

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter December 2022

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 during the year. We look forward to building on the successes of 2022 in 2023.

Christmas Performances:

We had a great day last Friday when we held our Christmas performances. Infants, 1st-3rd and 4th- 6th entertained and delighted us with beautiful songs, poems and readings. It was a lovely festive occasion. Thank you to all the parents, friends and extended family members who attended. Thank you to our staff for preparing the children and a special thank you to our wonderful students!

Choir in The Radisson:

Some of our 5th&6th Class children went to The Radisson to sing carols last week. It was lots of fun and they raised nearly €200 for UNICEF as well. They have been invited back to The Radisson today for hot chocolate as a thank you for their efforts. Well done to all involved.

Parents Association:

Our Parents Association have been very busy over the last few months. Our school calendar has nearly sold out so thank you for your support. Our Parents Association held the draw for their annual raffle on Monday. There were more than twenty prizes on offer. Children drew the tickets out for the prize winners. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket in support of our school. Thank you to our Parents Association for organising the raffle. Thank you to all of the people who sponsored the prizes for our raffle. The money raised will help to defray costs and to provide extra opportunities for the children in our school. We really appreciate everyone's efforts!

Visit from Santa:

Santa took time out of his busy schedule on Friday to call in. He confirmed that all the children in Little Island NS are on the nice list, provided they go to bed on time on Christmas Eve! There was great excitement, and the children sang a few songs for Santa as well. Thank you to Santa's elves for helping Santa find time in his schedule for a visit to our school!

Swimming:

Swimming for 4th to 6th classes will take place in Mayfield Leisure Centre for six weeks in January and February. Swimming will be from 10am to 10.40am starting on Tuesday January 10th. Many of our children haven't had the chance to go swimming in recent years so this is a great opportunity. It is also part of the curriculum so is compulsory unless we receive a letter from a doctor. Children will have to have a swimming hat. Goggles are optional but they can make it more comfortable for children when putting their face in the water. It would be useful to go to a pool over the holidays to allow children to practice changing, drying themselves properly and managing their gear.

Basketball:

Mark Scannell has been coaching different classes this term. The children are really enjoying it. They are learning lots about basketball, but they are also learning many fundamental movement skills that are useful in other sports and in life in general.

As we approach the last few busy days before Christmas, take some time to be kind to yourself. We have all been through a challenging year and it important to acknowledge how much we have dealt with. The children in our school are amazing so you, as the adults in their lives, are doing a great job! On behalf of the staff and Board of Management of our school, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

Dec 21st: Close at 12.15pm for Christmas Holidays

January 5th: school reopens for Term 2.

January 10th: 10am: swimming for 4th to 6th classes.

January 11th: Infants vaccinations.

January 30th: Board of Management meeting.

