

Christmas Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians

I would like to bring you all up to date on a few wonderful items that your children have been up to in school in Term 1.

- As we try to return to some sort of normality, the year kicked off with a well-supported school walk which we were delighted to have on our beautiful local Greenway. The weather was kind to us and you were generous again as usual. As we experience rising costs in the school we would like to express our gratitude for the €3,068 which you have donated. Thank you to all the families that contributed.
- The senior pupils engaged in a cycling training programme which they benefited from greatly and all passed their exam to receive their cert. Well done to all.
- The students from 2nd to 6th class are involved in the Run around Europe challenge. This challenge sees the students doing laps around the yard, covering a specific distance that equates to the distance from Ireland to another destination in Europe, this year it's Poland.
- Some of our students went to Curraghchase on an outing in October which they enjoyed a lot.
- We entered the annual Credit Union Schools Art competition and we are glad to report that we had a prize-winner.
- We wish to thank all the families who contributed to the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. It is a most worthwhile and positive experience for all those involved. We are delighted to report that our school community donated 52 shoeboxes and we know they will bring immense happiness and joy to their recipients around the world.
- We want to thank Heritage Ireland for the wonderful experts that they allow us access to. We had Simon O'Dwyer covering Music and Instrument Development through the Ages and Francesca O'Callaghan covering The Stone Age. The students really appreciate their visits. A big thank you also to the hall committee who give us the use of the hall for our visitors.
- The standard of the Halloween dress up was amazing and the creativity was wonderful. Well done to all our students for their efforts.
- We had a lovely surprise visit by the Big Man himself, Santa. He arrived on his sleigh and all the students came out to meet him. Santa chatted and talked to the boys and girls and also gave them all a selection box to take home. Thanks to the Parents Association for organising this visit when we know Santa is so, so busy getting ready for the 24th December.
- Our outing to the Christmas Panto in the Limetree Theatre was a huge success and was an experience many will never forget- for the right reasons. The joy of a live performance after two years on-line is immeasurable.
- We have bought many new library books following the receipt of a grant from the department and the students are really enjoying them and benefiting from them. A new book is a delight to behold.
- We would like to thank our G.A.A. coach who gave so generously of his time for the benefit of all the pupils in the school. Thank you so, so much.
- Unfortunately the students were again unable to perform for the residence of the Adare and District Nursing Home due to the ongoing pandemic. However the senior students knitted wonderful Angels, Santas and Snowmen to gift to those who live there. They did amazing work and a big thank you to Mrs O'Shea for all her help and time.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas holidays.

We will see all our students back on Thursday January 5th.

Kind regards,

Teresa Lawlor

Principal