



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new school newsletter. We hope you will enjoy catching up on the goings-on at this busy time of year here in St. Ronan's!

Thank You!

Thank you all for your generous support for our book fair. Thanks to you all, we earned books for your children's classes.

The fair could not have happened without the parents who volunteered their time for the week, so an extra special thank you to them.

Nativity Play

Third Class will perform the nativity play in the church on Tuesday December 20th at 11 o'clock. All are welcome to attend.



Senior Infants will be performing their Christmas drama, "Ralph the Reindeer", in the school hall on Wednesday 21st of December at 11 o'clock and parents are invited to come along and support their child.

Christmas Annuals

The Christmas annuals from Folens will be available during the month of December. Annuals cost €2.50 each and are available for all age groups. Every annual includes a free pen or pencil.

Yellow Flag Update

The Yellow Flag committee continues to work in the school. Our most recent meeting was Friday November 25th and we appointed new members of the committee from the senior classes.

Useful Phrases: Irish

Each newsletter the student members of the diversity committee will research a new language for us to learn about. Included are some phrases with pronunciation in italics. Our first language is Irish!

Useful phrases:

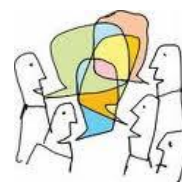
Hello **Dia duit** (dee-a guit)

Goodbye **Slán** (*slawn*)

Please **Le do thoil** (*le do hull*)

Thank You **Go raibh maith agat** (*gu rev mah ah-gut*)

Merry Christmas **Nollaig Shona** (*null-eg hunna*)



Whizz Kids

Fifth class students have been participating in the WhizzKids coding programme since September. During this time, they have been using coding programmes to create their own screensavers and games. As the children were working at a very advanced level, they also began writing codes for their own websites. The children completed the programme on Thursday, December 1st with a presentation to their parents.

Violin Concert

Fourth class are continuing their violin lessons with Matt. This year they are really focussing on learning some music to perform at a Christmas concert on December 13th. They have even composed a song and some music to accompany it (with a little help from Matt, of course!).

Ms. Barrett is doing some extra choir practice to prepare them for the Nativity plays.

Christmas Bazaar

Both fifth classes are currently busy establishing their own businesses through participation in the BÍ Gnóthach enterprise project. They have decided to plan and run a Christmas Bazaar where they will be selling handmade crafts and organising Christmas game stalls.

The children received a start-up grant from the local enterprise office in S.D.C.C. and have also applied to local businesses for sponsorship. They have carried out extensive market research and are now working on their advertising campaign and product development.

Their bazaar will be held in St. Ronan's on Friday 16th of December. All parents and children are welcome to attend.

Green Schools

The Green School committee officers for 2016/17 are as follows:

Chairpersons: Ashlyn Flynn & Thanh Nguyen

Secretaries: Jumoke Sosan & Nicole O'Sullivan

Clean & Green Team Organisers: Goodness Madu & John Adebisi

Liaison Co-Ordinator: Amelia Bimponda

The Clean & Green team have been very busy since September. They have planted lots of new fruit trees, plants and herbs around the school grounds. They have also been working on keeping the grounds rubbish-free every Tuesday.

In an effort to attain the biodiversity Green Flag for the school the team have created a hibernaculum for hedgehogs and a leaf mould in the wooded area. Plans are currently ongoing for the development of a "grow your own" vegetable garden in the school grounds.

Dragons Den

Children from Ms. Reilly and Mr. O'Neill's classes recently participated in a "Dragon's Den" project organised by Junior Achievement and held at Xilinx in City West. The children appeared before the Dragons and presented their ideas.

Festive Baking

Come along to a baking class in the parent's room on December 13th & 14th to make and take home your own Christmas cake and/or pudding. There is a cost of €5 per item baked to cover the ingredients and, if possible, please bring a cake tin or pudding basin.

Christmas Trips

The children from junior and senior infants are heading to the Helix on December 9th to see Frosty the Snowman.

First and second classes are off to panto on the same day to see Robin Hood at the Gaiety.