

Scoil Mhuire Newsletter - Christmas 2016



It has been a very busy term in Scoil Mhuire! Open Day took place on Tuesday 20th December. It consisted of a Carol Service followed by performances from every class. The day was a great success and everyone really enjoyed taking part! Many thanks to all the parents who attended on the day. Here is a look back at what has been happening in our school recently!

- Ms. Shelly's **Junior Infants** have been so busy learning songs and poems this term! For Open Day they did a play called 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity!' It was lots of fun! They had their immunisations in November and were all very brave! Best of luck to Wisdom as he moves to his new school.
- Ms. Doyle's **Senior Infants** were so well behaved in term one that they went on a trip to the playground as a reward. On Open Day they showed their families and friends a play called 'Fishing for Stars!' Everyone in the class was very excited.



Mr. Byrne's **1st class** have been learning about the Inuit People in SESE. They learned lots of interesting facts! Santa went on strike for their Open Day play! Can you believe it? It all worked out well at the end of the play! They say goodbye to Ofri who is returning to Israel this week.

- Mr Lynch's **1st class** have been busy learning lots about the season of winter such as the clothes we wear, winter activities and animals that like the cold such as penguins. They wish Princess well in her new school. Their Christmas play was called 'Ralph the Reindeer' - they had a super time singing their songs and performing the play and they looked great in their costumes!
- The children in **Room 4** really enjoyed having Liam, a TY student working in their room for a week in November. They did lots of Christmas arts and crafts in the past few weeks. They made snowmen, penguins and snowflakes and showed off some songs and poems on Open Day.
- There was lots of singing and dancing in **Room 3** on Open Day as the class performed a 'Santa Dance' and '5 Fat Little Reindeers'. Before Christmas they are lucky to be going on a trip to Pirate Village in Liffey Valley! They are so excited.
- The two **2nd classes** put on a play called 'It's a Party' on Open Day. Christmas is a good time to have a party and both Ms. Dowling and Ms. O'Grady's classes really enjoyed singing and dancing for their audiences! They have also been learning about food and making healthy choices when it comes to choosing what they eat.
- Aliens came to watch the story of the Nativity in Ms. Cleary's **3rd class**! They showed 'Christmas with the Aliens' and sang out loud for everyone watching! They performed the recorder piece 'Coventry Carol' at the Carol Service. They have done lots of gardening with Mrs. Daly this year.
- Ms. Doherty's **4th class** have been learning about Italy and the Romans. They have also been busy doing lovely Winter Art. As well as all that work, they prepared a play for Open Day called 'Christmas with the Aliens' and joined 3rd class to play Coventry Carol on their recorders at the Carol Service. 4th class will need a rest after all that activity!
- As is tradition, **5th class** showed off their Intel Science Projects during Open Day. It was a great opportunity for parents and friends to see all of the hard work that the students did when preparing for the big event in November. Well done to all the entrants. They will be





going to the Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS on 12th January. They also had a visit from the Community guard this term who spoke to them about internet safety. They played We Three Kings at the Carol Service and sang O Come All Ye Faithful.

At the most senior end of the school Ms. O'Mara's 6th class had the character Ms. Humbug in their Open Day performance who wanted to cancel Christmas!!! Oh dear! Thankfully she realised that she was wrong and everything worked out in the end. Their play was called 'Ms Humbug sees the Light'. They performed 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter' on the recorder at the Carol Service and have been learning about the Renaissance in SESE.

- In the midst of all the celebrations, Ms. O'Donnell's 6th class want to take a moment to say goodbye to Idan who is moving back to Israel. He has been with the class since 5th and will be greatly missed by his classmates. Their Open Day play was 'The Peace Child' and is linked to the SESE theme 'The Native Americans' which they have been studying. They also performed 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter' on the recorder at the Carol Service. They had their Commitment Mass on the 12th of November with Ms O Mara's class. Both 6th classes are preparing for their Confirmation which is on February 16th.
- All teachers held parent teacher meetings in the month of November.
- Fr Karl held a Service for the Dead in November in the school hall and most children from 1st to 6th class attended mass on December 8th in Leixlip Church to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- **Student Council-** The student council have been very busy since taking on their roles in October. They have spoken to Mrs Mescal with a number of ideas, one of which was the purchase of new soccer goals after the winter break using PTA money. Also they discussed merging yards for friendship week and having 'issue boxes' in each class - ideas which will go ahead. They have lots of other ideas that need some more thought. On Open Day they collected money for the Leixlip St. Vincent De Paul. Lots of activity in the student council!
- **Sport-** Well done to all the pupils who have taken part in the different sports activities this term- football, running, hurling and basketball. Well done to the boys Under 11 football players who did so well to get to the final.
- **Choir** – Well done to the choir who have been working hard since September and who performed beautifully and impressed the audience at the end of the Carol Service.



Sincere thanks to the volunteers who helped out with paired reading in Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd classes this term. We really appreciate the help!

Dates for your Diary

- **Scoil Mhuire will close on Thursday December 22nd at 12.30pm for the Christmas holidays. School will re-open on Monday January 9th 2017.**
- 13th Jan: PTA Coffee Morning, SEP Hall
- 21st Jan: Pre Confirmation Mass for 6th class - 6pm in Leixlip Church.
- **28th Feb: School will close** for National In-service for the new Primary Language Curriculum.

*Beannachtaí na Nollag agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.
We wish all our families a happy, holy and peaceful
Christmas from Mrs. Mescal, Mrs. McAuliffe, the staff and
pupils of Scoil Mhuire.*

