



Scoil Ghormáin Naofa

Christmas Newsletter 2021



A word from Ms. Russell

We have arrived at Christmas break after a busy and very different term in school. While many routines have changed for children, I have yet again marveled at their resilience. We are mindful that anxieties don't always present however, and have worked hard as a staff to create the most supportive environment possible in terms of well-being. I continue to see the benefits of enhanced movement breaks for learning and wellbeing. The introduction of our Amber Ambassadors (council for the promotion of positive mental health) has created a structure to formalise our approach towards cultivating well-being in school. Our class representatives are so enthusiastic and made Inside Out Day such a success. We look forward to lots of other initiatives in the new year. Childhood is a brief passage of time and we will continue to do our best to provide a school environment that is childhood friendly and offers an escape from the constant cloud that is Covid, whilst maintaining safe practices and excellent learning opportunities.

We hope you have enjoyed our Dojo uploads of class Christmas performances and hope that we will perform for you all in person next year.

I wish you all a peaceful, healthy and restful Christmas

Emer Russell



Junior Infants - Miss Morris

This was really the term of firsts here in Junior Infants! First day of school, first day staying in for 2 play times, first day getting homework, first day of aistear and on the list goes! The whole class have worked so hard since September and they really deserved their Christmas treats! There was a clear favourite when it came to picking our highlight of the term and it was definitely the day that we got to wear our pyjamas to school! It was such a fun day because the children just had to roll out of bed and straight into school without having to stop to get dressed! All day long the kids stayed cosy in their favourite pyjamas and dressing gowns! Thankfully nobody fell asleep during class time although a few did ask for nap time (but after how hard all of the children have worked since September I can't blame them for asking for a nap!!!!)



Ms. Walker's room:

This term we have had lots of fun. Our favourite things to do are Aistear, art and rugby. We have really enjoyed working on all our fundamental skills with Eoghan. We loved the theme of 'Pirates' in Aistear and role play and construction were really fun. There were sword fights and treasure findings galore. We surprised ourselves with what we could make from the recycling bin! We look forward to art every Wednesday. Yesterday we worked with puffy paint. It was messy, but fun! Ms. Walker, Sharon and all the boys and girls of senior infants and 1st class wish everyone a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



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2nd /3rd class Ms. D'Arcy / Ms. McDevitt

Dia daoibh, Well it's difficult to know where to start as we have had such a fun packed busy term. The boys and girls settled in nicely to their new class, with two teachers. In a few months, they have learned lots and moved lots. The following is some of our activities. We've enjoyed lots of Irish, English and maths and they have particularly enjoyed P.E, art, music and stations. In our most recent stations lesson, we learned lots about helping our planet and recycling which ties in nice with Green Schools. Halloween dress up and disco on the yard and scooter day was super fun. Not forgetting having a healthy breakfast in school, which was a real treat. We've never seen children to eat so much. We couldn't fill them!!!

Inside out day was definitely different and fun. Music on the yard on Friday's gives happy vibes too as well as Rugby training and Run Around Europe (we've nearly reached Rome). They loved the maths trail and maths eyes challenges in October. Also a big highlight was our recent trip to the tree farm. Everyone learned so much and had great fun. We even came home with a sabling each.

Most recently, the children are having so much fun with many Christmas themed topics. Christmas as Gaeilge, story writing, poems, fun maths, games, dancing, making decorations and other art. A special part of Christmas we have loved learning about is Advent and Jesus' birthday. Finally we've had great fun learning our Christmas song and rap which we hope you enjoy.

Nollaig Shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh ó 1st/2nd.

P.S Ms.D'Arcy's highlight this term was Tara Rocks beating Liam Mellows in the county final.



3rd and 4th Class Ms Ní Shúilleabháin

We have had an exciting and busy term. They are a hard-working, happy crew!

We produced great project work this term. Our Ancient Romans projects were excellent! We loved dressing up as Romans for a day and eating a Roman feast! Our Science Experiments were great also- we had a really explosive week of fun!

We have really enjoyed Art this term and learned lots about The Colour Wheel. We painted spider webs, Roman colosseums, aqueducts and winter silhouettes.

Ukulele lessons have been so much fun. We loved composing and performing our songs "Christmas Lights" and "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" with Diarmuid Comerford! All of the rehearsal is paying off for these budding musicians.

Enjoy your break everyone and see you in the New Year!

Mr. Breen 5th and 6th Class

Mr. Breen's class have had a very busy term in school with lots of great experiences. They have all worked extremely hard and here is a little reminder of some of the things we have been up to. The children have been really enjoying their writing genres off over the past several weeks. They created very interesting and imaginative Christmas narrative stories. Enjoyed Christmas art through zoom while science proved to be very interesting as we examined climate change, animal life along with a workshop on DNA and forensic science. Our trip to the Ahare River was very interesting as we learned all about biodiversity in our rivers. We have certainly being keeping very active with our Santa Dash, run around Europe, our trip to the stables, scooter day and we are enjoying Rugby where the boys and girls are showing excellent team work and co-ordination. The class also got a glimpse of fame as RTE News 2day paid us a visit to discuss The Budget! The class are certainly looking forward to a well-deserved break. Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

