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Newsletter - December 2023



Internet Safety Tip for Parents: Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online.



Welcome Back: We are delighted to have Ms. O'Carroll back with us. The parent-teacher meetings for Sixth Class will take place on 10th, 15th & 17th January.

Thank

You PA News: Many thanks to our wonderful Parents' Association for all of their fundraising so far this year. With this money, so far we have bought new basketballs, GAA balls and soccer balls for the boys. We have also ordered new playground equipment.



Christmas Carol Service: Our Christmas Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 1:15pm in our Church of the Assumption, Dalkey. Keep an eye out on our school website for photographs of the lovely occasion.



Christmas Jumper Day - On Friday 15th December the boys are invited to participate in the "CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY". The boys can wear their best, funniest (or not so funny!) Christmas Jumper, Top or Hat, and there will be a prize for the most creative. We look forward to seeing all the boys in their festive gear on the day to spread the Christmas cheer.



Cinema Trip 18th December We have arranged a cinema trip for all students and staff on Monday 18th December. Please check Aladdin for payment and permissions.



Christmas Concert Invitation to Family & Friends - please join the pupils in Harold Boys' N.S. in a celebration of Christmas. This will take place in the school hall on Thursday, 21st December.

Rang 2 Ms. Kelly	Rang 3 Ms. McDonnell	Rang 4 Ms. Molloy	Rang 5 Mr. Smith	Rang 6 Ms. O'Carroll
9.15 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon	1.15 p.m.



Christmas Art Competition: The entries will be on display in the school corridors. Winners will be announced in our January newsletter. Prizes will be presented on Friday, 22nd December.



Green Schools' News:

Well done to the boys who took part in this year's Dun Laoghaire Recycled Christmas Decoration competition. Winners will be announced in our January newsletter.



Sports News: Well done to the Fifth and Sixth class teams who took part in the Thomastown Senior GAA league. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, the league has been postponed until the Spring Term - details to follow. Congratulations also to our basketball team who beat Caslepark on 16th November. Unfortunately, they were defeated in Raheny on Mon December 4th but represented our school brilliantly. Many thanks to Ms O' Carroll and the parent volunteers for bringing the team to this fixture. Fifth Class are enjoying their swimming lessons at Castle Park School on Thursday afternoons.



Wellbeing News: All of the boys enjoyed a goodie bag funded by the PA for the *Late Late Toy Show* on Friday 24th November. Thank you to the committee for distributing the bags to all the classes!



Cineáltas Flag: We were delighted to receive our *Cineáltas (Kindness) Flag* recently. It is hanging with pride outside our school!

The boys are great at following our school's 3 golden rules: BE KIND, BE KIND, BE KIND 😊



Smartwatches Please be reminded that smartwatches with messaging/recording/camera functions are not permitted in school under our Smart Devices Policy.



Active School News: Congratulations to 5th and 6th class, who recently completed the *Mini Marathon* programme - what an achievement! Well done also to all the other classes for taking part in the *Run Around Ireland* initiative.

Each class will be taking part in the **Active Advent Calendar** initiative for December.



Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine:

Rang 2	Éatan Mac Cárthaigh, Alex Ó Ríain, Tomás Ó hÓgáin
Rang 3	Oisín Cinnéide, Cillian Ó Braonáin, Séamus Mac Aindriú
Rang 4	Seán Dubhóla, Qynn de Lása, Lúcas Rédmainn
Rang 5	Toby Ó Faoláin, Roibeard Ó hArrachtáin, Lúca Gasparro
Rang 6	Aodh Dunleavy

Dates for your Diary:

13 th December	Christmas Carol Service, Church of the Assumption 1:15pm
18 th December	Christmas Cinema Trip
15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
21 st December	Christmas Play Performances for Families
22 nd December	Christmas Holidays - 12 noon
8 th January	School reopens - 8.50 a.m.
10 th , 15 th & 17 th January	6 th Class Parent-Teacher Meetings

Le gach dea ghuí i gcomhair na Nollag agus na hAth bhliana,

Pauline Lennon

Principal