



Dear parents, I hope all is well with you and your family coming into this busy time of year. We had a very hectic but enjoyable week in school here last week with parent teacher meetings but hopefully it was worthwhile for all.

We are definitely well settled at this stage into the new school year and great learning is taking place from the ASD classes right up to 6th. I would like to thank all our fantastic staff and parents for the support shown as we aim to give our students the best education possible. This year has seen the introduction of Ready Set Maths in junior infants and our own Power Hour Literacy Programme for classes from 2nd to 6th which are both proving very effective. We have rolled out cursive writing throughout the school as it is proven to be extremely beneficial and also assists with spelling and we hope your child is adapting to it.

The build up to Christmas will begin shortly as we enter into December. We look forward to parents coming to the carol services later in the month. I want to thank the Parents Council for organising a great raffle that started today and for collecting outside Supervalu this weekend, it is very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend, C. Ruane.

School Music Development

This year the school is focusing on music development. This Christmas the children from junior infants to second class are performing Christmas Carols for parents. Our 3rd and 4th have a concert in April for their parents and finally our 5th and 6th classes are performing in the musical 'Pantastic'. We hope all the parents can make these special events.

Turning on of the Christmas Lights

This Sunday the lights are being turned on at 5.30pm. Our School Band is playing at the event and it is sure to be a lovely evening. Amy from 1st class has been chosen to actually turn on the lights and she is super excited.



Christmas Carol Services for Junior Infants to 2nd Class

Time	Monday 10 th	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th	Monday 17 th
12:30pm	Mr O'Riordain Rm5 & Ms. O'Connor Rm 6	Ms Byrne Rm 8 & Mr. O'Meara Rm 9	Ms Kelly Rm 7	Ms. McFadden & Ms. Marum, Prefab 1 & 2	Ms. Boland Rm 1 & Ms. Curtin Rm 2	Ms. Dollard Rm 3 & Ms. Walsh Rm 4
1:45pm				1 st Classes. Ms. Neville, Ms. Lynch & Ms. Cosgrove	2 nd Classes Ms. Doyle, Ms. Dunne & Ms. Butler/ Ms. O'Connor	



Parent - Teacher Meetings

We had a lovely two days in school for the Parent Teacher meetings. There was a great turnout and it was a positive experience we hope for you all. A big thank you to the 6th class girls from Ms. Dunbar's class who were there to greet and show parents to the correct classrooms.



Our Parents Council are very busy planning and organising events for the children. This weekend they have their annual collection at Supervalu so make sure you pop by! They wanted to thank Marcus and the staff at Supervalu for supporting them with this. They have two great prizes available to so make sure to pop up.



Their annual Christmas Raffle began today and there is a huge range of prizes available. There is a separate raffle for both buildings and all support will be greatly appreciated by them. On December 20th they have organised for Santa to visit the school and he will have a treat for everyone. Santa will also host the raffle that day and no doubt it will be fun for all the children.

A big thank you to the Council on behalf of the 6th class girls as this week they each received a fabulous hoodie to mark their last year in our school.

Presentation Week & Nano Nagle Celebration

On November 21st the school celebrated Nano Nagle day. Nano Nagle is the founder of the Presentation Order and schools and it was great to celebrate her influence. This is a special year for Nano as it is the tercentenary of her birth as she was born in 1718.

Our celebration was organised by Mrs. Felon, Ms. Dunne and Ms. Hyland. We had the school choir perform and 5th class presented the prayer service. It was made all the more special as we were joined by five Presentation Sisters from Mount St. Annes.



School Sports

Our athletic squad coached by Ms. Lynch and Mr. Booth have been training very hard. On Dec 11th they are travelling to the National Indoor Track in Athlone to take part in the diversity games. We encourage all our students to take part in sport and physical activity, some of our older girls are running in the weekly park run in Vicarstown, why not bring your daughter? More details at <http://www.parkrun.ie/vicarstown-juniors/> The squad were invited to the opening of Poratrlington Slí na Slainte last Friday and enjoy completing the 3.5km walk on the way.

Camogie and spikeball started back this week and there was huge interest. The great work Banríon Gaels are doing is definitely showing with the interest in camogie here in school.

