

Then a strange thing happened. A nasty virus called Covid-19 was spreading all over the world. St Jarlath's had to close and we all had to stay at home. Your parents became your teachers. You did your work remotely on Seesaw and Lexia and you worked hard on your Literacy and Numeracy packs. I loved receiving all your fantastic work-but it didn't replace the 'show and tell' sessions we used to have. You learned new words like corona virus, social distancing, pandemic and lockdown. You learned what 2 metres looks like!

Instead of being the class that 'missed out'-I think you were the special class that were enriched. You had a different type of education. New life skills included planting and cooking. You learned resilience by climbing trees and riding your bike. You got creative and made designs from the recycling box. You learned patience and self-control-especially when your parents were on work Zoom calls!

P2, you will go down in history as the class in St. Jarlath's who didn't get to complete your P2 year. However, I will remember you as the class who laughed, cried, were kind and helped each other, shared resources with one another (most of the time!). Loved making little books and things from Lego.

So thank you. I wish you all a healthy and happy Summer and all the best for P3.

Lots of love

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