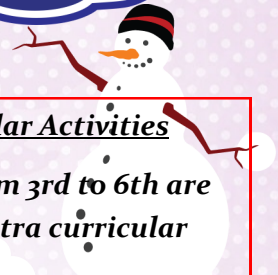


Sandpit NS

Christmas Newsletter



It has been a pleasure and privilege to lead our wonderful school this year in what has been a very busy first term.

We welcomed Ms. Rusin and Ms. Kirwan to our teaching staff and in September opened the door to 26 new students to our school.

Extra Curricular Activities

Each class from 3rd to 6th are taking on a extra curricular activity;

3rd class are busy working on the Young Engineer Award called "Steps".

4th Class are enjoying their journey with the Science Blast Programme.

5th Class have taken part in Marathon Kids and are partaking in the Blue Star Programme

6th Class are showing their entrepreneur skills by getting involved in the Young Entrepreneur Programme . Calenders are on sale now.

Open Night

We had a great community night at our Open Night on the 27th November. It was fantastic to see so many of our existing families and new families visiting our school. The children were thrilled to have an opportunity to show their school to their parents and to exhibit their hard work.



Sporting Activities on going in our school

Gaelic and Hurling

We have Gaelic and hurling coaching taking place and the children are really enjoying these sessions. The senior classes enjoyed playing matches against other local primary schools and did their school proud with their determination and excellent behaviour.

Basketball Coaching

4th, 5th and 6th class are partaking in basketball coaching and are enjoying these sessions.

Swimming

3rd class had a fantastic time going to the swimming lessons in Drogheda and we will book sessions for the Orchard and Meadows in the third term.

Athletics:

We took part in the athletics competition in Tullyallen and in St. Josephs secondary school. The children had a great day out.

Charity Work

We had a great response to our shoebox appeal with over 100 shoeboxes collected. On Tuesday 16th we will also be doing our annual Christmas Jumper Day for St Vincent de Paul Group to support people who are struggling in our own locality. We also raised over €1000 towards Paul Mathews trip to Uganda .

6th class are also involved in visiting Sunhill Nursing home each month where that get an opportunity to meet the residents sing, chat and play board games with them.

Music Generation

2nd & 3rd classes are doing very well on their stringed instruments and the children who signed up for additional lessons in the older classes are enjoying them immensely .

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs are in full swing on Mon—Thurs each week and all are going very well.

Weekly Mass

'We attend Mass on a Wednesday with 3rd– 6th classes taking turns to do readings, prayers and hymns. A special word of thanks to Fr. Paul for his visits to the school and all the hard work he does for our school community.



Student Council

Our new Student Council was elected early in the school year and is working very well . They have been a great help in delivering the lunches to all the classes, maintaining the flower pots, tasting hot lunches , presenting during Anti Bullying week and showcasing our school on the Open Night, It is wonderful to have a strong , reliable student council in our school .

School lunches

Cold lunches have started in our school and the feedback has been wonderful. The children are delighted to be getting their daily freshly made roll etc. We are in the process of applying for hot lunches. This is a long process so please be patient with this journey.

Enrolment Ceremony

Well done to all the students in Second Class on who have started their journey towards making their First Holy Communion. It is a very special year for them and we will help and support them on this wonderful journey.

Science and Maths week

The children had great fun carrying out various science experiments and doing maths trails, quizzes and games during Science and Maths week.

School visitors:

It is always great to have visitors visting our school and so far this year we had the pleasure of welcoming players from the Louth football team, St Feichins ladies team, community garda engineers, authors, etc.



Christmas Preparations and itinerary

Wednesday 10th : Christmas Mass 10am

Tuesday 16th :

The Meadows are performing at 9:10m for their parents.

Non uniform day for SVP—please donate

6th Class Carol Singing Sunhill Nursing Home @ 2pm

Wednesday 17th Christmas Carol whole school 11am - all parents invited to the school.

Thursday 18th : School choir will perform at Forge Field Farm shop @9am

Santa will visit the school at 11am

Friday : The Orchard class will perform a Christmas story for parents in the class @9:15am

Friday 19th Christmas holidays school finishes at 12pm for Juniors and Seniors and @12:10pm for other classes.

Finally I would like to thank every single staff member of Sandpit NS for their hard work over the past first term. It is a privilege to be Principal of a wonderful school like ours.

Thank you to all parents/guardians for their continued support. I hope everyone has a peaceful and happy Christmas . School will reopen on the 5th January.

Kind Regards,

S. Reilly,

Principal

