

CREATIVE SCHOOL

2020-22

Scoileanna
Ildánacha



Creative
Schools

Scoil Chaitlín Naofa

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School Background

- Rural West Kerry Irish-language school
- 15 pupils
- 2 teachers plus SNAs
- Past teacher had created a creative culture in school, with strong involvement from artistic parents
- Current teaching team wanted to build on this and further develop connections with local opportunities
- High number of quiet children
- Desire to find new ways to hear the children's voices
- Desire to increase teacher confidence in the arts



Relationship Building



Conversation, mind-maps,
blue sky thinking



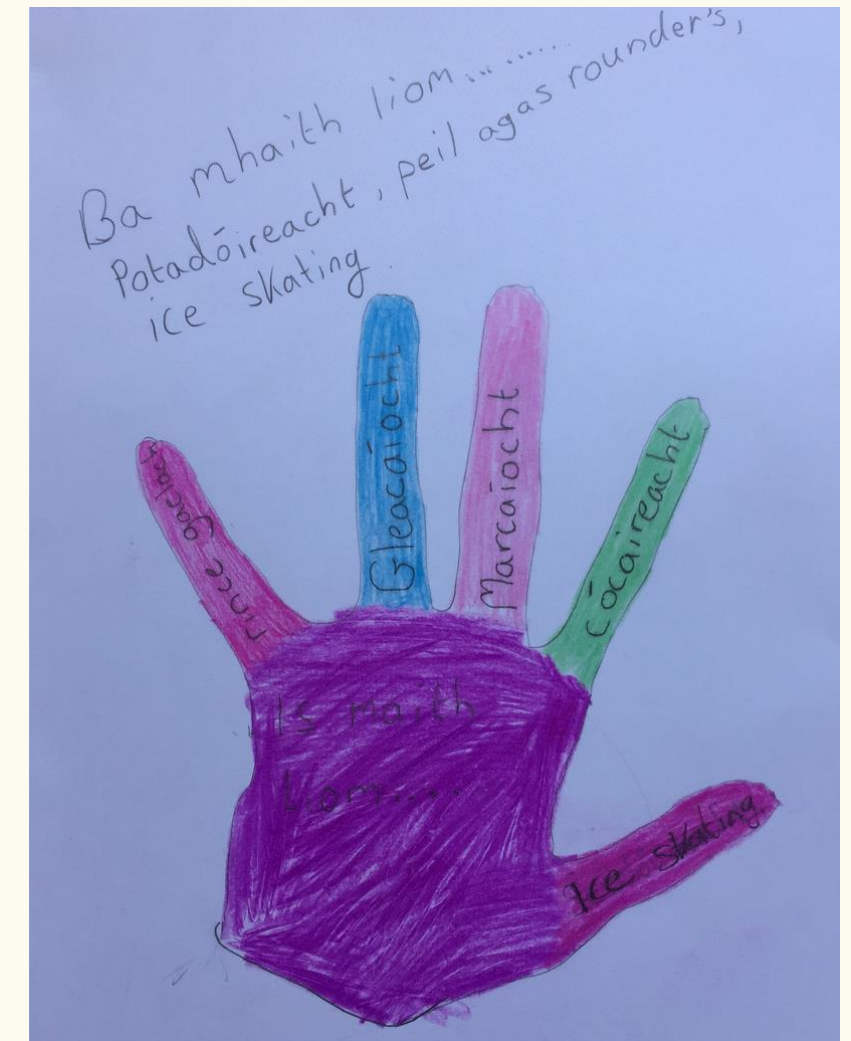
Surveys, posters and newsletter



On-line creative workshops with
teachers and children



In-person explorations of creativity



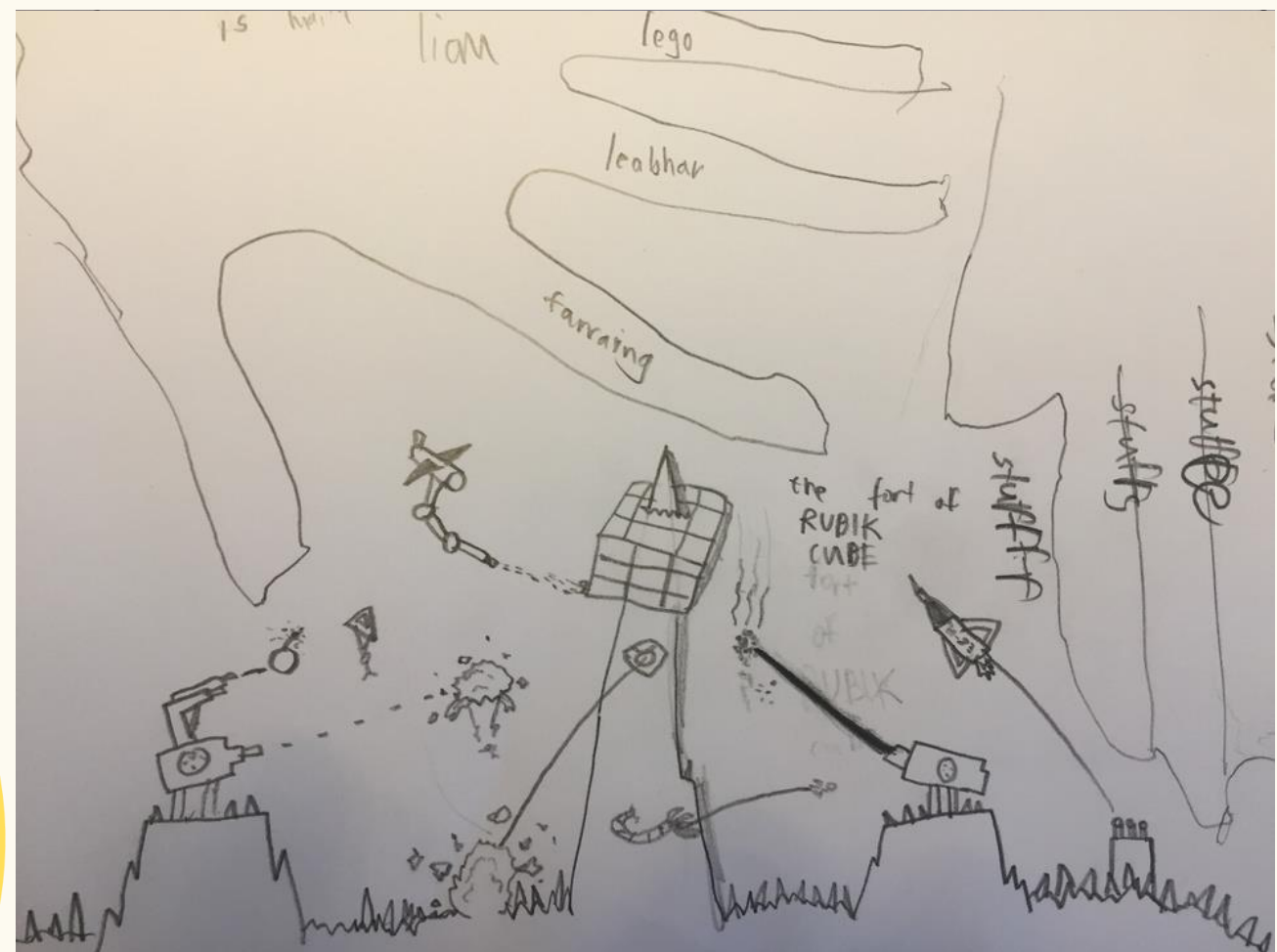
Voice of the child

Written/
Drawn
Reactions

Collage

Mind-
Maps

Voice
recording



Cad í an chruthaitheacht?

UNDERSTAND

Strengths

- Focus, time and funding already given to arts
- Strong links with some local organisations, festivals, and artists
- Celebration: Long tradition of celebrating creativity and sharing with community (pre-Covid)
- Prioritising opportunities with visiting practitioners such as CraftEd, Seannós singing classes
- Music

Areas for Development

- Continue being creative within restrictions during pandemic
- Take more advantage of opportunities - locally (including parents' skills) and online
- Join mailing lists
- Teacher CPD in new technologies
- Create social media outlet
- Prioritise opportunities available in Irish

Theme: Trees

The Plan

Vision:

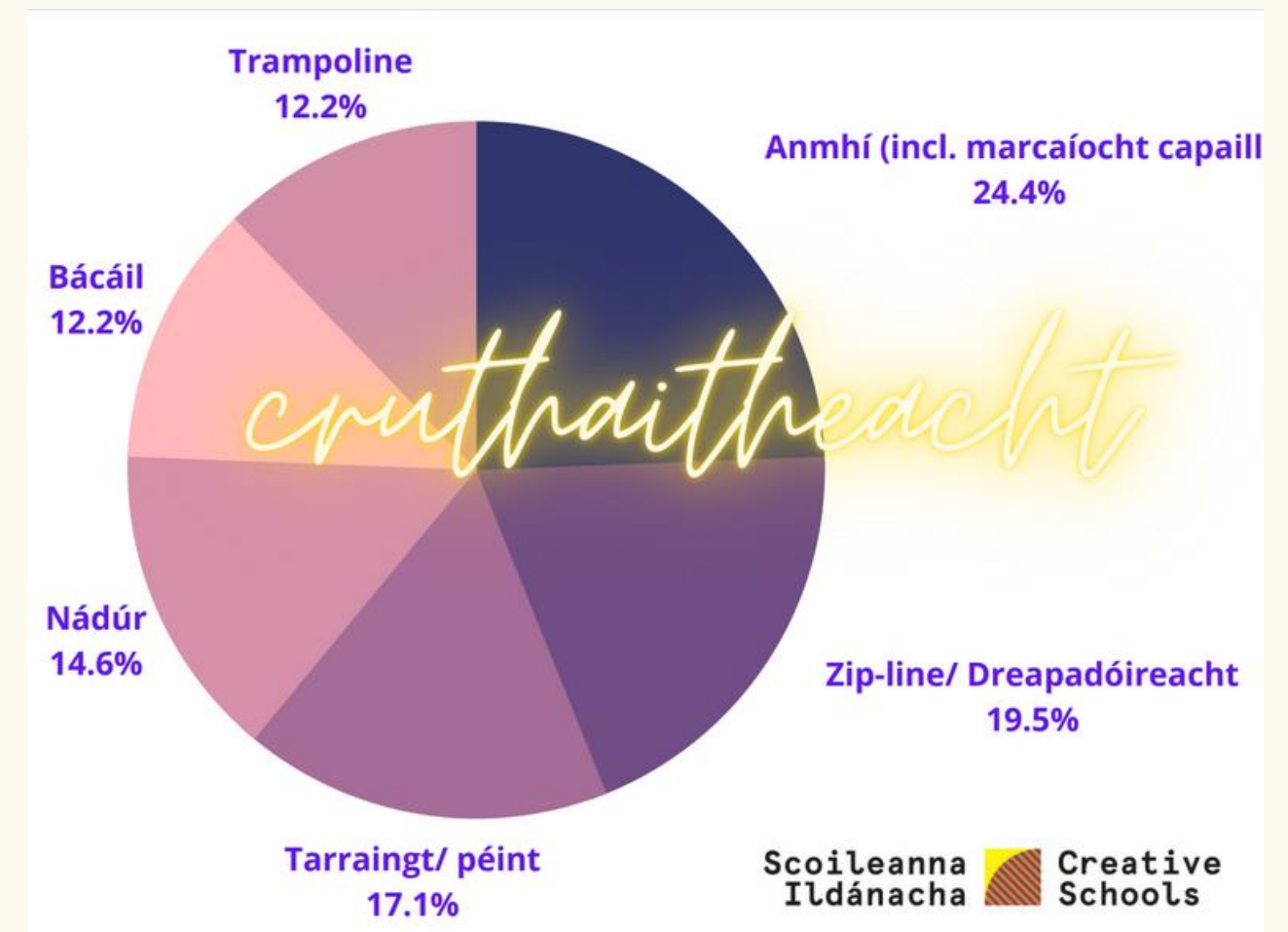
Creativity at the centre of school life, across curriculum.

Staff supported to engage in CPD in the arts.

More opportunities for all the children to experience the arts.

Deepened relationship with the many artists in our community

- Series of tasters
- CPD for teachers
- Followed by more workshops in favourite areas
- Celebration evening



What we did

Equine
Assisted
Learning

Teacher
CPD: new
technologies

Forest
School
Crafts

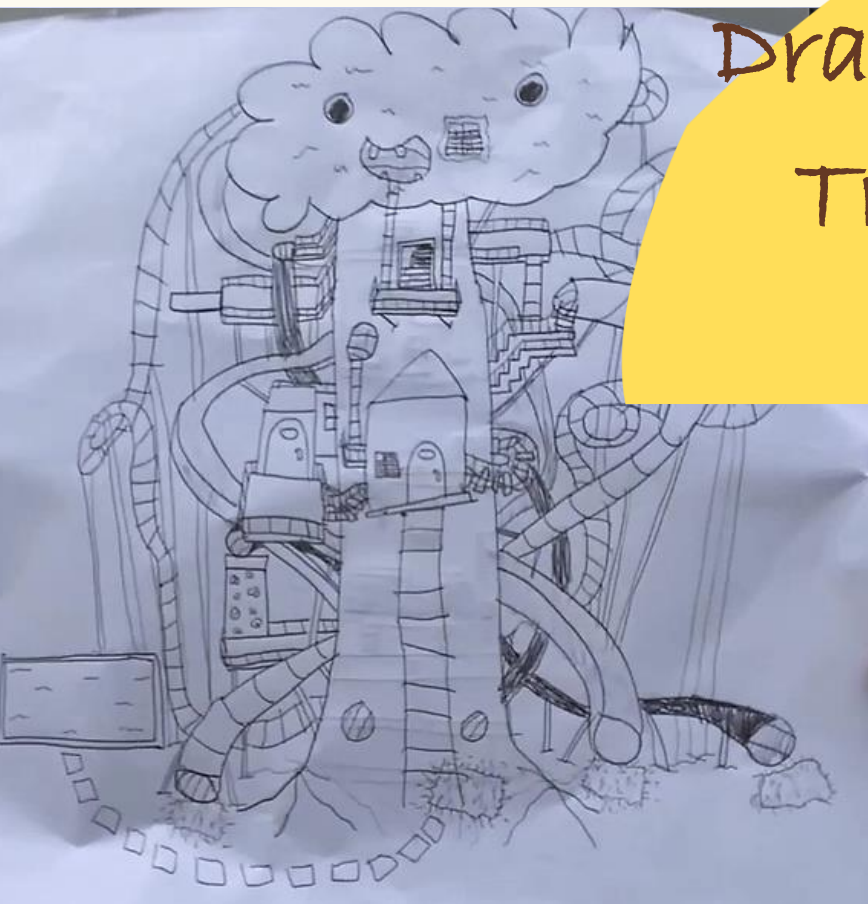
Cooking
and
Baking

Drawing
Trees

Drama

Video exchange
with Italian
school

Animation



Celebration!

Oíche Siamsaíochta

Drama, dance, music and song with wider school community in audience



Exhibition of artwork and photographs from Creative Schools activities

The Future!

The school has continued with...

Equine
Assisted
Learning

Collage:
Voice Of Child
Self-
assessment

Forest
Schools

The school numbers have now doubled, with children who have come to West Kerry from Ukraine joining the school. Using different creative methods to hear each child's voice is more important than ever...