



Scoil an Linbh Íosa

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*Dear Parents and Guardians,
Time flies when you're having fun!
We must be having lots of fun in Scoil an Linbh Íosa because it is December already!
We have had a very busy term, beginning our school year with the new Junior Infants planting bulbs which will bloom in the spring and beautify our world, and now we are very excited about our Christmas preparations, especially our concert. In between there have been lots of books read, paintings created, maths solved, matches played and guitars strummed.
The staff have been working very hard to offer a great variety of school experiences to your children. With your help we have tried to create a positive, nurturing environment where the children feel safe and secure, have lots of friends, learn loads in all kinds of ways and are happy coming to school. We look forward to continuing the good work in the new year.
In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Christmas filled with joy and wonder and may you be blessed with health and happiness in 2017.
Nollaig shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.
Le gach dea ghuí.*

Geraldine Hetherton.



Dates to Remember

- **Christmas Quiz: Wed 14th December.**
- **Christmas Concert: Wed 21st December.**
- **Christmas Holidays: school closing at 12 o'clock on Thurs 22nd December . Re-opens Mon 9th January.**
- **Internet safety talk for parents on the evening of Mon 18th of Jan. (children will receive talk during school day).**



Christmas Concert: 21st December

Our concert will be performed by our J. Infants, 1st, 3rd and 5th classes. It is for adults only, as the children will have seen it already in school. The tickets will be issued soon. It will start @7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. (Donations will be taken at the door towards sound/light systems. Thank you)



Christmas Quiz: 14th December

Our quiz begins at 7pm and will be finished at approx. 9:15pm. We ask that the parents of Prosperous school children collect them from the corner door (beside the heron statue). This leaves the gym door free for the parents of the children from the other schools. Hopefully this will allow everyone to get home quickly and safely.

Mobile Phones:

We live in an increasingly technological world and the mobile phone is an integral part of that world. However, we believe that mobile phones are unnecessary in school and would encourage the children to leave the phone at home. If you feel that your child should bring a phone to school please remind them to hand the phone to the class teacher in the morning. It will be returned to them at home time. I also appeal to you to talk to your child about the responsible use of phones, as we want everyone to feel safe in our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Mile Buíochas:

We have a lot to be thankful for this term:



To Ms. Carroll for organising the collection of 168 shoe boxes for Team Hope. Thank you to all who donated.



To Mr. Molloy for helping us get to 2nd place in Mangahigh. We won a €500 Amazon voucher. Thanks to all the children who participated.



To Ms. Dunne for bringing the boys to the Soccer Blitz – last week. Well done.



To Mr. O Sullivan and Ms. O'Connor who trained our Under 11 Gaelic Team, who did fantastically well to reach the final.



To the children in the choir who Sang for Simon on Sunday evening. It was beautiful.



Well done to our Mini-scientists Callum Howley and Jessica Casey who represented the school in Intel on Friday, with their ultra violet oven. Thanks to Ms Mahoney for organizing the competition.



To Ms. Casey and Ms. Kiely for training the boys' and girls' basketball teams, who both won their matches against Newbridge Educate Together. The boys won 8-4 and the girls won 15-9.

To you all for your kind donations for our clothes collection. 🍀

Thank you very much for the donation of our beautiful

Christmas tree. 🎄



To the generous HP volunteers who gave up their time last week to give our children another Hour Of Code. It was a great experience for the children.



To Ms. Shanley for organising the Book Fair. We received almost € 3,000 Thank you all for continuing to encourage your children to read.



To you all for very generous sponsorship for the MS Readathon. We raised €5,900 for MS. Ireland.



To all of you for your generous sponsorship for our Halloween Parade. We raised € 3,500

A very special thank you to our hard working PTA:

For the money for the bus for school matches.

For the guitar lessons for 4th class, with Don Nea.

For money for books.

For organizing the Christmas card printing and

for decorating Santa's Grotto.



New members are always welcome to our PTA and they are now in search of a new treasurer.

Well done to our senior infants who took part in the Tidy Towns poster comp. Their masterpieces can be viewed on the Tidy Towns website.

Just a few reminders:

Please put your child's name on all their belongings. We have donated lots of clothes from lost property as they had no names on them 😞



We have a healthy eating policy, so we ask that you be mindful of your children's lunches. Give them as few wrappers as possible and remind them to bring home their rubbish as we only have compost bins on our yard.

We, as a green school, are hoping to go digital with our newsletter from next September! Therefore, we would like to make sure we have all of your e- mail addresses by April/May 2017. If you are unsure as to whether we have your address or not please write it into your child's journal and we will get it added to our list. Thank you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

