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Beannachtai na Nollag is gach dea-ghnì do na h-Àthbhlàna daoibh go léir!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01	02	03	04
 <p>On behalf of the Board of Management and staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families & friends of the school a happy & healthy Christmas. It has been another very challenging term for everyone and we sincerely appreciate your continued support. School will reopen on Thursday 6th January for all classes.</p> 				 <p>SCHOOL SAVINGS CONTINUE EVERY THURSDAY</p>	 <p>Thank you to all our families who supported the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal so generously again this year.</p>	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
	<p>KEEP PRACTISING YOUR LINES & SONGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES</p> 	<p>MINI- MUSICIANS CONTINUES EVERY TUESDAY</p> 		 <p>GAA COACHING CONTINUES EVERY THURSDAY FOR SENIORS, 1ST & 2ND</p> <p>DRAMA CONTINUES FOR 3RD – 6TH CLASS EVERY THURSDAY</p>		 <p>WHEN CHOOSING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE GIFT OF READING IS A GIFT FOR LIFE.</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 <p>SAVING STATEMENTS WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL FAMILIES IN JANUARY</p>		<p>RETURN YOUR RAFFLE CARD BY TODAY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FULL CARD SELLERS DRAW</p>	<p>RECORDING OF CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES</p> 	<p>CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</p> <p>WILL BE HELD TODAY WITH LOTS OF FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!</p>	<p>THE HELIX PANTO WILL BE STREAMED IN ALL CLASSES TODAY</p>	 <p>BOARD GAMES, JIGSAWS AND CONSTRUCTION TOYS SUCH AS LEGO, MECHANO AND MAGNETIX ARE EXCELLENT CHOICES TOO!</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<p>CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK</p> 	<p>IT'S A NON-UNIFORM WEEK! THE CHILDREN CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CHRISTMAS JUMPERS/CLOTHES THIS WEEK</p>	 <p>SCHOOL WILL CLOSE @ 12 O'CLOCK FOR ALL CLASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</p>		 <p>CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

If we cannot go to the Panto, then the Panto will come to us!

As a special reward for all our classes for their hard work again this term and in particular for observing all our Covid procedures and mitigation measures so well, we will be watching the **Helix Panto Online** in school with lots of treats to enjoy! We will leave the boo's of 2021 behind and bring some Panto-style festive cheer into all the classrooms. Produced by TheatreworX, 'Red Riding Hood- Schools Edition' will be available exclusively to schools to stream on-demand from the 16th – 23rd Dec. It promises to bring the fun of the live stage show into our school! CKCD have very kindly arranged for a very special delivery of selection boxes directly from Santa later in the month for all children to take home and enjoy. We will be very excited to receive them!



Many thanks for your participation in the Parent Teacher Phonecalls in November & December. Please note Ms. Mulhall's calls will be rescheduled for early in January. We would like to thank all parents who made time to take the calls and to affirm your child's progress. We got a great sense of support from the calls.



The last number of weeks have been very challenging for everyone and in particular last week

with the introduction of mask wearing for children from 3rd – 6th Class. Please be assured that we put the children, and their safety and well-being, at the centre of everything we do. The children have been fantastic at wearing their masks in class and have shown fantastic resilience.

I understand that people have different views on Covid/mask wearing. However, as a school, we must follow the government requirement that pupils need to wear masks unless exempt. We want everybody to be happy and safe in school and will do our best to ensure this measure doesn't cause upset or distress to pupils. During yard time, PE and of course eating times the children will not wear masks. In addition to these times, children will have regular mask breaks. Like adults, it will take time for children to get use to wearing masks, and we will be cognisant and sympathetic towards this.

These measures are being brought in to try and keep classes and schools open, particularly with the surge of Covid Cases in primary schools. We have been witness to this increase as a school and a locality and its something we are all concerned about.



Despite the disruption caused by the pandemic we are really looking forward to the build up to Christmas in school. There is a great atmosphere, particularly with the arrival of the elves from the North Pole playing tricks all over the school. Shay Casserly will record our Junior Infant Nativity & Christmas performances from the other classes on Wednesday 15th December and we hope to share the recording with all our families before the holidays. As we count down to the 15th December, please continue to practice the songs at home!



We have also been issued with guidance on the use of Antigen Tests for asymptomatic children where a confirmed case of Covid-19 is identified in the school. These new measures came into place on Monday 29th November. The Department of Education have asked us to remind everyone that if your child has any respiratory symptoms, they should self-isolate at home and get a Covid-19 PCR test. Even if a child's Covid-19 test is negative, if they continue to have respiratory symptoms they should not go to school as they may spread other viral infections



To Ryan Kelleher, St Michaels U-13 Boys Team and Zara Cogan, Isabelle Carpenter, Letoya Lynch, Áine Flanagan, Áine O'Loughlin & Lauren Reilly from the U-13 Girls team who were crowned county champions in recent weeks. We are incredibly proud of all the players, many of whom are past pupils for their commitment to training and sportsmanship in their matches. They are very worthy champions!



Our Christmas Raffle cards were sent home to all families last week. There has been a great response and we have a fantastic first prize of a Lenova Laptop! We ask all families to support the raffle as best they can as every child will benefit from the proceeds of this fundraiser which go towards Drama & Music lessons and classroom resources.

Lines cost €2 each, a full card is €50. Each fully sold card which is returned before the 15th Dec, will be entered into a special sellers' draw. The raffle will take place in school on Thurs 16th Dec. and will be overseen by Fr. Liam. All classes will watch the raffle by zoom! Remember if you're not in you can't win!

