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SHARING EDUCATION



*'Forward Together with
Tolerance and Respect'*

This is the sixth 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

In term 3, Mrs. Mc Kee's P1/2 and Miss Griffin's P1 thoroughly enjoyed their Shared Education classes. We had lots of fun learning all about our topic of the seaside through play based learning. We constructed piers, captained the boat, dug for treasure, managed the seaside café, made beach huts from lollipop sticks, sang songs and lots more! We even took a big trip to Belfast on the bus to visit W5 and it was a day we will never forget! We really enjoyed spending the day with our new friends. We can't wait to see each other again next year.



Mrs Downey's P3 class and Mrs Mc Caffery's P2/3 class enjoyed their shared classes, building towers and friendships. The pupils were challenged to work together to build a tower out of newspapers. Here they are building towers listening to each other, planning together and building their towers, and friendships along the way.



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Bird Feeders

After their very successful and informative day in the Kilbroney Centre with Liz Farnan, Mrs S Newell's P4/5 class and Ms Mc Daid's P4 class got back to school and started planning their eco-projects, with great enthusiasm. They had decided that they would design and build shelters or feeding stations to attract wildlife to their school grounds. They posted their project plans on Fronter to share with their partner school and the children really enjoyed seeing what their new friends were planning and offered supportive feedback.

Don't their fabulous finished eco-projects look fantastic and the wildlife will love them too. Once again they posted pictures of their finished projects for their friends to look at and review on Fronter.



Online Collaboration

This term Primary 6 in St. Bronagh's P5 worked with their P6/7 counterparts in Dromore Road through online collaboration. They used the C2K site *Fronter*, which is widely used by both primary and secondary schools to promote personalised learning and collaborative work. The pupils answered prepared questions online and then shared their answers through a discussion forum. These questions were about

hobbies and pupil likes and dislikes and the pupils were able to identify children from their partnership school with similar interests. On Tuesday, 11th June, the P6 pupils from St. Bronagh's and the P6/7 pupils from Dromore Road Primary School travelled together to Slieve Gullion Forest Park for a fun day and picnic. They were then able to match a face with the name of the person they had got to know about on Fronter.



This year, we established a Joint School Council to develop our Shared Education Programme further. The two councils initially met at the start of May and as a result of this meeting they decided to organise a joint fitness day in June to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer. The day was a great success and all the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the fun day. We look forward to planning more joint ventures in the future.



The staff from both schools would like to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable summer break.