



December 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

December Newsletter

We have had an exciting December! The children performed their nativity play on Wednesday evening. They did an excellent job. Thank you to everyone for your support in Term 1. We are all looking forward to the break and seeing you all in 2025!

January:

- 6th January: School reopens for Term 2 at the usual time
- 13th January – dance lessons start for all classes (during the school day)
- 22nd/23rd January – Parent teacher meetings for Junior and Senior Infants

Junior and Senior Infants:

We have had a very enjoyable December! It has been packed full of fun activities. We visited Piper's Hill College for Gamesville. We played lots of games and even got a lovely treat bag! We had a visit from Hope Church this week where we learned all about the story of when baby Jesus was born and also danced along with the puppets. We were angels in our nativity play and enjoyed singing all our songs. We hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas! We are so excited for Term 2.

1st and 2nd class:

We have been busy in our classroom in December getting ready for our Nativity play. We went on a bus journey to the church for our rehearsal. Our bus driver was singing songs with us. We learned Bualadh Bos as Gaeilge for our show. We completed lots of Christmas Art to show our grown-ups at the Art Gallery evening. We had lots of fun getting ready for Christmas.

3rd and 4th class:

The boys and girls in third and fourth class have had a really busy month! They did some fantastic artwork, designing a Christmas village and gingerbread houses with the Gaelscoil, which was on display in the school throughout the month. They were very busy practicing songs and their lines for their nativity, which was fantastic last night. Aside from this, they have been practicing their throwing and catching skills during PE, they have been working on their multiplication, and they have made excellent progress playing the ukulele. They should be proud of all that they have achieved this term. I wish them all a very merry Christmas.

5th and 6th class:

In Maths, we have been learning how to add, subtract, divide and multiply fractions. We got our Christmas 2024 Annuals which we have been enjoying using. We went to the church to practice our Nativity which went really well. The Nativity on Wednesday was so good too. In Art we drew pictures of reindeers for the Christmas Open Gallery. We also have a big advent calendar in our hall with people's names in it. Each day we go to the hall, pick out the names and they get a chocolate. We did Secret Santa in our classroom with presents.

Ms Forrest's class:

The junior boys enjoyed learning all about Christmas and Christmas vocabulary. We learned about the nativity story. We read the snowman and completed lots of activities based on the book. The senior boys have been learning about Egypt and the ancient Egyptians. They boys did lots of baking (and eating) as they worked on procedural writing. All the boys completed lovely Christmas art work.

As always, my door is always open and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My admin day is on a Tuesday and I am available to meet or call parents during this day or before or after school on other days. My direct contact is louise.m.gillespie@gmail.com

Please note that policies and minutes from Board of Management meetings can be found on our school website.

Kind regards,

Ms Louise Gillespie

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