

Scoil Mhuire Primary School Newsletter

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School closes Friday 19th December at 12.45pm and
opens Monday 5th January, 2015.



On behalf of the Board of Management and staff we wish all our families peace and joy this Christmas. A sincere thank you to all families who support our school in whatever way they can. It is very much appreciated.

I want to sincerely thank the staff who raise my spirits every day as I watch them work so hard as they do their very best for each and every child. I feel privileged and blessed to be working in Scoil Mhuire with such wonderful children and staff. I ask God to look after you all and keep you safe during the holidays.

Le gach dea-ghuí, best wishes, Úna Feeley



HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM SCOIL MHUIRE: There are 21 nationalities represented in Scoil Mhuire with families from Bangladesh, Brazil, Chechnya, China, England, France, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka and Ukraine. We learn

Junior Infant classes have been busy in December exploring the theme of Santa's workshop in Aistear along with printing/craft work. We have learned new sounds/letters, d, g, o, u, l and are studying the number 4 in Maths as well as triangles and rectangles. We are doing the story of the *Nativity* and we have also learned about electricity and safety in our homes.

Senior Infants have had a busy and fun time in Aistear this month. We have been writing Christmas words and stories in our writing station, making Christmas prints, playing in Santa's workshop and constructing with polydrons. We have completed the story of 6 and 7 in Maths as well as learning all about 3D shapes. We are making great progress with our free writing and reading. In Art we have been very busy making Christmas cards, snowmen and Santa stockings. We are enjoying learning about the First Christmas and are learning songs to accompany it from our Alive O programme.

Congratulations to Caoimhe White from Senior Infants who came third in the National Schools Environmental Awareness Competition. Well done Caoimhe!



Our sixth class pupils getting ready while Rachel places a balloon precariously on a pile of thumbtacks. Ask them what happened next?

Third/fourth classes

We got into the Christmas spirit on Friday last when we went carol singing outside Tescos. **We have been practising for the Carol Service this Sunday at 7pm and the *Do this in Memory of Me* Mass also on Sunday at 10.30am. SEE YOU THERE!** We have been very creative making lots of Christmas crafts. We are so excited looking forward to Santa's big arrival next week. We promise we will be in bed early! Happy Christmas!



Acrobatic show: Last week we went to see an acrobatic show in the halla. There were two performers. The lady, Kate Barrett did lots of acrobatic tricks and played instruments as well. Her husband helped her with her tricks and he did some magic tricks. He also played the drums. Our favourite part of the show was when she was balancing on a board with a sphere underneath. She played the trumpet and the Didgeridoo. It looked very difficult but she told us never to say that 'I can't do it'. Kate told us that **we can do anything we want if we try hard enough.** *Lisa Kennedy*

Can you spot in the picture to the right what the children in Ms. Crean's class are looking at? When you have found the object, place an X on it.

The picture above has a clue?



THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION WISH EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

Fifth and Sixth class

We had a great month in fifth and sixth class. ! It was **Science Week** in November and we did some really cool experiments. We also got to watch the dissection of a sheep's heart because we were learning all about the body in SESE. We even put our fingers through the Aorta but thank goodness we were wearing gloves! We also had a visitor Frank Tiernan from *Ericsson* who told us really interesting facts about how he uses Maths and Science in his job! Thank you to all our parents who visited our school during



Science week.

We went to Tesco with

Wiktoria Katarzynska, Aleksandra Maronska, Anastaszja Pliszka, and Jullya Rodrigues have been in our school since Junior Infants and are proving to be stars not only in school but also on the athletics track and in the swimming pool.

our teachers, SNAs and some parents to **sing Carols**. It was pretty cold but we had great fun and people said we were really helping them to get into the Christmas spirit! We also got to make Didgeridoos. We used sandpaper, a stencil, paint and our imaginations and we have to say we think they came out really well!

On Thursday 23rd October we had a **bake sale**. People brought in homemade buns and cakes. They were all wonderful and the best thing was that we gave all the money we raised to charity.

All of 6th class went to the Convent Secondary school for a **Science Fair**. We made a foam snake and we skewered a balloon. The experiments took place in the new Science room. We did a flame test and all of us got a go. The flame turned different colours. The 5th classes also went to the CBS boys where they saw lots of interesting experiments. It was really fun

One of my favourite topics this term was **Famous Women in History**. It was very interesting learning about how they became famous and what they did or made to become famous.

On the 24th November, our senior classes went over to the Convent Secondary school to see *Oliver*. All the children and teachers thought it was brilliant. Many of our past pupils had leading parts: Hazel Murray (*Oliver*); Alicia Donnelly (*Fagan*) and Zara Hunt and Ella Kearney(*Dodger*).



Third class enjoying Science



Mr. Flynn playing music with 3rd class

2nd class during December explored the theme of Christmas throughout different subjects. In geography children studied Christmas traditions around the world and each child did a project on their country of choice. We learned lots of interesting facts from each other.

In Gaelige we are having great fun learning about the manger and Christmas vocabulary through games, songs, rhymes and drama. We were very excited to go to Tesco and sing Christmas songs/carols.

In Art we made beautiful Christmas houses and trees out of lollipop sticks. We also made paper snowflakes and a winter fabric collage. We are all getting very excited now and hope Santa comes to everyone.



Alisha Kerr presenting what she learned in Science ably assisted by the very competent MC Leah Daly.

SANTA ONLY COMES IF YOU ARE GOOD
AND DON'T BE MEAN TO PEOPLE
NEVER BE NAUGHTY, YOU HAVE TO BE NICE
THAT MAN IS REAL
AND DON'T FORGET IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT PRESENTS AND SANTA!
Sarah Purcell

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Lauren Burke, Sarah Freitas, Dos Santos and Caitlin Hannon enjoying learning in Science

Our children in 1st class visited the Arts Centre on Wednesday, 17th December. They watched a brilliant show: *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. They travelled by bus and this was the first time many of them were on a bus. During the month of December 1st classes have been connecting with characters in stories, linking them to our lives and other stories and procedural writing in English. We also have been learning about *Nollag* in Gaelige and tens and units and money in Maths. We have started French knitting and have done some beautiful Christmas Art. We had a wonderful time in the Arts Centre.



We are singing some lovely carols at Mass on Sunday, 22nd December at 10.30am and the Carol Service at 7pm, the same day.

SEE YOU THERE

