

# CHRISTMAS 2020 NEWSLETTER

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

*We wish to thank each and every one of you for a successful Term 1. It has been a credit to all the children, staff and parents that we have remained healthy and safe during these past few months. Our pupils have adapted remarkably well, to all the new rules and procedures in place. A huge thank you to our teachers, SNA's, secretary and cleaners who have worked tirelessly, to keep our school a safe and happy place to be.*

**School Closing:** Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 @ 12:00pm  
**School Re-opening:** Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 @ 9:00am

## Christmas 2020



Great efforts have been made to make Christmas 2020 an extra special one in Scoil Naomh Treasa. Although we couldn't celebrate with our usual Christmas Concert, each class has been busy getting into the Christmas spirit through art, music, drama and poetry. Below you'll find a link to a special Christmas video, compiled splendidly by Miss Breen, showcasing each of our classes. We hope you enjoy it.

**To All Our Friends and Family - Nollaig Shona Daoibh Go Léir**



**Video Link: Christmas in Scoil Naomh Treasa** [https://youtu.be/01\\_KAY0TyKY](https://youtu.be/01_KAY0TyKY)

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## Fool Appeal for Drogheda Homeless Aid



We have been delighted to receive so many generous donations to date for the food appeal for the Drogheda Homeless Aid. This is such a worthy cause, and a lovely way for our community to think of others at this time.



**SVP:** Our Christmas Jumper Day was a great success, and a wonderful way to kick start the Christmas festivities. The excitement in the classes on the day was palpable! We raised €215 for our chosen charity, SVP.



**Christmas Cards :** Thank you to our Parents Council for organising the Christmas Card initiative, which raised €230. Half of the proceeds will go towards SVP. Each card was very unique and a nice memento to mark Christmas 2020.



**Credit Union Art:** Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class participated in this year's Credit Union art competition. With very little notice, they produced some beautiful, creative pieces. A huge congratulations to each and every participant.

## Our Super Talented Winners

### 7 & Under:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jack Moore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Denas Lideikis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Maeghan Collins

### 8 Years - 10 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ruby Anna Black  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Seán Teeling  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Saoirse McComish

### 11 Years - 13 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alex Smyth  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alexandria McCann  
Rooney  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tom Smyth

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## Science Week – November 2020



Lots of fun was had by pupils engaging with a variety of different science lessons and experiments over the course of the week. First and second class enjoyed exploring sound and made percussion instruments, while the senior pupils finished off their week with a science quiz.



## GAA



It has been great to welcome Damien Sheridan, our GAA development officer back to SNT. Children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in GAA skills sessions in the yard these past few weeks.



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## 100 Touch Challenge



A big well done to Tom in sixth class who recently participated in the 100 Touch Challenge in Dunganny. Tom showed fantastic skill and composure, coming second place in his group and doing our school so proud. Well done Tom!



**Wedding Celebration...** Congratulations to Samantha and James Bellew, Mum and Dad to David and Emma, on the recent celebration of their marriage. Our school community wish you both a lifetime of love and happiness.



**Picker Pals:** Ms O'Mara's first and second class have been busy with the Picker Pals programme of late. This is an environmental awareness programme and they recently participated in a zoom call with schools from all over the country. Here's a few snaps of our picker pals hard at work.



## Wellbeing Week



Teacher's have been busy implementing our new SPHE programme, Mindful Matters since September. Particular focus on mindfulness and wellbeing has been a central part of teaching this term. We look forward to celebrating Wellbeing Week in January 2021. More details to follow.

## Enrolments 2021

We are currently accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2021. Closing date for submitting applications is the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Applications for enrolment can be found on our school website [www.bellewstownns.com](http://www.bellewstownns.com)

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## Covid-19

With Christmas almost upon us we ask our school community to continue to adhere to all the Covid-19 guidelines, to ensure a safe and healthy holiday for everyone. If your child presents with a temperature or a new cough, please contact your GP and do not send your child to school. If you are travelling abroad over the holidays, please be aware that you will need to restrict your movements for 14 days on your return to Ireland and your children will not be able to return to school until the 14 days are up. For further information: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b4020-travelling-to-ireland-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all  
the staff in Scoil Naomh Treasa**

Wishing you all a fun filled Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming all our pupils back in January 2021.

**Le gach dea-ghuí,**

*Bernadette McGuinness*

**Principal**