

Year 2...Our Journey with Shared Education

Following last year's success, we have endeavoured to plan and deliver an exciting programme of shared learning opportunities for all of the staff and pupils in our schools! Our staff have been involved in meeting together for planning and training thanks to the support of the Shared Education programme.

In Term 1

We had joint whole school staff training in the use of Numicon as a tool to help with the teaching and learning associated with numeracy. Each of our schools purchased new numicon resources with the help of Shared Education.



In September, we had a joint meeting of the Boards of Governors and Teachers of each of our three schools. The aim was to establish a shared vision for our approach to Shared Education.



During Term 1, P3 & 4 enjoyed a fun packed programme of learning, focused on developing mathematics through the World Around Us topic of 'Transport'. Following an exciting introductory day in Augher CPS, the children worked in groups (composed of children from each school), travelling to a different school each week to participate in their shared learning. The programme also included a parents' participatory session and climaxed with a memorable train journey and trip to the Folk and Transport Museum.

P3 & 4 Introductory Day



P3 & 4 Display Work



Working Together!









P3 & 4 Trip





P3 & 4 Parents' Participatory Session



Term 2-P1&2

P1 & 2 participated in a fun packed scheme of work based on developing numeracy skills through play based learning. They enjoyed a fun introductory session at Carntall PS, followed by three shared learning experiences at each of the three schools. The programme was rounded off with a well attended parents' 'Stay and Play' session at Carntall PS and a fun filled trip to W5.

Introductory Day for P1 & 2 at Carntall PS

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Working Together





Stay and Play at Carntall PS



Parents, Grandparents and Carers...all having fun!





Some of P1&2's Shared Display Work





Term 2- P6&7

P6 & 7 also participated in a shared learning programme this term, with a programme of study based on developing numeracy skills through active learning. Following a very enjoyable introductory session in St.Macartan's PS, the P6 & 7 pupils visited each of the participating schools, enjoying a practical, outdoor approach to learning. This programme ended with an educational trip to W5 where the children participated in a range of different skill based workshops.

P6&7 Introductory Day at St. Macartan's PS



Working Together







P6&7 had a great time at W5





Term 3-P5

In Term 3 P5 participated in a joint programme of study focusing on the development of coding skills through ICT. The children had a great time working collaboratively to develop their coding skills through the 'Scratch' and 'Sketch Nation' coding programmes. At the end of their time together, they enjoyed a fun filled day of ICT activities at the AmmA Centre in Armagh.

Introductory Day

The pupils enjoyed a fun filled 'get to know you' session at Augher Central.



Working Together



The children worked together on their coding projects, developing new friendships along the way!



Term 3-P1&2

This term, the P1 & 2 enjoyed a joint Sports Day at Carntall PS and a fun fuelled trip to President Grant's Homestead, for a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'.



P1 & 2 Sports Day

Teddy bear's Picnic and fun with 'Jiggle and Jive'





Our pupils reflected on their shared experiences and were very positive about everything that they had done.

Dylan P1 (Carntall PS)-'I liked seeing all my old friends from playgroup and playing with all of the different things in the other schools'.

Catherine P2 (St.Macartan's PS)-'I liked visiting the other schools and playing with all the boys and girls.'

Zach P3 (Augher CPS) – 'I loved meeting all my old friends from Playgroup and I liked having different teachers from the other schools helping me learn'.

Jack P4 (Carntall PS)-'I liked going to the transport museum and making new friends'.

Ruth P5 (Carntall PS)-I really enjoyed taking part in Shared Education. I liked visiting the other schools, meeting new people and working together.'

Aine P6 (St.Macartan's PS)-'Shared Education was a lot of fun. I have made a lot of new friends'.

Izabella P7 (Augher CPS)- it was good to find out about children from other schools, we realised we have lots of things in common and learning together was great fun. I made new friends and it is great because some of them are going to my new school with me.