

Christmas Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Feane family on the very sad passing of their little boy Jamie- Lee. Jamie - Lee was a much-loved member of our school community and he will be sadly missed by us all but especially his teacher Ms Cusack, SNA, Catherine and all the girls and boys in room 6.

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 Eamon our caretakers, Mary & Maria our secretary's, our cleaning staff and all who contribute to the successful running of our school every day!

May I take this opportunity to wish all in our School community a very Happy Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh go leir,

Anne-Marie O'Connor

Parent /Teacher Meetings

Our parent teacher meetings were held on Thursday 28th of November. Many thanks to all the parents who visited our school and met with our teachers. It was great to meet with so many parents and welcome you all to the school.

Christmas Activities

During the month of December lots of Christmas activities were organised which both children and staff enjoyed immensely. Every classroom looked wonderful with a great selection of art activities.

Many thanks to the children from First Class for performing a gorgeous prayer service to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday the 6th of December. Huge thanks Ms O'Connell and all the First class team for organising the prayer service and of course the school choir for providing some gorgeous carols on the day.



Our school choir had a very busy month of December. On Tuesday 10th of December, they performed in the convent. This was a very special occasion. On Thursday the 12th of December they performed in the Whitewater shopping centre and raised funds for the local share food charity. Huge thanks to all involved in the school choir for their expertise and dedication.

Our Junior Infant and Senior Infant classes took part in Jingle with the Junior infants and Sing Along with the Senior Infants for their families. The children wore their Christmas jumpers and looked so festive as everyone sang several Christmas songs. Well done to everyone for making it a special time for us all.

On Thursday 19th of December, we enjoyed a Christmas Jumper Day where everyone gathered in the hall to hear our first classes perform their beautiful carol service.



Science Week

The children embraced Science Week 2024 with enthusiasm and energy. 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 making butter, a marshmallow building challenge, STEM challenges, 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. Huge thanks to Ms Mc Paul for organising a fabulous week.

Riverbank Trips

We are fortunate to have the Riverbank so closely situated to us. In December, Our First classes and Senior Infants had a fabulous time at “The Whistle Blast’s Christmas Carol” The children thoroughly enjoyed the show with lots of wonderful Christmas Carols for the children to enjoy. Many thanks to the Riverbank Arts Centre for having us.



A Visit from fireman Alex

Many thanks to Alex from Dublin Fire brigade for coming to talk to our Junior Infant classes all about fire safety. We learned all about the job of a firefighter and a paramedic. This was a fabulous experience for all the children.





Parents Association

Many thanks to our PA for organising the Christmas card Initiative, which was a great success. It was lovely to see the children bring home their own designs and cards for their families. Our PA are organising a clothing collection on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th of January. 10 % will go to the Laura Lynn children's charity. Our next PA meeting will take place on Wednesday the 15th of January at 7.30pm in the school. All are welcome to attend.

PA Clothing Collection

We are having a fundraising clothing collection with Bag2school on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January.

We will accept items in any type of bag.

We Collect: Clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, belts and soft toys. *Clean, folded bedding and curtains (*in a separate bag).

We cannot Collect: duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, end-of-life clothing, mobile phones and tablets.



Junior Infants

The Junior Infants have had a fun-filled and busy few months, full of exciting activities and learning! After the Halloween break, they threw themselves into their new world at school, exploring new topics and building their knowledge every day. Science Week was a highlight, where the children enjoyed hands-on experiments, discovering how things work in the world around them. They were fascinated by the different experiments, and it was a great way to spark their curiosity about science.

In addition to all their learning, the Junior Infants had a special visit from a fireman and paramedic, who taught them about fire safety and emergency services. The children were thrilled to see the uniforms and equipment, and they even got to ask questions and learn about how these brave professionals help keep us safe.

The children have also been practicing hard for their Junior Infant Jingle performance, which is sure to be a festive treat for everyone. As Christmas approaches, the class has been busy creating beautiful Christmas artwork, from decorations to cards. Their creativity and hard work have been amazing to see, and they've really been enjoying the festive spirit. Well done to all the Junior Infants for their wonderful effort and enthusiasm!



Senior Infants

Senior Infants have had a wonderful and fun filled first term. We planted some Crocus bulbs out the front of our school and are really looking forward to seeing our flowers bloom in springtime. During Science week, our Senior Infant Scientists had great fun conducting various experiments and learning about famous inventors and the world around us. The children have also been very busy doing lots of winter and Christmas art. This term we learned all about the Post Office, we even wrote and posted our own letters to our friends and families. In December we were very lucky to get to visit The Riverbank Theatre. There, we were treated to a wonderful performance by the 'Whistleblast Quartet'. To finish off a busy term, we had a great time preparing for our Christmas Sing Along. The children learned a selection of Christmas songs and were delighted to share their festive performance with their families. Well done boys and girls!

Wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and happy new year! Nollaig Shona Daoibh go leir.



First Class

What a busy half term it has been for our First Classes. We kicked off November with Science week and we explored many aspects of the science world around us. We carried out the "Awe and Wonder" experiment where we explored the primary colours and colour mixing. The First Classes enjoyed a variety of topics across the curriculum in recent weeks including Food and Menu writing, Handa's Surprise and the African Safari. We also enjoyed the story of "The Salmon of Knowledge".

In recent weeks, our school choir have been very busy preparing for their special performances in the convent and the Whitewater. All children have been preparing for our Carol Service. Some of our favourite pieces include Somewhere Only We Know and Feliz Navidad. Our classrooms have been bustling with Christmas preparations as we celebrated the season of Advent. We have been busy learning about the story of the First Christmas, making Christmas cards and many other bits and bobs.

The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on. We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas. Nollaig Shona Daoibh go léir!!

Social Media

As many of you are aware our Instagram account is : [social@stconlethininfantschool.ie](https://www.instagram.com/social@stconlethininfantschool.ie) If you wish to follow us. You can also follow us on our school website : www.stconlethininfantschool.ie and twitter page :St.Conleth'sInfants@SCInfantSchool

School closes on Friday 20th December @ 11.45 for Junior Infants, @ 11.50pm for Senior Infants and 1st Classes. School re-opens on Monday 6th January 2025

Wishing you a happy and safe Christmas and every good wish for 2025

We would like to dedicate this Newsletter to Jamie- Lee Feane from Room 6.

Rest in Peace little angel.

