

Irish Aid

Each year pupils from 3rd and 4th class participate in the 'Irish Aid Programme'.

This programme enables pupils to learn about the lives of children and their families in developing countries, and how Ireland, through Irish Aid, and 192 other countries in the United Nations are working together in partnership to create a safer world and a better future for the world's children. The pupils, as Global citizens can play their part in achieving these goals.

Each year, schools are given a specific theme to work with. For example, the theme for 2020-2021 is 'Partnership for the Goals'

Each year, Irish Aid publish an online magazine and lesson plans for the teacher to complete with the children. There is always a strong emphasis on 'The 17 Global Goals'. We complete numerous activities on the Goals which helps us learn about them and understand each one.

Following on from the lessons, the pupils must 'Create' something based on the theme. This can be completed as a whole class, in small groups or individually. Examples include; a drawing, poem, short performance, song, artwork, interview, map, painting, a rap, a quiz, crossword, puzzle, 3D sculpture etc. This is the part the pupils love. They love creating new ideas each year.

If the class are successful with their chosen masterpiece, they go on to represent the school at the Regional

Finals in Sligo.

This year, under the current restrictions, pupils will be in with a chance to have their work published in the 'Global Goal Getters' magazines from February 2021.