



SHARING EDUCATION



'Forward Together with Tolerance and Respect'

This is the fifth of a termly newsletter designed to keep our Parents and Community informed about the actions Dromore Road PS and St. Bronagh's PS are taking to develop Shared Education.

Shared Classes



This term Mrs Joyce's and Mrs Mc Grath's/Mrs Mc Kee's classes have enjoyed shared play sessions based on their topics of 'The Farm' and 'Pets and Animals'. Among their many activities, they worked together to build farm jigsaws, make



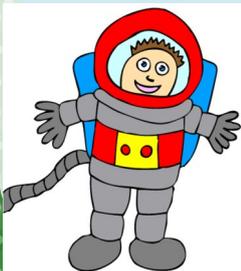
playdough animals, programme Bee Bot to move around the farm mat and complete all the farm chores in the small world farm. To conclude their block of shared classes they visited Streamvale Farm, where they held chicks and puppies, fed the lambs and



hens and even milked a cow!



Mrs English's class and Mrs Joyce's class also met up for a shared visit to Armagh Planetarium. Both classes had been learning about space and consolidated their learning in class with this very informative trip. In the digital theatre they learned all about the different planets, found out about life on the space station during the exhibition talk, and participated in a rocket making workshop which concluded with the children launching their own rockets.



There are now lots of boys and girls in both schools with aspirations of becoming an astronaut!



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On 28th March the P4 children from St Bronagh's met with their friends from the P4/5 class in Dromore Road at the wonderful Kilbroney Centre in Rostrevor. We had a fantastic Eco-day planned with our local Environmental Educator, Liz Farnan.



After a few warm up games with the parachute, we were off discovering about our native wildlife in the beautiful spring sunshine. Not only did we solve a murder mystery that showed us how we have to avoid using chemicals that are poisonous to wildlife, we also learnt to recognize native bird calls and we went on a mini beast hunt in the nearby woods.

We had so much fun exploring in nature that we decided we would like to bring more nature into our school grounds and that is the basis of our joint project.



The children from both classes will collaborate online to design and build shelters or feeding stations to attract wildlife to their school grounds. We are already at the first draft stage of design and the children from both schools really enjoy seeing what their friends are



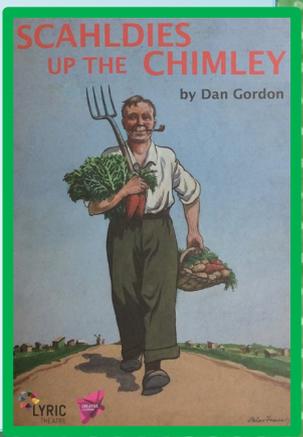
planning and they can contribute and read feedback on their ideas from each other.

It is all so exciting and at this stage everything is possible and we hope at the end of the project to share our wildlife builds between the two schools.

Scahldies Up The Chimley



On Tuesday 9th April the P6/7 children from Dromore Road PS enjoyed a performance of 'Scahldies Up The Chimley' by the P7 class from St. Bronagh's. The play is set in the 1940s, in the middle of World War 2, and a group of city children have been evacuated to protect them from the perils of German bombs! But in the country, a whole new life awaits them, full of adventures with the animals down on the farm.



This was a thoroughly enjoyable performance enjoyed by both teachers and children alike.



The staff from both schools would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.