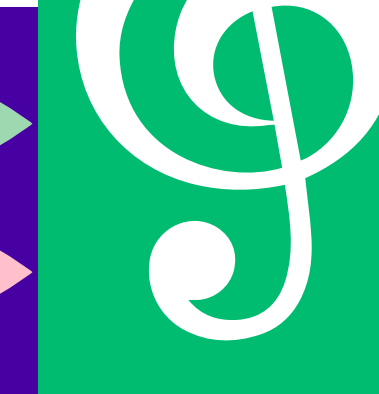
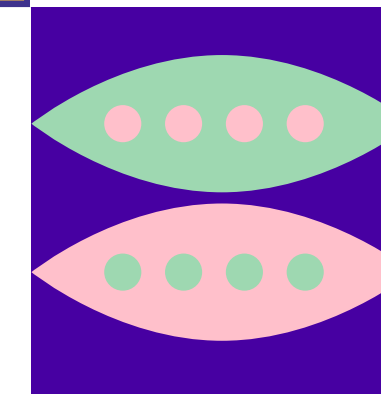
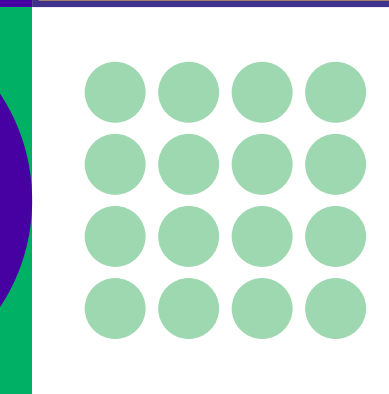
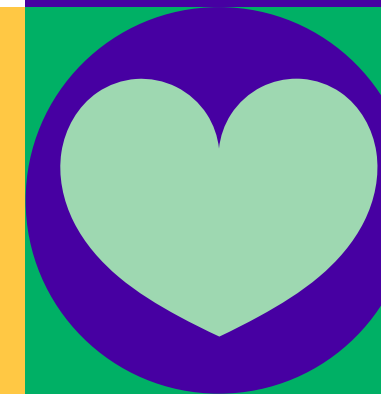
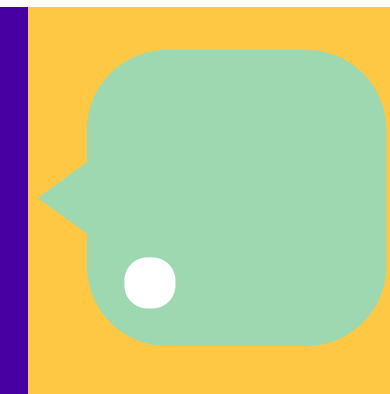
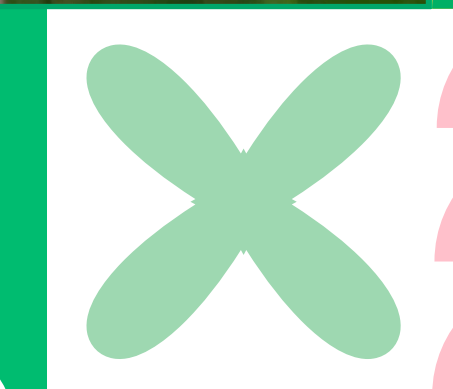
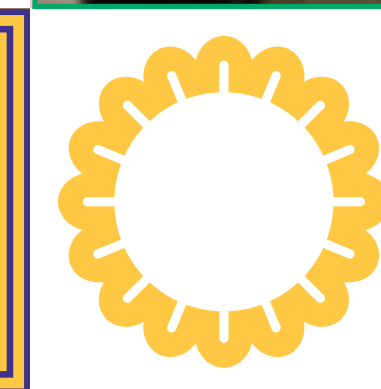
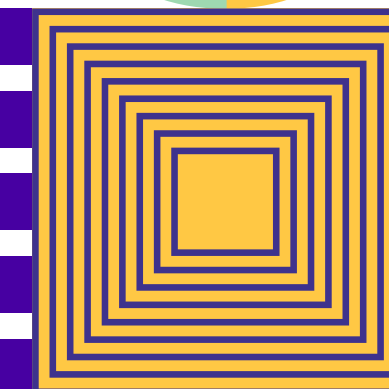
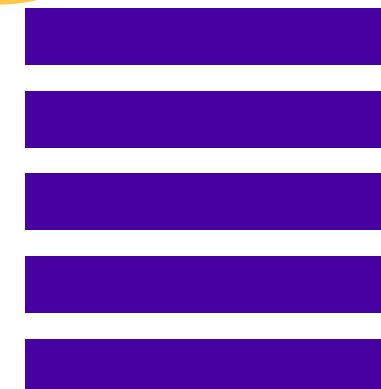
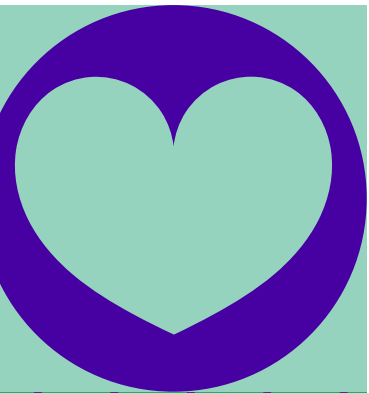


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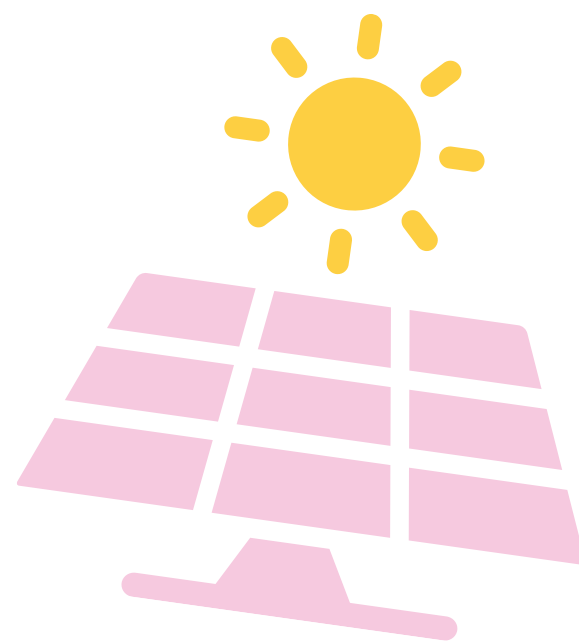
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Who am I?



Dear Principal



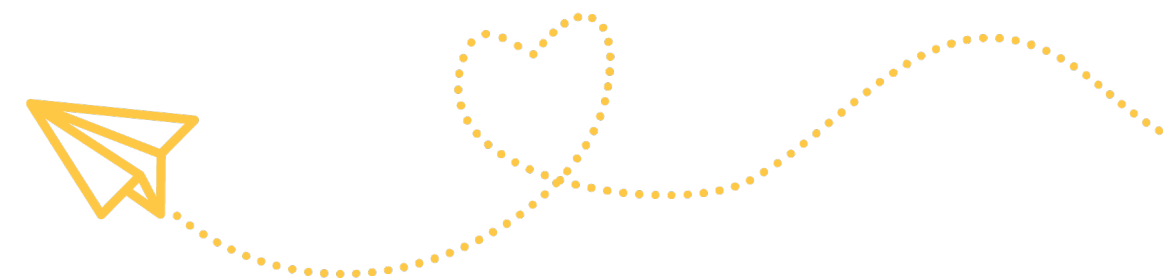
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10th November, 2026

Principal Kelly,
Clonmel National School,
Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary.

Dear Principal Kelly,

Have you ever seen such dedication to music as you see in our school? We have the 'Clonmel Kids Quartet', a fantastic musical every April, the fabulous school pop choir who rehearse weekly and of course, our amazing traditional music band 'Clonmel Ceol'. We LOVE music in our school but we are definitely missing something - Hip Hop and Rap! However, I have a solution for us!

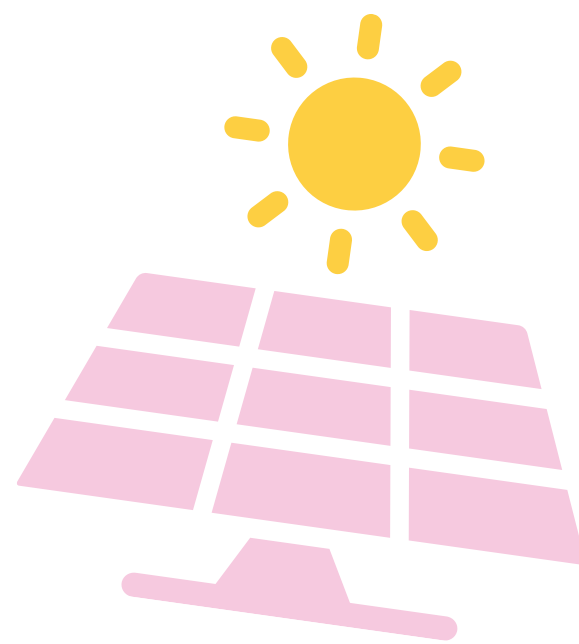
Let me explain! We really need to broaden our music education to include a modern musical genre and hip-hop and rap are the answer! Ultimately, we need to start our own hip-hop and rap group but where do we begin? Well I strongly feel that we need something truly inspiring and who better to be inspired by than



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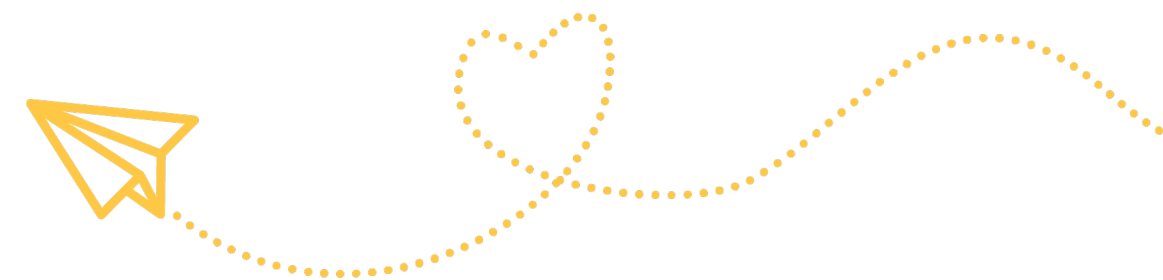


other kids! There is a super hip-hop and rap group from Cork called Kabin Krew. They're really creative, writing all their own songs. I know that we could learn so much from them, so I think that we should invite them to perform at our school.

You might be thinking that this would be difficult but myself and the other pupils in 6th class have thought about this a lot. Firstly, the Kabin Crew are from Cork, so that's not too far for them to travel to visit us here in Tipperary. Secondly, we could arrange for them to visit during one of our assembly times, so that we're not missing class. Thirdly, as well as learning all about hip-hop and rap music from Kabin Crew, we would also be learning things about other subjects, like performing in Drama and creative writing in English. Also, Kabin Crew are known for rapping about important things like diversity and inclusivity, so this would help our Social Education too.

Finally, we know that you are a very busy principal and that the teachers are busy too but the 6th Class Pupil Council have agreed to help out, to make sure that our dream of having the Kabin Crew appear in our school is realised - fundraising, posters, whatever you need! Trust me! There are so many benefits of having Kabin Crew perform at our school - expanding our music education, encouraging us to be creative writers and inspiring pupils to have a voice about important issues to make the world a better place. Please think about. We know you won't regret it!

Yours sincerely,
Aisha Patel (6th Class Pupil Rep)



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Writing All Around!

In your groups chat about ways of communicating with people through writing



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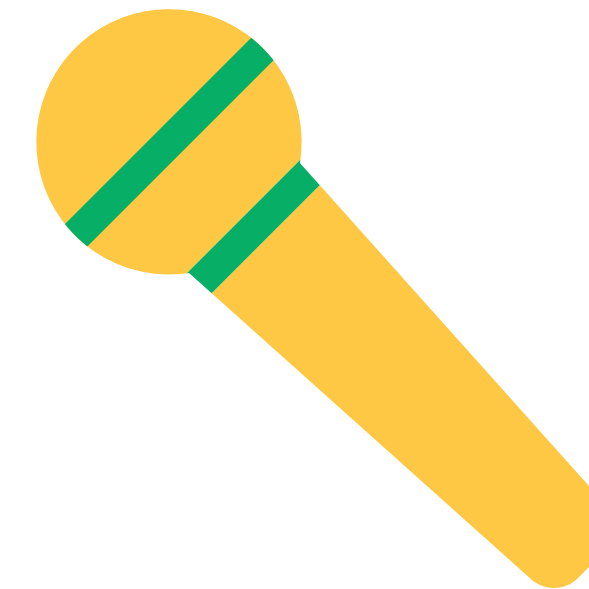


A Diary

A Note



A Song /
Rap



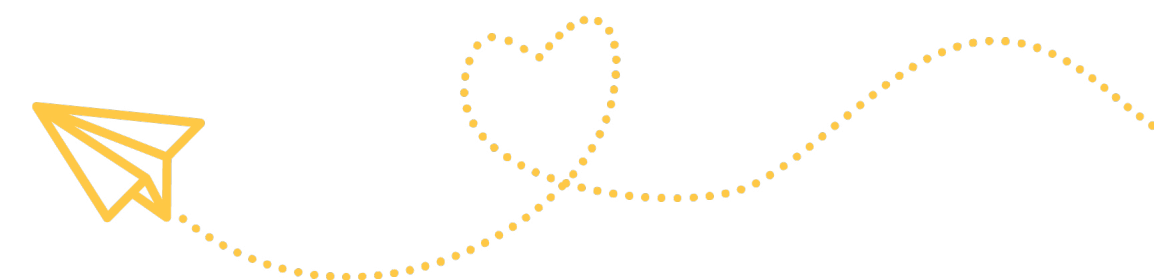
A Postcard



A Poem



A Speech



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Step In!

1. Stand in a circle.
2. Your teacher, or a pupil in the class will call out a statement.
3. If you agree with the statement you step into the circle.
4. Your teacher will ask the class to discuss.
5. Then everyone returns to the starting positions in the circle and the game begins again.



Video



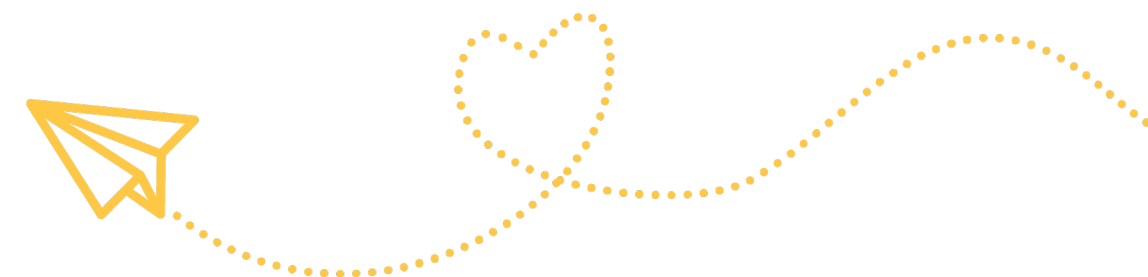
View the Kabin Crew!

The Kabin Crew are a famous rap and hip-hop group from Cork, Ireland and they know all about the importance of words.

Check out their song here
'Making Better Happen'.



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Let's Think!

1. What's your favourite part of the video? Why?
2. What's your favourite line in the song?
3. How does the video make you feel? Why?
4. What do you think the message of the song is? What words are used to convey this message?
5. What do you think is meant by each of these lines:



'And if we put thoughts to action...
Then we can make better happen'
'So much power in a single sentence...
Every word and syllable is a lesson'
'And there's no wrong or right when you write'

Word Power!

1. Can you think of ways that using your words and your voice is important?
2. Can you think of well-known people in the past, or today, who used their voices for good?
3. Do you think it was easy for these people to find their voice and speak out?
4. What issues would you address to create change and make the world better?
How would you use your words and your voice to share your ideas? For example...
 - Write a letter to a public representative?
 - Write a letter to a local organisation?
 - Write a letter to a company?
 - Create a poster campaign?
 - Create a campaign to share ideas with other children in your school?
 - Write to your local newspaper or radio station?



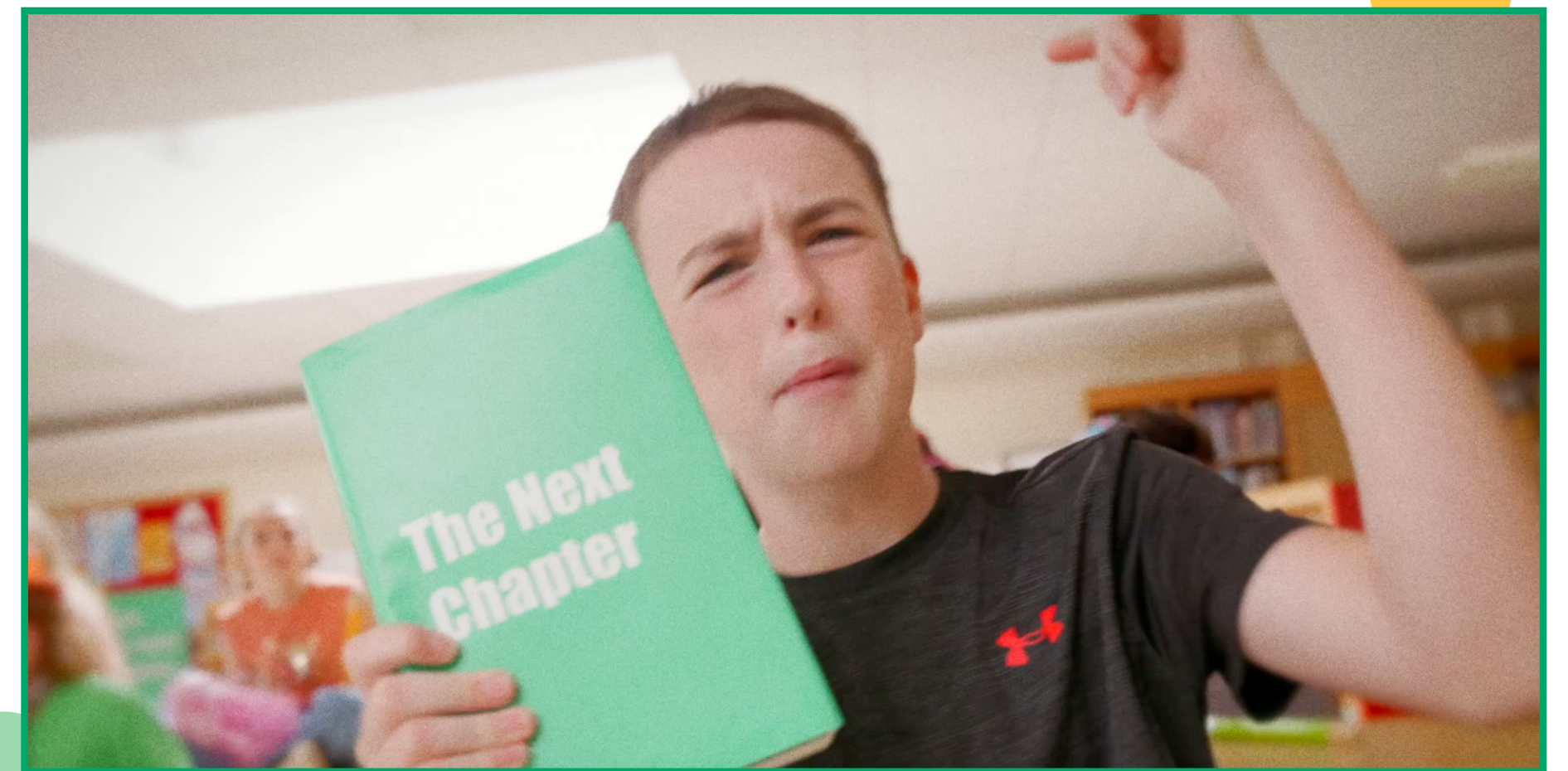
Reading and Writing



Your Future Self!

1. Imagine it is June 2027. What issue in your local area, Ireland, or the world would you like to have changed and made better in some way?
2. In your groups, write a persuasive letter to a politician, or person in power, asking them to address this issue.
3. Remember to use key elements of persuasive letter writing:
 - Grab the reader's attention.
 - State your point clearly in the introduction.

- Give facts to support your points.
- Use persuasive vocabulary
- Use emotive language
- Summarise your key points
- Restate your opinion at the end



Hear our Words!

1. Read out your group's letter to the class.
2. Discuss:
 - How did you feel doing this activity?
 - Was it easy/difficult to express your opinion?
 - What powerful/persuasive words did you use?
 - What challenges do you think you might face in getting your issue addressed?
 - How could you use your voice and your words to deal with these challenges?



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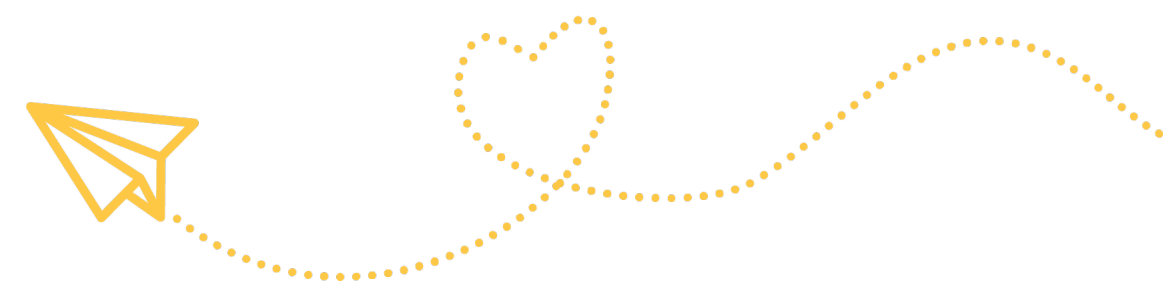
Handwriting Competition!

Over to you!

Your words have power. Use them!

Write your own letter, poem, rap or song, about the importance of words and using your voice to speak out.

How can your words be used in positive ways to make the world better?



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