



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 21st December 2018 at 12.30pm and reopen on Monday 7th January 2019 at 9.20am.

Nativity Play/Carol Service

A Christmas Carol Service will be performed by the Three Schools in Confey Parish on Tuesday 18th December in the Church of St. Charles Borromeo.

Our own Christmas Nativity Carol Service will take place on Thursday 20th 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 service 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 very successful Film Night was held on Friday 23rd November. A big thank you to all who helped organise this event.

Class Calendars are now available, for purchase, in the school.

€4 each or 3 for €10



Board of Management

Ms. Paula Maher was elected at a meeting of the parent body to replace Ms. Jean McCarthy as parent representative on the Board of Management. Congratulations Paula!

Peace Proms



The 4th classes will have a rehearsal with Greg Beardsley, Conductor of the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland, on Thursday 13th December at 12.30 p.m. in the National Indoor Arena, Snugborough, Dublin 15.

Pupils will return to school before 3.00 p.m.

The Peace Proms Concert will take place in the R.D.S. on Saturday 2nd February at 8.00 p.m. A very few tickets are still for sale on the Peace Proms Website.

Manga High

This year's Maths Challenge was a great success with over 100 pupils winning medals and Sophia Shah coming second in Ireland in the competition.



School Activities

6th Classes enjoyed a tour of Glasnevin Cemetery and the Botanic Gardens. Ms. Sirr's classes took part in a workshop on mummification in the National Museum and then visited the National Gallery of Ireland.

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

5th class and 6th classes participated in Science 2 Life workshops in the library.

4th Classes had a 3D Design workshop in the library and Mr. McAuley's 4th class had a drama workshop also in the library.

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 commitment of the library staff is much appreciated.

Book Fair



Thank you to everybody who supported the Book Fair. It was a great success and as a result we will receive a large number of books for reading activities in the school..

Thank you to Rhona SIRR, Geraldine McKiernan, Anna Lyons and Rebecca Dalchow (T.Y. student) for all their help in organising and running the event.



Sport

G.A.A. football and Table Tennis Coaching with Mick Gillick and Philip McLaughlin are continuing in the school. In the past few weeks, with the support of Leixlip United soccer club, the 3rd classes have begun soccer training with Robbie Boylan. Hurling training with Mick Gillick will begin before school on 3rd December.

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 Clare MacHugh for organising the competition.

The school Cross Country team will compete in the Leixlip Schools Event on Thursday 6th December.

Thank you to Niall Sherlock and many others for supporting and helping the team.

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.

Credit Union

Leixlip Credit Union comes to the school every Tuesday at 9.20 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 well in excess of 100 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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