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NEWSLETTER 4 - December 2018

Christmas wishes

On behalf of the staff, students and Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire, I would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you a very happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Dara McAleer

St. Vincent de Paul

Senior Infants lovingly made a Christmas Cake for sale in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. They visit the classrooms every day to collect €1/line on the raffle cards. Don't forget to give your child a €1 coin to be in the draw!!!

Christmas Shows:

5th class Wednesday 19th at 18.00.

1st class: Thursday 20th at 11.30.

Infants: Thursday 20th at 13.30.

2nd class: Thursday 20th at 14.00.

What is going on in the Classrooms?

Spreading the Christmas Spirit

On Monday 10th December 4th class and 6th class went to the Clifden Day Care Centre for a Christmas visit, they sang some Christmas Carols and played some traditional tunes on the accordion and concertina, and on Wednesday the 12th December the 2 classes went to St. Anne's Nursing Home where they sang and played festive tunes on the fiddles, tin whistles, banjo, accordion and concertina. The children wished all the residents and staff of the Day Care Centre and St. Anne's a very Merry Christmas.

6th class are taking part in 3D printing workshops with Bowen Ormsby on Thursday afternoons. The children are really enjoying working on laptops and learning about 3D printing.

We have been busy in 3rd class, making Christmas decorations, projects and enjoying our Accelerated Reading. Our classroom is covered in glitter! Next Monday, we will be visiting the Day Care Centre to sing Christmas Carols.

Family Quiz: How many words (short and small) can you make from "Christmas Pudding"?

Next Thursday second class will perform their Christmas play called "Cheer Up Santa". It is Christmas Eve and the Elves are busily making last minute preparations before Santa delivers toys to all the children around the world. Mrs Claus tells Santa that everything is ready, but Santa then drops his massive bombshell.....Come on Thursday at 2pm and find out what happens next!

We are feeling very festive in 4th class. We look forward to opening our ~Advent calendar each morning and also finding out about our random act of kindness for the day. We had great fun decorating our classroom tree and have been busy with various Christmas art projects to decorate our room, cartoon Rudolf, Santa postage stamps and Christmas trees. We have been learning about Christmas around the world and we wrote postcards from these countries. We have been writing Christmas stories, writing about those who are special to us and the best gift we could give them. We are reading Ryan Tubridy's book "The first Christmas Jumper" and we love it. We even designed our own Christmas jumpers. We have been singing and playing lots of music in preparation for our trips to St. Anne's and the Day Care Centre. We are looking forward to Santa's visit to the school next week and going to watch the Snow Queen in the Station House Theatre. We will be experimenting with candy canes next week in science and baking Christmas shortbread.

The Junior and Senior Infants classes will present their little Magic Christmas show of carols and poetry in the school hall on Thursday 20th December at 13.30.

First Class will be performing a nativity play with humour, songs and a very grumpy donkey on Thursday at 11.30.

5th class have teamed up with 2nd class for our Advent assembly. We sang, raised god and talked about the history of Advent. Everyone thought it was a wonderful occasion! We are currently practicing for our play on Wednesday 19th December in the school hall. Our play is called Sheik, Rattle and Roll. You'll be in for a treat!

Christmas is a time for happiness, magic, laughter and most of all, giving. That is exactly what 5th class are doing! We are collecting food items for a hamper to help the homeless. We wish you all a very merry Christmas!

Christmas preparations started in late November in 7th/8th class. We began working on our Christmas art, making puffy paint snowmen and salt dough baubles for our tree.

We did lots of science during science week, including making a Cartesian diver, investigating different types of bridges and making a simple electric circuit.

During baking time, we explored different kinds of winter vegetables and made vegetable crisps and a very tasty vegetable soup which Mr Lee tasted and gave the thumbs up!!

Busy, busy in 7th/8th class!

Happy Christmas to all!

Dear Parents,

We are printing this newsletter to the whole school for the last time!

From January on, the newsletter will be posted on the website (as usual) and sent to your notice board through Aladdin Connect.

Should you wish a printed copy, let us know via the homework diary and we will leave a copy at the Secretary's office door.

Have a very good break and see you all in January

OVERVIEW 2018/2019

DECEMBER	21st: Early closing. 12.15 for infants and siblings. 12.30 for everyone else. 24th December to 6th January: Christmas Break
JANUARY	Swimming starts for 3rd & 4th class
FEBRUARY	Week of 11th February: PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS 18th to 22nd February: Mid Term Break
MARCH	9th March: First Penance 18th March: Bank Holiday 26th March: Confirmation Swimming start for 1st & 2nd class
APRIL	STANDARDISED TESTING 15th to 26th April: Easter Break
MAY	6th May: Bank Holiday 11th May: First Holy Communion
JUNE	3rd June: Bank Holiday SCHOOL TOURS 26th June at 12.30: Summer Break

AWARDS	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	BEST EFFORT	SPECIAL PERSON
JUNIOR INFANTS	Mikey Conneely Milly King	Lorcan O'Sullivan Saoirse Mitchell	Frederick Boulger-Neu Rebecca O'Grady
SENIOR INFANTS	WHOLE CLASS AWARD		
	Zarah Joyce	Amy Tevlin	Megan O'Rourke
FIRST CLASS	Teagan Larkin Matthew O'Flaherty	Shane Conneely Oisín O'Sullivan	Bridget Ella Conroy Megan O'Rourke
SECOND CLASS	Klara Ktobukowska Kevin Coyne	Ella Morrow Ava Mitchell	Darragh Keenan Devna Das
THIRD CLASS	Joe Boote Alan Kelly	Megan Griffiths Filip Dros	Joey Loveland Mikayla Folan
FOURTH CLASS	Niamh Heanue Kara May Gallagher	Tiernan lee Michal	Ciaran Coohill Arfin Chowdory
FIFTH CLASS	Adam Gavin Jack	Abby McLoughlin Robyn Foyle	Caoimhe McLoughlin Rachel Abraham
SIXTH CLASS	Kaiya Joyce	Molly Morgan	Nils Prevost
SPECIAL AWARDS	James Canavan Whole Class Award to Senior Infants for BEST BAKING EVER! (SVP Christmas cake) Accelerated Reader: Max Baylis, MacDaragh Coneys, Ethan Dooley, Adam Gavin, Maia Barry, Oisín Maher, Chantelle Sweeney, Emma Madden, Ellen Conneely.		