



Merry Christmas



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. On behalf of all school staff I would like to wish each and everyone a joyful and peaceful Christmas season. Classes are busy with seasonal art work and music and everyone is looking forward to our school Nativity Play and Carol Service.

School Calendar

School will close for Christmas on Friday 20th December 2018 at 12.30 p.m. and reopen on Monday 6th January 2019 at 9.20 a.m.

Annual Christmas Appeal

Each year in the school we have a collection for two deserving causes. The **St. Vincent De Paul** who support needy families in Leixlip and try to ensure that all families can experience a happy and joyful Christmas.

Our other good cause is the **Pedro Katalbas Primary School** in the Philippines. This school is located in remote rural area where most people are subsistence farmers. Each year the school try to provide their pupils with a Christmas party. For the past number of years the boys and girls of Scoil San Carlo have helped ensure this party takes place through their generosity.

Your support for these worthy causes is much appreciated

Nativity Play and Carol Service

A **Christmas Carol Service** will be performed by the **Three Schools in Confey Parish** on **Tuesday 17th December** in the Church of St. Charles Borromeo.

San Carlo Senior school will be represented by the third classes of **Ms. Quinn** and **Ms. Burchéal**.

Our own **Christmas Nativity Carol Service** will take place on **Thursday 19th December** at **1.30 p.m.** Parents are invited to attend one or both events. A collection will be held at the end of the Nativity Play in support of **St. Vincent de Paul** and **Pedro Katalbas School**, The Philippines.

Your support is appreciated.



Parents are reminded that photographs taken at this event are for private use only and placing them on any social media site may be in breach of the Data Protection Act.

Photographs must only be taken in a manner that does not interfere with their children's performance



Parents' Association



A **Film Night** will be held on Friday 6th December between 6 and 8 pm.

A big thank you to all who are organising this event.

Admission is €5 which includes a goodie bag.

Class Calendars are now available, for purchase, in the school. **€4 each or 3 for €10.**

A huge **"Thank You"** to all who organised and supported the Hallowe'en Sponsored walk. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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Board of Management

The Board of Management for 2019 -2023 is now in place.

Chairperson; Ms. Helen Egan, Patrons nominee: Ms. Kathleen Molloy, Parents' Representatives: Ms. Alison Healy, Mr. Denis Hourihane. Community Representatives Ms. Lorraine O'Sullivan, Mr. Martin Carley. Teachers Representative: Mr. Niall Sherlock.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the new members of the Board for their commitment to the school and I look forward to working with them in the best interests of the whole school community.

Confirmation

A meeting for parents/guardians of pupils making their Confirmation took place on 20th November. Ms. Dan O' Connor gave an overview of the programme and the ceremony. Marion Lyons spoke about the Faith Friends Programme and encouraged parents to volunteer to lead the programme with the pupils concerned.

The Commitment Service was held at 11.30 am Mass on Sunday 1st December.

Thank you to the Faith Friends who ensured the smooth running of this ceremony.

Ms. O'Shea and Mr. McCreary continue to prepare the pupils for Confirmation which will be on Friday 13th March at 11.00 am.



Peace Proms



PEACE PROMS 2020
R.D.S. Saturday 1st February at 8p.m.

The 4th classes had a rehearsal with Greg Beardsley, Conductor of the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland on November 7th in the National Indoor Arena, Snugborough, Dublin 15.

The Peace Proms Concert will take place in the R.D.S. on Saturday 1st February at 8.00 p.m.



The first School Council in Scoil San Carlo has been formed. 4th, 5th and 6th classes have each elected two class representatives one boy and one girl to the council.

My thanks to Ms. Clare MacHugh, Ms. Rhona Sirr and Ms. Helen O'Shea for their work in steering this very worthwhile initiative.

Onesie Friday

The Student Council have organised a **Onesie Friday** for the 13th December to raise funds for **Crumlin Children's Hospital**. Pupils will be allowed to change into pyjamas after big break to watch a film in their classrooms.

Pupils may bring in a treat to eat or share during the film.

A donation of €2 is requested.



School Activities

S.E.A.I. provided the fourth classes with a workshop on energy in the school.

6th classes participated in EnviroKids workshops and a Maths Trail in Castletown house. 4th Classes had a 3D Design workshop in the library and Mr. Flatley's class had a workshop on "Connecting Science and Nature."

Ms. Connolly's class had a workshop on Dinosaur Science. Robotics workshops were held for 5th and 6th classes. Fourth classes also had a poetry workshop in the school.

Scratch Coding. Barbara Bollard, a parent, organised Scratch Coding workshops for third and fourth classes.

Thank you Barbara.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Leixlip Library for all the class visits and workshops they facilitate.

The library is a wonderful resource for our school and the support of the library staff is much appreciated.



Sport



G.A.A. and soccer coaching is continuing with Aaron Gorman and Brian Johnson in the school. Boys and Girls competed in the Leixlip Cumann na mBunscoil League under the guidance of Ms. O'Shea and Mr. McCreary

We hope to enter a team into the Hurling League in the New Year.

Boys and Girls 3rd and 4th class soccer leagues have finished. Well done to all who participated and thank you to the teachers who gave up their

time to referee the games.

A special thank you to Ms. Clare MacHugh for organising the competition.

Both girls and boys cross country teams have had an excellent start to the year. Both teams are in contention at the top of the Fingal schools league.



At the Brother Ireland Invitation in Santry, the 3rd and 4th class girls picked up the school's first ever girls team medal at this event. Thanks to Mr. Niall Sherlock for his work with the cross country team.

The 5th and 6th class pupils took part in a Blitz in Barnhall to mark the end of rugby training provided by Barnhall Rugby Club. Many thanks to Rory Bond.

Girls basketball training has begun for 5th and 6th class under the guidance of Ms. Blathnaid Connolly and Ms. Karen Gissane.

Contact Details



I would like to remind all parents/guardians to ensure their contact details, particularly, addresses and mobile phone numbers are up to date.

Please contact the office if any of your details have changed.

Internet Safety

3rd, 5th and 6th classes are currently completing the Stay Safe Programme which aims to give children the personal safety skills to protect themselves if they experience upsetting or worrying situations. One theme in the programme is Internet Safety. We would ask all parents / guardians to continue to familiarise themselves with the websites and social media sites their children are using and to discuss any safety issues that might arise with their child.



Credit Union



Leixlip Credit Union comes to the school every Wednesday at 9.20am to accept deposits to children's accounts.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Once again the pupils and their families have shown their care and concern for children in other parts of the world less fortunate than us.

There was a huge response to the appeal and in excess of 150 shoe boxes are on their way to brighten up some children's lives.



Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir

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