



Newsletter

December 2022

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9 th December	Cinema Trip (Junior Infs to 4 th)
Thursday 15 th December	Cinema Trip (5&6 th classes)
Wednesday 21 st December	Christmas holidays (School will close at 12:00 noon.)
Thursday 5 th January	School re-opens

Christmas Holidays

The school will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday 21st December. The school will re-open on Thursday 5th January.

Christmas Plays December 2022

Class	Teacher(s)	Time & Date
Infants	Ms. McGettigan	1:15 pm Friday 16 th
First Class	Mrs. McCandless	1:15 pm Thurs 15 th
Second Class	Ms. McDaid	1:30 pm Mon 19 th
Third Class	Mrs. Edel Doherty	2:00 pm Mon 19 th
Fourth Class	Ms. Aisling McGonagle	2:00 pm Thurs 15 th
Fifth & Sixth	Mr. Doherty&Mr. McFeely	1:30 pm Wed 14 th

Cinema Trips

All classes will go on a cinema trip this Christmas. Junior Infants to Fourth Class will go to **Elf** on Friday 9th December and fifth and sixth classes will see **Home Alone** on Thursday 15th December. Please note that both these films are rated PG. The cost for all the trips will be €5. The Parents' Association will cover the cost of the buses. Please bring this money to the class teacher by Wednesday 7th December.

Separate notes will be issued to the children with guidelines for the cinema trips.

Christmas Jumpers

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday 2nd & Friday 16th December and also on 19th, 20th, 21st December.

Fifth & sixth class pupils may wear their jumpers on Friday 9th also. (Please see notes in diaries.)

St. Vincent de Paul

We are not asking parents this year to donate to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Instead, we will support our local St. Vincent de Paul. Envelopes will be distributed on Monday December 5th. **All money collected will be used in the local area.** Families have been extremely generous in the past and this has been much appreciated. We look forward to a positive response this year.

Safe cycling

Sixth class pupils have received cycling training from Fergus and Gemma McDaid, who are providers of the national standard for cycling training known as Cycle Right. The training is completed over a four-week period. On the fourth week the boys will be taken out on the local roads.

This initiative is funded by Department of Transport (RSA), Green Schools and Donegal County Council. The children are receiving excellent training and having outside fun at the same time. We are delighted to avail of this programme.

Concern Primary Debates

Our first debate was against Scoil Phádraig, Drumkeen. We opposed the motion School Uniforms Should be a Thing of the Past. The standard was very high but the boys managed to defeat the motion. Congratulations to Alex Bradley (captain), Darragh O'Donnell and Ben Kelly.

The next round is against Scoil Colmcille, Greencastle and we will propose the motion that All Schools Should be Gaelscoileanna. We look forward to the challenge.

The Sound of Music

Our senior pupils visited Carndonagh Community School on Wednesday 30th November to see the school's production of The Sound of Music. Congratulations to all involved. The show was fabulous and the boys really enjoyed it. We were delighted to see some of our past pupils taking part.

TY Students

We were pleased to welcome TY students to our school recently. Evan Doherty, Luke McLaughlin (both past pupils) and Jamie Doherty joined us for their TY work experience. They were a great addition to our team and they were great role models for our boys. We wish them every success in their future studies.

50/50

Congratulations to John Sadler (Junior), Senior Infants who was the winner of last week's 50/50 draw. John won €183. The winner this week was John McElhinney who won €142. There will be a draw every Wednesday up until the Christmas holidays.

HSCL (Home School Community Liaison)

Home visits are one of the key ways the HSCL co-ordinator works with families to build strong relationships. I hope to get out and meet families before Christmas. My door is always open too if anyone wants a chat or needs anything. I'm in the Boys' School all day Monday, all day Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

Pilates classes are coming to an end on Monday 5th December. Thanks to Siobhan Lincoln from 'Wild Atlantic Way Yoga and Pilates' for facilitating this and for the parents who took part.

English for Fun is currently ongoing with 3rd Classes from the Boys' school and Girls' school. Thank you to Mrs. Doherty, Múinteoir Rita and all our parents who are taking part. Everyone is thoroughly enjoying it.

The boys from 3rd class to 6th class have recently taken part in 'Online Safety' workshops, sponsored by Barnardos and Google. This is particularly important at this time of year when children may be getting access to devices with the internet for Christmas. We want to keep our children safe online!

We have an 'Online Safety' workshop for parents on Friday 2nd at 10am. Feel free to come in at drop off time for a coffee and chat in our Parent's Room.

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Sport

Swimming lessons continue for fourth class and finish next Tuesday. Third class lessons have been arranged for the new year, more details to follow.

Rugby: Stephen Kelly is successfully conducting very enjoyable rugby sessions with 4th, 5th and 6th classes on Thursdays. The boys are learning to move forward as a team by supporting one another with lateral and backward passes.

Soccer: The boys completed their six-a-side league and continue to play games at lunchtimes. Further inter-school competitions will take place after the Christmas break. Donal O'Carroll, Riley Houten and Adam McLaughlin all remain in The Last Man Standing competition. The senior classes (3rd to 6th) have taken part in a 2022 World Cup Sweep and the winners will be revealed on 18th December.

Hurling: Cathal Doherty is working with 5th & 6th and 1st & 2nd classes on Tuesdays.

Fundamental Skills: John Gibbons is doing fundamental skills with Infants and third class every Tuesday.

Sympathy

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to Ms. Geraldine McIntyre on the death of her father, Oliver McIntyre. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.