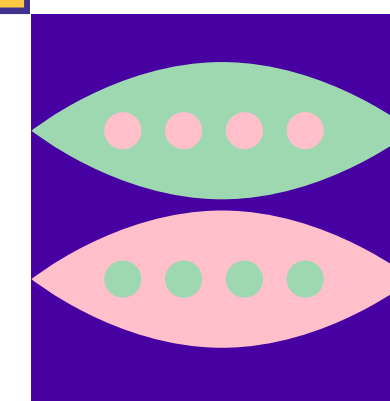
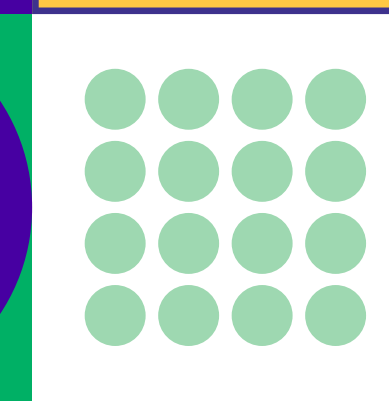
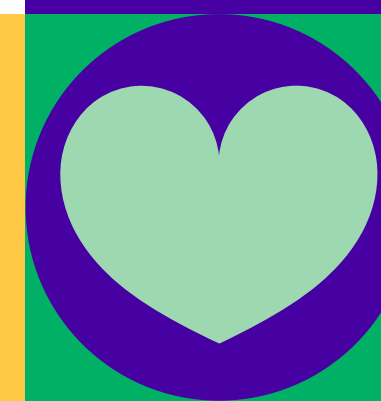
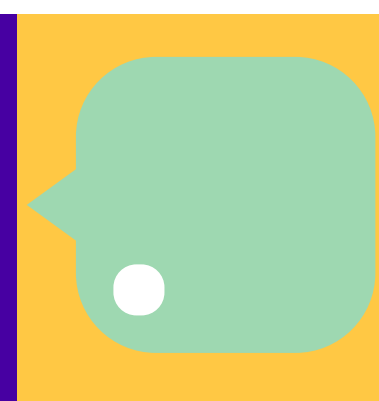
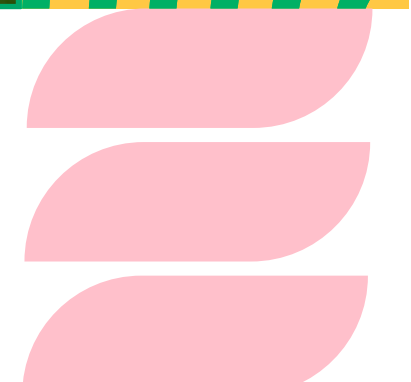
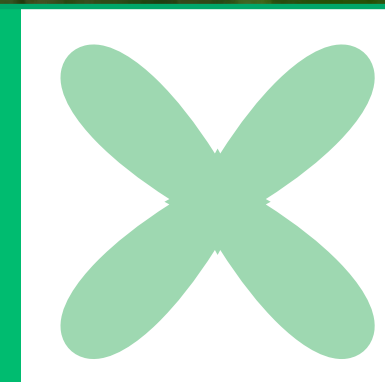
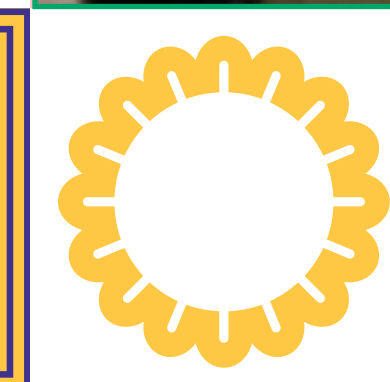
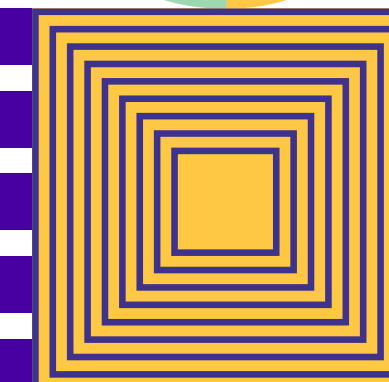
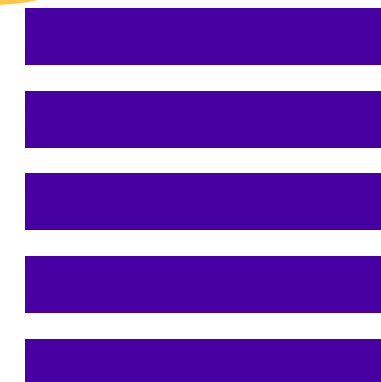
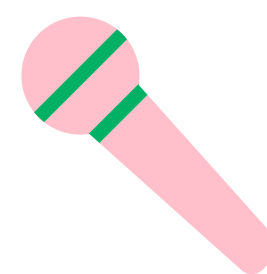
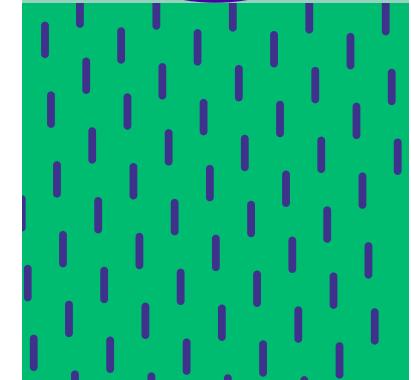
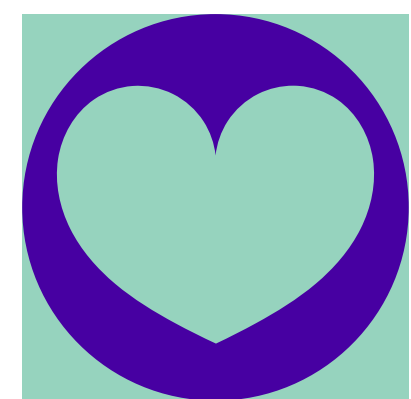


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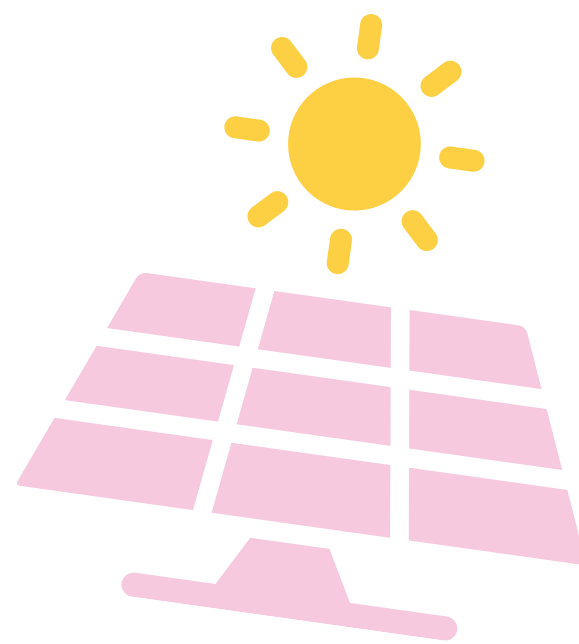
# Introduction



# Who am I?



# Dear Kabin Crew



74 Oak Street,  
Tramore,  
Co. Waterford.  
10th November, 2026

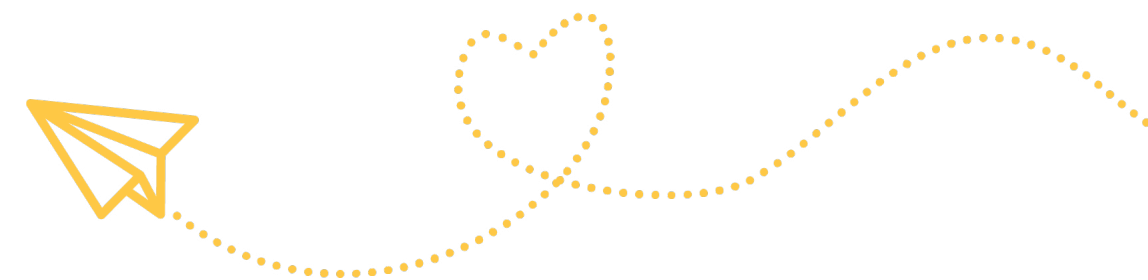
Kabin Crew,  
The Kabin Studio,  
Cork City,  
Co. Cork.

Dear Kabin Crew,

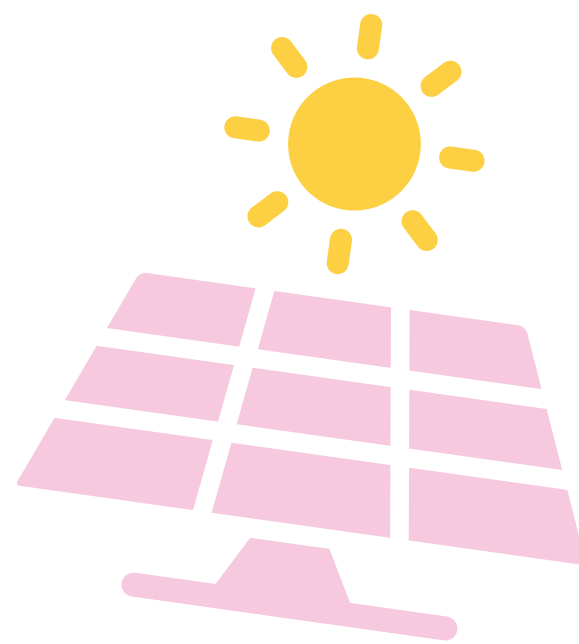
Picture two kids who rap for breakfast, lunch and dinner... that's us! We even dream about it! We also practise hip hop together EVERYWHERE... in our gardens, on our way to school and even down the aisles of our local supermarket. We have a great audience there, especially the owners Mr. and Mrs. Murphy!

We know that you are full at the moment but we strongly believe that you should make space for the two of us to join Kabin Crew. We have lots of cool moves, great voices, fantastic rhythm and we really know how to stand out from the crowd! (Continues on next page)

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# Dear Kabin Crew

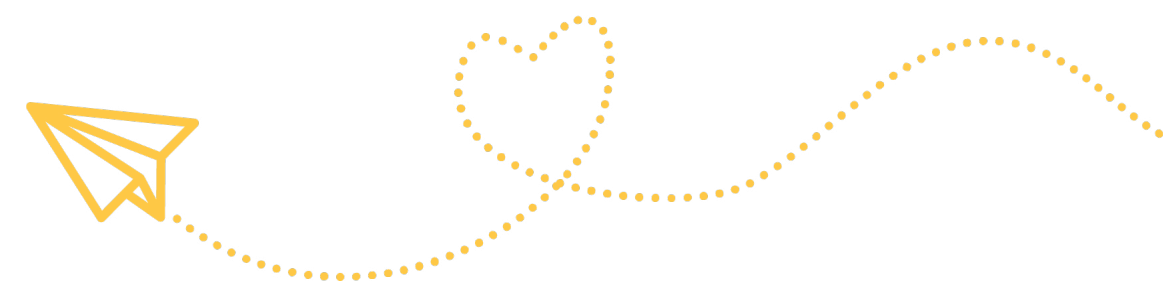


Another important point is that we're fun and super friendly and we'll work really well with the other members of the Kabin Crew because we know that you're all about working together.

Finally, we know that we still have a lot to learn about singing and dancing but we are so hard working and ready to learn. We promise that we'll practise so much if we get into the Kabin Crew. Joining your group would mean so much to us and would make our families and friends so proud. We have so many ideas about things we want to change for the better but we just need our voices to be heard. Please just think about it! We know that you won't regret it.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Murphy and Jamal Malik



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# Writing All Around!

In your groups chat about ways you connect with people by writing.



# Where do you stand?

1. There are two sides of your playing space - 'Strongly Agree' and 'Strongly Disagree'.
2. Everyone begins by standing in the middle of the playing space.
3. Your teacher will call out some statements. If you strongly agree with the statement you move to the 'Strongly Agree' side. If you strongly disagree, you move to 'Strongly Disagree' side.
4. If you agree or disagree a little you move a little towards those sides.
5. Your teacher will ask you to discuss some of your opinions.



# Video



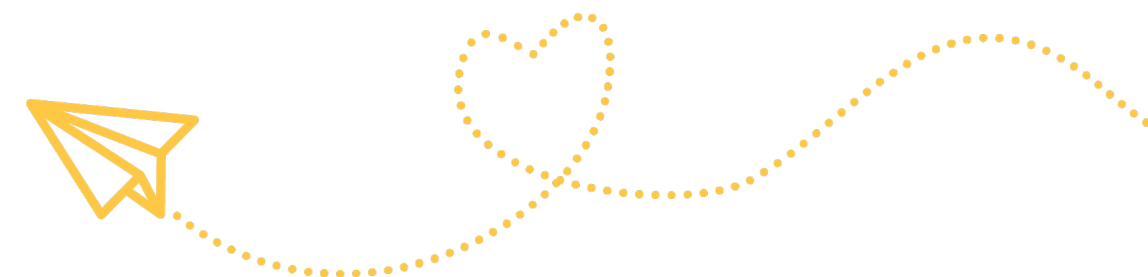
# View the Kabin Crew!

**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?
2. What's your favourite line in the song?
3. How does the video make you feel?
4. What do you think the message of the song is?
5. What do you think this line means:

**'Do you understand**

**All the power's in our hands**

**And if we put thoughts to action**

**Then we can make better happen'**



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# Word Power!

1. Can you think of ways that words are important? Have you ever had to use your voice to:
  - ...stick up for yourself, or a friend?
  - ...to get attention in a shop, cinema?
  - ...to get help?
  - ...to make others understand your feelings?
  - ...to make others understand your opinion?
  - ...to disagree with an opinion?
2. What would you change in your school, local area or wider world to make it better? For example, would you have more litter bins, more green spaces for kids, more solar/wind energy?
3. How would you use your words and your voice to share your ideas?
  - Write a letter to your principal?
  - Create a poster?
  - Write a letter to a community group?
  - Write a rap to share ideas with younger/ other children in your school, or even other schools in your locality?



# Reading and Writing



# Convince the Class!

1. In your groups, write a persuasive letter to the rest of your class to convince them of your opinion.
2. You can use your own ideas or one of these ideas:
  - Pineapple should never be on pizza!
  - Dogs are better than cats!
  - Your favourite football team is the best.
  - Invisibility is the best superpower.
  - GAA is better than soccer.
3. Remember to use key elements of persuasive letter writing like:

- Grabbing the reader's attention.
- Stating your point clearly.
- Restating your point at the end.
- Using persuasive words.



# Persuade Us!

1. Read out your group's letter to the class.

2. Discuss:

- Have you changed anyone's opinion?
- Have you made anyone question their own opinion, even a little bit?
- How did you feel doing this activity?
- Was it easy/difficult to express your opinion?
- Did anything help make it easier for you to express your opinion?

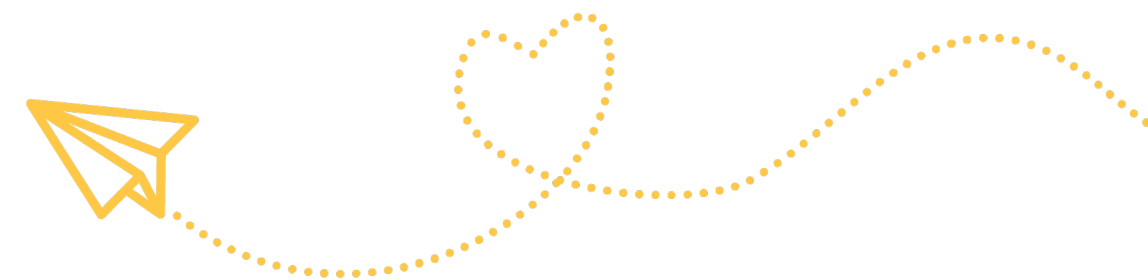


# Handwriting Competition!

## Over to you!

Write your own letter, poem, rap or song, about why words are important.

How can words be used to make your school, local area, or the wider world better?



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