

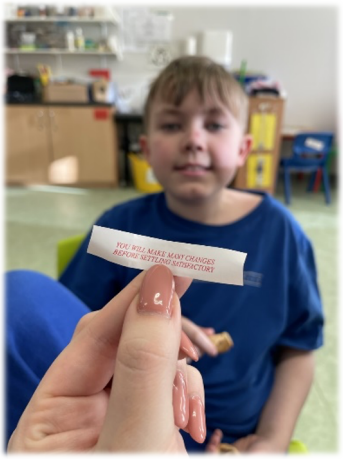
Scoil Aoife Newsletter

Spring 2023

News from The Magic Garden

The Hazel Room really enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year. They watched videos of parades and had some fortune cookies. They used chopsticks, lanterns and paper dragons, and did some Cosmic Kids Yoga about the Chinese New Year.

This year is the Year of the Rabbit. It was really interesting to learn about the Chinese New Year!











News from Senior Infants

The two lucky senior infant classes visited the playground for their golden time at the end of a hard week. Smiles all round as you can see!








News from 1st Class

Ms Keegan's 1st class recently were involved in the Maths for Fun program, where some of the parents of the class came in to be involved in Maths lessons. A great way to promote the "C" for community in CNS!









News from 2nd Class

Ms. Maguire's 2nd Class have been very busy since our return to school in January.

Parents and family members have visited our class every Tuesday for 'Maths for Fun'. We play maths games together. Thank you to the family members who have visited us so far!

We also have very special visitors in our class on Thursdays for 'Roots of Empathy'. Baby Noah, Sarah (his Mam) and Siobhán (Roots of Empathy coordinator) visit our class. It is so exciting! We are watching Baby Noah grow and we get to chat about his feelings and our feelings too. It is our favourite part of the week 😊

Every Friday our friends from Ms. Fleming's 6th class visit us for 'Buddy Reading'. We have great fun reading to each other.

We have been learning all about Space the last few weeks. We created the 'Solar System' with clay and we made cool space galaxy art with pastels. We are learning the song 'Fly me to the Moon' by Frank Sinatra.

We are also keeping active by learning how to play tennis 😊

Here's some of the artwork Ms. Maguire's class have made

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Interview with Moira!

In Mr. McNabb's 4th class we were learning about interview skills in English and how schools were different in History, so we took it as a chance to interview Moira! Here are some of the top answers and questions from our interview.

Q. What part of Dublin are you from?

A. I was born in Clontarf but grew up in Clondalkin. It was very different back then though, it was covered in fields and farmland, not many housing estates or shops around.

Q. What was school like as a kid for you?

A. Very different than nowadays! Very, very strict. There were huge number of students in every class and if you spoke at all, you'd be in big trouble and you'd be hit for it! Thankfully school isn't like that anymore!

Q. What was your first ever job?

A. I worked in a bank as my first job. I've had a few jobs in my life but I've been an SNA the longest, 19 years now!

Q. What is your favourite thing about being an SNA?

A. I love being around all the kids. I've always enjoyed working with kids so it's a job I enjoy a lot.

Q. What age did you start travelling around the world?

A. I started travelling when I was 19 and have visited almost all of Europe and lots of other countries too. My dream country to visit would be South Korea and I hope to visit when I retire. I love everything about South Korea and their culture!

Q. What is it like visiting a new country and not knowing the language?

A. Very weird and strange. It can be difficult at the beginning but when you live in a country that they speak a different language for a while you start to learn it a lot quicker than you think.

Q. What was your favourite adventure you've had in another country?

A. I used to love travelling from England to France on a massive hovercraft boat that they don't use anymore. It was so bumpy and so bouncy, you wouldn't enjoy it if you got seasick easily!

Q. What is your favourite type of music?

A. I enjoy all types of music but what I'm really into recently is rap music, old-school rap! Also, there's a singer from Kazakhstan that has the most amazing voice that I'm a fan of called Dimash Kudaibergen.

Q. What is your favourite hobby?

A. I love painting, I always have since I was very young. I even entered the Texaco School's Art Competition in 1966 and won a prize!

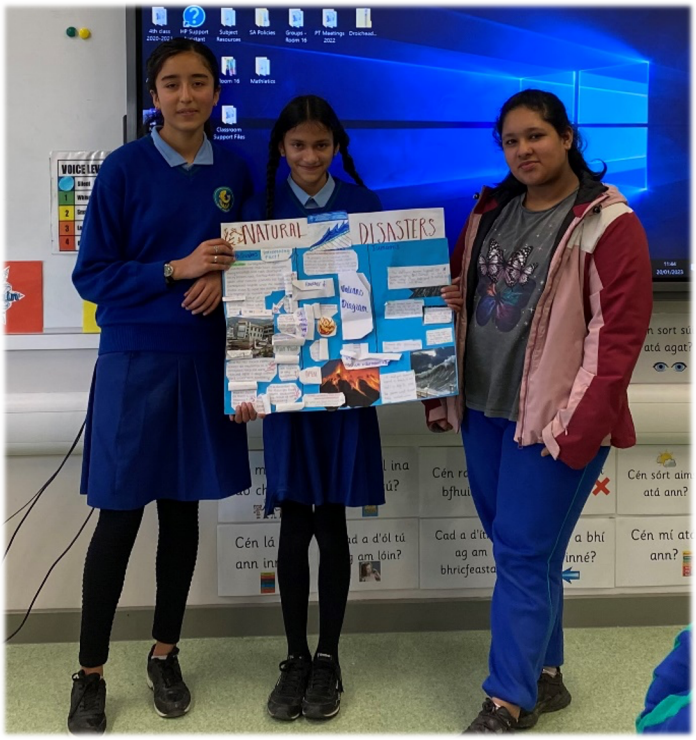
Q. Are you painting anything at the moment?

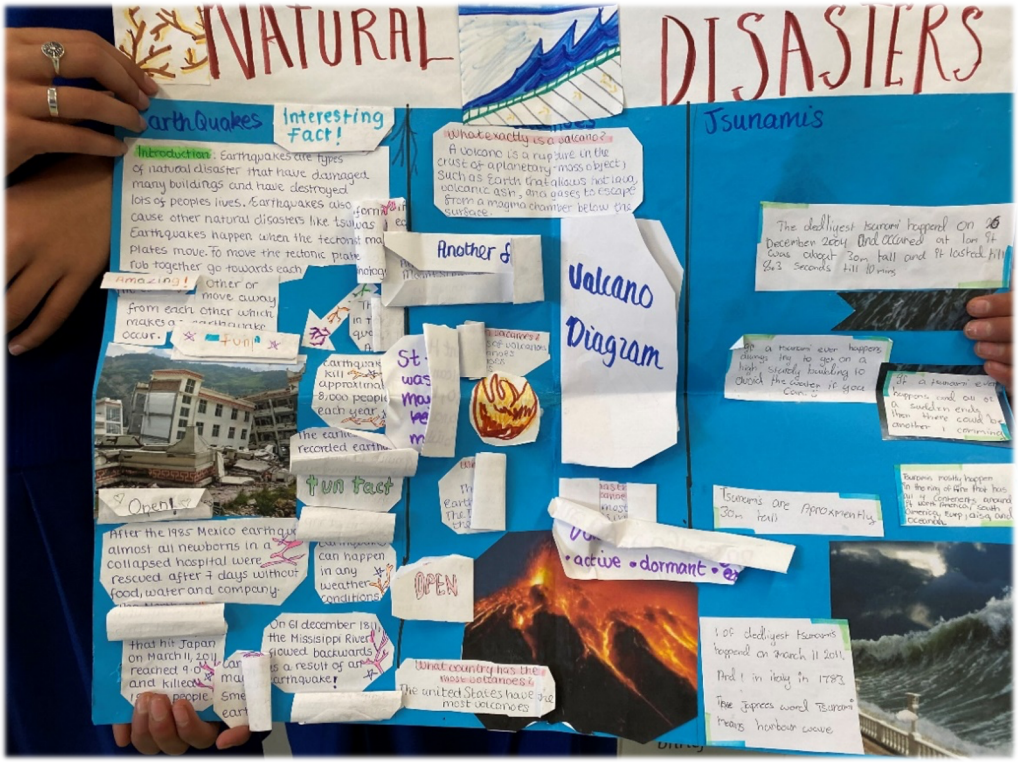
A. Yes actually, I'm currently working on a lighthouse. I'll show you all when I'm finished!

A big, massive thank you to Moira for giving us her time, we all enjoyed chatting to her so much! – Mr. McNabb's 4th class

News from 6th Class

In Ms. McEvoy's 6th Class Fatima, Diya and Anisha made a project about natural disasters, as they were learning about earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis in SESE. Here they are showing off their wonderful project! Make sure to zoom in to have a closer look on the second picture.





Scoil Aoife Football Teams

The boys' football team are underway with matches against St. Aiden's, chasing their first win and looking fantastic in our new official Scoil Aoife football kit!



The girls' football team had a fantastic trip to Shamrock Rovers training ground and we will be interviewing team captain Allie in February on their experience and how she has found being captain so far!



Notes from Mr. O'Lionaird & Ms. O Brien

Firstly I'd like to thank Mr McNabb and all the editorial team who have made this newsletter possible.

Having been involved in publishing a Gazette some years ago I appreciate the work and dedication that goes into making the newsletter happen.

I would also like to thank all of the contributors who are showcasing the great work and fun happening around the school. The latest addition to that fun has to be the running of the sports and afterschool clubs. We have Girls and Boys football, Basketball, Athletics, Art, Choir and a host of other activities happening throughout the school. Great credit is due to all the volunteers who give of their time week after week and whose sole reward is the joy they bring to the faces of all who participate. Well done all!

The days are getting brighter, finally and with that the expectation of more outdoor activities for all our students. Swimming will return for 4th class after the Easter break and we look forward to our school tours in Term 3.

Thank you again to everyone in Scoil Aoife for the work that you do and for helping to make Scoil Aoife a happy place to be and learn. Enjoy the Easter break and we shall do it all again in Term 3.

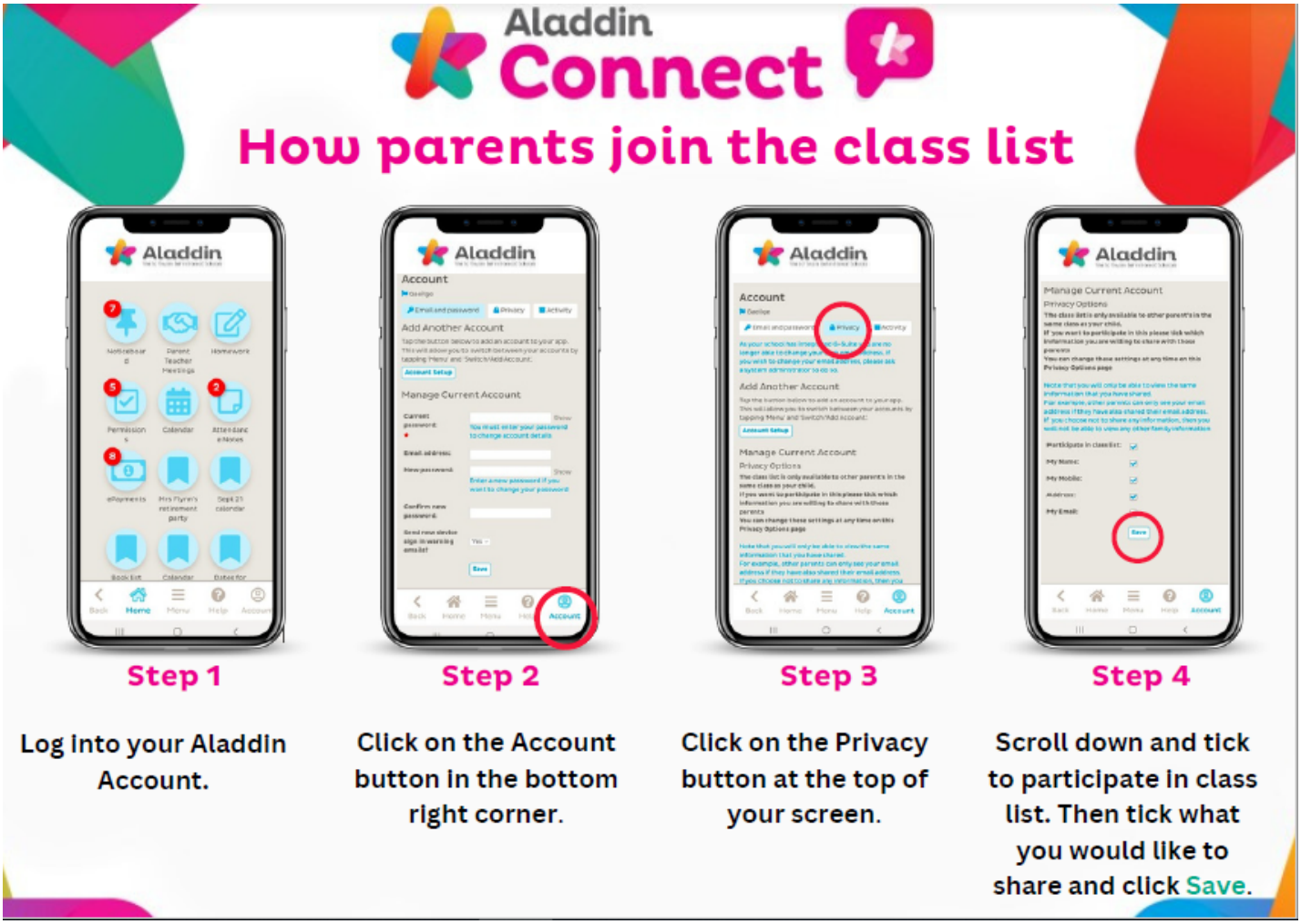
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Tadhg O'Lionaird

From Ms. O Brien: We are encouraging parents to sign up to Aladdin Connect, which will give you greater communication with the school for notifications and announcements.

Here is a link to FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) on Aladdin Connect
https://www.aladdin.ie/content/connect_help

And here is a picture of how to do it from your phone.



Thanks for reading our school newsletter!

Get in touch with me, Mr. McNabb, if you have something you would like to be included in the next edition! 😁