

Shared Education Newsletter

Issue 2

A Note from the Principals

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Welcome to the second edition of our Shared Newsletter. This term the focus of our shared lessons has been on Numeracy. Years 1-3 have been introduced to the resource Numicon, a practical material designed to develop understanding of various mathematical concepts. Years 4-7 have been learning about different strategies that can be used to solve problems. Following the success of the Family Fun Quiz, hosted by

Friends of Moneynick and Duneane PTA, we have been able to order further Numicon resources to help extend the use of this resource throughout all year groups.

Mrs Kerrie Wilson has taken up her position as principal of Duneane. This is an exciting time for the partnership and the staff and pupils of both schools look forward to working closely with her.



Y1 Experiences

"Once we went outside. We played with big Numicons. We went in front of them to see how many people were needed to make a number. We stayed outside." Best Bit: playing on the climbing frame **Matthew**

"I liked it when we sorted the giant Numicon shapes outside." Best Bit: being outside **Adele**

"We played games. We put the big Numicon outside. I liked having break time." Best Bit: the big Numicon **Ellie**

"I liked the giant Numicon." **Niamh**

"We played with the Numicon and used the shapes to make pictures of animals." Best Bit: playing with Numicon **Lorcan**

"We set the Numicon up outside and counted the holes inside the shapes." **Muireann**

"I liked playing with the Numicon. It was really fun." **Bláithín**

"I liked playing with the red Numicon best." **Nathan**

"We were playing games on the whiteboard. I made a new friend. Her name is Ruby. She goes to the horse show." Best Bit: the big Numicon **Lily-Rose**

"The pink Numicon was number 7." **Alessa**

"I liked it whenever we checked which Numicon was the heaviest. It was the number 10." **Sean**

"We made little shapes with the Numicon. I played with my friends." Best Bit: playing

Charley



Y2 Experiences

The Year 2 children from Moneynick travelled to Duneane by bus in Term 2 this year to have lots of fun with their friends and shared lessons with Mrs Anderson. All the lessons followed our shared Maths theme of Numicon. Here is what our Y2 pupils had to say about their experiences.

“Numicon maths is fun. We got to go outside and play with the giant pieces.” **Ruby**

“I like to play with my friends from Duneane and Moneynick. Mrs Anderson let us play with the big Numicon outside. We ordered them from 1 to 10!” **Cliodhna**

“I liked playing outside with the big Numicon and sorting them from 1 to 10.” **Chloe**

“I liked playing with the Numicon outside. We sorted the numbers out. We played 10 Green Froggies Sitting on the Wall. We took 1 away each time. Matthew was one of my friends from Duneane.” **Saorla**

“We learned about our Numicon shapes. I counted how many holes there were.” **Dervla**

“When we went to Duneane we played with the big Numicon shapes. We counted the holes and we had to put in the right number.” **Ronan**



Y3 Experiences

“I played some games. We used the Numicon. We do the numbers.”

Best Bit: doing Art **Hannah**



“We were learning about odd and even numbers with the Numicon. Mrs Lavery taught us fun things. Noah and Hannah were there too.” **Cliodhna**

“We always do Numicon. It was good.”

Best Bit: getting up to Moneynick **Noah**

“I liked when we got to trace over the Numicon shapes.” **Paidi**

“We played lots of games building monsters with the giant Numicon shapes.” **Luke**

“I liked playing with the Numicon in the Feely Bags. It was a fun game.” **Aoibh**

“At shared lessons I learned about the Numicon shapes and the number of holes inside them.” **Julianna**



Y4 Experiences

“On Tuesdays Moneynick P4s come to Duneane to do Problem Solving with Mrs. Anderson. I am friends with Laura from Moneynick. I find Problem Solving hard.” **Lydia**

“We do our shared lessons on a Tuesday at Duneane School. We travel by bus. We have been doing problem solving. I have found the lessons a bit easy and sometimes hard. I really liked playing the game Eleven. It was good fun. It was good to have the chance to meet new friends and learn new things with them. Mrs Anderson was a nice teacher.” **Oisín**

“I really enjoyed this term with Moneynick. I made a new friend called Shauneen. She is very kind and she sits beside me. We do problem solving. I find it quite hard. I like doing Shared Lessons in the top mobile.” **Lucy**

“Shared lessons were lots of fun this term. The pupils from Duneane were funny, friendly and kind. I enjoyed playing the Gate Game and Eleven. My favourite game was a game where you had to all tangle your hands together and untangle without letting go of anyone’s hand. I also liked playing maths games and Bingo on the

computer. I liked the bus ride. This was the first term that my class got to go to Duneane—it was very exciting. Duneane is a lovely, happy school. Mrs Anderson was teaching us this term. She was very caring and helpful. I hope to see them again soon.” **Holly May**

“I really enjoyed shared lessons with Duneane and Mrs Anderson. My favourite games were the Gate Game and Bingo. I enjoyed getting out to meet new friends from Duneane especially Callum, Jamie and Sarah.” **Liam**

Y5 Experiences

“My favourite things from Shared Lessons was the learning and trying to figure out stuff. I also liked finding stuff with help of other kids. The things I didn’t like about shared lessons is when I got something wrong and thought it was surely right. I also like the games, it was so fun.”

Rebecca

“At shared lessons we played games and did problem solving. I made new friends and I had a lot of fun. We made pancakes on Pancake Day too and it was fun. The best part was making new friends.”

Erin

“When we are with Moneynick P.5 we did Problem Solving. I found it sort of hard, then it was easy. We played games like eleven and twenty-one. Out of ten I chose three. I sat beside Rhyan and Ewan. I sat on the left bench. We played hit the button, I liked it. I enjoyed playing all the games while we did Shared Lessons.”

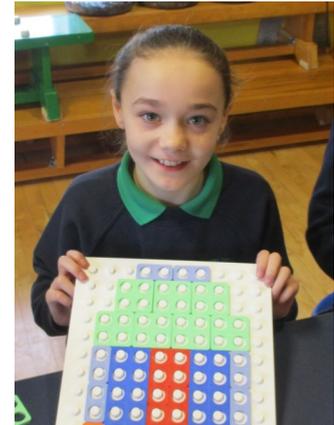
David

“This term we did problem solving with Mrs. Anderson. I didn’t find it very easy. I also make friends with a girl called Erin. I really like her. We all played a game called eleven or twenty-one. I never won. On Pancake Tuesday we made pancakes, they were delicious! I had great fun, I can’t wait for next term!”

Amy

“In our shared lessons with Mrs Anderson we played Eleven. I loved it! We did Problem Solving. I met my friends from Duneane and I know all their names now. We travel down to their school every Tuesday on a bus. Their school is very small but their playground is big and cool!”

Cathy



Y6 Experiences

“I liked the very first week because we used the Numicon to make monsters and pictures. I liked the last week because I got them right.” **Rob**

“In shared lessons I make number lines using Numicon. I have fun playing maths games like skittles and learn how to make up numbers. I am friends with Chloe, Abigail and Sienna from Duneane.”

Paige

“At Shared Lessons we do Problem Solving. I don’t like it because it can be hard- we have to do almost three pages of it. When we arrive at shared lessons, if it is not raining we would go on the swings outside until we have to line up to go inside and do problem solving. Then we to go back to Duneane to get our lunch.” **Matthew**



“I love the shared lessons with Mrs Lavery. I think the work is good fun as well, like when we made the monsters. Another time we had to make a picture with 6 squares and 17 matchsticks and you had to figure out how to make ‘so many’ squares. I have made good friends with Gemma and Gillian—they are very nice people and they are smart as well. We would help each other out with things that we were stuck on or if we were confused. I like it when the Duneane children get to go outside and play with us before our lesson starts. I like shared lessons very much and I am excited for next terms shared lessons.”

Erin

“On the first Monday that we did shared lessons we used Numicon to make a picture. I thought it was really fun. Then we used Numicon to paint and made scary and jolly monsters. When we had finished that we left them to dry. We then used the Numicon to make symmetrical pat-

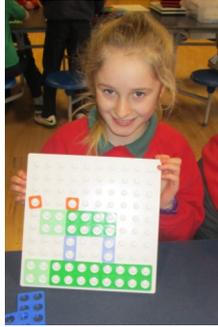
terns. After that we used cylindrical objects to create symmetrical patterns. That was my favourite week of them all. The next week we did problem solving. I thought it would be boring but it actually turned out to be quite a lot of fun. It was really interesting learning about the easier ways of doing sums. I think it was all really enjoyable.” **Eoin**

“This term I took part in shared lessons every Monday after break. I liked this time because you get to see some friendly faces from Duneane at the start of the week. My shared lessons consisted of all P6 pupils. Every week we did lots of different kinds of fun problem solving activities. One of my favourites was the match stick problem solving task. In this task you made a rectangle and there would be a question like- take away 4 match sticks and make 2 squares! I made lots of friends including Rob. Rob wears glasses. He has blond hair with blue eyes and is a very nice, enthusiastic person.”

Patrick

Y6 Experiences continued

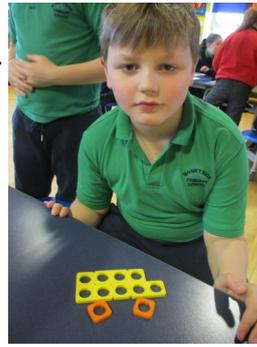
“Our topic is Problem Solving and I find it hard. I have a friend called Daniella. I like it because we get a break time at Duneane and a break time at Moneynick. Daniella helps me with my work. I like to play outside on the equipment at break time. I really enjoy the taxi journey on the way to Mon-



eynick. I find some of the people at Moneynick are funny.”

Gemma

“My shared lessons with Mrs Lavery were really good. I loved making friends from Duneane. I loved painting monsters on the first day of shared lessons. I had a bit of trouble on the word problems but I am getting better and more used to them. I love all doing the acti-



vities with Duneane. My favourite thing we’ve done so far is making squares or rectangles with match sticks by only taking three or four or five match sticks off. It was a bit difficult to find out which ones to get rid of but we managed. I love my friends from Duneane. They are fun to play with and talk to. Even though the lessons are hard it helps us develop our skills so we are ready for secondary school.”

Daniella

Y7 Experiences

“I went to shared classes with Moneynick PS and we did maths problem solving with Mrs. Lavery. I liked doing something different on a Monday afternoon. I was happy when we got to run around for five minutes when we finished early. I also like spending time with different people, although next time, since the weather is starting to get better maybe we could do something outside—*please?*.”

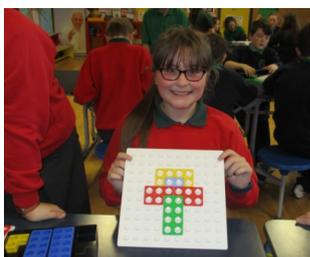
Chloe

“I had fun with Duneane doing different activities. We have shared lessons with them every Monday. It is good learning new things. Shared lessons is good fun. We have lessons in the hall and afterwards we go out to play sometimes. We put a lot of effort into our work. If we are stuck we ask for help and if we get our work wrong we can fix our mistakes.”

Jamie

“In Shared Lessons Mrs. Lavery has been teaching us about problem solving. I’ve found parts tough enough but others easy. At my table sits Jack, Abigail, Orla, Brian and myself. Brian and I are friends. I have liked it better than last term. My favourite part is when we get to play outside.”

James



“I did not like shared lessons because I feel we could have had time to interact more as friends. I loved the five minutes we played in the playground because they have a very nice playground in Moneynick. Some of the pupils I like are Duveasa and Clíodhna, they were very nice and involved us.”

Abigail

“My experience with shared lessons is very good. I love the work and sharing with Duneane as well. The work was excellent and tested my skills but I got on with it. Mrs Lavery was a good teacher and helped me to develop in my work. My favourite lesson was the maths problems e.g. The hat cost £12 more than the t-shirt which is £4. My best Duneane friend is James. He is kind, funny and an all round good guy!”

Kevin

“My name is Duveasa Quinn. I really like shared lessons because we get to talk to people we don't talk to a lot. Even sometimes we get to go outside! I sit near Chloe Porter and Clíodhna McCallion. We like to talk. This term we have been doing Problems in maths that are hard but also fun. I really like Mrs Lavery being our teacher because she's really nice and explains stuff really well. We do a lot of work but it all pays off. I rate this term 10/10.”

Duveasa

“I had Mrs. Lavery this term for shared lessons. We did loads of different sorts of problem solving. I only made one new friend. The bit I enjoyed most was getting out to play.”

Erin

“The Duneane and Moneynick shared lessons were really fun to me. I found out that I worked better when I was with them. The shared lessons teacher Mrs Lavery was very good. She was kind and if you got stuck she would come over and talk you through it. We learned about maths word problems and to be honest it was actually quite fun. Well I loved shared lessons and I rate it 10/10.”

Stephen



“When we have shared lessons with Duneane it is really fun. We were working on problem solving. I think Abigail is very funny. I really like shared lessons. I really like using the Numicon shapes and making things and I like when we have shared lessons because we get to meet new people and have lots of fun.”

Orla