**5th / 6th Class – Activities for 22/06/20 – 26/06/20**

Hi all,

As the summer holidays are approaching, this will be my last posting to the website for the time being. As per usual, I have listed below a series of suggested activities. However, on this occasion, I have done so for one week only, as our holidays begin as of Friday, June 26th.

**6th Class Graduation:**

I wish to thank again all of those who contributed to what was a very enjoyable, very successful Graduation ceremony for our 6th Class students. Even given the restrictions that we were under, the efforts of those involved ensured that we were able to provide a memorable occasion and to give a suitable, much-needed and well-deserved send-off to our graduates.

So, to Mrs. Looney, Mrs. Keane, Susan, Valerie, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Broggy – thank you all for your ideas, your time and your very considerable efforts.

And, once again, to our graduates, congratulations to each one of you from all in Scoil Mhuire!

**Confirmation:**

As you are now aware, The Confirmation date has been set for Saturday, August 29th, at 1:30pm. If you have not yet registered with the Limerick Diocesan office, please do so by phone, as the online deadline has now expired.

Information on preparing for Confirmation from home is available via the following link: <https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/preparing-at-home-for-confirmation/>

**Collection of Class Magazine for 5th Class:**

You should all by now have received a PDF of the Class Magazine via email (if you have not, please let me know), and 6th Class have now received their printed copies also. **Printed copies for 5th Class pupils** will be available for collection from the school between **12:30 and 2:30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday** of this coming week Please enter the school lobby one at a time only, and adhere to the social distancing guidelines. Thank you.

**Zoom Lesson:**

As this coming week will be our final opportunity for Zoom meetings, I hope to play some games, rather than conduct lessons. Therefore, I will group all of 6th Class together, and all of 5th Class together. I will confirm the day and time of your child’s meeting when I send you the invitation email (which will go out on Monday).

**English**:

For the final week, for my group, I would suggest continuation / completion of ‘Charlotte’s Web.’ As said before, if you complete this or if you require another suggestion, let me know.

And, as ever, you could continue with your activities from **Call of the Sea / Smart Ice-Cream** and **Better English Literary Skills**.

* **My Spelling Workbook**: Unit 18: First 11 spellings, complete exercises, test spellings
* Creative Writing: Some weeks ago, I suggested that you could write a **Recount**’ that could be about how life had been since the school closed. I reminded you of these characteristics of a Recount:
* Can be factual or fictional
* Frequently in the 3rd person, but can be in the 1st person (like a diary)
* Chronological (told in the order that the events happened)
* Descriptive (‘paint a picture’ for your readers)
* ‘Sequential words’ (Then, Later, After that, etc.)
* Paragraphs

Then, last week, I told you about the **Summer Stars Short Story Competition** from ‘Libraries Ireland’. This competitionis open for entries from **1st July to 31st August**, and all information is available via the following link: <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars/story-competition-an-unexpected-adventure>

The theme for entries for this competition is ‘*An Unexpected Adventure*’. Just an idea but, as an activity for the final week, how about writing a fictional, imaginative recount (1st or 3rd person) about an exciting / weird / entertaining adventure that you or your character became involved in as a result of the Covid 19 ‘lockdown’? (no longer than 500 words, and possibly a tablet or a €50 voucher to be won – and I’m sure you’d enjoy imagining and composing the tale ☺ )

**Gaeilge**:

* Please continue with your activities from either **Abair Liom** / **Beal Beo** or from ‘**Seo Leat**’, let me know if I can be of any assistance with these.

**Maths**:

* **Mental Maths**: Unit 37 (including problems and Friday Review)
* **Plant Maths**: I will not be using this week’s Zoom session to teach a maths lesson. However, I would suggest that 5th Class go on to attempt ‘Capacity’ (Topic 29), and that 6th Class attempt either ‘Capacity and Volume’ (Topic 30), or ‘Problem Solving 2’ (Topic 32).
* **Mangahigh:** Please keep working away on this, and remember to inform me if you have completed all assigned activities, and require more.

**Geography and Science**:

* Small World, Unit 18: ‘Weather and Climate’ – read p. 99-103, discuss and complete written exercises – Textbook, p.101 (1-5), p.103 (A, B). Workbook, p. 39

**History**:

* Small World, Unit 19: ‘Modern Ireland’ – read p. 100-105, discuss and complete written exercises – Textbook, p.105 (A, B, C – and any parts of D or E if you have time to do so), Workbook, p. 45, 46

(I wouldn’t expect you to complete all of these activities in a single week – please do what you feel comfortable with)

**Visual Arts:**

‘Seomra Ranga’ (<https://www.seomraranga.com/links/arts-links/visual-arts/>) has a substantial list of links to pages with arts and crafts ideas.

See the new Visual Arts Challenge (’**Curly Summertime Flowers**’) in the Clare Education Centre ‘Challenges’ link below.

**Clare Education Centre ‘Challenges’:**

**Challenge 8 is now LIVE!!** (Please note by sending pictures and videos of your challenges you are agreeing to their use in a short video clip of all entries. If you do not wish your entry to be in the video, please state this in your email/tweet)

**Closing date for the eighth set of challenges is Friday, 26th June 2020 @ 12 noon**

1. Baking Challenge 8-  **Chocolate Caramel Rice Crispy Treats** #ClareEdbake
2. STEAM Challenge 8 - **Marble Run** #STEAMClareEd
3. Art Challenge 8 -**Curly Summertime Flowers**#ClareEdart

**ALL Challenge information can be found**[**HERE**](https://www.clareed.ie/clareed-news/307-clare-education-centre-challenges-for-clare-primary-school-pupils.html?utm_source=newsletter_991&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=post-primary-newsletter-1st-may)**.**

The **#GAAPrimary** initiative have launched their latest challenges, which is available via the following link:

Issue 8: <https://learning.gaa.ie/sites/default/files/Senior%20Classes.pdf>

**I hope to see you soon over Zoom** but, if you are unable to join in, stay safe and have a great summer. To my 5th Class pupils, I look forward to seeing you all in September and, as I have said to all of our 6th Class graduates, I look forward to you coming back to us to say hello to us again when you are able to do so ☺

Take care and best wishes,

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