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Christmas Arrangements

The school will close for Christmas holidays on Wednesday 21st of December, at 12.15 p.m. and will reopen on Thursday 5th January 2023. On behalf of everybody who works in the school I would like to wish every family a happy and peaceful Christmas.



Christmas Service and Nativity

Our Christmas service took place in the church on Friday, December 16th. The Drama group performed the nativity and all classes joined with them in singing a selection of Christmas Carols. This was a wonderful performance by our pupils and was very much enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you to all the teachers involved and Fr. Fintan.

Board of Management

Our BOM would like to wish all our staff, parents, wider school community and especially our pupils a very merry Christmas. We hope you have a happy and peaceful holidays and thank you for the continued support given to the school.



School Plan

As part of our school action plan 2022-23, we have a new Attendance Strategy up and running. We all have a part to play in taking a positive approach to promoting good attendance at school. Children have been 'striving for five' each week and we discuss & reward good attendance at class level and at assembly. To help keep families informed: text messages are automatically sent at 5 and 10 days absent; letters are sent out at 15 and 20 days. Please ensure a reason is provided for all absences e.g. a message on Class Dojo, send in a note or phone the school. Remember: Every School Day Counts!



Nollag Shona dhaoibh agus Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise dhaoibh!

Le Meas

G Diver

Principal



Merry Christmas

Sports News

Basketball

This term we ran basketball teams, for both the girls and the boys. It presented a great opportunity for the children to represent the school if they hadn't done so before. Matches were organised against local schools such as, St. Anne's, Fettercairn, St. Mark's, St. Maelruain's and St. Dominic's. All the games were played in great spirit and the children represented the school admirably, increasing their skill levels in the process. We will be continuing the teams in the New Year. Well done, Everyone!" Ms. Maye, Ms. Cahill & Mr.

MacLiam. Our GAA teams did us proud this term also, playing a number of competitive matches. Thank you to all the teachers for giving up their time to train the teams afterschool. A warm welcome to Ava Pollock who is our new GAA coach from Croí Ró Naofa GAA club .



Green Schools Committee

The Green School Committee have got off to a great start this year. After a little break due to Covid we got our recycling bins up and running again and the committee are doing a fantastic job. Thank you to all of our members in 3rd (Ollie Moore, Kyle Menton, Abbie Slattery, Kayden Gallagher, Ollie Curley Rush and Charlie Melia), 4th (Max, Saoirse, Amelia and Lacey), 5th (Layla Quinn, Michael Kearns, Sophia Weafer, Fionn Bracken, Cheryl Maughan and Jake Gallagher) and 6th (Bella Moore, Cody O'Connor , Tille Wynne, Alex Mannix, Jodie O'Leary, Jack Jones and Alicia Asemota)/ They work so hard every day to keep things running smoothly. They attend monthly meetings and report back to their classes regularly. Keep up the wonderful work!



Student Council



A big congratulations to the children who were elected to the Student Council this year! They are Rylee Mc Nevin, Abby Deans, Jodie McNamee (6th class), Max Rafferty, Zach Mahony, Lydia Casey (5th class), Rylee Gannon, Ava Prizeman, (4th class), Alan Rooney, Holly Edwards and Sienna Martin (3rd class). The children were elected as Student Council representatives to be a voice for the students in their classes. The children have been busy attending Student Council meetings, discussing important topics and giving great suggestions to help make the school a better place for every student. Keep up the great work next

term!

STEM Update

We have been very busy this term taking part in all sorts of STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths) related activities. During Maths Week Third and Fifth Class took part in a Maths Detective workshop with the Rediscovery Centre and many classes Zoomed in for Mega Maths Quizzes online with schools from all over the country. 4th class were chosen to participate in a project with Technical University Dublin which will run all year called 'Try Five' where they get to try five different STEM experiments. 3rd 5th and 6th class are also involved with Junior Achievement Ireland and each programme has a STEM theme. 6th class even got to visit Yahoo! and Fidelity Investments to get a taster of office life as well as learning how to think like a scientist.

Finally the whole school has been very involved in 'Mathletics' this term (<https://login.mathletics.com/>) and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children for their hard work and their parents/guardians in supporting your childr

ens' learning. If you need your child's username and password please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.



Ali from the Rediscovery Centre delivering a 'Plastic Problems' workshop as part of their STEM and Sustainability programme.

Christmas Progress Reports

The Christmas Progress Reports were uploaded by class teachers to pupils' class dojo accounts. On the progress report parents/guardians are encouraged to look at their child's e portfolio and celebrate the great work they do in school. The report itself is brief in nature and gives the opportunity for a snap shot of teaching and learning. A more detailed report is provided to parents in end of year reports and parent / teacher meetings in February



CLIC Club

Killinarden CLIC stands for Killinarden Chess Lego Imagination Club, where students can play and learn chess and build with Lego. The only limit is the child's imagination. The students can talk and play with other children and have fun. Students from 5th and 6th class can join CLIC.

Children will spend one hour after school in CLIC. Children can enjoy biscuits while they play. CLIC starts at 2:45pm and ends at 3:45pm, every Wednesday as long as the school is open. Children can play chess agents with each other or build with Lego together. The kids have been building a Lego chess board together and have had a lot of fun while doing it to. The children have lots of fun while in CLIC and enjoy talking with their friends.

Mr Diver the Principal bought the Lego chess board to build. We all love being in CLIC its lots of fun to play with Lego and chess. we enjoy playing with friends and eating biscuits .CLIC is the best club in the school and we love being in it. We hope everyone else will as well. We can't wait to finish are Lego builds. Thanks Ms Jenkins

Written by Nathen and Jayden

Creative Schools

It was an extremely busy first term for Creative Schools which ended with the boys and girls from the after-school Drama Club performing The Nativity and Christmas Carols in the church and also the children in each grade performed something at our **Christmas Concert**.

5th and 6th Classes had a fantastic trip to The Civic Theatre just before the mid-term break. They went to see the play 'Dead Letter Office'. It was an amazing show and the children were encouraged to interact with the actors.

3rd and 4th Classes went to see Polar Bear and Penguin in The Ark Theatre. It was part of our initial plan when we started Creative Schools in 2020 that every child in our school would experience a trip to the theatre which has now happened. These trips were funded by both The Arts Council and The Board of Management in Sacred Heart SNS.

Our ceramic artist Christien Van Bussel will start working with the children after the Christmas break. Her plan is that every child will make their own ceramic tile which will be painted, glazed and then fired in a kiln. Christien will then make some permanent sculptures using the tiles which will be displayed around the school.

The children taking part in Ready Steady Show in collaboration with The Civic Theatre have had the most fantastic opportunities to create and build their own set which will then be used in The Civic. The children will continue to work on this every week until May 2023. We can't wait to see the final results.



Home School (HSCL)

It's been a busy and productive time in HSCL!

We launched our HSCL Instagram page in October, follow us at @hsclsacredheartsns to keep updated with what's happening.

There has been an eight week Wellness Programme for parents facilitated by Noeleen Watson in our Parent's Room.

A group of parents also came to the Botanic Gardens with us on the 18th of November. Tea, scones and a tour of the gardens. A fabulous day.

We had parents in the school for our two sessions of Christmas Crafts on the 25th and 28th of November.

The children designed some beautiful Christmas cards which will take pride of place in many homes this year. Thanks to all who got involved. The school made almost 500 euro which our Student Council have allocated towards sports gear for all of the children in the school.

All of the children and staff in the school have been designing decorations to be hung on our school Christmas tree.

We had parents from 3rd Class in this week for our Christmas Hats activity, which made for an extra special exciting time. Thank you to all who braved the winter conditions and came in.

We look forward to more parent's activities, Maths For Fun, Lego activities and parent's trips in the new year.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Karen (HSCL)

