

Blue Star Programme 2021-2022



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Exploring Europe



We were delighted to receive our '*Let's Explore Europe*' books and European Passports in November, as part of our participation in the '*Blue Star Programme*'.



Cultural and Creative Element: *'French Friday'*

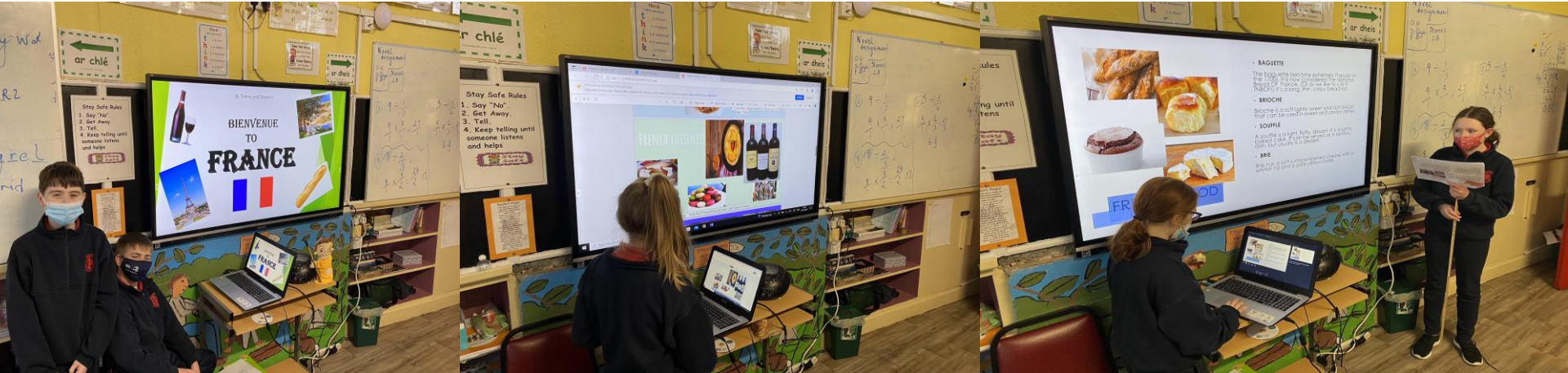
As part of our study of France as a country in Europe, we had a *'French Friday'* in school during which we sampled different French cuisine. We had French baguettes and different French cheeses such as Roquefort and Camembert to start, and this was followed up by coffee and croissants with chocolate spread as the sweet option.



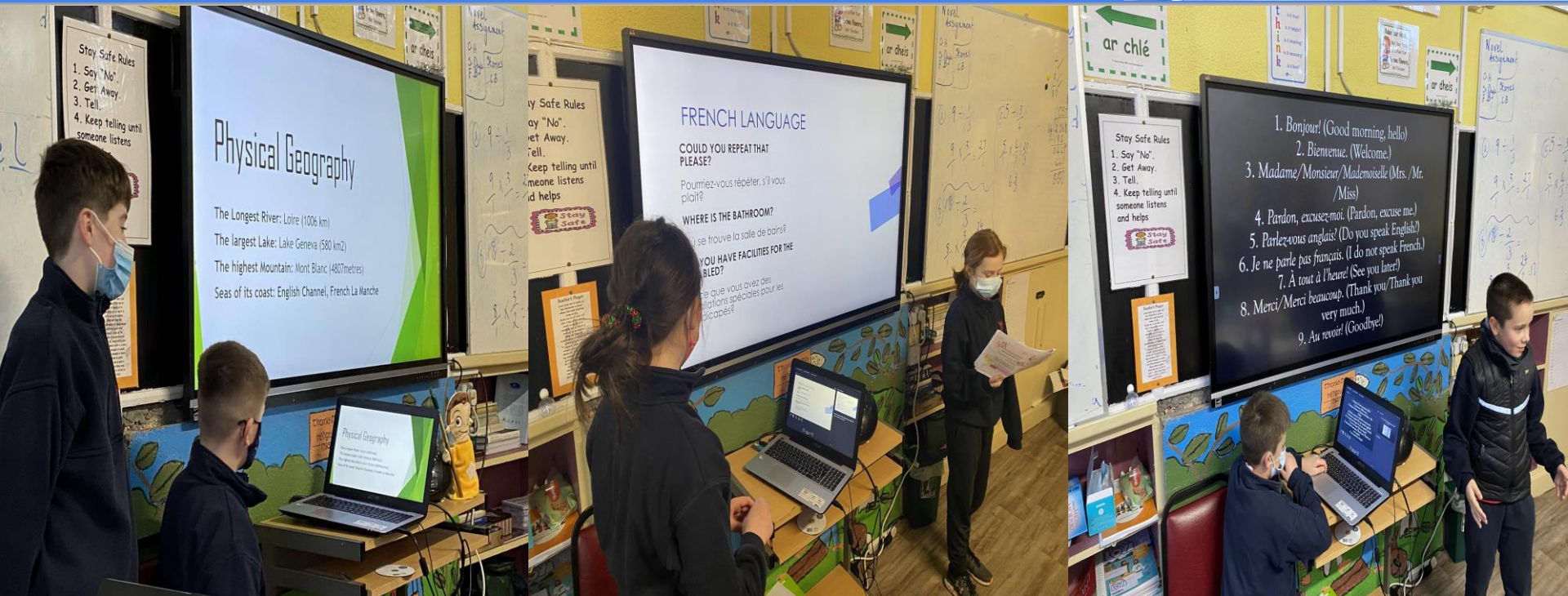
Geographical Element: France



Having completed our unit of work on France, we worked in pairs to complete projects about France under different headings. We first conducted research online and then we drew everything we had learned together in the form of PowerPoint presentations. We then presented these to the rest of the class.

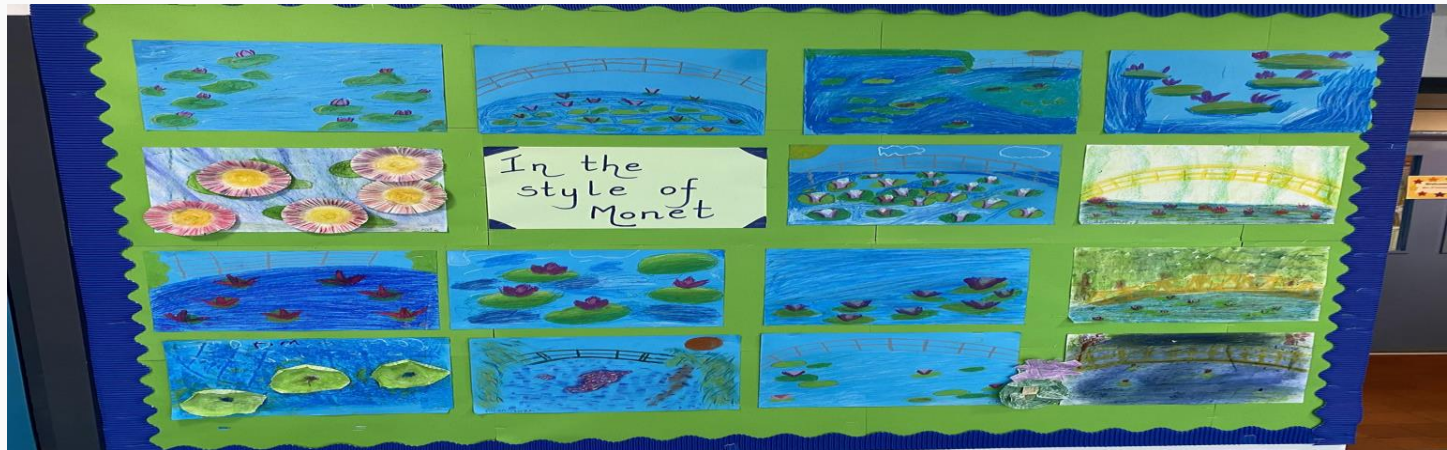


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Cultural and Creative Element: French Art

As part of our unit of work on France, we studied the artist Claude Monet and looked and responded to his work. We then created our own artwork in the style of Monet.



Historical, Cultural and Creative Elements: World War 1

As part of the Historical and Creative element of the 'Blue Star Programme', we studied World War 1 in History during the month of November. Here you can see our artwork inspired by the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.



Historical, Cultural & Creative Elements: World War 1 in Drama

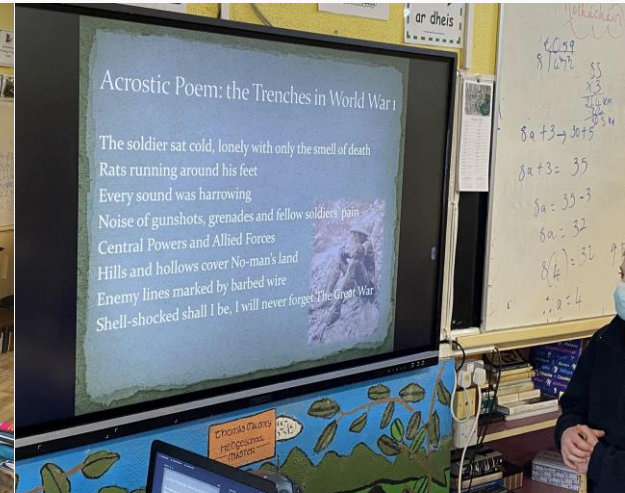
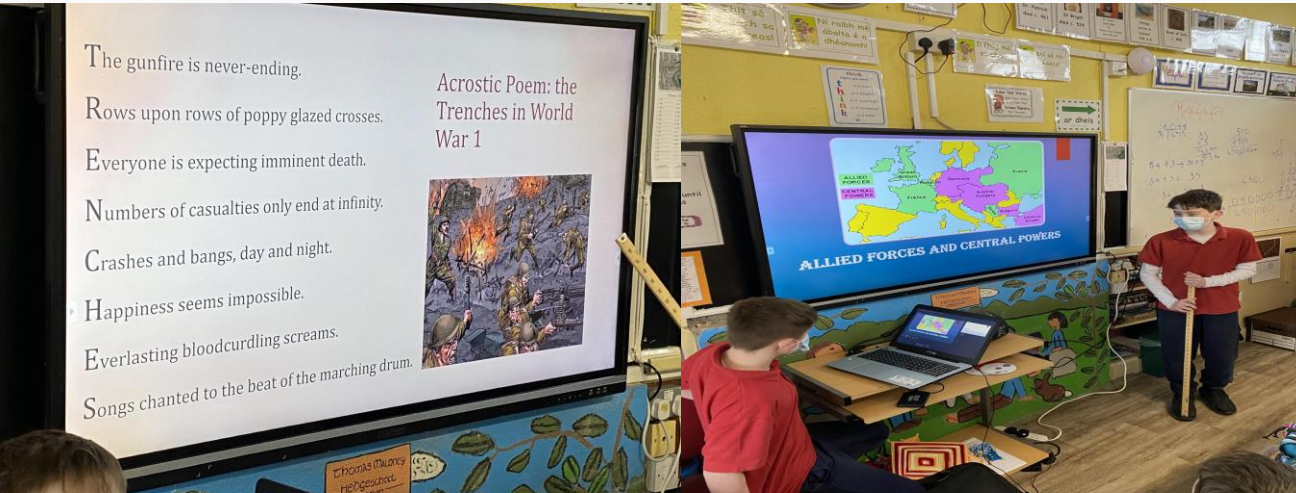
We integrated our work in History with the Drama curriculum to create still images of trench warfare and going 'over the top' onto 'No Man's Land'.



Historical Element: World War 1



As part of our work on the Historical element of the 'Blue Star Programme', we worked collaboratively to research and prepare projects on World War 1 and what we had learned about it. We also created imaginative 3D models.



Historical Element: World War 1



Institutional Element and Europe Day

As part of the institutional element of the programme, Minister for State Seán Fleming and the Lithuanian Ambassador to Ireland Marijus Gudynas, visited the school on Europe Day on May 9th.



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The Minister and Ambassador visited different classrooms and even enjoyed a display of 'bull fighting' from the Spanish deputation in 1st and 2nd class!

