



St. Mark's Senior National School



DIFI's journey of Europe, A tour of
St. Mark's SNS, Springfield,
Tallaght Dublin 24 Ireland

The 15th of March marks a very important day for all primary schools in Ireland as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the proclamation being read by Padraig Pearse on the footsteps of the GPO as the Irish fought for their freedom in 1916. On this day we read the proclamation, raise the National flag and sing the national anthem.



The National flag being raised
just after 12 o'clock





The 1916 proclamation was a document written by the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic in 1916 demanding that Ireland be a free nation with our own democratic government. DIFI helped this class write their own proclamations for the modern era highlighting issues such as education, the environment, health care and homelessness.



DIFI reading the Irish proclamation on the steps of St. Mark's... I wonder who he is trying to be like?

DIFI helped the pupils complete a class project on the clothes that people wore in 1916



DIFI is now an expert on 1916. Here he is showing off a project which he helped 4th class to complete

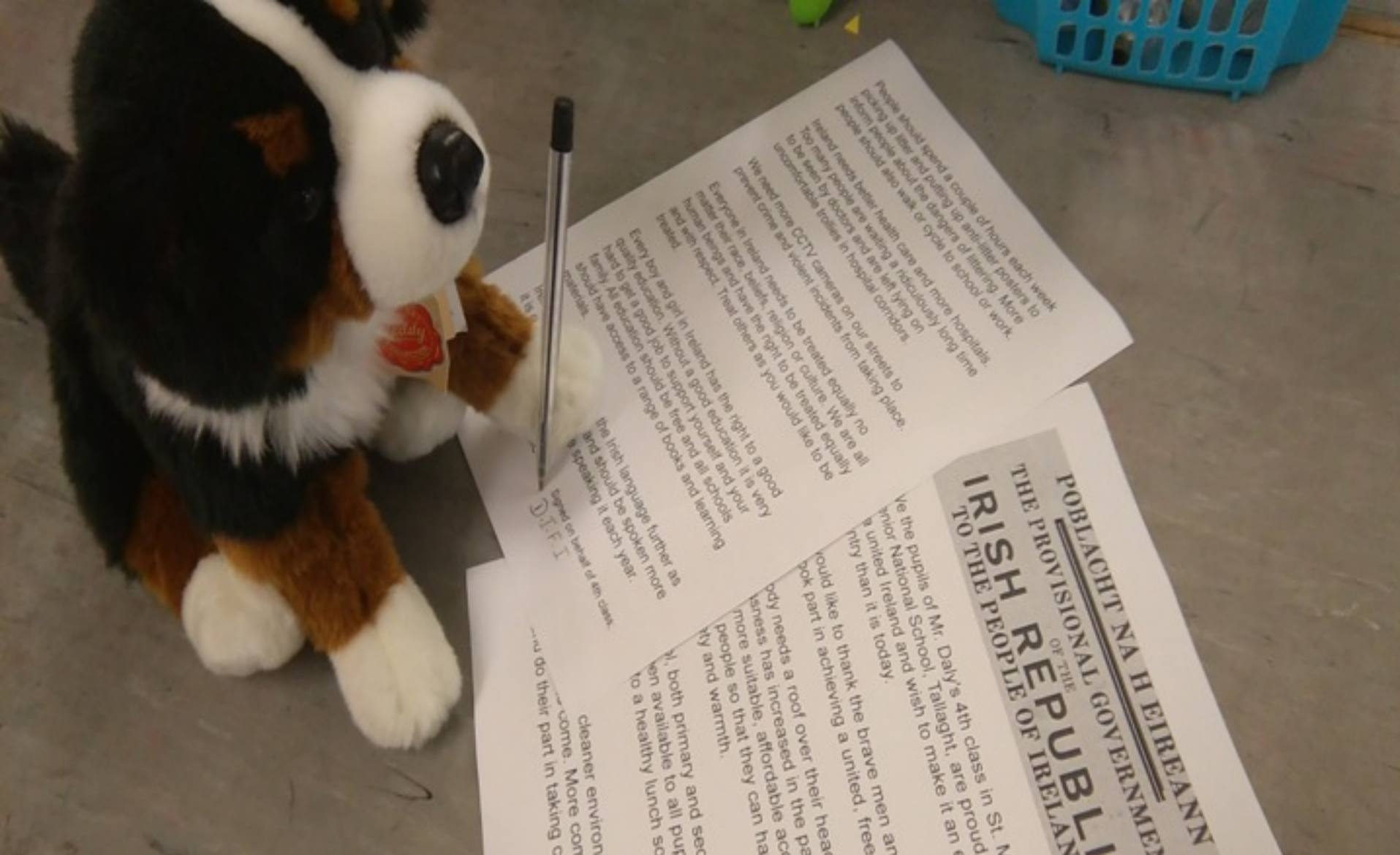




These pupils used household items to build models of the major buildings involved in the 1916 Easter Rising.



DIFI is supervising pupils as they sign their own version of the proclamation for the current generation



DIFI also put his signature on the proclamation



After proclamation day, the students thought it would be a good idea to show him around our school. Here they are showing DIFI the school pond.



These pupils are showing DIFI our school garden. It was little cold to be planting but DIFI was very excited to see some daffodils!!!



St. Mark's has its very own nature trail and the pupils were very eager to take DIFI on a fun-filled nature walk.



These boys are showing DIFI how to identify the various types of trees in the area. Good job lads!!!



DIFI decided to just hang around for a while!



DIFI found many of these tiny doors throughout the walk. Being so close to St. Patrick's Day perhaps there are some leprechauns inside?

DIFI was exhausted after his walk and needed a piggy-back to get back to school.

