

I would like to kick off this newsletter by saying well done to everyone, it has been a wonderful run up to Christmas!!

Within this newsletter, we will look back at some of the highlights of the lead up to Christmas break as well as acknowledging everyone who has helped this busy December run so smoothly.

- Fiona

#### **Christchurch Carol Service**

Steven took the reins on this one and helped the boys prepare for what was an absolutely smashing concert on Thursday morning.





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Thank you to Abigail Sines & Max Greenwood from Bimm who helped us to organise such a great performance.

# **CHRISTMAS**

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A HUGE thank you to all those who have donated hampers to the school, especially;

- CBC Monkstown

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- Noel at Liberty Church
- Glanmore foods
- Local pharmacies
- SuperValu Kilmainham

Fairytale of New York was performed beautifully at our assembly by 2<sup>nd</sup> class student Alfie who has a real talent on the piano. A future star in the making!

The Green school committee had an interesting visit to the offices of An Taisce where they watched a movie on climate change in the conference room and made Christmas decorations from recycled materials.





### Friday the 13th!!!!!

#### **AKA Nannies Day**

We decided to have a special morning here at the school to honour some very special people in our lives.... Our nannies!! A lovely morning was had by all.



## **Christmas Decorating at Christchurch Cathedral**



Third class had the privilege of decorating the Christmas tree at Christchurch Cathedral with sheep decorations made by the whole school!

Our December chess 'king' is.......

Kai Doyle from Julie's 4<sup>th</sup> class



6th December... Panto Day - Oh, Yes it was!!





Sinead's 3<sup>rd</sup> class all dressed up for Christmas

#### Christmas message from the Principal,

As we bid farewell to 2019, I would like to congratulate our boys for their accomplishments so far this school year. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of staff and parents also. The reality is that the learning experiences and projects that have taken place this year could not have happened without a great deal of commitment and support from the staff, parents and students. I am privileged to be a part of a school with such committed teachers, wonderful support staff and dedicated parents.

There has never been a time when being a teacher has been busier, more demanding or challenging. To our teachers and support staff, thank-you for your energy, passion and enthusiasm. Everyone should be applauded for the way in which they have embraced the rewards and challenges of this curriculum and implemented it with positivity and enthusiasm.

Through our academic programs, as well as our extracurricular activities, we have seen so many achievements in all of our classes. A students' achievements whether they be great or small bring pride to the school. Not a week goes by that we are not as a school celebrating the successes of our boys, whether these successes be in the classroom, playing an instrument, on the sporting field or in a competition.

Let's hope 2020 brings as much success and fun as we have had so far this school year.

Happy Christmas to all and have a safe, happy and holy holiday.

Fiona Collins, Principal.

A big thank you to our amazing Avril McClenehan who has kept the teachers, the parents and the community up to date with the many events, successes and general goings on at our school through our social media pages.

Please remember to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @

5th class enjoyed an afternoon of festive cheer on Wednesday 18<sup>th,</sup> at the Community Christmas Concert in St. Patrick's Cathedral with performances from the Grammar School & Forget Me Nots choir

### **Christmas Plays**

Between this week and last week, we held our Christmas plays, which were a roaring success. Well done to all of our budding actors and singers!! A massive thank you to the teachers involved, especially Steven who lead the operation – we think he might have a new calling!!

Maison P in Maureen's class won a boxing award with St. Catherine's boxing club.

Jake L in 6th was also recognised for boxing achievements.





Our choirs performed in Eason's

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as well as SuperValu Kilmainham.

Thank you to all of our teachers and SNAs for constantly going above and beyond for our boys.

Thank you to the parents who are brilliant at getting involved and for giving us so much support.

Thank you to all of our staff - to Catherine, to the administration staff, the cleaners, to Paul and everyone who is involved in keeping the school running day to day and to all those involved in the breakfast club and the afterschool club.

Thank you to the local community for their continued support.

We will you all a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS