

Sports Day:

Every student in the school was given the colour yellow, red or blue. For sports day they had to wear this colour and work with their team to gain points.

Children gained points by; supporting their peers, cheering, helping others and trying their best at the various stations.



Teacher Vs Student:

For our teacher versus student challenge, we had a game of tug of war.

The students were the stronger team, and had the pleasure of pieing the staff members on the losing team!



Local HERO

We invited a past pupil back to our school as our local hero during active schools week. Kevin, who is a Deaf qualified PE teacher, is heavily involved in hurling with his local club in Dublin.

Kevin did some hurling skills with the children to motivate them and encourage them to get involved in GAA in their locality. It was a great addition to our active sports week.



Hurling skills



School trips in the locality:



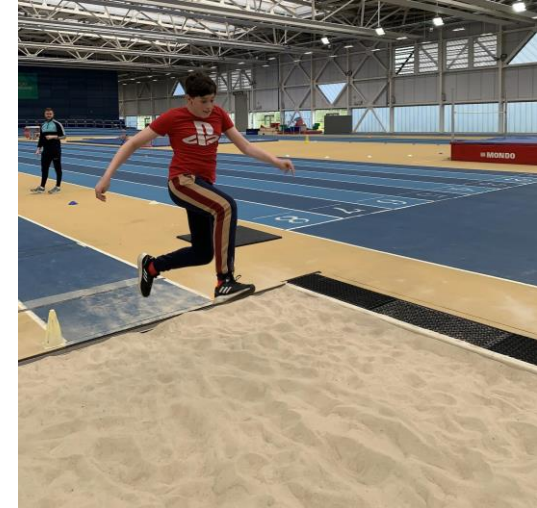
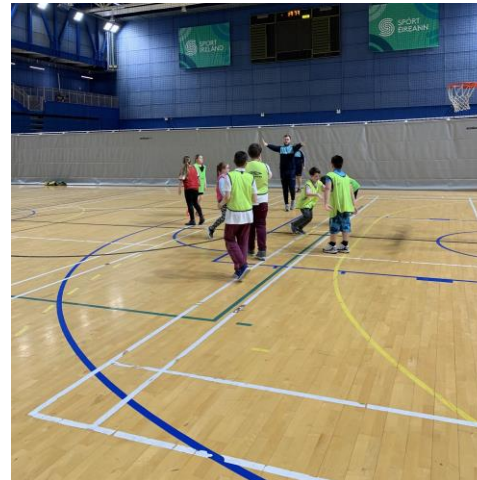
As we are a special school and some of our children travel a great distance to access our school, it was difficult to organise any local activities as a school, outside of school hours. However we wanted to children to be exposed to different activities in the school locality.

Therefore, we organised a number of trips for the children based on their current needs. It was discussed that the junior classes had no experience of playing golf so we organised a trip to the rainforest adventure crazy golf centre in Dundrum.

School trips in the locality:

During ASW, all senior classes went on a school trip to Sports Ireland Campus' world-class facilities in Blanchardstown.

As part of the day the children were exposed to athletics, gymnastics, basketball and football, by experienced coaches.



School trips in the locality:

'Meath' class group also had a great trip during ASW, to Ship Shape Castleknock soft play.



School trips in the locality

As whole-class rewards the school makes great use out of the local playground, only a short 10 minute walk from the school.



Dance

As a school we decided to focus more on dance and how to enhance this strand for our Deaf pupils. As mentioned in our application, it can be difficult for Deaf and Hard of hearing pupils to engage fully with this strand as they can struggle with feeling the vibrations and rhythm compared to hearing children.

Our main aim was to give children confidence in movement in front of others and to feel free to express themselves. As a surprise for active school week, the staff created a short dance for the children to copy on the clever touch screen. The staff dressed up as students and the children really enjoyed it.



Active flag programme 2021/2022

The staff and pupils of Holy family Deaf school have really enjoyed taking on this initiative this year and adjusting the programme to support the needs of our Deaf and Hard of hearing pupils. This programme has enabled our students to not only become more active but has given them the opportunity to explore more amenities in the locality which they normally would not be able to access due to the distance from their homes.

The active flag programme has enabled the children to meet Deaf role models from various sectors in sport. This shows our pupils that being Deaf or Hard of hearing does not need to inhibit them and that they can achieve anything they want. The programme has enabled us as a staff to reflect on our teaching and allowed us to place further emphasis on the language surrounding PE and being active so that our pupils can actively engage in sport and conversations about sport with their peers and family.