

Happy New Year to all our pupils and their families. We wish you all the best for this coming year. It's hard to believe we are almost half way through the school year now. We've already done so much, but there's lots more to come!



Active School's Flag: TPS are working hard to achieve our first Active School's Flag. Our Active School Committee have been great coming up with ideas & ways to motivate all classes to get involved every day. As part of our #OperationTransformation push each morning we start the day with our 'Wake Up, Shake Up!' Every class is getting out for a quick walk or run as we are working on our 'Run Around Europe' Challenge. Healthy, happy children need 60 mins activity each day and we are working hard to meet that target. We will be introducing new activities and challenges over the next few months so stay tuned and stay active!



We were honoured to welcome the Liam McCarthy cup to our school at the end of the year. We were especially proud of Jamie Power in Room 2; he was chosen to ask the Limerick players a very important question; "Who has been your favourite player of all time?".

The whole school got involved with Science Week; from bouncing raisins in infants to conducting experiments in 6th. It was a great chance to explore & investigate the world around us.



Geoff Hunt is a regular visitor to our school and loves to wow the children with his great love and passion for all the living things in our own local environment.



6th class loved attending athletics in LIT on Friday afternoons, which set them up for an active 2019!

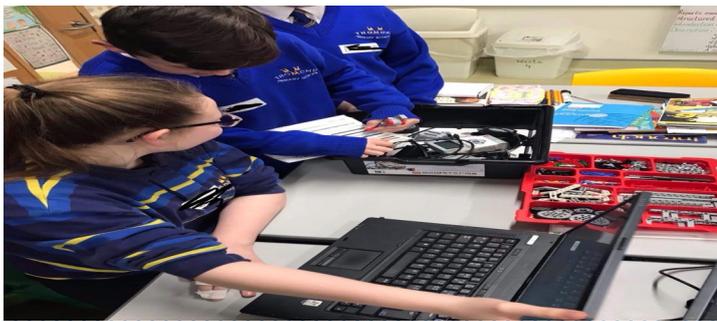
Pupils in juniors, seniors and 1st made their parents very proud with a rendition of their favourite nursery rhymes to celebrate nursery rhyme week in November.





We finished 2018 with a bang! All the boys and girls made us super proud when they stood on stage in LIT and performed an amazing variety of songs and dance for all the parents and guardians. A big thanks to the McGlynn's and all involved.

Kate's choir were flat out with events before Christmas, from visiting the patients in St. Camillus', to brightening up the wards of the University Hospital, to raising funds for the Lourdes trip in St. Munchin's church. The children sang so beautifully each time, bringing joy to their audiences and making them feel like they were all 'walking in the air'.



The younger children were spoiled with a visit to Santa in the Family Resource Centre. We're very thankful for all their support and the kindness they show to all the staff and pupils here in TPS.



Sixth Class welcomed LEARNIT to deliver a full day robotics workshop in association with Analog Devices. They got to work in teams to build and programme their own robot to travel specific distances and to make specific turns. The teams worked really hard all day, developing their engineering and coding skills. The winning team – Team 2 will now go on to represent Thomond Primary School in the Limerick Final in Analog Devices. We wish them the very best of luck!

Little Voices is running in junior and senior infants with Hilary for the month of January. We are thrilled to see so many parents share in the fun of learning each week.

Our pupils are loving getting to grips with the latest resources in the school; our BeeBots. These programmable devices are getting the children to problem solve and use computational thinking to guide our friendly robot through a variety of tasks.

One of the many activities organised by our wonderful parents' association in conjunction with our H+SCL: the annual Christmas raffle!



The department carried out an evaluation of our school in 2018 and the report can be viewed on www.education.ie. Sinéad and all the staff were very happy to have all the good work of the school commended.