



June 2020

Dear Parent(s).

Next September will be unlike previous Septembers now that we are growing accustomed to living with the realities of social distancing and remote learning. The Board and staff of St. Fiacc's are in the early stages of planning for the return to school of our pupils. However even the best plans will change as the medical advice and evidence changes around Covid 19.

Some things we are sure of however are the changes that may have to be made to reduce risk of infection. Changes such as

- Dropping off your children and not remaining on the school grounds for Health & Safety reasons. (A system is being developed by the Board)
- Only calling to the reception on appointment (to protect the Secretary).
- Understanding that the school day may have to be staggered if the class is greater than the recommended size for social distancing.

I do believe these proposals will not affect the teacher-parent relationship or our positive/welcoming school culture as we are merely acting on good advice. They are simple proposals at this stage and will evolve and change as new information emerges. All I can ask for, at this early stage, is your support. I will endeavour to keep everybody informed and updated through July and August on our plans for reopening.

When preparing your child for September I would ask that you send them to school with a **ziplock pouch that contains a personal hand towel and a small container of hand sanitizer.**

Finally it is not an ideal ending for the 6th class pupils as they complete their eight years at St. Fiacc's. We have arranged a mass for them on June 24th and I will also set up a Zoom meeting with them during the last week of June to share their memories of Primary School and to acknowledge our award winners. We have also arranged an end of year school mass for June 19th.

Kind regards,

Mr John Brennan

Updates

- Three Zoom Meetings took place this week to speak with parents of the new infants. At the time of writing we have 67 Junior Infants enrolled for September.
- A School Report will be sent home in June through Aladdin Connect.
- At this time of the year we generally request down payments on next year's Book Rental. Given the difficult financial situation many families find themselves in, we are quite understanding in that regard. To this end we have set up a payment facility through Aladdin Connect whereby families can make small installments over the coming months. We are extending our deadline for payment of Book Rental to June 19th. Thank you to those who have already made a contribution.
- From the week beginning June 15th we will be inviting parents to return school books. Parents will also have an opportunity to collect their pupils' copies, projects etc. Arrival times and dates will be staggered to allow for social distancing.



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***If you are Leaving St. Fiacc's this Summer please inform the Principal - st.fiaccs@gmail.com**

Saint Fiacc's Got Talent - Message from Mr Kelly

We've decided to give SFGT a go as it is the highlight of many pupils' year in June. This year, we're asking pupils to make a short 1 to 2 minute video of themselves performing a song, dance, poem, magic trick or any other talent (within reason). Pupils will upload their videos to their respective Google Classrooms where class teachers can view. As usual the show is only for children from 2nd to 6th. Closing date for uploading of videos is Friday June 5th. Class teachers will choose 1 video to represent their class. The chosen videos will be included in an end of year SFGT assembly type pre recorded Zoom Show. Myself and Mr Brennan and one or two guest judges will host and comment on the videos as we would in the hall. Any queries just ask Mr Kelly - mrkelly@stfiaccs.com

Virtual Active Schools Fortnight 2020 - Message from Mr Bolton

We are very excited about our very first Virtual Active School Weeks in St Fiacc's N.S this year. Our Virtual Active Schools Weeks will take place for two weeks from **Monday 15th - Friday 26th June**. There will be a wide range of activities planned for our pupils and all school work assigned for that week will involve physical education, activities and challenges in the home. Ms Lyons, Mr Nolan and the Active Schools Committee will be coordinating activities as usual alongside class teachers. Daily exercises, challenges and video links will be sent to the children through See-Saw or Google Classroom. Physical education and activity is so important for child wellbeing and we hope that all students will partake in the activities and enjoy the experience.

End of year Awards

We will announce our Model Pupil and Student of the Year Awards on June 23rd. It is always a proud moment for our pupils. The awards will be based on the school year up to March 12th as some pupils were not able to engage in remote learning.

6th Graduation & end of year mass.

We are planning to celebrate both our end of year mass and 6th class graduation mass in St. Clare's Church. The masses can be viewed live via the webcam. End of year mass will take place June 19th and 6th class graduation mass will take place June 24th. There will be a separate Zoom Meeting with all outgoing 6th classes.

Calendar 2020

School opens **Thursday August 27th** for ALL our Pupils.

We are opening **Tuesday August 25th** for our new Junior Infants.



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Class Size

Unfortunately due to a drop in enrolment figures this year we will have 22 mainstream classes instead of 23 mainstream classes. The effect of this change is that our three present Junior Infant Classes will be merged into two Senior Infant Classes in September. This is not ideal but unless the Department of Education reduces class size schools will be forced to take unpopular decisions.

You will be informed during the last week of June who your child's teacher will be for September 2020.

Graiguecullen GAA Coaching



Graiguecullen GAA Online Juvenile Coaching For ages 8yrs+

Sat May 30th @ 11am

***See Facebook for registration details**

Online Learning

St. Fiacc's are using Google Classroom to support teaching & Learning from 3rd - 6th and See Saw to support learning from Infants - 2nd. Your child will have received a username and password (3rd - 6th) or a code (Infants - 2nd). Please email st.fiaccs@gmail.com if you require further assistance on this.

A list of all the class teachers and learning Support Staff is available on our website www.stfiaccsns.ie. Go to CONTACT US Tab.

Our Learning At Home Gallery



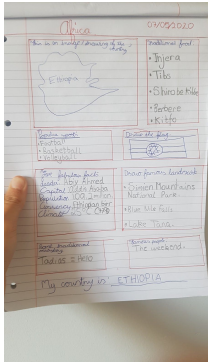
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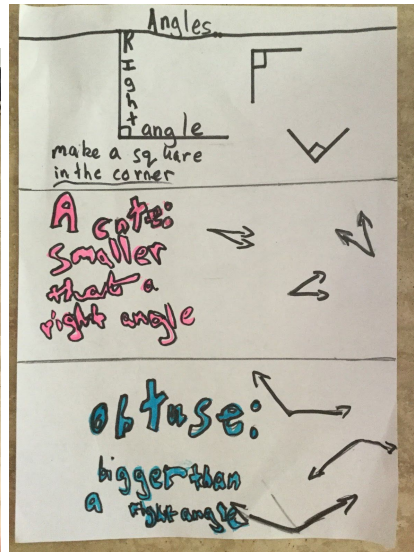
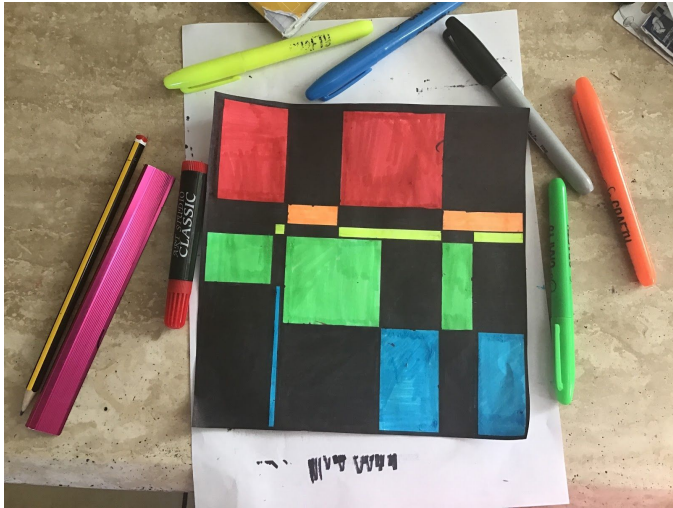
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May Activities – room 10 second class.

May Altar





Maths: Capacity and length



Send me a picture of your beautiful art :0)

Art:





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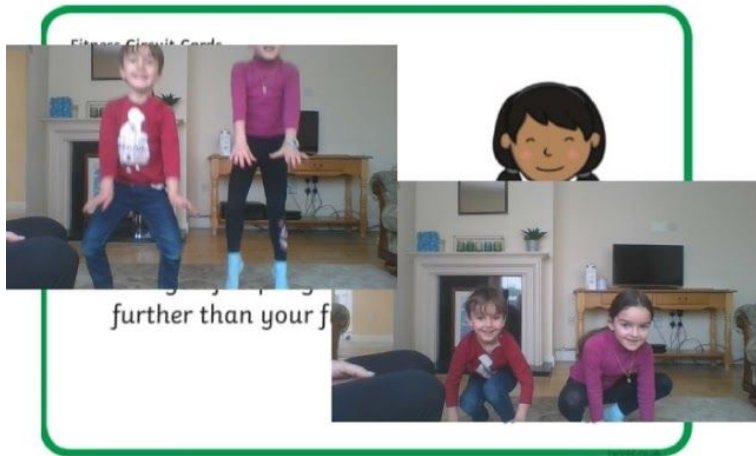
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Letting Active



Do **5** star jumps.



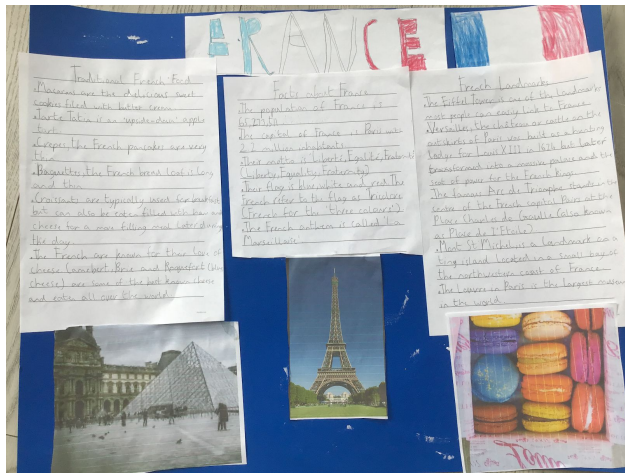
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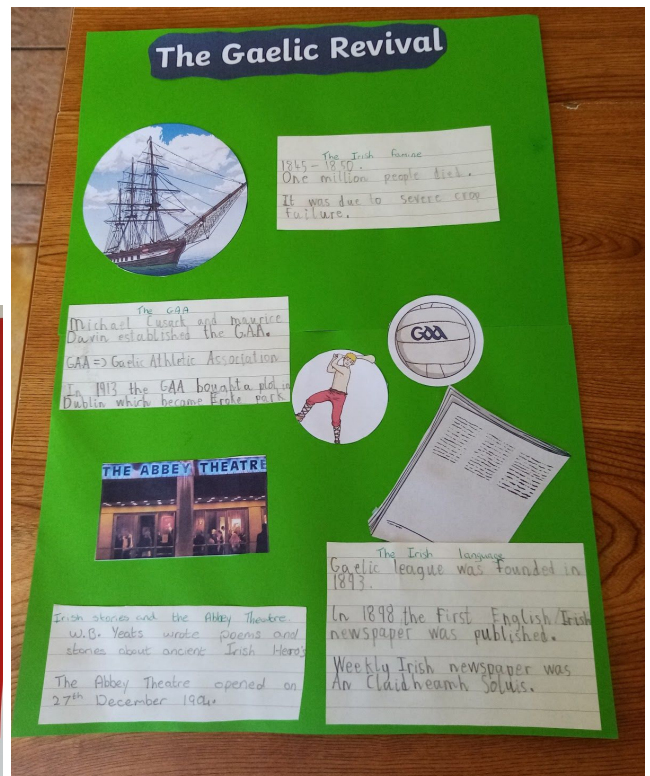
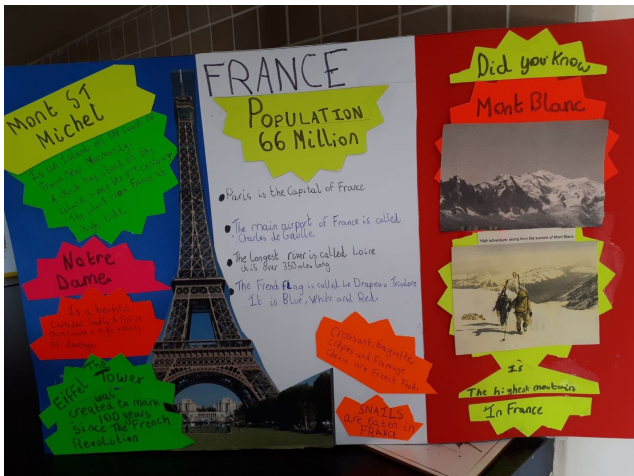
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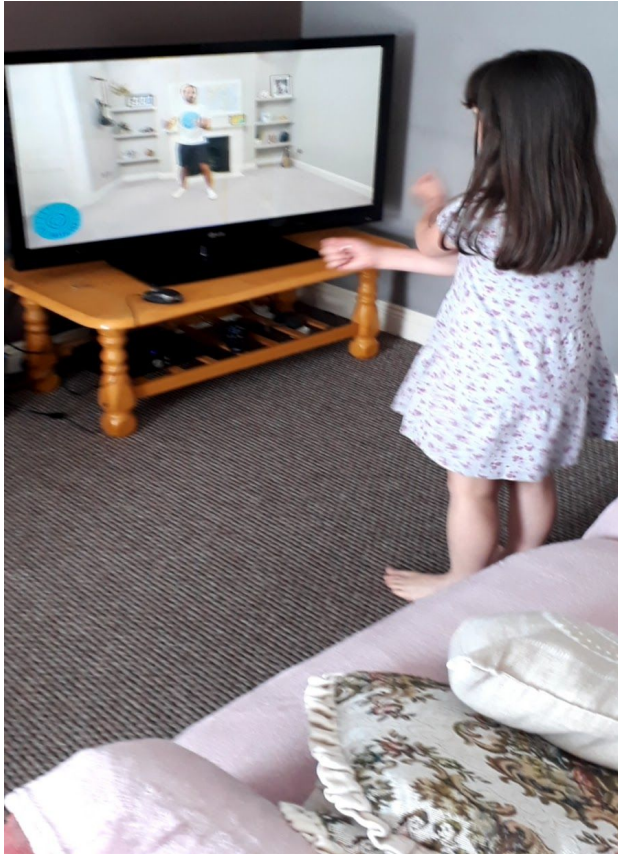
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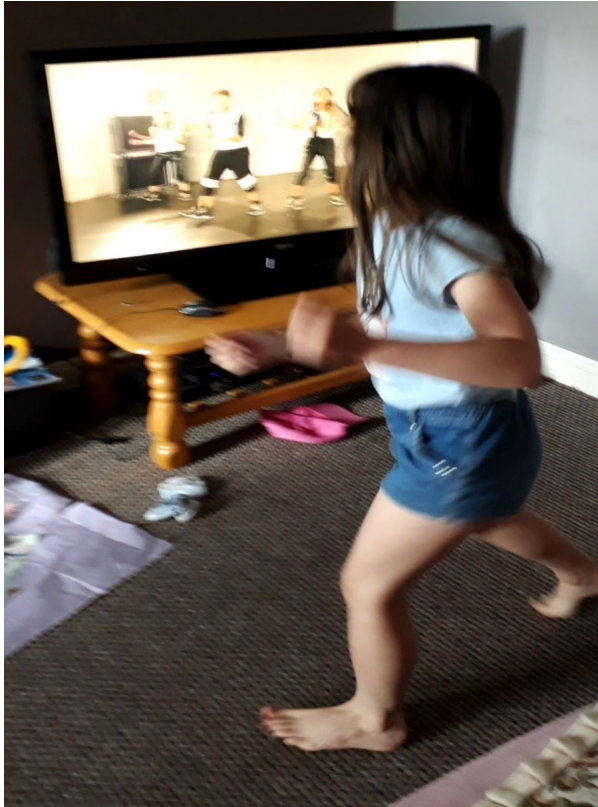
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