

### Ms. Kinsella's Fifth Class Woodlands Projects

We have been working really hard on our woodlands projects over the last few weeks. For our project we had to recreate a woodland scene in a shoe box using recyclable materials. We took inspiration for our projects from our recent field trip to Balrath Wood. In our projects we clearly outlined the different layers in the woodlands: the canopy, the understorey, the field layer and the ground layer. We also included lakes, rivers, wildflowers and many native Irish trees such as the Ash, Oak and Yew Tree. We had great fun assembling our projects and enjoyed having the opportunity to show our creative and imaginative personalities.

Our projects are now proudly displayed alongside our fantastic woodlands display.















### *What we thought of our woodlands project experience:*

*'I thought it was very interesting learning about all the different trees while making my project, it was lots of fun designing my project.'* *Cían Byrne*

*'I thought the woodlands project was a very fun thing to do and learning about the woodlands was very interesting. I really liked learning all about the different trees and how old they were.'* *Emily Keeley*

*'I really liked doing the woodlands project because I love doing arts and crafts and I also liked the fact that it was in a shoebox! We based the project on our trip to Balrath Woods which was fun! I found it very interesting learning about all the different layers in the woodlands.'* *Laura Jenkins*

*'Our trip to Balrath Woods was great fun and a brilliant learning experience! It helped a lot in making the project itself. Making the project was great and I like the way we used shoeboxes! Presenting the projects to Ms. McGowan and Ms. O'Toole was really fun too. Everyone's projects looked really good and everyone enjoyed the experience!'* *Eve Drysdale*

*'Making the project was really fun and I loved the way we used our field trip to Balrath woods as inspiration. I also liked the way we used recyclable materials for our project. It was great when we showed it to Ms. McGowan and Ms. O'Toole.'* *Evan Cantwell-*