

The children in **First Class** have been rehearsing very hard for their performance of "The Tiny Angel". They cannot wait for their parents to see a recording of the show.

At the end of November the children made birthday cards to send to a very sick girl called April who lives in Dublin. She was turning 8 years old. We sent her over 70 cards altogether!

Apart from lots of exciting projects this term, we have also been working on making a clay nativity scene for our families to use every Christmas.

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2nd Class News

We have been very busy working hard since September. We took part in Maths week and Science week and really enjoyed it. We have started joined writing and are learning to make the letters every week. It can be difficult but we are doing great work. Although the year so far has been very different, we have had great fun doing lots of art activities and science experiments. We are keeping safe by staying in our pods and washing our hands all the time. We have also learned new things in maths and are getting really good with money. We have learned about many explorers and have travelled around the world and even into space from our classroom. This year is a very important year for us and we are having great fun learning our prayers and the stories for Jesus preparing for our First Holy Communion next year. Most importantly we are using our manners and having great respect for each other.

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3RD Class News

Since returning to school after the Halloween break all in 3rd class have been busy participating in a range of activities. The three classes carried out several activities as part of both Maths and Science week which were truly enjoyed by all. One of the highlights of Maths week was conducting a Maths trail around the school grounds. Over the course of Science week, we also conducted a variety of exciting experiments. These included the 'Bouncy Egg' experiment, experimenting with 'Bee-Bots' and 'Constructing Shapes' with marshmallows and pasta just to name but a few. In more recent weeks we have been preparing artwork and cards for Christmas. Last week we tuned into the annual Christmas mass in the church from our classrooms and would like to say well done to everybody involved, it was superb. Finally, all in 3rd class would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

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4th Class News

This has been a very busy term for the children in 4th Class. We had Gaelic football with Kelly and learned many new skills and games, many of which you can see us playing on yard most days. The 4th class topics for Science Week 2020 were particularly interesting. We learned all about forensic science, gases, the human body and gravity. We have been working hard in class as well learning all about The Celts, Norway, Christmas Traditions around the world and many, many more. We are all very excited for Christmas and look forward to a New Year full of new possibilities. Merry Christmas.

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5th class have had a very busy term since Mid-Term Break. Along with all the work we have done in Maths and on Irish and European geography we have been learning about Pompeii and the recent discoveries that took place there by archaeologists.

We took part in an amazing Science Week, where we made rocket cars using many homemade materials. This taught us about Newton's Third Law of Motion- for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

We have been doing a lot of Christmas art too. We made Christmas decorations from lollipop sticks and we drew the Polar Express train with chalk. On Tuesday the 8th of December we attended Mass through the Kill Parish site. Grace Miley and Jamie Murphy were our mass readers. Samantha, Lyla, Lucy and Chole sang during the mass. We would like to thank Ms. Moynihan and Mr. Maguire for all their help.

We are participating in a donation for Naas Food Bank. It is for people in the surrounding area. The deadline is next Friday, and we would be very grateful if children could bring in non-perishable goods such as tea, coffee, biscuits, pasta, rice etc.

Nollaig Shona agus guímid gach rath agus séan ort san athbhliain!

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Book Fair 2020

The school Book Fair this year was a great success. You the parents spent €6016 on books!!!! So this means that the school can buy books to the value of €3600. We would like to thank the Parents Association for their hard work and for making the Book Fair such a success. See below the winners of the Book Fair Art competition.

By Luca Byrne (5th class)



Rafael Renji, Chess Champion!

Rafael Renji from Ms O'Sullivan's 5th class competed in the World U12 Rapid Online Chess Championships last week. Rafael did exceptionally well. He competed against competitors from Russia, France and Germany to name but a few countries. Rafael is ranked 54th in Europe for his age at chess. Well done Rafael, we are very proud of you!



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Food Bank Appeal

The 5th and 6th classes have been collecting food for the Food Bank in Naas to help those in need of food this Christmas. We brought in all kinds of non-perishable foods such as beans, pasta, pasta sauces and cereals. There are also some treats in there too like chocolates and biscuits.

Helping those in the Food Bank allowed us to remember those that might be a little less fortunate than us this festive season! We have collected over 20 boxes of food and it was collected on December 18th by Fergal and Catherine from the Food Bank! They were delighted and pass on their thanks to all the pupils, parents and teachers who made this happen.

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Green Schools News

We are looking forward to starting work in our Green Schools Committee in January in order to achieve our next Green Flag, Litter and Waste.

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Mass on December 8th

A big thank you and well done to some of our 6th class pupils for their part in the mass in the church on December 8th. Grace Miley and Jamie Murphy read so well representing their classes and Scoil Bhríde to make us proud of them. Lyla Cusack, Samantha Varwijk, Chloe Dunne and Lucy Byrne....you did us so proud singing so majestically on behalf of Scoil Bhríde. You made it special for everyone in the community of Kill. To Ms. Moynihan and Mr. Maguire, we say a big GRMA also. Thanks indeed to Fr.O' Byrne, Jean Roche and the parish council for their continued support.

Parent Whatsapp Groups

Any class parent whatsapp groups should be for business and communication only. Social media platforms like this can cause upset and hurt via misinformation to others including school staff. If you have a query or concern regarding your child, please contact your child's teacher via phone call or email within working hours. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

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The Christy Cup comes to Scoil Bhríde

On December 11th some of the pupils, including our hurling and camogie teams, were lucky enough to meet goalkeepers Paddy McKenna and Mark Doyle, two of the Kildare Senior Hurling team, who recently won the Christy Ring Cup against County Down. We gathered on the astro-turf pitch and got to see the Cup. Afterwards, we got the opportunity to take penalties against the two goalkeepers with great displays of skill from everyone. It also coincided with Christmas Jumper Day, so the children decorated their helmets and hurls, with a competition for the top four. The four winners were Anna, Aoife, Roxanne and Alex.

Thank you to Paddy and Mark for coming in to see us and show us the Cup. We look forward to keeping an eye on how Kildare hurling progresses next year and wish them all the best.

Cill Dara Abú



Christmas Jumper Day December 11th

Great Christmas cheer was felt by all on Friday 11th December. Lovely to see all dressed up in their Christmas jumpers and Christmas clothes. Thank you to all for their generous donations on the day for Crumlin Childrens' Hospital. Over a whopping 2500 euro was raised for this very worthy cause. Stay tuned for final amount raised as donations are still incoming. Thanks so much everyone and well done to all involved!

Thanks to Ms Wright for organising!





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Thanks to Ms. Moynihan for support in inspiring, collecting and collating this newsletter.
