



# CPC AS CLASS NEWSLETTER



September 2024

## Our first Newsletter

We are delighted to introduce you all to our very first monthly newsletter. You can look forward to hearing all about the classes and activities that our students take part in as well as lots of news from the students themselves!

## Welcome Back

We were delighted to welcome back all of our fabulous students over a number of days back in August. It was great to see everyone and we had great chats about the summer holidays. We were very excited to welcome our four new first year students, Charlie, Niko, Dylan and Ethan and we are delighted to say they have settled in so well.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Years Trip

Charlie, Niko, Dylan and Ethan went on their first CPC trip this month with their year group. Their year head Ms. O'Malley treated them to a trip to the Dome in Carlow to play bowling, laser tag and penalty shoot-out. They stopped off in McDonalds on the way home and they all had a super time.

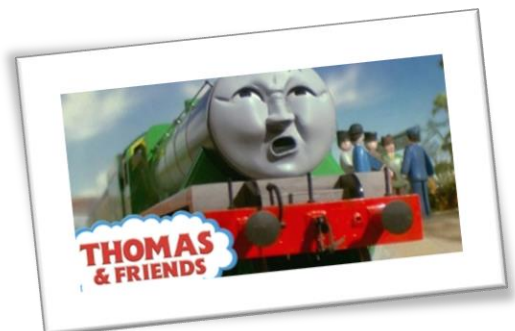
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trip

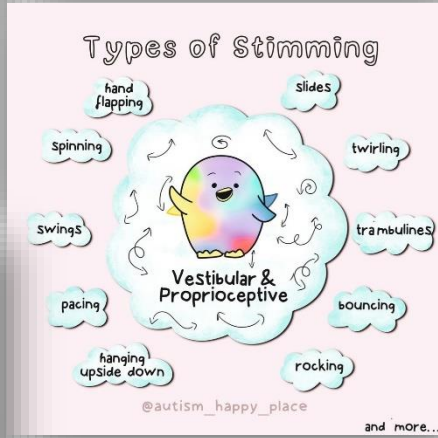
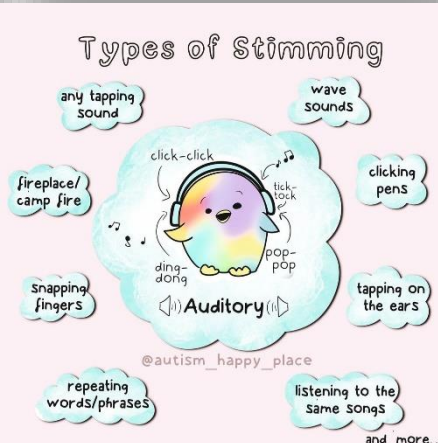
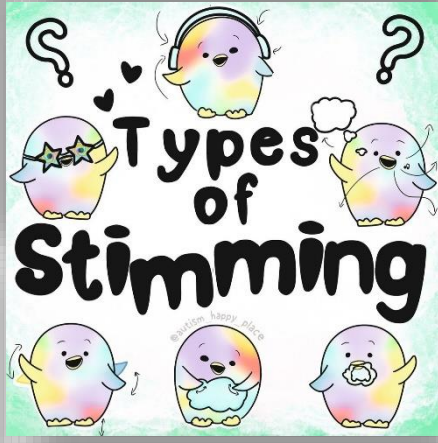
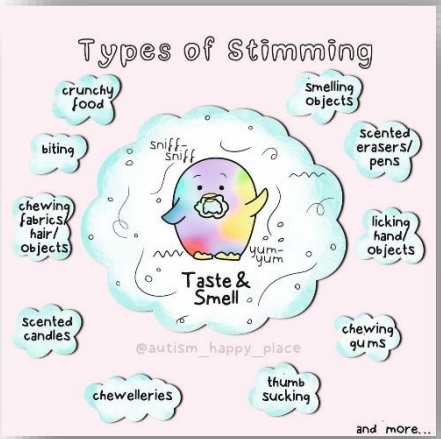
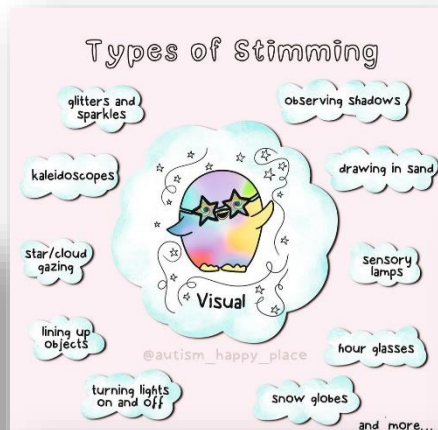
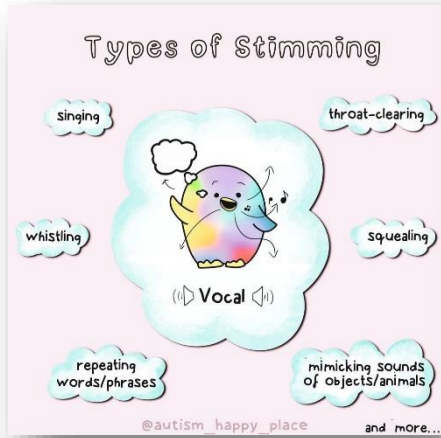
Our second-year students also had their first trip of the school year organised by their year head Mr Mann. They headed off to Glendalough for a hike where the students had different missions to complete throughout the day such as get a 5 second video clip of the waterfall, a picturesque group photo or a photo of some wildlife. They had a picnic lunch and everyone had a great time.

## Joke of the Month

What do you call a Train  
with a head cold?  
A Choo Choo Train.

Brought to you by Ethan





## All Kinds of Minds Noticeboard

In one of the corridors in our school we have a noticeboard that we update each month with information about lots of different abilities such as Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Dyscalculia to help encourage understanding, awareness and acceptance in our school. For the month of September, we put up some information about types of stimming and how it is a very important part of self-regulation for our neurodiverse students.

# Game of the Month

Brought to you by Ronan

## Red vs Blue, who will lose?

Surprisingly, both. Tabs is a goofy straightforward strategy game based (loosely) off history, where you place an army of your choosing, all goofy in their own way. To face the similarly goofy blue army right in front of you. The game has two modes, Sandbox and Campaign.



### Campaign

Campaign is effectively a tutorial, as each campaign features the troops in easy ways to learn to eventually combine them in sandbox. From cavemen, to farmers to zeus himself, this game is quite forgiving, but when its tough, you really have to experiment with what works to beat the blue army.

### Sandbox

If campaign is the tutorial, then sandbox is the true game. You can place down any troops and can explore weird hypotheticals. Have you ever wondered how Romans would fight 20 mammoths? They all die! What about knights vs Pirates? Or even Vikings vs samurai? Or even an army of everything! Anything is possible, and the sky's the limit.

# Remarkable Reptiles

Brought to you by Logan

## Ball Python

Name: Royal/Ball Python

Species: Python Regius

Region of Origin: West and Central Africa

Conservation status: Near Threatened

Difficulty: Beginner

Description: Ball Pythons are a species of constrictor snake found in West and Central Africa. These snakes are the most popular snake in the industry with many individuals coming various colours. You must give this snake a large size of enclosure to allow them to stretch. As well as this they are carnivorous and mainly eat rodents. And you must give them the appropriate amount of lighting.

Temperament: These snakes are very relaxed but they can be very shy and if not given the appropriate amount of space they can and will hide.

Difficulties: This snake is known for being very shy and is prone to go on hunger strikes which can last for days, weeks, months or even a year.



## Buddy Club Award

On our return to school, we were delighted to learn that our Buddy Club had won the Innovative Initiative award at the first ever Cineáltas Showcase (Cineáltas is the Irish word for kindness). Joe travelled to Croke Park on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September with Rhys and Evie, 2 of the Buddy's from last year, to collect our award. They had a great day out and were delighted to receive the award from Olympian Aifric Keogh.



## Buddy Club

We were delighted to welcome our new Buddy Club members to room 26 at the end of this month. Our new Buddies are Bethany, Lucy, Harry and Rose from TY and we are really looking forward to having them with us this year.

The idea behind Buddy Club is to create new friendships between our students in the autism class and students in the mainstream. The Buddies come to room 26 every Thursday at lunchtime to chat, play games and play music as well as keeping the students up to date on any events that are coming up in school such as civvies day and bake sales.

They will also be involved in other events throughout the year such as Halloween, Christmas and birthday celebrations. There will be lots more updates to follow over the coming months.

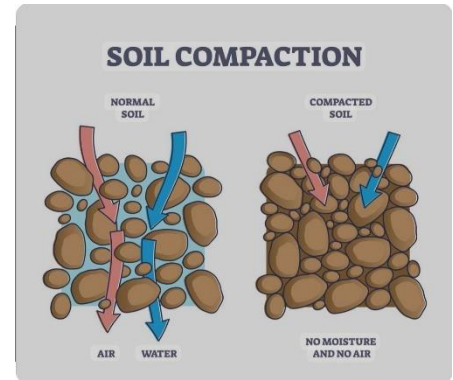
In the photo on the left the buddy club are enjoying a game of Monopoly. Alex was our banker and Ethan was keeping his fingers crossed he would get the chance to buy Heuston station before anyone else!



# Agri Science

Brought to you by Joe

In our first month of Ag Science we did an experiment to test the effect of compacting soil on water drainage and its effect on seed growth. The experiment showed that compact soils are slow to drain and get water logged easily. Also, compact soils slow the growth of seeds and plants because the roots don't have much space to respire.



## Maths Quiz

Our first-year students are learning all about the order of operations in Maths. Can you solve the following equation from their classwork using the BEMDAS rule?

$$(12+47-3^2) \div (17-7)$$

(answer in next month's newsletter)



- B**-Brackets
- E**-Exponents
- M**-Multiplication
- D**-Division
- A**-Addition
- S**-Subtraction

## What's cooking in the Kitchen?

Alex and Tomás have been busy cooking up a storm in Home Economics this month. Alex baked some delicious chocolate chip cookies. Tomás cooked a healthy breakfast of poached eggs on toast and he made a smoothie filled with lots of healthy ingredients. He also made some Potato and leek soup!



## Sensory Bottle's

Charlie, Niko and Alex recently made some sensory bottles with Ms Ross. They used oil, water and food colouring. They really enjoyed choosing their colours and putting them together and we think they turned out so well!!



## C.S.I

Brought to you by Alex



This month I started my C.S.I class with Ms. Lamont. I learned all about how investigators do their job. I have been looking at fingerprint evidence and I learned how to take fingerprints using an inkpad. I have been practising taking fingerprints from lots of teachers and SNA's.

I have been looking at the different patterns on fingerprints and checking to see if they look like any of the prints I have taken so far. Finally, I learned how to dust for latent finger prints. Next month we are going to look at footprint evidence.



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# The Latest Football News

Brought to you by Tomás



Newcastle United Draw 1-1 against Manchester City at St. James Park on Saturday. Josko Gvardiol scored in the 35th Minute to put Manchester City 1-0 up at half time, but then Anthony Gordon was 1 on 1 with Manchester City Goalkeeper Ederson where Anthony Gordon went down in the box after being fouled by Ederson and Ederson got a yellow card and Newcastle United were awarded a penalty kick.

With Newcastle United's main penalty taker Alexander Isak out due to Injury it was Anthony Gordon's responsibility to try score from the penalty spot and he did not disappoint sending Ederson the wrong way and scoring into the bottom left corner and made it 1-1.

After 90 minutes and the score still at 1-1, Man City midfielder Bernardo Silva took a shot from inside the Newcastle United box but Newcastle United goalkeeper Nick Pope jumped up to get a hand to it and denied an injury time winner. The ref then blew the whistle for full time after injury time and the score ended 1-1.

You can find the highlights on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhmGHYIKIs0>

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October Newcastle United face AFC Wimbledon in the 3rd round of the Carabao Cup at St James Park as Newcastle United look like the favourites to win this game according to Fotmob

Fotmob Stats on Votes

Votes: 15,412

Newcastle Utd: 60% of people voted

Draw: 11% of people voted

AFC Wimbledon: 29% of people voted

