

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter Dec 2014

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another exciting and busy term. We have achieved a huge amount and this is due to our wonderful school community. Staff, children, parents and local community have all worked together, with our Board of Management, to make our school a great place to work and to learn. Thank you to everyone who has helped out during the year. We look forward to building on the successes of 2014 during 2015.

Child Rescue Ireland (CRI) Alert:

We have been asked by An Gardaí to let you know the following:

Child Rescue Ireland (CRI) Alert is a public alert system that An Garda Síochána can use to let you know when a child is abducted and ask for your help in finding that child. CRI Alert sends the message of the child abduction out to the public through the media, road signs, social network sites, bus & rail companies, health service, ports and the CRI Alert Smartphone App. An Garda Síochána will only launch a CRI Alert in the most serious child abduction cases where there is a known risk to the child's life.

Christmas Performances:

We had a fabulous day on Tuesday with excellent singing and performances from our wonderful students. Well done to all involved. A huge amount of preparation went into the day so thank you to everyone who made it possible.

Parents Association Raffle:

We had our Parents Association raffle on Wednesday. Our PA did a great job getting such a huge array of prizes. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, sponsored prizes and sold tickets. Our school is in a much stronger position now.

Santa:

We had a special visitor today for each of the classes. He made a special effort to get to see us this week because he had heard how great our boys and girls have been all year.

Choir performances in Little Island Church and in The Radisson:

Our choir have been practicing for weeks and they performed excellently on Tuesday in school. They performed after mass last week in Little Island Church and they performed in The Radisson today. They represented our school really well and we are very proud of them.

Boys Football Mini-7s:

Our boys' 7-a-side football team played a blitz at the start of the month. They did really well and narrowly missed out on qualification for the final. Well done to all involved.

Diocesan Advisor:

Our Diocesan Religious Advisor called to the school this month. She was really impressed with our superb children and she loved the atmosphere in the school. It is always nice when an independent person sees and comments on the great work being done in our school.

Staffing Changes for next term:

Due to teachers going on maternity leave and coming back from maternity leave there will be a few changes to our staff next term. Ms. Gillian Diamond will be out on maternity leave. Ms. Julie Neville will move into Room 1 as a Resource Teacher. Ms. Valerie McGrath will return from maternity leave and will move into Room 3 and teach 2nd Class. Ms. Miriam Hennessy will act as Deputy Principal while Ms. Diamond is out and will continue to teach Junior Infants. All other staff members will stay in their current roles for the time being. We are very lucky to have so many excellent teachers on our team.

St. Vincent de Paul Hampers:

Over the last few years we have collected food and made up hampers for St. Vincent de Paul. All of these go to local families and help them out at Christmas. This year we donated nearly 25 hampers and it means that we have donated more than 100 hampers in total in recent years. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Speech and Drama Group Feis:

Well done to our after school Speech and Drama Club. They took part in their first Feis last weekend and they performed really well. Some of them even managed to win medals. This was a huge achievement.

That's all for now.

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Up Coming Events:

Fri Dec 19th: School Closes at 12.15pm for all classes for Christmas Holidays

Mon Jan 5th: School reopens.

Mon Jan 5th: 12:00 start of DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time all across the school.

Tues Jan 6th: swimming for 4th-6th Classes.

Mon Jan 12th: after school Lego Robotics Class starts for 3rd-6th – register online at www.learnit.ie.

Fri Jan 23rd: Closing date for receipt of enrolment applications for September 2015.

Wed Jan 28th: 6th Class going to NMCI for Challenge Science Workshop sponsored by PepsiCo.

