



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the final newsletter of 2016!

School closes for the holidays at 12:00 on Thursday 22nd of December and reopens at 8:50 on Monday the 9th of January. We wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Santa Visit

Santa visited with gifts for the children from junior infants to second class on Monday December 19th. The children had a brilliant day. Thanks to all involved in setting up Santa's grotto in the hall.

Maths for Fun

This month saw the start of Maths for Fun in Ms. White's first class. Parent volunteers come into the class and play fun games with the children.

These games help the children strengthen their counting and other maths skills, and they always love it when their parents get involved in their class!



Cycling Safety course

Earlier this term fourth class completed a six week cycle safety course with Don. It was great fun and they learned how important it is to follow the Rules of the Road when out cycling. Don taught them the correct hand signals and now they can cycle safely and responsibly around their community.

Merry Christmas around the world

Vietnamese **Giaing Sinh**
Polish **Wesolych Świąt**
Romanian **Craciun Fericit**
Lithuanian **Linksmų Kalėdų**
Yoruba (Nigeria) **Ikini ọdun Keresimesi**
Irish **Nollaig Shona Duit**
Chinese **Shang Dan Jiang**
Ibo (Nigeria) **Obiuto Nke Christmas**

Thanks to our student Diversity Committee members for collecting this information!

Deansrath Walking Club

We are taking a break from our hillwalking activities now as it gets dark too early in the evenings to fit in walks after school. So far we have been on 3 walks and we have 37 members this year.

Walks will resume in the Spring.

Music at St. Ronan's

Second class are continuing with their tin whistle lessons and have learned Jingle Bells for the Christmas season!

Third and fourth classes violin lessons are ongoing with Matt Rafter, and they recently provided an excellent concert for their fellow students in the hall.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas bazaar was a massive success and 5th class teachers and pupils would like to thank the parents, staff and children for their support! All money raised is going to the Green School committee.

Cross Country Running

Training takes place for 10 minutes before school on Mondays and Wednesdays (weather permitting) and usually on Friday afternoons during school time.

Well done to the 79 children who took part in the Christmas Mile.

Here is a list of the 3 fastest boys and girls in each class:

- 6th** Shadrack, Abdi, Michael
Rebecca, Gladys, Nicole
- 5th** Kian, Stephen, James
Goodness, Chloe, Taylor
- 4th** Adedayo, John M., Jonathan
Amber Lee, Lisa,
- 3rd** Radwan, Sebastian, Ion
Sandra, Chloe, Rebecca M.

Fifth class writing competition

Ms. Conlon's class enjoyed great success recently in the Clondalkin Library letter writing competition. The winners were: Osinachi, Roberta and Judith – well done to them!

Help over Christmas

Christmas can be a difficult time for many people, with financial worries or maybe the loss of a loved one taking away from the magic and excitement of the season. Maybe having someone to talk to could help?

St. Vincent de Paul: 01-8550022
Barnardos: 01-4530355
Womens Aid Freephone: 1800 341 900
Samaritans: 1850 60 90 90
Console: 1800 201 890

First Communion

The Enrolment Ceremony for the First Holy Communion took place at the end of November.

All the children did a great job and it was wonderful to see so many parents attend!

Green School Committee

Well done to all who entered our Recycled Christmas Decoration competitions. The standard just keeps getting higher and higher!

The winners went on to represent our school in the South Dublin County Council competition and we had great success, beating entrants from other schools in the South Dublin area!

Congratulations to overall winner Maja Wroblecka, (fourth class), and Roberta and Debora (fifth class), Kayla, Abbie and Abby (fifth class), and Beatrice (fourth class) who were winners in their age categories.



Junior Infants

The junior infant children had a great day recently when parents came to their class and took part in art activities as part of the Clover initiative.

Thanks also to parents who attended the information meetings and picked up their book packs.