

This year's Book Week was, yet again, a huge success, with thanks to parents, teachers, invited guests and of course the children.

This year's theme was based around time travel and time machines. The teachers and children alike took it very seriously!


Ms Gogan, with the help of her class, created some fabulous pictures to represent the past, the present and the future.




We broke the week into past, present and future. Monday and Tuesday focused on the past. On those days we invited guests in to talk to the children about life in past. Mrs Terry Ward (Mark Ward's granny!) came in with a range of artefacts which she remembered using as a child. She spoke to many of the classes about these artefacts and her memories of them. The children had many interesting and funny questions.


Here are some of the juniors infants using the old phone. How times have changed?


Tony Dardy, the local butcher, whose family has lived in Ratoath for many generations, also came in to talk to the children about Ratoath in the olden days.


Joe O'Toole, who wrote a book about life as a child in Kerry, also came to talk to the children. All these talks sparked great interest in the past with the children. Following on from this, the classes then made their own class museums.

Wednesday focused on the present day and this saw the launch of our Time Capsule to mark the opening of the new school this year we are going to gather information and artefacts about this year from each class, which will then be placed into our capsule. This will happen later in the school year.

Thursday saw Clifford visit the Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First classes. Clifford and the children had a great time as the pictures below highlight.




Throughout the week the children had lots of opportunity to browse through the books and enjoy the atmosphere of our temporary library. The children love this time.


On Thursday and Friday the children talked about the future. Many classes wrote stories about what life in the future might be like.

Our book week ended on Friday with our "Mask Mania Day", which was a huge success. Here are some of the fantastic masks that were made.




Many other things happened during the week - Ms. O'Toole organised a "Guess the teacher" competition, which the children had great fun with! Classes learned the song Gotta Keep Reading. Mr. Roe started up the book swop in the older classes, which has proven to be very successful. All the older classes were paired with the younger classes to have shared reading time and throughout every day there was D.E.A.R (drop everything and read) time. The teachers also brought in their favourite childhood books.

Ms.O'Toole also organised the class based competitions and the following are the winners:

## Junior Infants - Colouring Competition of Time Travel

Ms. Dooley

1. Sophie Barker
2. Elsa Johnson

## Ms. McMahon

1. Megan Fitzmaurice
2. Ceilim Ryan

## Ms. Dennehy

1. Eabha Browne
2. Jack Manley

## Senior Infants - Picture response from a story

Ms. O'Connor

1. Robyn Ducie
2. Eoghan Kearney

Ms. O'Donnell

1. Megan Langan
2. Jack Graydon

Ms. Quaide

1. Abi Hunt
2. Tyler Arkesteij

## First Class - Make a Bookmark

Ms. Murphy

1. Charlotte-hue Hurley
2. Liam Corbett

Ms. Prendiville

1. Grace-Lan Conway
2. Leo Bergin

Ms. Kieran

1. Rebecca Fennessy Mannelly
2. David Stobie

## Second Class - Make a book cover or Creative Writing Story About Time Travel

Ms. O'Toole

1. Ella Clancy
2. Caoimhe Connolly

Ms. Egan

1. Jessica McMahon
2. Cain Caffery

Ms. Kennedy

1. Erin Prendergast
2. Grace Hennessy

## Thrid Class - Book Review or Draw a character from the past

Mr. Burns

1. Emma Burke
2. Cain Temple

Ms. Ni Chinneide

1. Ross Coatsworth
2. Karlin David

## Mr. Wallace

1. Jake Anderson
2. Niamh Keenan

## Fourth and Fifth Class - Creative Writing - Life in 2030

Ms. Crowe

1. Tara Ferguson
2. Sophie Scattergood

Ms. Gogan

1. Mia Cunningham
2. Jack Gleeson

Mr. Roe

1. Luke Edwards
2. Emma McCamley

## Mr Harte

1. Aimee Byrne
2. Jack Ryan

Book Week was brilliant this year and I want to thank again all the teachers, children and parents for helping make it the success it was. We managed to raise over €4000 worth in books for the school. These books will go to the libraries in the classes and the main library in the school.

Thanks
Ms. Ward

