

Hello again to all the parents/guardians and girls in 3rd class ☺

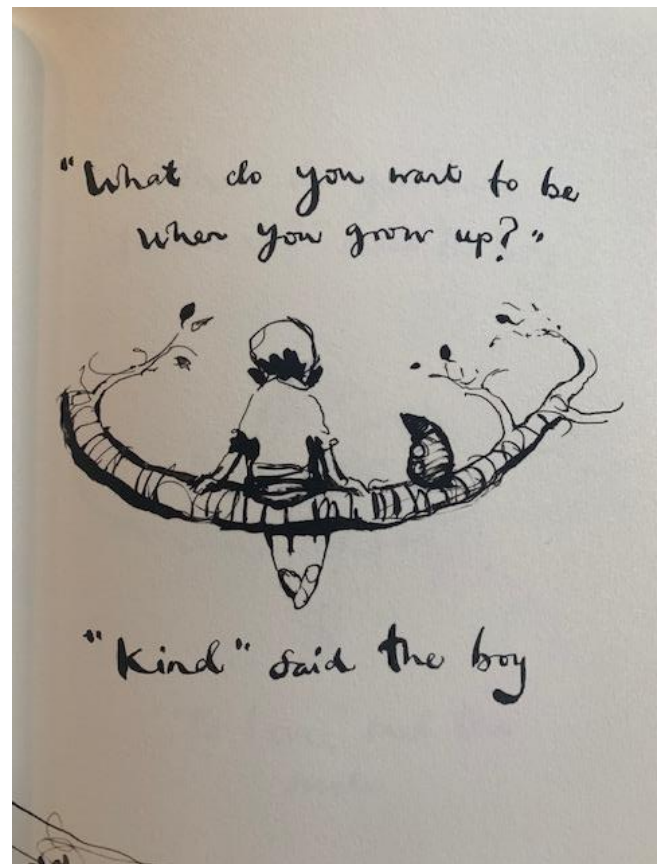
So, we are coming to the end of the school year now. Can you believe you are almost finished 3rd class! I want to say a big thanks to you all for engaging with the work online, and for making such a great effort to continue school work from home. I have loved seeing all of the fabulous work and activities you have been up to over the past few months, so thank you for sending all the pictures.

I got a new book a few weeks ago that I had hoped to share with you all in school but instead I will leave one of my favourite pictures from it up the top here. So now that the year is coming to an end and you will soon be moving to 4th class, I want to say goodbye to the 3rd class girls. It was a pleasure to teach all of you. I will miss all of your wonderful personalities, but I will be reminded of you all every time I hear the cup song ☺ (My apologies to the parents who had to listen to that song a few too many times before the school closure). I hope you have a lovely summer and wish each of you the very best for the future.

Usually at this time of year you would have sports day and school tours and other exciting activities. So, for the last week we have planned a sports day and school tour for you to do at home instead. I will leave the details for each of them down below. You can choose to complete these on different days during the week. If you would like to take pictures of your activities from sports day and send them to me, I would love to see how you all get on!

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and stay safe!

Miss Maloney ☺



Sports Day



Mercy Primary School Sports Day 2020

We may not be able to have our traditional Mercy Primary School Sports Day this year but we can certainly try to recreate it at home! Get your whole family involved in these fun activities and enjoy sports day together. You can use whatever you have at home to create these activities. The kids will have lots of ideas for setting up these tasks. Sports Day wouldn't be the same without music playing to energise you! Why not listen to your favourite tunes to enhance your performance and make the day even more enjoyable! Take a few pictures and email them to us-we'd love to see them.

1. **Wheelbarrow race.** You can either race against other family members or time yourself doing a lap of a room or the garden. What's the fastest time you can do?!
2. **Balance Race:** Run around the garden balancing a loo roll on your head! See who can keep it on their head the longest. Who's the loo roll champion in your house?!

Wheelbarrow Race



3. **Egg and spoon.** See if you can balance a potato or boiled egg on a spoon while running. Race against other family members or time yourself and see how fast you can run from the starting line to the finishing line without dropping the egg/potato.



4. **Water fun!** Fill a bucket/large sauspans with water. Place an empty bucket/sauspan at the opposite end of the garden. Fill a cup from the bucket of water, run to the opposite side of the garden and drop the water into the empty bucket. See how long it takes to empty all the water from the filled bucket to the empty one!

5. **Sack Race**-use a black refuse sack, shopping bag, sleeping bag, old pillow case or duvet cover and jump from one point to another in the garden or indoors. Who gets to the finish line first?



6. **Obstacle Course**- create your own obstacle course using household items. Who's the fastest member of the family to complete the course?



7. **Hurdles**-use sweepings brushes, mops, shoes or anything you can jump over.



8. **Skipping Rope**-time yourself-how long can you skip for?



9. **Limbo**-use a sweeping brush and see how low you can go!
10. **Your Own Choice**- make up your own activity with whatever equipment you have at home-you could do a slow bicycle race, volleyball over the clothes -line, trampoline activities, knock the skittles, hula hoop challenge, dance challenge, soccer challenge, musical chairs or statues, etc. Be as creative as you like!



Finish the day with a well deserved ice-cream or choice of treat as we always do in Mercy Primary!

Dublin Zoo School Tour



So, today you are going to go on a virtual trip to:

First of all, why not prepare some snacks to have, like you would if you were going on your school tour.

If you follow this link it will bring you to a page where there are a number of different videos that will walk you through the zoo to see all of the different animals. If you want to start at the entrance to the zoo, you can scroll to the bottom video first and work your way up. If not, you can watch the clips in whatever order you like. <https://www.dublinzoo.ie/virtual-tours-2/>

Each clip will show you a number of different animals such as the Asian Lion, Bornean Orangutan, Chilean Flamingo, Southern White Rhinoceros, Chimpanzee, Asian Elephants, Meerkats and West African Crocodile.

When you finish watching each of the clips, I would like you to pick 1 or 2 of your favourite animals, write a little piece about them and draw their picture. You might already know the information, and if not you could do some research to find out some more about them.

Some ideas of information that you could include are:

- What do they eat?
- What colour are they?
- Does their coat look soft or rough?
- Do they hibernate?
- Where does the animal come from?
- Is it used to a warm or a cold climate?
- Does it live on land or in water?
- What would it be called if this animal had a baby? (e.g. cow and calf).
- What noise do they make? (If any)
- How many legs do they have?
- Are they big or small?

These are just some ideas, feel free to include whatever information you like.

Enjoy! 😊