

**Beannachtaí na Nollag agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.**  
**We would like to wish all our families a happy and peaceful Christmas from Mrs. Mescal, Ms. O' Mara, the staff and Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire**

# Scoil Mhuire

## Christmas Newsletter

### December 2019



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

Fr Karl visited the school on 12th November for a Service for those who have died. He also visited 3rd to 6th classes for Confession on Tuesday December 17th. Many thanks to everyone who attended our Carol Service on 13th Dec.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November the Intel judges visited our school to judge the 5<sup>th</sup> class projects for the **'Intel Mini Scientist'** competition. It was a fantastic day. There were over 25 projects on display. A huge thank you to the Ms. Munroe, Ms. Cleary and Ms. O'Connor for all their help in preparing the projects and hall for the judging day. The winners included:

1<sup>st</sup> – Jacob Carey and Cian Long – 'Sound,' 2<sup>nd</sup> – Isabelle Casey, Caoimhe Dunne and Michelle Catana – 'Best Bounce,' 3<sup>rd</sup> – Aoibhe Kelly – 'Disaster Proof Building,' 4<sup>th</sup> – Cian O'Hagan – 'Fear Factor' and 5<sup>th</sup> – Lilly Treacy – 'The Science of Dogs'



A **Cross Country Running Event** was held in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh. This event was open to boys and girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. All teams did very well running on a very difficult course. They brought back lots of medals. Well done to Clodagh McCarthy who finished first in her race. Thank you to Ms. Munroe and Ms. Haughney who organised the trials and brought the teams to this event.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December sixth class students sang **carols in Coláiste Chiaráin** with students from Scoil Eoin Phóil, Scoil Bhríde and Coláiste Chiaráin. It was a lovely, festive occasion. They were treated to hot chocolate and mince pies afterwards.

**Student Council** collected €628.18 for St. Vincent de Paul on Open Day. A huge thank you to all who donated. Two officers, Tara and Paddy, reminded the students about yard rules and appropriate yard behaviour at assembly.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> the school hosted the annual **Leixlip Schools Chess Tournament**. Our school team of 10 students came in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 120 points. Thank you to Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. Doyle for organising this event and running chess club every Friday.



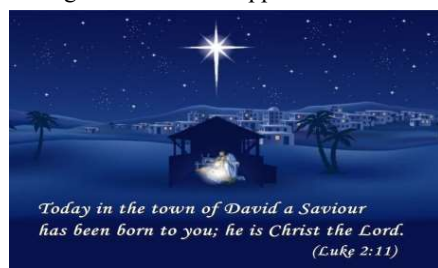
The **Green Schools Committee** held its first meeting to discuss the theme for the 8th Green Flag. A number of committee members conducted a survey with 50 representatives from the school to assess their understanding of the term 'Marine Litter.'

The **Girls U-11 Football Team** reached the football final. They were narrowly defeated by one point. The girls worked so hard and they were so unlucky not to win. They are really looking forward to the U-13 league in the spring. Thank you to Ms. O'Grady, Ms. McCormack and Ms. Hanafin for training the team and preparing them for the final.

**Strictly Come Dancing** - The PTA are organising this wonderful fundraiser which will take place in the GAA on Sat 7th March. They are looking for volunteers to dance. No previous experience is needed as training will be provided. Very few people have volunteered from Scoil Mhuire. We ask you to consider giving it a go! If you are keen to learn more about the event contact the office or Yvonne (PTA) on 086-84448886 or 086-4085347 or via email at [strictlycomedancingpta@gmail.com](mailto:strictlycomedancingpta@gmail.com)

We'd like to thank the outgoing Board of Management for all their work for the school over the past 4 years. The new Board of Management has been appointed. Their term of office is from Dec 1st until Nov 30th 2023. We wish them the best of luck.

Chairperson: Paul Carey, Patrons Nominee: Ken Hand, Parent Nominee: Nicole Heffernan, Parent Nominee: Ger Ryan, Principal: Nora Mescal, Teacher Nominee: Yvonne O'Mara, Community Nominee: Marion Lee and Community Nominee: John Brennan.



*Today in the town of David a Saviour  
has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.  
(Luke 2:11)*

The **Parish of Our Lady's Nativity Church**, Leixlip has a number of Christmas masses on this year. The 6pm mass on Christmas Eve is the Children's Nativity mass. The masses on Christmas Day include 8.30am, 9.45am, 11am and 12.15pm.

## Highlights from Each Class

**Ms. O'Grady's Junior Infants** loved the adventure of going on a bear hunt. They created their own maps showing the bear hunt. They were so brave when the nurse came in to give them their injections. They are busy working away in Santa's workshop.

**Ms. Hanafin's Senior Infants** have worked hard on their Christmas play 'Fishing for Stars.' Everyone was brilliant in the show. They even learnt a Christmas song using sign language. The class are looking forward to having Miruna back in the New Year.



**Ms. Doyle's Senior Infants** have been practising hard for their Christmas play 'Fishing for Stars.' They really enjoyed singing the songs and learning their lines. Buster the dog has gone on lots of adventures since Halloween. They have been doing lots of Christmas art.

**Ms. Lenfestey's 1st Class** have been learning about money in maths. They started their creative writing hardback copies which they will keep until sixth class. They wrote two narrative stories. It will be lovely to have these to read in six years time.

**Ms. Haughney's 1st Class** have been busy practising for their play 'The Inn Keeper's Breakfast.' They enjoyed learning all the songs and actions. Their favourite song was 'What a busy Fellow.' They made Christmas candle holders with 5<sup>th</sup> class.

**Ms. Doyle's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class** had their Enrolment Mass on the 16<sup>th</sup> November and they were excellent. They have been very busy practising their Christmas play 'It's a Party' and enjoyed performing it on Open Day. They drew and decorated fabulous Reindeer art.

**Ms. Hughes' 3rd Class** loved performing their play 'Christmas with the Aliens' on Open Day. They worked very hard on their Egyptian projects and learned lots of interesting facts. In art they created sparkly Christmas trees and colourful clay pots.



**Ms. McCormack's 4<sup>th</sup> Class** loved performing their play 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World.' In art they created polar bears under the Northern Lights and penguins on melting icebergs. They have been working really hard on their narrative writing.

**Ms. McBrearty's 4<sup>th</sup> Class** have enjoyed the build up to Christmas practising their Christmas play, 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World' and completing Christmas art including Christmas snow globes.



**Ms. Munroe's 5<sup>th</sup> Class** have enjoyed taking part in the 'Intel Mini Scientist' competition. They all worked extremely hard on their projects. They got to present the projects to parents on Open Day. They also had fun harvesting the cabbages that they planted in the garden last year.

**Ms. Cleary's 5<sup>th</sup> Class** enjoyed presenting their 'Intel Mini Scientist' projects at Open Day too. It was a great opportunity to show the parents and guardians all their hard work. Bernie from Tidy Towns spoke to the class about protecting the bee population.

**Ms. O'Mara's 6<sup>th</sup> Class** performed the play 'It's Christmas' for Open Day. The class also performed 'Carol of the Bells' and a number of students sang 'Oh Holy Night' at the school carol service. They completed projects on the Renaissance. This included PowerPoints, art, reports and posters. The whole class took part in the Write-a-book project.

**Ms. Campbell and Ms. McCarthy's class** learned about Thanksgiving and talked about all the things they are thankful for. Room 3 and 4 came together for an amazing concert on Open Day called 'Magical Melodies.'

**Ms. Irwin's class** have been very busy making lots of Christmas art. They went on a trip to Dublin City to see all the Christmas decorations. They really enjoyed the trip on the bus and even saw some deer from the window. They also enjoyed a trip to the cinema on December 19<sup>th</sup> to see Frozen 2.

### Upcoming Dates:

Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Day – Christmas Holidays
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-opens
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> class will attend mass for the Feast of the Epiphany
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Confirmation Mass at 6pm (6 <sup>th</sup> class)
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal for Laudate Choir (5 <sup>th</sup> class)
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2020
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Laudate Concert (5 <sup>th</sup> class)
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Service of Light
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Closed: Mid-term Break
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation (6 <sup>th</sup> class)
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Photos (6 <sup>th</sup> class)

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