

Scoil Inse Rátha
Déan do Dhícheall
Newsletter December 2017:

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of the first term we can reflect on all the excellent work that has been done. A quick look back at our newsletters for September, October and November, along with the posts to our app will remind you of many of the things that have been done. Thank you to our wonderful staff and students for making it all possible – they truly are an inspiration. Thank you to all of our parents and members of our school community for your support during the term too. Here are some of this month's highlights.

Parents Association:

This is a very busy time of the year for our Parents Association. The calendars have been on sale for a couple of weeks. There are only a few left if you want one. They are an ideal present for aunts, uncles, god parents or other family members. The PA raffle will be held on Thursday this week at 11.15am and once again there are wonderful prizes. They also organised for Santa to visit our school this week to add a bit more magic. The children loved telling jokes and singing songs for the big man. Calendars and last minute tickets are available from the office. Thank you to everyone in the PA for organising everything and to all of our sponsors for generously supporting us.

Christmas Panto:

1st to 5th Classes went to The Opera House to see Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs. It was a great experience and a wonderful day out.

Indoor Gaelic Football:

We entered the 3rd & 4th Class indoor Gaelic football blitzes again this year. We had boys and girls teams and they acquitted themselves brilliantly. It is a non-competitive blitz so the emphasis was on skill development and participation. We are very proud of our students and they represented our school excellently.

Puppet Show:

Junior and Senior Infants had a special treat when they saw a puppet show in Room 2 this month. They really enjoyed the performance and were really excited by it. Next term the other classes will get to see a live performance when Clan Cluana will perform Young Fionn McCumhal in The Complex.

Basketball Blitz:

Mark Scannell has been training basketball in our school for a number of years. He organised a blitz for our 5th and 6th Classes to play in last week against a team from Midleton. It was a great experience for the boys and girls. They held their own and learned a lot from the event.

Cinema:

6th Class have been studying the novel Wonder in their class this term. Instead of going to the panto this year they decided to go to the cinema to see the movie which is based on the novel. They were particularly interested to see the differences between the book and the movie.

Lunch time league final:

We will have the final of the lunch time leagues this Thursday at 10am. It is the culmination of many exciting matches over the last 6 weeks. Cork and Tipperary will contest the final and it promises to be a fantastic occasion.

Christmas Performances:

Our Christmas Performances were held today. It was lovely to see all the children perform so well in front of parents, friends and family. Well done to all involved and thank you to everyone who helped make this day happen.

Carol singing in The Radisson:

5th and 6th Class will be going to The Radisson to sing carols in the reception area this Thursday at 1pm. We hope to raise some more money for The Simon Community to add to the money we raised at Hallowe'en. We will hand over what we have raised at the end of the week to help people over Christmas.

On behalf of everyone here in Little Island NS I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

Fri Dec 22nd: School closes at 12.15pm for all classes.

Mon Jan 8th 2018: school reopens for Term 2.

Tues Jan 9th: swimming starts for 4th – 6th classes for 6 weeks.

Wed Jan 17th: Board of Management meeting

Tues Jan 30th: skipping workshop for all classes.

