St Vincent's Girls N S,
Junior Infants,
North William Street, Dublin 1

Staying in shape
Describe your maths eyes initiative/project

“Our maths eyes project was with my junior infant class in Ballybough.

This month we were doing a lot of work on shape and space in class. In particular on 2D and 3D shapes. We really did incorporate maths eyes by showing the children familiar items around us which are in those 2D and 3D shapes, it really helped them to be able to identify them. For example, they all remember cubes form looking at rubex cubes, cones from 99 cones and party hats, squares from spongebob, rectangles from the classroom door, table and then circles from traffic lights and making circles in class for games.

During maths week the girls really enjoyed physically making the shapes in the PE hall on the day of the Halloween break and during class when they were given marshmallows and cocktail sticks. They had great fun.”
Describe your favourite part of doing this project

“My favourite part in doing this project was including the girls in deciding how we were going to show shape and space for our project. I showed the girls some previous examples from the gallery section on this website and they only loved them. I wanted to make sure this project linked with what we were covering in class.

The girls love posing for photos so they had no problem in showing how we have 2D and 3D shapes around us such as using a football in PE and then lying on the ground to make their shapes. Another group held their hands up to show a heart shape.

The girls have no problems at all with "staying in shape". “
Staying in Shape!