The students love after-school clubs and think its fun.



DRAMA CLASS

By David and Toby

We take part in drama classes every Friday. We do it upstairs with a teacher called Dominic. We test our skills so we can make up a show. We have been doing it for 7 weeks.

Dominic told us how important it is not to laugh while you're acting. You should never laugh at others performing when they are taking part in drama.

Tips about Drama

- ◆ Always concentrate when acting.
- ◆ Listen to whoever is teaching you.
- ◆ Believe in the character you're playing.

PEACE PROMS

By Chloe

This year, the Sycamore Class are taking part in a choir project called Peace Proms. Lots of other schools are also taking part.

We got the songs in the post and we are

going to start practising them after mid-term in class.

On the 9th of January we are going to practice the songs in the D.C.U. sports hall with other classes and musicians and a conductor.

On the 1st of February we are going to perform in a big concert in city west with other schools from around Ireland.

Tickets are on sale from November 1st.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

HOLIDAY FUN

By Kevin and Candy

On Friday 26th October PETNS is holding its annual cake sale and dress up day.

The cake sale will have different types of cakes like muffins, cupcakes and chocolate cakes. We are holding this cake sale as a fund raiser to help our school raise money. We hope the cake sale will go

well and raise money for our school.

Also the students and teachers are going to be dressing up for dress up day. Last year people dressed up as Spiderman, Nerds and many more characters.

We hope that the fund raiser will go well for everyone that comes and everyone will enjoy it!



Get some yummy cakes for the holidays!

MOOOVIE NIGHT!

By Charles and Jack

The student council have arranged a movie night for the kids of PETNS on Thursday 24 of October from 6.30 -8.00 at PETNS on Powerstown Road.

There will be 2 films on show—Casper for the Junior Class and Monster House for the Senior Class. There will be popcorn and sweets and drinks for everyone.

This is a fundraiser to buy more sports gear.

We hope everybody has a good time.



Come join in for our spooooky cinema night!

WHAT WE ARE IS SPECIAL!

By Willis

The school has been learning a song by Will.I.Am. The song is about keeping your head up and never giving up. Its about always being the best, finding the power in yourself and using it.

Everyone is so happy to be learning this song. we can't wait to sing the song on Friday and keep on reaching high, keep on getting stronger.

Nothing's going to bring us down. We'll never give up!

"I will always be the best me that I can be!"



"If what I am is what's in me, I'll stay strong that's who I'll be! I will always be the best me that I can be! There's only one me I am it, I'll have a dream and follow it. Its up to me to try!"

POLITICS NEWS

DEBATING CLUB

By Adesuwa, Divine and Moses

On the 9th of October on Wednesday the Sycamore Class started a debating club from 2:10 -3:10

They learn to do debating and work together to see how debating works. They learned to be convincing and it's a great practice for when you go to secondary school. They learned about the motion and the teams.

They hope to compete against other schools.

Tips for debating:

- ◆ *Speak out clearly*
- ◆ *Look at your audience*
- ◆ *Do your research!*
- ◆ *Learn your speech so you don't rely on cues.*
- ◆ *Work together with your team.*

Debating is not about fighting or insulting anyone, it is a formal argument!

They really love to do debating and it's only 2 euro per session.

"Debating club is the best after-school club" says Chloe.

"It's fun because you get to make a choice" says Moses.

"It's the best" says Adesuwa.

GREEN SCHOOLS TAKES CLASS ACTION!

By Shalom

This month, in their October meetings, the Green Schools Committee discussed the use of the bins and energy conservation in the classrooms. They were very angry because the bins were not being used properly and the lights were being left on in the classroom. The Green School Committee decided to have an energy monitor in each class. Their job is making sure the lights are not left on when no one is in the classroom. They also

check computers at home time to make sure energy is not wasted. The Green School committee also made a chart for checking the bins in the classrooms. The Green team will inspect the bins three times a week to see if rubbish is being put into the right bin. A class gets a tick if their bin is good. The best class gets a leaf on their tree at the end of the week for extra play-time. "I think that bin chart will go really well and help

people to take care of their bins," said 5th class Green Schools Rep Kevin Oboye. The Green School committee hopes to see a big improvement in all the classrooms.



What Goes in the Bin!

Paper Bin:

1. Paper cuttings from classroom
2. Cardboard

Compost Bin:

1. Fruit peelings
2. Vegetable scraps
3. Tea bags

What's not allowed!!!

- ◆ Bread- it goes bad and attracts rats!
- ◆ Juice cartons or lunch box wrappers- bring them home!



PUZZLES

CODE BREAKING!

Use this alphabet to break the codes:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
J	A	M	E	S	B	O	N	D	C	F	G	H	I	K	L	P	Q	R	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

D gkvs tns rymjhhkqs mgjrr!!! (Iyobo)

D gdfs hjtns!!! (Chloe)

Svsqy rtuesir dr tns rjhs. (Charles)

Gktr kb fder jqs tns rjhs . (Charles)

Tns eymjhkgs tdhs de as ant. (Kay)

Ek yku gdfs ti lgjy ajrsajg. (Toby)

Solve the puzzles below!

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4			2
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Sycamore Class

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My class, the Sycamore Class, had a good start to the year. We made new friends, set up the Green schools Committee and the Student Council.

Even though sometimes people forget the class rules, Cróna always wants to see us improve and not be cheeky or bad mannered. Cróna is still very proud of our class. A debating after-school club has even started with Cróna.

In other news a girl called Kaina, our class mate, has left our class so we had a goodbye party. It was fun. Kaina friends made goodbye notes for her. People miss Kaina because she was funny and cheerful in the class.

There are speculations that other students may be leaving for London next year. Many people hope that these rumours do not come true. They would be missed by the class and especially Cróna and Andy that I like to call Handy Andy.

Stay classy Powerstown!

By Moses

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT WITH HANDY ANDY

I feel it is only right that I take a moment to mention the hard work and all round good natured attitude that I have come to see in my seven weeks in the Sycamore Class. From Guided Reading to Golden Time the class have taken part and shown what it is to be Powerstown Educate Together National School students.

I would just like to wish everybody an enjoyable and relaxing midterm and I look forward to seeing everybody after the break. I will leave you with this quote: "Try to be like the turtle, at ease in your shell." -Bill Copeland.

