

Scoil Phádraig Naofa

Newsletter

December '20

Celebrating Christmas in S.P.N.

Celebrating Christmas in SPN has always been one of the highlights of the school year. We were determined that this year would be just as special despite Covid-19.

Celebrations began on the 1st of December with the 'Big Switch'. All classes joined in on google meets to light up their classrooms and trees at the same time. All doors in the school have been decorated with trees, elves, presents, snowmen to name but a few.

Great fun was had on the 9th of December when Christmas songs were played on the intercom and all classes had to Drop Everything And Dance!

Christmas Jumper Day on 14th December was a huge success. This year money was raised for Crumlin Children's Hospital. This cause is particularly important to us as one of our junior infants Sophia Conway is a regular patient. A total of €1,500 was raised. Thank you to all families who donated.

Congratulations to everyone who entered our whole school Christmas Art Competition. The **Junior Winners** were: **1st place:** Eva Loughman, **2nd place:** Isobel Tully, **3rd place:** Abigail Joy. **Senior Winners:** **1st place:** Vishnu Thoolikathu Jaya, **2nd Place:** Gráinne Noonan, **3rd place:** Amelie Coules. The standard was impressively high.



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Christmas Movie Day on Monday 22nd was a big hit. A very important man came to visit and gave presents to all classes. Thank you to our Parents Council for arranging this for us.



The whole school was treated to a special performance by Ms. Jackson's 5th class on Tuesday through google meets. They sang and danced and invited the whole school to join them sing Silent Night.



We could not have our traditional Christmas plays this year, however many classes were busy making videos to send home so families could share in some of our Christmas joy.

We hope our 6th class pupils brought some cheer to the residents of Clover Lodge and St. Vincent's Hospital recently when they wrote to them telling them about what they were getting up to in school and wishing them a Happy Christmas.



Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Our 3rd class pupils finally got to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Each of our four 3rd classes had their own special ceremonies which were both spiritual and intimate despite restrictions. We were very proud of all the boys and girls who received sacraments. Their patience, excellent behaviour and hard work really paid off. Thank you to Fr. Rigney, all parents involved and our 3rd class teachers for making it all possible. We hope our pupils will have long lasting fond memories.



Christmas Raffle

Once again as a school we want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful support and generosity we receive every Christmas. As always, the Christmas raffle brought great excitement to all in S.P.N. There were two draws this year. The first was for families in the school and the second was for individual pupils. All winners can be seen on the school website. Thank you to everyone who sponsored and donated prizes. A special thank you to our parent council members for organising the raffle. Thank you also to families who made voluntary contributions to the school.

Reminders

School closes on the 23rd December at the following times:

- **Junior Infants, ASD Classes:** 11.45am
- **Senior Infants:** 12pm
- **1st, 3rd, 5th:** 12.15pm
- **2nd, 4th, 6th :** 12.30pm

School reopens on Wednesday 6th January.
Normal school times apply.

We ask that all families fill in the Covid survey which will be sent out before our return in January.

If you need to contact the school about a Covid related issue during the holidays please email info@sfnathy.ie

The Staff of Scoil Phádraig Naofa would like to wish you all a very Merry and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

