

# Scoil San Treasa Newsletter

## Calendar

School closed for the election on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

School closes at 12:00pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of December for the Christmas Holidays.

## School Closing Time:

The Board would like to remind you that the school closing times will change from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Infants will be finished school at 1.30pm and the remainder of the classes at 2.30pm. Please ensure that child minders etc are informed.

## Class news

**Junior & Senior Infants:** We welcomed Mr Byrne into our class this month. He will be teaching us some fun and exciting lessons each day. We became weather people in our class during play time and we are now able to report on the weather. We have also started practicing the songs from our Christmas play and can't wait to start practicing it. Thanks to Ms Parle who planted oak trees with us this month.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** Class have been really busy this month learning about report writing, we learned all about earthworms with Ms. Meehan and Ms. Cassidy and wrote some short reports about these amazing creatures. We've also been learning the poem "Who Has Seen the Wind" and made some cool wind themed prints to go along with the poem

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** have been busy this month. They worked really hard making wreaths and Christmas craft houses for the craft fair. They are working on their projects all about the Egyptians at the moment. We have started practicing for the Christmas play and we are very excited about it.

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** This has been a very busy month for 5th and 6th class! We were really busy for science week, doing different experiments with all of the other classes in the school. We also travelled into Edenderry to play Scoil Bhríde in two basketball matches which we won and we also had a tag rugby blitz in Edenderry which we really enjoyed! We were busy making Christmas crafts and practising our singing for the Christmas craft fair. We have also started practising for our Christmas play and we're really looking forward to it!

## Science Week

Science week took place from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November. All the children enjoyed experimenting and creating. Well done to the pupils from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class who demonstrated some experiments in each of the classes on one of the days. They are budding teachers and scientists!

## Swimming

The Board of management discussed the possibility of attending Johnstown House for swimming lessons in the final term. As the venue informed us that the pool would remain open to the public and guests during sessions, the Board has decided that this venue is unsuitable from a Child Safeguarding perspective. Instead, gymnastics lessons will be organised during the proposed period. Edenderry Swimming Pool have been in contact with the school to inform us that they are investigating the possibility of a 'pop-up pool' for swimming lessons as an interim measure. We will keep you posted on this matter.

## Christmas Appeals

This year the school is collecting food items and toys in excellent condition for St Vincent de Paul. All items may be left at the school at any stage but no later than 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### PA Craft Fair

A fun-filled day was had by the whole community on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November when everyone turned out to support the return of the Annual Christmas Craft Fair. The whole school community would like to thank the PA for all the work they put into securing vendors and advertising the day and the children in making crafts to sell. Ms Parle, Ms Lawlor & the school choir did a lovely job kicking off the festivities of the day before Santa arrived. The PA will inform the school of the final total raised very shortly. Next up...the Annual Christmas school raffle, more details to follow.

### Thank You

A sincere thank you to Seán Cawley for providing a salt bin to contain our salt for the winter weather. It is fantastic to be able to store the salt securely and in an accessible place for use especially on the cold, frosty mornings.

### Christmas Annuals:

Christmas Annuals will be available in the school. They will be given out on 11th December. Cost €3 per child. If interested, please send in €3 in an envelope with your child's name on it.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Bake Sale:

Thanks to everyone who supported the 6<sup>th</sup> Class bake sale. They raised €617.00. This has covered the cost of their hoodies. The remainder of the funds raised is being donated to Little Wishes in Edenderry.

### Upcoming events

- **6<sup>th</sup> Class Ceremony of Light** takes place in Kilshanroe Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. All children making their confirmation this year must attend.
- Christmas jumpers can be worn to school from Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December until the holidays. We kindly ask that no Christmas attire is launched before this date as we endeavour to maintain some sort of calm in the building 😊
- All classes will put on a short Christmas show in their classroom for their parents & guardians on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. 9:00 Junior and Senior Infants, 9:30 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Tea and coffee will be available in the computer room.
- Christmas Mass takes place in Kilshanroe Church @ 9am on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Our beautiful choir will be raising the roof as always.

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