Dear parent,

Last weekend, I posted a list of suggested activities for the following two weeks from **Monday, June 8th to Friday, June 19th**. I hope that this work is going well. As ever, if any questions arise, please contact me via either Class Dojo or teachermeelick@gmail.com.

A few notes this weekend:

* **6th Class Graduation:** This will take place on **Thursday, June 18th**. Sometime in the afternoon, Susan, Valerie, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Broggy will call to the houses of 6th class pupils and present a number of items (maintaining necessary distance of course). The approximate times of these visits will be communicated in advance of this. Then, in the evening (probably at 7:30), we will have a Zoom meeting, to which all 6th class pupils will be invited, and we’ll have the opportunity to say hello, to announce their ‘Best…’ award, and to congratulate them on the occasion of their graduation. It will also be an opportunity to look back at some photos spanning their time in the school. The fact that this is taking place is down to the efforts of a number of parents and a number of the school staff and I wish to thank those individuals sincerely for this. I will send the invite for the meeting in the same email as that for this week’s Zoom maths lesson, and this will likely go out tomorrow (Tuesday). I will confirm the time of the meeting in this email. I very much hope that everyone will be available to log in and enjoy this significant occasion.
* **Zoom Maths** **Lessons:** I plan to conduct this week’s Zoom lessons according to the same schedule as last week, with the 6th Class groups’ lessons taking place on Wednesday, and those for 5th Class on Thursday. It is my intention to cover the topic of ‘**Co-ordinates**’ (Topic 31) with 6th Class, and ‘**3D Shapes**’ (Topic 26) with 5th Class. As ever, it would be helpful for your child to review the material prior to the lesson. I will confirm the day and time when I email you with the login details. In the meantime, you could also continue with activities in the ‘Averages and Charts’ and ‘Data 2’ units that we covered last week.
* **Clare Education Centre ‘Challenges’ – Challenge 7**

A note from Clare Education Centre: ‘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 seventh set of challenges is Friday, 19th June 2020 @ 12 noon

1. Baking Challenge 7-  Cranberry & White Chocolate Cookies #ClareEdbake
2. STEAM Challenge 7 - Build A Bird Nest - #STEAMClareEd
3. Art Challenge 7 - Salt Painting -  #ClareEdart

ALL Challenge information can be found HERE.
View STEAM Challenge Videos HERE.

* **Summer Stars Short Story Competition:**

The following, from ‘Libraries Ireland’, may be of interest: “This year, as well as enjoying the all the amazing worlds you visit when reading books, Summer Stars is celebrating your imagination by running a short story competition.

Public libraries are calling on all 6-18 year olds to write a story, no more than 500 words, on An Unexpected Adventure. Of course, 6 year olds won’t be competing against teenagers! There are three age categories: age 6-9, age 10-14, age 15-18.

There will be 15 finalists in each category and one national winner from each category. Each winner will receive a Tablet and each finalist will receive a €50 voucher. That's a lot of great prizes and a lot of chances to win!

So let your imagination take you on an unexpected adventure and start writing today!”

Click the following link for more information: https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars/story-competition-an-unexpected-adventure

As always, good luck with the work, D. O’Donnell