

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of our newsletter - The Prez SayZ. This is the Summer newsletter and it is a souvenir special edition written by this year's 6th classes. A big Thank You to all 3 classes that helped in different ways and everyone who made this possible! These are some of our memories from Junior Infants all the way up to 6th class! We hope you enjoy reading it.

# We interviewed our Junior Infants teachers (2017-18) and here's what they had to say about us!

### Mrs O'Neill & Ms Duke

1. Do you remember our very first day coming to you?

Mrs O'Neill – you were all so good and quiet and nobody cried. Your first piece of work was drawing a picture of your first day in school and now it is in your portfolios.

Ms Duke - You were so excited when I met you after Christmas. You loved playing tricks and saying that you played all day. You also said that we ate chocolate all day!

2. Do you remember our very first school tour, where was it?

Ms Duke - Your first school tour was in Woodfield House. You were so excited and you were waving at your parents on the way to the bus. You were only on the bus 4 minutes and you were asking were we there yet.

3. What was your favourite memory with us?

Mrs O'Neill - before I went on maternity leave my favourite memory was Jelly Friday and learning our first letter s together.

Ms Duke - my favourite memory was learning about water on a really hot day. You had a little water fight. My second favourite memory with you was doing yoga balances and listening to Starry Night.

#### Mrs Southard

- 1. What was your favourite memory with us? You were a lovely class and we had our 80's show.
- 2. What subjects did we enjoy doing the most?
  The subjects you enjoyed doing the most was
  Art and P.E.
- 3. What was our favourite PE game? Your favourite PE game was pirate ships.
- 4. Did you like teaching junior infants, if so why? Yes I loved it because I got to meet you and your families
- 5. Where was our school tour?

For your school tour we went to Glebe House.

#### Ms Cullen

- 1. Did you like teaching Junior Infants, if so why / why not? I loved teaching Junior Infants and you were my first ever class! Ms Doyle was your teacher for about 3 weeks,.
- I came in then and you were a lovely class to teach.
- 2. What or who inspired you to be a teacher?

  Nobody in my family was ever a teacher. My 6<sup>th</sup> class teacher, Mrs Ryan, inspired me because she was so kind. I went into social care for about 3 years. I trained to be a teacher in Scotland and later came here. You were a lovely class and I was happy to have you.
- 3. Do you still see yourself being a teacher in 10 years? Yes, because I am not that old and I never regretted becoming a teacher.

## THE PREZ SAYZ A FOND FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2025

Mrs McAra - Abigail, Ameya, Anastatia, Chloe, Emilia P, Emilia Z, Emily, Fareedah, Gemma, Geovana, Hollie, Jeschurun, Julia, Kim, Lauren, Leah, Lexi, Lisa, Lucy & Roisin

Ms Power - Cera, Chloe, Emily C, Emily P, Emma, Hannah, Julia, Layla, Lexie, Lucy, Maria, Matipa, Maya, Mia, Najmah, Rhea, Sara, Sofia, Sohaila, Yasmim, Zeinab & Zoey

<u>Ms Fortune</u> - Amanda, Anna, Caitlin, Caoimhe, Ella, Ellie, Georgia, Gracie, Hannah C, Hannah O'R, Kaley, Katie, Lexi, Lucy, Mia, Milagro, Mylana, Nandhana, Paulina, Petra, Sofiia & Valentina



2017-18

Junior Infants - we had our Teddy Bear's Picnic. We all agree we had a fun and a welcoming experience.. We are near to the end of our school years,

Now looking back with our peers,

We were always so inclusive and caring,

Showing kindness and always sharing.

Senior Infants - We performed in the Theatre Royal for Feile na Scoile. We dressed up in neon colours for it. 2018-19

We want to thank Mrs O'Mara for making us feel welcome
Always smiling and being helpful.

Also the staff for always being there to make us laugh

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And to lead us on the right path.

2019-20

1st Class - we started swimming in Waterford Crystal, went to Winterval, got hot chocolate and yummy treats!

Covid-19 hit in March and school was closed!

Junior years to Senior years,

We had so much fun so there will be tears,

Building us up to face our fears.

Although we might miss our primary years,

We are opening a new chapter in the book,

We can't go back but we can look.

2<sup>nd</sup> Class - online learning for Covidthis was mostly on Seesaw. Did anyone enjoy this?!

2020-21

We are in our final year of primary school and we would like to share our achievements from over the years.

2021-22

3<sup>rd</sup> Class - Communion Day September 10<sup>th</sup> in St Paul's Church In 2022, our school camogie team got into the final against The Mercy, which we unfortunately lost.

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In October of 2024, Aoibhe Waring helped us train for our gaelic blitz. In our blitz, we lost in the final against Ballyduff in Walsh Park.

4<sup>th</sup> Class - School tour in Fota Wildlife Park in Cork. We all remember the rain that day.

2022-23

Then on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2025, our school of sanctuary team and Mrs O'Mara and Ms Duke travelled up to Dublin and won Champion School of Sanctuary Status award.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, we played a football blitz in SETU Arena. We thank Mr Curran and Mr Phelan for taking the time to bring us up, train us and encouraging us the whole time.

In May, students qualified to go to the RSC to race against other schools. Lots of girls and boys got through to the finals, and on that day we won medals for our school. Everyone was proud.

Again in May, the school camogie team were in the Roinn B semi-final against The Mercy. It was a tough game, we lost but we all tried our hardest, and we're proud for getting to the semi-final.

2023-24

5<sup>th</sup> Class - We made delicious treats for the bake sale, performed Willy Wonka Jnr and went to the Watershed for our school tour.

6<sup>th</sup> Class - Confirmation Day April 4<sup>th</sup>. We went to the Odeon and town.

2024-25