

SCOIL NAOMH TREASA NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2024

NEWSLETTER CREW

This year our Christmas Newsletter is brought to you by our fantastic "Newsletter Crew". These are boys and girls from 5th and 6th class who have each researched and written a piece for the Christmas edition of our newsletter. We've had a busy term so there's lots of news to share with you!



CAKE SALE

By: Pádraic Walsh

On Tuesday 17th December we had our annual Bake Sale. Lots of delicious treats were donated to the school. Mr McLoughlin's class decorated the prefab and we were in charge of running it. All classes and parents were invited to buy cakes, buns and cookies. We raised €574!!! We donated €200 to SVP.



PANTO

By: Anna Whearty

Many thanks to our Parents Association who kindly arranged a trip for all our pupils to see Cinderella in the Lark, Balbriggan. It was a fantastic show and everyone, including our teachers, really enjoyed it. The characters were brilliant in Cinderella, especially Prince Liam and the two sisters! The end of it was really wonderful and it would be great to go again next year!



WILDLIFE AND ORIGAMI AT DULEEK LIBRARY

Many thanks to Duleek library who facilitated a great workshop on both origami and wildlife for our third and fourth class pupils.



CHRISTMAS SHOW

By Adam Mullaney

The Christmas show was a great success. It was one of the best shows ever! Junior and seniors did the Nativity and all were super. 1st and 2nd sang "Blitzen Boogie" and "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas" - it was amazing. There was great talent all around. Third and fourth performed "An Drumadóir" and "Rocking around the Christmas Tree" - it was really good. Fifth and sixth performed "Last Christmas" and "Snow is Falling" - it was AMAZING!



VIOLIN

By: Elijah Vythelingum

For the past few months 3rd - 6th class children have been learning the violin. Our teacher is Michelle Foy who works for a company called Music Generation. The names of some of the tunes the classes have been learning are: Yellow Submarine, Manhattan Blues, The Adams Family and many more. Some of the children's favourite things about the violin are that everyone is included, learning the playing positions of a violin and learning something new!

GOLF IRELAND

Many thanks to Liam, from Golf Ireland, who facilitated great golf sessions with all the boys and girls from 3rd - 6th class. This was a great opportunity to explore playing a new sport that many of our pupils have never played before.



CROSS COUNTRY

By: Luke and Ben

This year on the 20th of November our school took part in the Cross Country competition at Fairyhouse Racecourse. The

children participating were coached by the Rohan family. We thank them very much for helping us. Everyone thought that the atmosphere was great, they liked getting out of school, liked to participate and thought it was a fun sporting activity.



RUGBY

By Seán Teeling and Pádraic Walsh

During the month of November, Lauren from Balbriggan Rugby Club, came to our school to provide 6 weeks of rugby training every monday. We did fun drills and great games.



LUKE HEENEY VISIT

By Denas and Jack Meehan

Friday 6th of December, Luke Heeneey, from Drogheda United and his brother Taigh came into our school to show us the FAI cup. Luke took pictures with every class. Some people got to hold the cup. A lot of students got autographs on their football cards, t-shirts and football tins. We all enjoyed the afternoon!

FIRE STATION

By: Mannix McCormack

On the 19th of November Ms O'Mara's and Mrs Light's classes went to the Fire Station

in Ashbourne. They got to do loads of stuff - like spraying the hose, getting into a fire truck, climbing ladders and watching the fire fighters suit up really fast. They had so much fun!!



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

Well done to all the boys and girls who donated gifts and made up shoe boxes for those children who are less fortunate and in need this Christmas. It's always a worthwhile cause and it's a great time to reflect and be grateful and to remember how lucky we are. Many thanks to Miriam for organising this initiative.



PICKER PALS

By Tyrone Whearty

Picker Pals is an environmental programme that Ms O'Mara's class is doing this year. They are learning about making the world a better place. Every Friday they pick a name out and whoever gets chosen gets to bring home the Picker Pals kit. When they're finished their litter picking, the boys and girls write a report.



MEATH BIODIVERSITY WORKSHOP

By: Denas

In December, Leah from Biodiversity Ireland came to visit. She did workshops with each class from 1st-6th and showed us different types of insects and their habitats. It was a very interesting day.



ENTERPRISE AWARENESS WORKSHOP

By: Jack Meehan

During the month of December, Lena Shaw from Meath Enterprise came to visit 5th and 6th class. The aim of the workshop was to show pupils that they have the ability to come up with a business idea. She talked about what enterprise is, business ideas and did some teamwork activities with the children of 5th and 6th. The opinions of some of our

classmates were very entertaining and interesting!!!

CHRISTMAS ARTWORK

Check out a sample of the beautiful winter and Christmas themed artwork that has been on display throughout our school recently.



HEROES IN THE HALLWAY

This year we launched the Heroes in the Hallway initiative in Scoil Naomh Treasa during Anti-Bullying week. Each month children are recognised for their hero qualities such as kindness, inclusiveness and looking out for their classmates. The recipients of the award have their photo displayed on our "Heroes" tree in the front hall.



REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

During the month of November we decorated our front hall with candles to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us.



DIOSCESAN ADVISOR VISIT

By: Ben

In December we had a visit from Anne Philips, our diocesan advisor. She visited all the classes and had lots of nice things to say about our school.



STUDENT COUNCIL

In November we held elections for our new Student Council. So many great speeches were made by the boys and girls in 3rd-6th class. Voting took place using the official booths and 11 fabulous new members were elected by their peers. We look forward to hearing all their great ideas and working with them over the coming months.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to our Parents Council members Noleen, Emily and Zoe for organising our Christmas Raffle again this year. Congratulations to all the winners and a huge thank you to all who bought tickets. We had a fantastic array of prizes and a big thank you goes to all those who donated to the raffle and support the school each year.



May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.

Wishing all the children, staff, parents and wider school community of Bellewstown a very happy, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas!