

Christmas Newsletter 2018



Ho, ho ho! Santa is nearly coming to town! Before we break up for the holidays, there are lots of exciting things happening in Scoil Mhuire this week such as the Carol Service and Open Day. It's also a good time to look back at all we have been up to since Halloween!



Junior Infants- Ms. Lenfestey

In Aistear both Junior Infant classes have been exploring Santa's Workshop. This class have been busy practising their nativity play for Open Day and in Art they made clay candle holders- just in time for Christmas! Both infant classes had immunisations in November and had their photos taken for the Liffey Champion.

Junior Infants- Mr. Lynch

Mr Lynch's Junior Infants are also looking forward to their families coming to see them perform on Open Day. In Art they made snowmen, lanterns and winter mittens. They have an elf called 'Elfis' in the classroom who is hiding each day - the children have written letters to him to ask Santa some questions!

Senior Infants- Ms. Doyle/Ms. Gilsenan

This class enjoyed having Ms. Gaffney as a student teacher and wish her all the best in her future studies! They read some interesting books linked to the Aistear theme of The Post Office such as 'Katie Morag Delivers the Post' and 'Animal Post Office'.



Senior Infants - Ms. McBrearty

Senior Infants made butter and tasted different fruits in Science. In Art they made snowmen with coloured scarves and woolly hats!



1st class- Ms. Milner

In History they recently learned all about the Titanic and in Science they learned about The Water Cycle. They made fabric Christmas tree baubles for Christmas Art. They enjoy paired reading and want to say thank you to the volunteers who visit their class once a fortnight.

2nd class- Ms. O'Grady

2nd Class had their Enrolment Mass on November 18th in the Church in preparation for their Communion. In P.E they were lucky enough to have Coach Michael for GAA skills - it was great fun! They have been busy making clay decorations and elves in Art. They became historians learning about Christmas in years gone by, when they interviewed their Grandparents about what Christmas was like when they were young.



Room 3- Ms. Kelly

Ms. Kelly's class are busy preparing for Open Day when they will perform their first play 'My Little Tree'. This term they have learned about making 'good choices' and sharing in the classroom. It's cold outside and they learned about seasonal topics and how to dress for winter time! They are going to the cinema soon and are super excited about this!

Room 4- Ms. McCarthy

Ms. McCarthy's class are having a holly jolly time preparing for Christmas- they have been making Christmas trees and snow globes! They have been preparing lots of songs for Open Day- their parents will visit their room for a concert and a hot chocolate- yum! In Science they made super 3D shapes with sticks and marshmallows. If you walk by their classroom, take a look at their notice board - they learned about polar bears and made a super polar bear display for the corridor!

3rd class- Ms. Barrett

In History they learned about life in a monastery and in Geography they learned about Christmas around the world. They have been busy learning 'In the Bleak Midwinter' on the recorder. The Carol Service will be their first time to perform the recorder for an audience, along with the other 3rd class.



3rd class- Ms. Cleary

In Science, 3rd class have been learning all about Sound. They have been busy making recyclable Christmas decorations at home! In Art they made Christmas stockings and penguins.



4th class- Ms. McCormack

Ms. McCormack's class have been learning the W.B. Yeats' poem 'The Song of Wandering Aengus'. They also did Art based on this piece. In Geography they have learned about Co. Kerry and in Art they made Polar Bears under the Northern Lights. They had a visit from a scientist for Science Week on November 15th.

4th class- Ms. O'Regan

4th class have been discussing the things they are grateful for at this time of the year. In Maths they had lots of fun doing 2D shapes and continue to practise their tables and counting activities every day. In Art they made beautiful Christmas Carollers which are on display outside their classroom.

5th class- Ms. O'Donnell

5th class had a great day on November 9th showing off their Intel Mini Scientist projects to the judges. Well done to all who took part! Well done also to the 1st place winner Max Rochford whose project was on Electromagnetism. 2nd place winners were Shane O'Dowd, Oisín Lynch, Conor Donnellan and Matthew Castaneda for their project on Weather. 3rd prize went to Darragh Byrne, Guilio Montironi and Eamonn Mughrabi for their project on Tsunamis. 5th class visited the library on 13th November for Science Week. They are busy preparing for the Laudate concert which takes place on 29th January in the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road. They were delighted to sing with 6th class recently at the Three Tenors Concert.

6th class- Ms. O'Mara

6th class visited the library on 13th November for a talk for Science Week. In History they studied the Renaissance and in Art they worked as a team to create a giant class collage of the Starry Night. On 16th November the 5th and 6th classes sang with The Three Tenors in Leixlip Church, which was a great experience! Thanks to Fr. John who presented each child with a selection box after the event. 6th class are working hard this year as 'leaders in the school' and are very busy doing various jobs at lunchtime.



Green Schools

The Green Schools Committee are hosting the first Recyclable Christmas Decoration Competition this week. They have received some excellent entries and the Committee have a difficult task ahead deciding on the winners! Thanks to Ms. Lenfestey for her work with the Committee this term.

Student Council

The Council released a student newsletter for senior pupils keeping everyone informed of the events that the Student Council are involved in. They will have a collection box on Open Day for the local St Vincent De Paul Society. They hope to raise lots of money on the day. Thanks to Ms. O' Mara for her work with the Council this term.

Religion

Fr Karl visited the school on Tuesday 13th November for a Service for those who have died. He also visited for Confession on Monday December 17th.



Running Club

Our runners attended Scoil Uí Dhálaigh Cross Country event on Thursday 6th December. The Girls U10 team placed in 3rd place. Well done to Clodagh McCarthy, Isabelle Casey, Sarah O'Hara, Sarah Fitzpatrick and Ailbhe Mooney. The Boys U12 came in 2nd place. Well done to team members: Dylan Flanagan, Luke Casey, Cillian Harrington, Conor Donnellan and Oisín Lynch. Well done to Dylan Flanagan and Lara Putar who were awarded two individual medals on the day. Thanks to Ms. Cleary and Ms. Milner for training our runners every Wednesday after school.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings took place over three days in November. Many thanks to all parents who attended these meetings.



Chess Club

Chess Club has been a great addition to the school this year and takes place every Tuesday morning from 8.30 to 9.10am. We recently held our first Chess Jamboree in Scoil Mhuire, during National Chess month. It was a huge success and it was great to have other chess players from local primary schools attend. Well done to Lara Putar and Leon Putar from 6th class who were awarded 1st and 2nd place at the Chess Jamboree. Thanks to Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. Doyle for setting up the Club.

Football

In the Leixlip Football Leagues, our Girls U11 team played four matches this term and played very well in all matches. They will continue to work on their skills in preparation for the U13 League in the spring. The Boys U11 team did very well to reach the final but unfortunately lost to Scoil Uí Dhálaigh on the day. They were very disappointed but they too are looking forward to the U13 competition in the new year. Thanks to Ms. McCormack, Ms. O'Grady, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Coughlan for training the football teams.

Staff Choir

Ms. McCarthy wants to say well done to the members of the staff choir across the three schools for a super performance at the Christmas Fair. 35 staff members entertained the crowd with their carolling on the day!

Dates for your Diary



- Wed 19th Dec: Carol Service 9.20am - 10.20am, followed by Open Day
- Fri 21st Dec: School will close at 12.30pm for the Christmas holidays.
- Mon 7th Jan: School re opens
- Sat 19th Jan: Pre Confirmation Mass 6pm (6th class children)
- Mon 21st, Tues 22nd and Wed 22nd – Enrolment for Junior Infants for Sept 2019

Scoil Mhuire Carol Service followed by Christmas Concerts and Project Displays (Wed 19th Dec)

TIME	HALL/CLASSROOM	CLASS	TEACHER	TITLE
09.20-10.30	All classes	Hall		Scoil Mhuire Carol Service
10.30-11.00	Room 4	Ms. Fisch' Class		'My Little Christmas Tree'
11.00-11.30	Room 3	Ms. McCarthy's Class		'Christmas Celebrations'
11.00-11.30	Hall	2 nd Class	Ms. O'Grady	'It's A Party'
11.30-12.00	Hall	1 st Class	Ms. Milner	'Shine Star, Shine'
	Room 8	Jun. Inf.	Mr. Lynch	'A Miracle In Town'
12.00-12.30	Hall	3 rd Class	Ms. Cleary	'Christmas With The Aliens'
	Room 6	Jun. Inf.	Ms. Lenfestey	'A Nursery Rhyme Nativity'
	Room 2	Sen. Inf.	Ms. McBrearty	'Fishing For Stars'
12.30-13.00	L U	N	C	H
13.00-14.00	Room 14	5 th Class	Ms. O'Donnell	'Science Display'
13.00-13.30	Hall	6 th Class	Ms. O'Mara	'It's Christmas'
	Room 1	Sen. Inf.	Ms. Doyle/Ms. Gilsenan	'Fishing For Stars'
13.30-14.00	Hall	3 rd Class	Ms. Barrett	'Christmas With The Aliens'
14.00-14.30	Hall	4 th Class	Ms. O'Regan	'Cinderella & Rockerfella'
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Beannachtaí na Nollag agus athbhliain faoi mhaíse daoibh go léir.



We wish all our families a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas from Mrs. Mescal, Ms. O' Mara, the staff and Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire.