

# Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

FEABHRA 2021

## Míle Buíochas



On behalf of all of us in OLG, we thank you for the work that has been done over the past five weeks.

See you all at assembly on Monday 22/02/2021.

We hope you all enjoy the mid-term break, 15-19 February, and that everyone stays safe and healthy. We are eagerly awaiting an announcement from the DES regarding the 'Phased Return to School'. As soon as we hear any news, we will be in touch with you.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings



Due to Covid-19 the P/T meetings were postponed.

The meetings will now be hosted on Zoom during the last two weeks of March.

We would like to have the children back in the classroom for at least one week before the Parent/Teacher meetings begin. You will be invited to sign up for your meeting/s through the Databiz App. *The dates are as follows:*

**Week 1: 15/03, 16/03 & 18/03**

**Week 2: 22/03, 23/03, 24/03 & 25/03**

## Reminders

- Books and packs from Rooms 3 - 8 will be returned after mid-term
- Voluntary Contributions are gratefully received for 2021

## A Published Anthology of Children's Writing and Drawings

Our children have experienced two school years like no others.



In March 2020 the school closed and not until August could the children return safely, having spent five months at home with family. Upon returning to school, the children's routines were completely changed and almost unrecognisable. Unfortunately, in January 2021, the

children were housebound once again. The challenge that faced the nation was immense. Hopefully, there is now light at the end of the tunnel. One way or another, schools will soon re-open and normal life will resume for all of us. We

are very excited to tell you that we have agreed to participate in a whole school writing project, between now and June, allowing us the opportunity to capture the children's thoughts and feelings as they emerge from this period of their

young lives. Over the coming months we invite the children with the support of parents and teachers to think about writing a piece that best represents his/her experience of home and/or school (past, present or future). While children and parents continue to be at home together, I encourage you to begin drafting,



editing, painting and drawing. During March, April and May, the teachers and staff will collect written pieces and drawings from every child. Our anthology will be pulled together using themes that are of interest to the children. We want this anthology to be a very

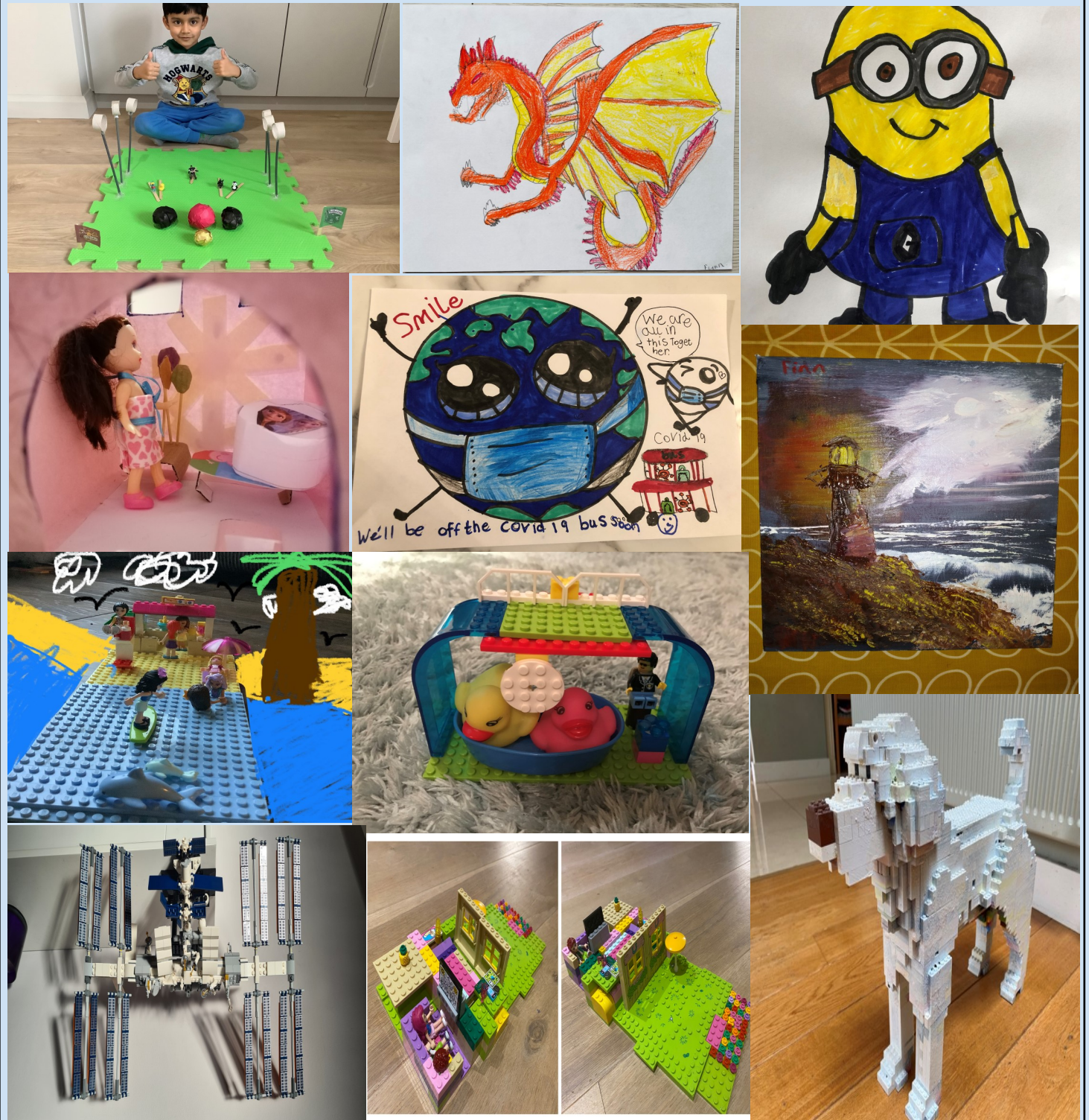
'hopeful' collection of shared experiences as they emerge from cocoons back into the real world.

Too many people are affected by the pandemic  
Our friends are split up  
Getting together is forbidden  
Everyone is sad 😞  
The vaccine is on its way  
Hardship will end soon  
Even in such bad times  
Reaching to each other from 2 metres  
No one wants to be alone  
Eventually it'll be a bad memory  
So, even while we're apart  
Still longing to be...together.

## OLG Tionól

Thank you very much to children and parents who join our 'OLG Tionól' gach maidin. It helps both adults and children to get up, get moving and stay in touch. The children's engagement with Seesaw has been outstanding. The communication between children, teachers & SNAs by Zoom is keeping everyone connected and this will lead to a smooth transition back into class-room learning. We look forward to being back in our classrooms as soon as it is safe to do so.

***Enjoy some photos of our wonderful artwork...***



*Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid*