

# WELCOME

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. This week, we were delighted to welcome our 6th years back to the School Campus. After an almost 10 week break in face to face teaching, it was lovely to have students back with us. We also look forward to welcoming other year groups back soon.

### **TY UPDATE**

Transition Year students had a workshop with Reptile Haven this week. They learned about and got to see various snakes, spiders, lizards – a bearded dragon and a chameleon, turtles and tortoises. It was fascinating and something unusual.



Also this week, students attended the I Wish Conference. **I WISH** is an initiative to inspire, encourage and motivate young female students to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. There were lots of speakers from the world of STEM.



### **SQUEEZE IN A READ**

Some of the 1st year entries to the 'Squeeze in a Read' photography competition:



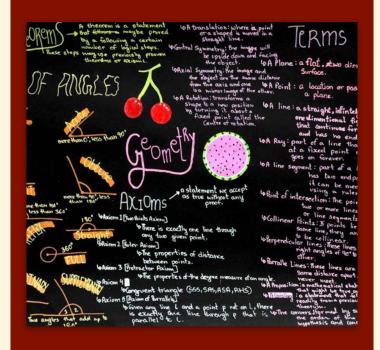
#### **CHESS CLUB**



Chess Club is starting up again, and the first round of fixtures next week have been organised by matching players of similar ability. Games will take place virtually over Lichess.org and we can't wait to get started! New players are welcome at any time, from complete beginners to experts. Just send a message through the STEM Social Group on SchoolWise.

#### **MATHS (3RD YEAR)**

There was great creativity shown by our 3rd years as they prepared Mind Maps. Here is just one prepared by Jiya.



#### POEM

## Seed

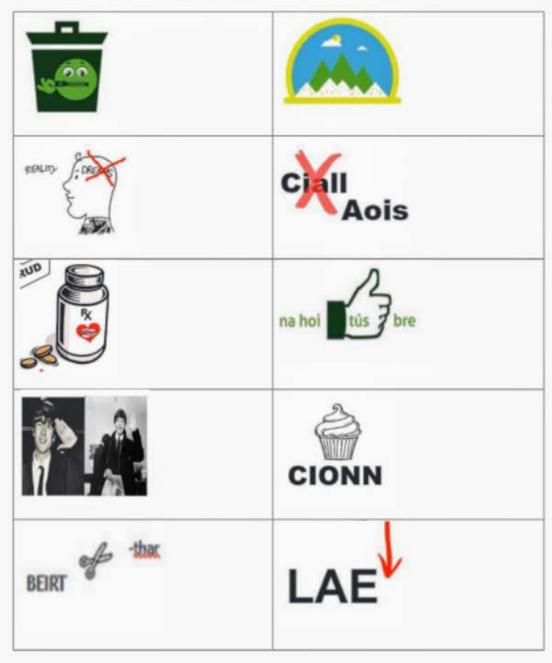
Paula Meehan

The first warm day of spring and I step out into the garden from the gloom of a house where hope had died to tally the storm damage, to seek what may have survived. And finding some forgotten lupins I'd sown from seed last autumn holding in their fingers a raindrop each like a peace offering, or a promise, I am suddenly grateful and would offer a prayer if I believed in God. But not believing, I bless the power of seed, its casual, useless persistence, and bless the power of sun, its conspiracy with the underground, and thank my stars the winter's ended.



# Seachtain na Gaeilge (le Energia) 2021 - Dingbats

An féidir leat na seanfhocail/nathanna seo a oibriú amach?



Freagraí le teacht!