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Principal's Notes

As we close our doors tomorrow at 12 for the holidays we hope each and every child walks out happy and has learned a lot over the last four months.

We strive to offer the best education to each child not just in maths and English but in all curricular areas as well as in friendship, kindness, health and self-esteem. I want to sincerely thank our teaching staff, SNAs, secretaries, caretaker and cleaners for their efforts. They are all so hard working and have the best interests of our pupils to the fore in everything they do. We are fortunate to have parents who work with us to ensure we can support our pupils in the best way possible, which we are grateful for.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you and your family a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. See you all in January for another great term.

Cathal Ruane

Parents Council - Christmas Day

Today we were very fortunate to have a very special visitor from the North Pole, yes the man himself, Santa Claus came to school. He came with Mrs. Claus and his elves. They visited all the classes and had a treats for all the pupils.

Our Supervalu Hamper, children's raffles and Santa visit were all thanks to our hard working and thoughtful Parents Council. A list of all the winners will be posted on our website www.presprimary.ie A total of **€3,340** was raised over the last month for student activities.



Junior Infants Enrolment

Enrolment for junior infants for September 2018 will begin on January 8th. Pre-enrolment forms will be available from Junior School Office. Forms can be collected in person from Noreen between the hours of 9.00am and 1.00pm. The deadline for the return of forms is Wednesday 31st of January.



Christmas Concerts

We had five days of Christmas Concerts this year which went extremely well. Over the five days there were an incredible nineteen shows! These shows were made extremely special in that so many parents and family members turned up to support our pupils. Our stage that was purchased last year for our musical was really beneficial. Finally thank you to the teachers for preparing the classes so well, the children did us all so proud.



Junior Infant Vaccinations

The HSE nurse will be in school for the week of January 15th to carry out the vaccinations on our pupils in junior infants. More information will follow to those parents before then.



School Attendance Awards

We are absolutely thrilled to see that 152 of our pupils did not miss a day this term which is an incredible number, up from 109 this time last year! Your child can aim to receive the cert for the next term Jan to Easter! As we have assembly awards three times a year.

School Sports – We have a number of sports taking place at the moment.

Ms. O'Connell & Ms. Doyle have started Spikeball back up again for the new season starting in the New Year.

Ms. Glesson, Ms. Hyland, Ms. Kirwan and Mr. Maguire have camogie flying in the school with nearly 70 girls training from 4th to 6th. We will have two teams competing next year but all the girls interested will be still given opportunities to train and stay involved for the rest of the year. We can't wait to get out and use our new pitch when the weather allows.

Mr. Booth is busy training an athletic team for an event on January 16th in Athlone on the indoor track which will be a special day for our runners to run on such a fantastic track.

Cyber Bulling & Safety Online – We are working hard to educate our students on how to behave online and to be thoughtful of how other children might feel due to their actions.

We would like to invite you to an information session delivered by Zeeko on January 16th. This event will give you a great understanding of cyber bullying and how you can protect your child. This event, as well as the school workshops for pupils, is being sponsored by the Parents Council. This company is highly recommended and we recommend that parents who have a child in second up attend. Have a look at their website www.zeeko.ie/



It was decided to set up our first ever school Student Council, thanks to the hard work of Ms. Coleman for getting this initiative off the ground. We were delighted with the number of courageous and competent girls who stood for election; each and every one of the candidates did themselves proud. The elected members from each class will be announced at Friday's assembly.

Our school debating teams have also be busy practicing their skills and are looking forward to their second event after Christmas. Again the girls are very well prepared for these events by Mrs. Flanagan, Ms. Meehan and Ms. Walsh. We definitely know the staff members not to get in an argument with!!!! 😊



Yesterday our three third classes travelled to the Arc Theatre in Temple Bar to see the 'Tracks in the Snow' Christmas Concert. This was part of our Music Generation programme and our girls sang all the songs live. We even were lucky to have some girls up on the stage.

Christmas can be many things or it may be a few, but all I wish on this holiday is the best for you. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!