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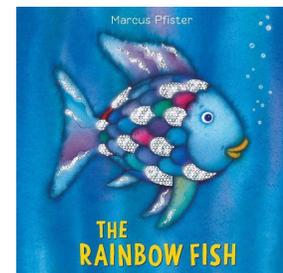
Dear Parents,

## Friendship Week 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

This week every class, from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class, has been taught the story of “The Rainbow Fish”.

*The Rainbow Fish is a children's picture book drawn and written by Swiss author and illustrator, Marcus Pfister, and translated into English by J. Alison James.*

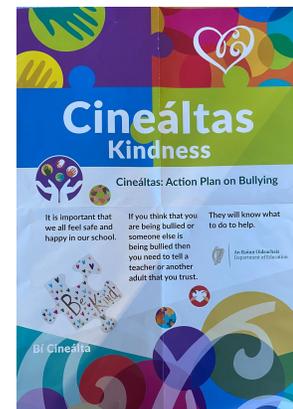
The Rainbow Fish is a lovely, heart-warming story of sharing and the happiness that sharing can bring yourself and others. It also depicts how difficult sharing can be and the impact that sharing can have on friendships.



We have also been emphasising to the pupils the importance of being :

- a responsible member of our school community;
- a Good Friend;
- Respectful at all times.

Our lessons on friendship this week are supported and closely aligned to Cineáltas, the Department of Education's action plan which aims to address the issue of bullying in schools. By working collectively, measures implemented during friendship week can help to reduce the incidences of bullying in school and the wider community. Please see a letter attached from Norma Foley the Minister for Education. Every stakeholder in the community has a role to play to ensure that every child feels safe and happy in our school.



We hope that the pupils have enjoyed the lessons learned this week.

Le gach-dea ghuí,

Colin McElroy.