



## Buttons the Scarecrow



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We asked our caretaker John to construct a timber frame made from wood. Once this was completed, we dressed the scarecrow in Mr. Pilkington's old painting clothes.

### **The head**

His head is made from an old football which we covered in masking tape and then painted. His eyes are made from styrofoam from old packaging and his nose is made from pipe cleaners. We used a hot glue gun to stick everything on. Great fun but very hot! We made his hair with scraps of old wool.

### **The hat**

His hat was made from an old flowerpot. We wrapped wool around the pot along with some old maths cubes. We made flowers using feathers, buttons, old cardboard, wool, matchsticks, and pipe cleaners.

### **The body**

To make the body we wrapped an old pillow around the timber frame. We made large buttons using wool and old pieces of foam and some clothes pegs. Old pieces of material were used to make the patches.



## The clothes

We decided to decorate his clothes with lots of old art and craft pieces of material, foam, and glitter. We measured and cut out squares. All of these activities were great for our fine motor skills. We used some old material for his shirt. We also learned about perpendicular and parallel lines whilst making the criss cross patch on his knee.

## The hands and arms.

To make his hands we stuffed the gloves with old newspaper and used old pipe cleaners to represent hay! We wrapped string around the cuffs to secure the gloves.

We learned so much whilst making the scarecrow. We learned about where scarecrows are used, about visual arts and especially about maths and measuring. To keep Buttons company, we placed a squirrel on the arm and a hidden treasure in the pocket!!



Subjects such as Art, History, Geography, Maths and English were all covered during the process of making 'Buttons'. We named our scarecrow Buttons as buttons feature a lot in the design. We learned lots of new terms in Literacy for the materials which we were using.

We were reminded of the importance of the terms **reduce, reuse, and recycle** which we take very seriously in St. Conaire's. Caring for our environment is extremely important. Also, both our fine and gross motor skills were developed. Balancing and lifting this scarecrow is serious work. We had great fun doing this.

Bainigí taitneamh as!!!!

### **The Team**

Some of our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils and Ms White.

Ms. White, AJ Gregorio, Ava Carroll, Denis Martsenyuk, Jodie Connors, Codi Harty, Marcel Andryjanczyk, Denis Semerkin, Yi Chen, Alex O Shaughnessy, Annalee Considine and Wiktor Kaliszczak .

Special thanks to our caretaker John for the making the frame.