



St. Joseph's Christmas Newsletter 2017

The Board of Management would like to thank all the pupils, parents, and staff of St. Joseph's Mercy Primary School for their support of all school events throughout the last year. We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to working with you during 2018.

Christmas Concerts

Junior Infants will perform "I Spy Christmas" on Wednesday 20th December at 11.30am. Parents & families are welcome to attend. Please be seated by 11.20am.

Senior Infants will perform their play "A Little Nativity" on Tuesday December 19th at 11.30am.

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1st Class (Room 5) play will be performed on Tuesday December 19th at 2.15pm. Parents & families are welcome to attend.

There will be a **Carol Service** for the children from 2nd-6th to celebrate Christmas. It will take place on Thursday 21st December in the school hall. As space is limited only pupils will attend this Service.

Thank you to all staff and pupils for the wonderful Christmas Artwork around the school.



Christmas Crib Art Competition:

The class winners of the annual Navan Christmas Crib Art Competition are Remige Sabas, Blaithin Kennedy, Tara Stewart, Grace Gibbs, Casey Carpenter, Lily Mc Goona, Nomedra Cechanauskaite & Ella Aldred. Their work will also be displayed at Navan Live Crib in Kennedy Plaza over the Christmas period.

Zambian Missions

Thanks to all the children who brought in money for the Mission Box in their classroom. €227 was raised for the Zambian Missions.

We are also holding a Christmas raffle in the school to raise money for The Zambian Missions. The prizes are two beautiful Christmas hampers sponsored by Glanmore Foods. Tickets (€1 a strip and €2 for 3 strips) can be bought in the yard before school. Your support is greatly appreciated with this event.

Maths For Fun

A "Maths for Fun" event was held for 1st-5th classes during the last week of November. It was great fun and we had wonderful help from volunteer parents. Thank You to those parents and children in Ms. Murphy's 6th class who helped to organise

this event. Mrs. Casey's 6th class worked with children from Junior and Senior Infants. They were very busy looking at and discussing "Maths Eyes" pictures.



Thank You to everyone who helped.

Music



Well Done to Ms. Casey's singing group who performed in the Credit Union on Thursday 14th December for all the Credit Union customers. They have made great strides in a short time and are wonderful to listen to.



Sport

Rounders -Well Done to The Girls and Boys Rounders' teams this year who reached the finals in both competitions.. The Girls won The Meath Championship and the Boys were defeated in the final. It was a historic achievement for the school.

Gaelic Football –Well done to the girls who continue to train every Monday after school with Ms. Leahy & who played in the Mini 7s tournament in November. Eoin Lynch, Games Development Officer from Navan O' Mahony's continues to coach in the school every Friday morning. The school also fielded a team in the boys Mini 7s competition.

Karate –Pupils from 2nd Classes attend after -school Karate classes every Tuesday & Wednesday with their instructor Ronan Collins.

Meath Cross Country Championship- Four teams from the school competed in this event on November 15th in Bellewstown Racecourse.

Special Masses

Our school celebrated a Mass for the deceased members of our school community on Saturday November at 6pm. Pupils from 2nd to 6th also attended 10 am Mass on December 8th the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in St. Mary's Church.

Oxford Reading Tree

Mr Lynch would like to thank all the parents for their help in changing The Oxford Reading Tree Books for the children in the school. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Our school's Parent Teacher Meetings took place on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November 2017. We thank all parents for their attendance. Our school welcomes parental involvement in our pupils' education. If you ever need to discuss any issue or concern with your child's class teacher it is best to contact the school office for an appointment time with the teacher.

***Wishing you all a Wonderful Christmas.
The School reopens on Monday 8th January 2018.***