

Term 1 2022



Shared Education Newsletter



'Sharing in Learning for Success'

Year 1/2 Shared Project

The Year 1/2 class from our schools have completed their shared project on 'The Woods'. The pupils enjoyed a range of topical lessons, in both locations to extend their learning, while developing new and first friendships!



The project began in a shared space, kindly provided by Strabane Academy, before numerous sessions in both school environments. The children enjoyed Learning Through Play, in the class and the outdoors, while also working together to

complete Literacy, Art and ICT based tasks. They practiced and performed our 'Gruffalo Song' to bring each of our sessions to a close.

All pupils demonstrated skills of turn taking, problem solving and

working together, developing positive relationships in a shared learning community.

Our project culminated with a much anticipated trip to Gortin Glen Forest Park, to bring to an end what is only the beginning of their shared education journey.



Staff Reconnection

Staff from both our schools met during a joint Development Day in August to 'Reconnect' for the first time following the Covid19 pandemic.

The co-ordinators presented an overview and update on the status of Shared Education across Northern Ireland as well as within our own partnership.

Staff from both schools were

given the opportunity to meet, greet and reconnect again, before time was utilized to begin the planning process for the year ahead.

Partnership staff are looking forward to the year ahead, with new opportunities to 'Share in Learning for Success'.

If you have any ideas or contributions that you would like to

make to our shared education partnership, please feel free to get in touch with either of the co-ordinators.

(Sion Mills P.S –Mrs K Cunningham, Strabane Controlled P.S.– Miss L Finlay)



Year 1/2 Pupil Voice:

- > 'I liked playing outside'
- > 'I liked making the Gruffalo from spikey plants and berries'
- > 'I loved seeing our new friends!'



Term 2 Plans!

Year 3/4 Ice Breaker Session	11th Jan Bog Hall
Year 3/4 Stranger Danger Talk	18th Jan Strabane
Year 3/4 Shared Session	25th Jan Sion PS
Year 3/4 Library Visit	1st Feb Strabane
Year 3/4 Shared Session Strabane Academy	8th Feb Strabane
Year 3/4 Celebration Gortin Glen	1st March