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December 2019 Newsletter

Christmas Celebrations: Well done to all of the children who performed on the stage over the past couple of days. The Junior and Senior Infants performed magnificently on Tuesday morning with their plays, 'A Miracle in Town' and 'Woopsy Daisy Angel'. Many thanks to Mrs O'Meara and Miss O'Grady for preparing the boys so well. On Wednesday night we had a Nativity Carol Service for all pupils from 1st to 6th class. We had a full hall and great entertainment that was enjoyed by all who came. Thanks to all the family members who attended and supported the raffle and to everyone who helped to make it a very special night in our school. Thanks to the múinteoirí, staff and in particular to Ms Beary for preparing the boys so well. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the purchase of ICT resources for our classrooms.

Christmas Raffle: Many thanks to everyone who sponsored prizes for our raffle during the week. I would particularly like to acknowledge the local businesses that contributed including Oscar and Co. Barbers, The Village Inn, Parkway Shopping Centre, Maxol, Limerick Paints, Quigley's Café, Bakery and Deli and Supervalu



Science Week: 2nd, 4th and 5th classes excellent workshop in the University of Limerick and Mary Immaculate College during Science week. We also had a fantastic science fair in the school during the week where our 6th boys conducted a wide array of interesting experiments for all classes in the school. Thanks to Miss O'Grady and Mr Shanagher for all their work with the pupils.

Parents Association: Thanks to everyone who attended last month's AGM. John Nugent and Savannah Mason have been elected as the joint chair of the Parents' Association while Jennifer Chambers and Martina Crkonova continue in their roles as secretary and treasurer respectively. We thank them for their commitment to the school and wish them well in their roles for the coming year. We again appeal to anyone who would like to assist the work of the committee in any way to contact any committee member or by emailing parents@stpatricksgboysns.com for more information.

Board of Management: A new Board of Management has been assembled over the past month and began its four-year term on the 1st of December. The new board includes the following: Very Rev. Fr David Gibson (Chairperson), Anthony Liddane (Secretary) Anthony Egan, Eva Lengenova (Parents' nominees), Claire McMahan and Seán Ryan (Community nominees), Chris Mortell (Patron's nominee) and Olive O'Sullivan

(Teacher Nominee). I would like to thank them for offering their time in this voluntary capacity. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Eavan Martin and Ray McCloskey from the previous board for their commitment to the school over the past four years. This is also time to remember Jack Sheehan who passed away in July but also served on the last board as well as many more before that. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilís.

Health and Safety

As is the case every year, our Junior Infants and any new entrants to the school will be receiving their vaccinations in the new year unless they had received them previously. Thanks to all parents for your cooperation in returning consent forms on time. As you know, attendance is really important in school. However, if your child is genuinely sick please leave him at home until he is fit to return. You can understand, the risk of spreading illnesses in classrooms is quite high. In the event your child is absent from school, we ask that you send a note to his teacher on return, explaining the absence. This is a really important record that the school must keep for every absence in a school year.

Attendance: I am delighted to say that Third class had the highest attendance for the month of November at 97.5%. Well done Rang a Trí!

Donation: Many thanks to Aughinish Alumina for very kindly donating €500 to our school's ICT fund as part of their support for local schools and organisations. It is greatly appreciated.

Birds of Prey Exhibition: Many thanks to Willie and Liam Forde of Adare Country Pursuits for bringing their amazing array of birds to our school earlier this month. The highlight of the day was the majestic golden eagle and the peregrine falcon, which you may not know, is the fastest animal in the world. The pupils were mesmerised by the birds and learned a lot from the presentations.

Parent teacher meetings: Thanks to all parents for attending your parent teacher meetings last month. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please ensure that you make your rescheduled appointment.

Closing: We will be closing for our Christmas holidays on Friday the 20th of December at 12pm. We will be reopening on Monday, January 6th.



Sincerely,

Anthony Liddane,

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