

# Scoil an Linbh Íosa News *(December 2008)*

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## **Christmas Concert**

The Christmas season is here again and this year we are all looking forward to a very special event in the life of our school. We are delighted to be hosting our first Christmas concert in our new hall on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7:30pm**. The BOM have done their best to improve the acoustics, and, with the co-operation and hard work of the staff and PTA, we are nearly ready.

Our senior pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will present this year's concert, while next year it will be the turn of the Junior classes. ( Due to the size of the school it would be impossible to facilitate all pupils and parents in one show).

## **Tickets**

With over 200 pupils involved in the concert, we regret that it will only be possible to invite parents/ guardians of the pupils taking part. There are two tickets issued to each family. These will be sent home with the pupils and it is important that these tickets are kept as they will be needed to gain entry on the night.

All of the pupils in the school will attend a performance during the school day and it will **not** be possible to accommodate children on the night (not even sitting on parents knees). As this is a public event, we must abide by health and safety laws, and we ask for your full co-operation in this matter. It will be very embarrassing for all concerned if we have to turn people away on the night.

The concert is free of charge. There will be a raffle organized by the PTA who have kindly offered to pay the costs involved. Our thanks to them and also to Tim Cassidy who built the stage and to Mc Carthys who provided him with the timber.

## **Note:**

Children taking part in the concert will go to their class on the night where they will be supervised by their class teacher. They are to be collected from their class when the concert is over. No pupils will be allowed walk home alone.

## **Santa's Grotto**

Santa's elves have been busy again this year and much to our delight our library has been converted into a Christmas wonderland. It will be open to parents on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec from 2:00pm to 3:30pm**. Please feel free to pop in and see for yourselves what great work the PTA do on your behalf.

The PTA have also managed to arrange a visit from Santa and he will be in the school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. We're sure he too will be very impressed with the grotto.

## Car parking

Thank you to all of you parents who support our walking initiatives and who are happy to put up with the inconvenience of parking away from the school and walking with your child. We appreciate it is not always the easiest option but it is the safest. We are working with the County Council at the moment and they have agreed to put in yellow lines across the road from the school. We continue to ask that people would refrain from parking on the footpaths. We have addressed this at assembly with the children and we will be talking about road safety in the classrooms in the coming year.

Please do your best to make the road a safe place for your child and for all our children.

**Do not park on the footpath. Keep your child safe. This advent give your child good example.**

## Calendar Reminders

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**                      **Christmas Holidays**  
*(School closed 12:00pm on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> and re-opens on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan)*

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup> (Tues)**                      **Staff Meeting**  
*(School Closed 2pm)*

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup> (Tues)**                      **Staff Meeting**  
*(School closed 12pm)*

**March 17<sup>th</sup> (Tues)**                      **Public Holiday**

**Note: The school will also be closed on, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March .to facilitate an inservice day. This date was only recently given to the school and therefore is not on the original calendar.**

## Book Fair

At our recent book fair, €4,100 worth of books were sold. The school will receive 60% of this in books for the library. Thanks to all who helped, in particular Liz Butler who organized the event.

## Witch and Wizard Walk

The final figure for the ‘Witch and Wizard Walk’ was €3,548.50.

It is hoped to have a second solar panel in place by the end of the school year. Thanks to Marianne Henry and the Greens School committee for all their hard work.

## Christmas Quiz

The Christmas quiz was a great success. It was held in the school and 49 teams participated. We wish to thank all the staff and the sponsors. Congratulations to the 2 teams from Scoil an Linbh who were joint first.

## Operation Christmas Child

Once again Operation Christmas Child was a great success and 170 boxes were filled by the pupils in the school.

Thanks to Lorraine Keane for all her help.

## Reminder

Thank you to all who have sorted out their accounts To those who have not, please get in touch with us here in the office. We are here to help and support and there may be options you don't know about.

*On behalf of us all here in the school I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas. (Mary Kavanagh)*