



Christmas Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

May I take this opportunity to wish all in our School community a very Happy Christmas and every good wish for the New Year. What an incredibly busy first term it has been as you will read from this newsletter!

It has been wonderful to see the children wearing their Christmas jumpers, making wonderful Christmas Art and enjoying the fun activities that have been ongoing during the month of December. It was very special to see our First classes and room 10 have their very first Christmas concert this year. It really was a special event as it was the last concert in the hall before it is refurbished in the new year. What fun we had at the Junior and Senior Infant Christmas sing along for parents and of course our wonderful children in room 6a singing their Christmas rhymes and songs also! Once again we are reminded how lucky we are to work with children of this age especially at this time of year.

I would like to thank our pupils for their hard work over the past term, our parents for your continuing support in all that we do, our Parents Association, members of our Board of Management, the staff, teachers, SNAs, bus escorts, Bernard and Gerry our caretakers, Mary, our secretary, our cleaning staff and all who contribute to the successful running of our school every day!

The countdown to Christmas has truly begun and perhaps Santa may bring the children some puzzles, books and hands on toys when he is packing his bag!

Wishing you all a Wonderful Christmas,

Nollaig Shona Daoibh go leir,

Anne-Marie O'Connor



Building Update

St. Conleth and Marys are hoping to move into their new building in the month of January, we will then move from our main school building into the prefabs. We are told that this move will take place sometime in January. We will keep you updated about the move, when we return to school after the Christmas holidays.





Christmas Cheer

The month of December spread lots of Christmas cheer about the school. Lots of different Christmas activities were organised which both children and staff enjoyed immensely. Our Seomra Draiochta was transformed into Santa's workshop. Children were active everyday with lots of different festive fitness activities such as Santa High Knees, Gingerbread Jumps to Christmas Stocking Squats to name just a few. Every classroom looked wonderful with a great selection of art activities. Many thanks to Miss Deasy and the children from room 16 for performing a gorgeous prayer service to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday the 8th of December. On Thursday 15th of December our First Classes performed lots of beautiful Christmas Carols and songs for their parents on the stage in the school hall. This was the schools last performance on the stage before it begins its refurbishment. On Monday 19th of December we had a Christmas Jumper Day. Our Junior Infant and Senior Infant classes took part in a Christmas Walk/Sing Along for their families. The children wore their Christmas jumpers and looked so festive as everyone sang a number of Christmas songs. Well done to everyone for making it a special time for us all.



Science Week

The children embraced Science Week 2022 with enthusiasm and energy. Our first classes kicked off the week with their visit to the reptile exhibition with Collie Ennis, a zoologist from Trinity College, Dublin. The children had the opportunity to meet some of Collie's friends including a giant African snail, a tortoise, a lizard and a snake.

The school was buzzing with science experiments underway in every nook and cranny. Junior Infants investigated dancing raisins, senior infants explored what materials are waterproof and first class undertook the "Awe and Wonder" experiment with paper towel colour mixing.

Other activities included a marshmallow building challenge, a musical jars science experiment, dissolving gummy bears, a skittles rainbow experiment and a static electricity experiment to mention a few. Science week was enjoyed by all and the future looks bright in the hands of our budding scientists.

Parents Associaton

Many thanks to our PA for organising the Christmas card Initiative and the Clothing collection. Both were a great success. It was lovely to see the children bring home their own designs and cards for their family. Our next PA meeting will take place on Tuesday the 17th of January at 8pm in the school. All are welcome to attend.



Riverbank Trip

We are fortunate to have the Riverbank so closely situated to us. Our First classes and Senior Infants had a fabulous time at 'The WhistleBlast Quartet' on Friday the 9th of December. The children enjoyed lots of Christmas music including some favourites from Tchaikovsky and Beethoven.

Junior Infants

Junior Infants have had such a busy term since Halloween. We did lots of fun experiments for science week including looking at the properties of different materials. We went to the Riverbank to look at an exhibition of felt artwork. It was lots of fun and we had a great time touching all the different materials. We started gymnastics this term with Kieran. The boys and girls are getting very good at tumbles and star jumps. We especially enjoy the inflatable tumbling mat.

The children have been doing lots of excellent winter and Christmas art. We have beautiful snow scenes, penguins and even gongs hanging up around the school.

Well done to all the boys and girls for working so hard this term.

Senior Infants

Senior Infants have had a very busy term. We had science week this term and the children took part in many different exciting experiments. We also went to a wonderful Christmas show, *the whistleblast quartet* in the Riverbank. We learned all about the post office this term too and we walked to the post office to post our very own letters. To finish up for the Christmas holidays senior infants performed Christmas songs in front of their families and looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers. We wish all the boys and girls in senior infants and their families a very Merry Christmas! ☺

First Class

It has been another very busy half term for our First classes with lots of hard work and fun activities. A real highlight of this term was Science Week which took place at the beginning of November. We loved listening to Collie Ennis and learning about his amazing reptiles- we even got a chance to pet a snake! We had a great week doing various experiments and STEM activities. There are certainly plenty of budding scientists, architects and engineers here. The children made fantastic progress in gymnastics and are sorry to be finished these lessons, huge thanks to our coach Kieran for all his hard work. On December 9th, there was great excitement when we got a chance to attend 'The WhistleBlast Quartet' in the Riverbank. The Christmas songs really got us in the festive spirit and we got to see lots of different instruments being played. We even got an opportunity to accompany the musicians with shakers, bells and boomwhackers!! We have also been very busy rehearsing for our own Christmas concert. We are practising our songs and poems every day and are really looking forward to performing on stage for our grown ups. What a busy and fun term we have had!! Happy Christmas from all our First Class children.



Enrolments for September 2023

Our school enrolment for Junior Infants 2023 will begin from **Thursday 5th January** and close on January 26th. Application forms will be available from the Parish Office from that date.

Illnesses, viruses & Bugs

All parents received some information from the school last week on the various illnesses that we are experiencing within our school at present. Please monitor your children closely and if they are feeling unwell please do not send them to school. Thank you.

Social Media

As many of you are aware our Instagram account is : social@stconlethininfantschool.ie If you wish to follow please email your class teacher with your Instagram account name and then log on to our school account and we will confirm. You can also follow us on our school website : www.stconlethininfantschool.ie and twitter page :St.Conleth'sInfants@SCInfantSchool



School closes on Wednesday 21st December @ 11.50 for Junior Infants, @ 12pm for Senior Infants and 1st Classes. School re-opens on Thursday 5th January 2023

Wishing you a happy and safe Christmas and every good wish for 2023

