

WELCOME

The 39 Junior Infants who started their primary education at our school on Thursday 31st of September have now settled into their daily routines. The whole school community extends its good wishes to these children as they embark on their primary education. A warm welcome also, to girls who have joined us from other schools. We hope that that they will be very happy with us.



School Advent Prayer Service:

6th class- Rooms 15 & 16 presented a beautiful assembly for Advent in November. They reminded us that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.



West Midlands Theatre Company

On Thursday 30th November, the West Midlands Theatre Company paid their annual visit to our school. This year's production was "Dick Whittington" and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils and staff! We are already looking forward to their return visit next year!

Confirmation Advent Ceremony:

6th classes from our school participated in an Advent ceremony in November. This ceremony is always quiet and reflective and reminds all of us to take time to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

"THINKING OF OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS"

Congratulations to all our pupils and their families who donated so generously to the Team Hope 'Christmas Shoe Box Appeal'. Our Christmas boxes were presented to representatives from Team Hope. Our pupils have demonstrated the true meaning of the Christmas spirit- sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves. This is one of the charities which the school donates to on an annual basis. It is part of the holistic education provided to our pupils, where we emphasise the need to "think of others" especially in these difficult economic times. Their gifts will be received by children in orphanages, hospitals, schools and homes around the world. We hope that they bring a smile to their faces on Christmas morning. The school extends its gratitude to parents/guardians and pupils who contributed to this worthy cause. Well done to all!!



'Halloween Fun Walk':

Pupils and staff went on our annual Hallowe'en Fun Walk in October. We extend our thanks to all who sponsored. A total of €2876.26 was raised. Money raised through this activity will help buy extra resources for our pupils.



Holy Family G.N.S



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER December 2017



Dear Parents,
At the end of this school term and as we approach Christmas, we would like to thank each one of you for the support that you have shown to the school since September. We value your support and feedback. We are also grateful for the support and generosity you show in relation to fundraising for the school—we hope to buy two sets of Samsung tablets from the money raised for the Halloween walk—one set for junior classes and one set for senior classes. We had a very busy and active term that included a Halloween Walk, chicks hatching in the school, a production from West Midlands Theatre group, a 6th class Advent play, and Music Generation for the whole school. We had two Teddy Bear's Picnic—one for each of the junior infant classes. We also had swimming in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th classes, basketball for 3rd to 6th classes, camogie for 1st and 2nd classes, and spike ball for 6th classes. We also had many meetings and preparation events for the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. We are also busy preparing for our three Concerts in the school on the last week before the Christmas holidays. We have a new twitter account in the school and we hope that you will follow us on twitter so that you can get a flavour of the variety of great work going on in the school. Our twitter handle is @AskeaGirls. We are using twitter for broadcasting only and so won't be following other accounts, retweeting, or replying to tweets.



We hope that regular tweets from the school account can keep you informed about events in the school and that it can highlight the type of activities and learning that take place in the school. I want to thank all of the staff for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm over the last few months. We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Cața spolecznosc̄ szkolna życzy wszystkim bardzo szczęśliwe i spokojne święta.

Visa skola kopiena vēlas jums visiem ļoti laimīgu un mierīgu Ziemassvētkiem.

Întreaga comunitate școlară pe toți o foarte dorește Fericit și pașnică Crăciun.

**Le gach dea ghú.
Dr. Mia Treacy
Principal**



HSCL(Home School Community Liaison) Linking Parents and School:

Teddy Bear Picnics: This term the HSCL Teacher, Mrs. Catherine Osborne ran two very successful and fun "Teddy Bear Picnics" with the Junior Infant classes and their parents. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to attend. It was great fun.

Courses for parents/guardians: The "Relaxing Art" and "Stress Free Baking/Cooking" courses were run by HSCL and both were very well attended by parents/guardians. Lots of fun was had while learning new skills and friendships were formed.

Parent & Toddler Group: started last month and runs on Wednesday [mornings@9.30-10.30am](#). Please join us if you have a small child and wish to be part of a group.

'Time for Me' Mindfulness and Wellbeing, a 6-week course will begin on Thursday 11th January. The course will be run by Majella who also ran the baking course. All parents and guardians are most welcome.

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Monthly Social Coffee Mornings: The next will be on WEDNESDAY 6th January @9.30-10.30am. Come along for a cuppa, chat and meet some of your school's Parents Council members.

Next Term: HSCL Teacher will run more courses & events, please keep an eye on the outdoor noticeboards for information.

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Maths Day

The whole school celebrated Maths Day on Friday 20th October, a celebration which was a great success. All of the classes from Junior Infants – 6th class engaged in a range of Maths activities in the school hall. The pupils had great fun and really enjoyed learning through play, the various aspects of their Maths curriculum.



Parents' Group Update

The Parents' Group would like to wish each and every family a happy and peaceful Christmas. We have had a very successful term with the following fundraisers. We would like to thank all our parents for supporting the school for our fundraising projects.

Flag Day total raised €418
Halloween Fun Walk total raised €2876.26
Christmas Raffle total raised € 541.86

A special word of thanks to our chairperson Caitriona Brennan Dowling for all her hard work over the years. Caitriona was presented with a token of thanks at the Christmas Raffle.

We have a number of new members elected as officers to our Parents' Group. The group now consists of Shirley Gibson (chairperson), Bernice Peelo (vice-chairperson), Ann Lennon (secretary), and Paula Carey (vice-secretary).

Again wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year.

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY 2018!

School Re-opening:-

- School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2018
- Szkoła ponownie otwiera we wtorek 08 stycznia 2018

Holy Communion:-

- Saturday 26th May, 2018 @ 10.00a.m. & 12 Noon

Confirmation Ceremony:-

- Thursday 1st March, 2018 1.30p.m.

Time for School:-

- Just a reminder to everyone that **SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9.20A.M.**

All the girls are wonderful at coming into school on their own!



Enrolments for 2018/2019:-

- Enrolments for the next school year will be accepted after Christmas. So if you have a daughter who is old enough to start school next year, please contact the school secretary on 0599142343.



