



**Maoinithe ag an
Aontas Eorpach**
**Funded by the
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This school received a grant in 2021 to implement initiatives aimed at addressing the digital divide and support our learners at risk of educational disadvantage as a consequence, as part of the Irish National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) a project under the Recovery and Resilience Facility funded by the European Union through NextGenerationEU. This funding was used to:

Firstly, we purchased tablets for school so that each child could have individual access to digital technology in school at a cost of €4300.20. This has allowed pupils to work with apps such as for literacy: Spellings for Me, Teach your Monster to Read, GetEpic and Reading Eggs. The Reading Eggs subscription is €150 annually and Spellings for Me at €285. The senior children have also created powerpoints for presenting and storytelling. The pupils' books such as Maths and Gaeilge have resources online for each lesson so these can now be accessed by all pupils. We participated in a Dublin Zoo virtual programme for each of our 2 classrooms at a cost of €250. This assisted with the delivery of curricular content in the SESE areas and was really interactive and beneficial for all pupils. The junior pupils worked on a STEAM project using resources from GetEpic online and a youtube video of making rubber band rockets. The pupils used slo-mo videos to record the launching of their rockets and then could determine how their design could be altered and improved to make it more effective. They also used construction within Visual Arts to incorporate the working rocket into a design. See the school website for images of this.

<https://www.stlaurenceschapelizod.com/junior-room> We introduced the Weaving Wellbeing programme for all pupils and the teacher manuals with a Digital Companion Page were purchased for this at a cost of €255.