



# Presentation Primary School

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## **Presentation Primary School Newsletter** **December Edition**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The past eight weeks have been bustling with activity here at Presentation Primary School. The children have been fully engaged in their learning, participating in exciting events, and working on various projects. It has been a term filled with hard work, collaboration, and plenty of memorable moments. Below are some of the highlights from our school community:

### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Under the wonderful direction of Mrs. Cashman, our 5th class pupils led a tremendously successful Christmas Shoebox Appeal, collecting over 90 shoeboxes filled with gifts for those in need. We are so grateful for your incredible generosity in making this appeal another success. Thank you for spreading the spirit of giving!

### **Science Week Celebration**

Our school celebrated Science Week from the 11th to the 15th of November with a range of engaging, hands-on activities and experiments. A highlight for our 5th and 6th classes was their visit to Presentation Secondary School, where they participated in various experiments. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and got a glimpse of life in secondary school.

Additionally, on the 12th of November, our 5th class visited the library for an exciting workshop with Joanne Donoghue. They explored the role of key gases in our atmosphere and followed the fascinating journey of a CO<sub>2</sub> molecule. It was an

enriching and educational experience for all!

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

From the 11th to the 15th of November, we marked Anti-Bullying Week. Throughout the week, children participated in lessons and activities focused on understanding bullying, handling different scenarios, and learning the importance of being a responsible witness. We also emphasised the value of kindness and being a good friend. It was a meaningful week for all our students.

### **Peace Proms**

Our 3rd and 4th class students are hard at work preparing for the Peace Proms Concert, scheduled for the 26th of January. The girls have been enthusiastically learning lyrics and dance moves. They also attended a dress rehearsal on the 20th of November in the Waterford Arena. It was a fantastic day, and we are excited to see them shine on stage!

### **County Final**

On the 26th of November, we attended the Under 13 Ladies Football Final. Our girls gave it their all, playing with determination and heart against a strong Ballycommon side. Although the game ended in a narrow defeat by a single point, we could not be prouder of their incredible effort and achievements. Maith sibh cailiní!

### **Presentation Day**

On the 22nd of November, we celebrated our annual Presentation Day, honouring the legacy of Nano Nagle, the founder of



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the Presentation Sisters. The children learned about her inspiring life and her dedication to education for those in need. Adding to the fun, our staff dressed up as students – a tradition that brings much laughter and excitement every year!

## White Memorial Theatre

On the 4th of December, our Junior and Senior Infant classes, along with the Speech and Language classes, enjoyed a wonderful trip to the White Memorial Theatre. They watched a show called *Santa and the Three Little Pigs*, which was highly interactive and entertaining. A fantastic day was had by all!

## Christmas Shows and Carol Singing

Our Christmas shows are in full swing, bringing plenty of excitement and holiday cheer to the school!

- Last week, our Speech and Language classes delighted us with their beautiful rendition of the Nativity.
- Second class put on a fabulous variety show, showcasing their unique talents and interests.

This week, we look forward to:

- Senior Infants' production of *Ralph the Reindeer*
- Junior Infants' *Oopsy Daisy Angel*
- First Class performing *Hey Ewe!*

In addition, our 3rd and 4th classes will perform some of the melodies they have been practicing for Peace Proms – a real treat for everyone!

On Thursday morning, our 5th and 6th classes will walk to the AIB bank to spread festive cheer by performing Christmas carols. All funds raised will go towards *C-Saw*, a very worthy cause. Please come along to support the girls and join in the holiday spirit!

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our Christmas Hampers! We have 10 wonderful hampers ready to be raffled off this Friday morning.

Please remember to return all raffle cards on or before **Wednesday this week**. All cards must be returned, even if no lines were sold. Thank you for your support and best of luck!

## Student Council

We are delighted to announce that our Student Council is now officially up and running! After surveying our students last year, we introduced the council to promote student voice and leadership. The council has already made a wonderful impact, suggesting and establishing lunchtime clubs such as Book Club, Knitting Club, Art and Craft Club, and Mindfulness Club.

Our current Student Council members are:

- **Anona Tentston**
- **Annabelle Varghese**
- **Ava Wilson**
- **Doireann Arrigan**
- **Mia Lonergan**
- **Neveah O'Reilly**
- **Ciara O'Driscoll**

Maith sibh, cailíní! We are excited to see all the fantastic ideas you bring to life. The student council will also be sending home



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newsletters throughout the year. Watch this space!

## Green Schools

Our Green Schools Committee continues its vital efforts to promote sustainability and environmental awareness within our school community. This year, we are working towards achieving the Travel and Global Citizenship Flag. The committee is exploring ways to encourage carpooling and reduce double parking near the school entrance. They found that parking at the farthest point in the car park and walking to the playground takes less than two minutes and also helps boost your daily step count.

## Uniforms

O'Reilly's will reopen their online store for school half-zips and crested tracksuit bottoms after the Christmas break. I will update you once the store is available for new orders.

## Enrolment

Enrolment for the upcoming school year is now open. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a child at Presentation Primary School, please contact our office or visit our website for more information. We look forward to welcoming new students to our school community!

## Half-Day Closure for Christmas Break

A gentle reminder that the school will close for the Christmas break at **12:30**

**p.m. sharp this Friday, December 20th.**  
We will reopen on **Monday, January 6th.**

As we wrap up this term, we would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. Your contributions to the school community are deeply appreciated and help make Presentation Primary School a special place for our students.

Wishing you and your families a joyous and peaceful Christmas filled with love and laughter.

**Nollaig shona daoibh go léir!**

Warm regards,

**Tanya O'Brien**

*Principal, Presentation Primary School*