



# Presentation Primary School

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## November Recap and Important December Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits as we approach the festive season. November has been a month filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit at Presentation Primary School, and I am pleased to share some highlights and upcoming events with you.

### November Highlights:

- **Cycling Adventures:** Our 6th class students kicked off their six-week cycling programme with enthusiasm, under the guidance of Ray and Tina. The girls are really enjoying this block every Tuesday morning.
- **Science Week:** From the 13th to the 17th of November, students celebrated National Science Week and engaged in a variety of STEM activities and experiments. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class attended a 'Magic of Science' hosted by the Presentation Secondary School. The highlight of the week was when the 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils demonstrated Science experiments for the Senior Infants who were amazed!
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** Thanks to your support, our Book Fair was a tremendous success, providing nearly €2000 in credit for our teachers to enhance class libraries and resources.
- **Peace Proms Rehearsal:** On the 17th of November, our 3rd and 4th class pupils participated in a Peace Proms rehearsal at WIT Arena, gearing up for the concert on March 2nd.
- **Presentation Day:** The school was abuzz on November 24th as teachers donned school uniforms to celebrate Presentation Day, exploring the life of Nano Nagle and concluding with a heartfelt prayer service.

### Upcoming December Events:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Parent's Council Christmas Tree Sale (10 am - 4 pm) in the parents' car park. Your support is greatly appreciated.

- **5<sup>th</sup> December:** Raffle Cards will be distributed to children. Each family will receive one card. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of new ICT equipment for the school.
- **8<sup>th</sup> December:** Junior and Senior Infants will travel to the White Memorial Theatre for a showing of 'Elfie Saves Christmas'.
- **12<sup>th</sup> December:** 4<sup>th</sup> class will perform some Christmas songs for the Presentation Sisters in the Covent.
- **15<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Childline. Children will be asked to bring a small donation to school on the day.
- **19<sup>th</sup> December:** Deadline for the return of all raffle cards. Every raffle card must be returned and accounted for.
- **21<sup>st</sup> December:** Christmas Hamper Raffle will take place.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> December:** Christmas Movie Day at school. Children are invited to wear pyjamas and may bring a treat. School ends at 12:30 pm.
- **Various dates throughout December:** Classes will perform a variety of Christmas shows. Your child's class teacher will inform you of these dates.

#### Other Important Updates:

- **School Reopens:** We resume classes on January 8th following the Christmas break.
- **Attendance Focus:** This year, we emphasize the importance of attendance, aligning with the National Strategy. Our goal is for every child and every class to maintain 95% attendance or higher. Monthly rewards will recognize the best-improved class attendance, with end-of-year awards for individual pupils.
- **Absenteeism Reporting:** If your child is absent, please use the Absenteeism section on your Aladdin App to notify us. Additionally, we kindly request that you avoid booking holidays during term time, as our teachers may not be able to provide catch-up work.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing you a joyful and peaceful December as we celebrate the spirit of the season.

Warm regards,

Tanya O'Brien