

St. Brendan's Primary School

Christmas Newsletter



DECEMBER 2014

REVIEW OF SCHOOL ACTIVI- TIES:

- Science week with visit of REPTILE ZOO
- Sports hall athletics with Offaly sports partnership
- Parent/Teacher Meetings- Pottery-Chess
- RDS Primary young scientist project
- Rugby coaching with Peter
- Student Council



**Santa Visit-
Carol Singing**

**Christmas Plays
and singing**

**Monster P.A.
Xmas Raffle**

**Home/ School
Activities**

**Communion/
Confir. masses**

**Vincent De Paul
food appeal**



Christmas comes to St. Brendan's



Advent Ceremonies ; In preparation for Christmas we held our Advent Ceremonies in the gym. The boys read the prayers sang the carols and lit the candles on the Advent Wreath. School Crib: Many classes visited our school Crib and relived the Christmas story with their teachers and friends. Carol Service: Sixth class visited the Community Care Nursing Unit and sang Christmas Carols for the residents. Visual Arts: The display areas and classrooms were beautifully decorated with wonderful art and craft drawings, paintings, decorations and models all based on a Christmas theme.

Santa Visit: With the help of our Parents' Association Santa visited St. Brendan's. He arrived this year on the back of some very

loud and very cool motorbikes thanks to Martin Power and friends. He visited and had something nice in his bag for all the classes.

Christmas Play: Mr. Kennedy's class performed a Christmas comedy Story. Senior Infants and 6th performed a lovely Christmas concert and our Junior Infant "Angels " performed a gorgeous Nativity play for the parents in their classroom

Jumble toy Sale: Mr. Kennedy's class and the student council ran a very successful Toy Sale this year. They raised €450 to support the costs of the toilet block project which they

organized. The Senior toilet blocks are being given a revamp with Deep clean , new locks on all the doors , new towel holders and complete repainting in the "Birr Colours" as requested by the senior pupils. They also held a raffle with prizes:

1st—Leon McDonagh/Morrissey

WII

2nd—Seosamh McAteer— DS

3rd—Cameron Delaney—Telescope

4th— Milosz Adeszko—Wheel for PS2

Many thanks to all who supported the sale.



Hallelujah School Choir show in Citywest



Home town— Billy Barry—Santa claus—Chips—sore throats from singing !! This was a great day..

Ms . Ward took her school choir to Citywest in December to take part in the school choirs Hallelujah concert. They had a great time and were great ambassadors for the whole school

through their singing / dancing and great attitude on the day.

Thanks to Ms.Ward for all her work and you can read an account by future Journalist Christopher Masterson in upcoming Midland Tribune and school website





Shoebbox appeal



* Pottery

* Baking

* Chess Tuition

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* Attendance-



Computing



SPONSORS of our Christmas Draw to raise funds for our Hurling Wall. THANK YOU for helping to build our wall !

See PA facebook for prizewinners

**Grant Engineering
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Angela Fay
The Chestnut**

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Pottery-Baking-Fruit



Pottery: Boys from 2nd, 4th and 6th availed of 6 weeks of pottery classes with Finn O Hara. Each Monday they made clocks and pots from clay and were shown how to spin a pot.

Baking: Ms. Kirwan continues to do great work with some boys each

Thursday for their cookery session. The smells coming from the staffroom float through the school and the recipes and teamwork shown in cooking are a credit to all involved. Reports are written and recipes are produced for all to learn from. .

Fruit Scheme: Our fruit scheme was in operation again this term and thanks to all our parent volunteers for

this invaluable service to ensure each of our boys has a piece of fruit each day. They had a lovely coffee morning in Dooleys this week also Thanks to our H.S.C.L. Richelle and all the parents.



Thank you to And St. Brendans PS in 2015 !!

We are hoping to plan / practice / have fun with / record / release and sell A SCHOOL CD in early 2015. This would be a once in a lifetime project for the boys and would be a valuable fundraiser for the "Help build our wall" campaign. Watch this space !!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. Thanks to our B.O.M., Fr. Cahir our Chaplin, our Parents' Association, our hardworking staff of teachers and S.N.As, Delia our secretary, Mick our caretaker and Ruth and Claire who always keep our school looking so well.

Holidays begin on Friday 19th

Dec at 12.30 and school reopens on Monday 5th Jan. We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on 6th January by attending 10am mass with Senior Classes and doing class prayers and lessons with Junior Classes

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Working together for St. Brendan's

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