

4<sup>th</sup> Class wrote some lovely Christmas stories in December, played their Christmas tunes on tin whistle and made some fantastic Christmas logs for their homes at Christmas. The boys also helped brighten up the school and some budding artists helped Ms Makim paint Christmas murals on the school windows in the hall and front entrance to the school.



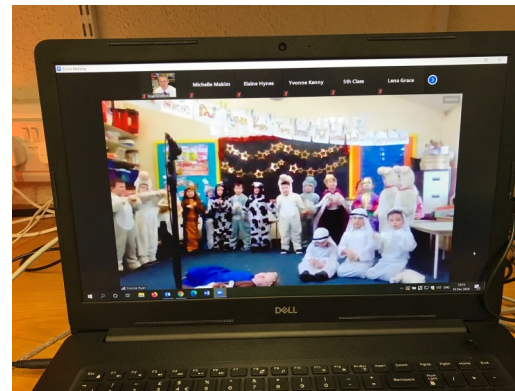
5<sup>th</sup> Class have been really fortunate to work with former principal and AIMS award-winning actor Mr Michael Donegan on a play he wrote while he was principal of this school - "The Christmas Party". We had great fun enjoying the process of putting a play together-reading script, acting and of course using props. Mr. Crofton recorded our play and we cant wait for you all to see how good at acting we are in 5<sup>th</sup> Class! Have a lovely Christmas everyone!



6<sup>th</sup> Class have really enjoyed the last couple of weeks getting ready for Xmas. We went carol singing to Sandymount nursing home last Thursday and sang Carol songs for the residents outdoors. We also had a great time doing Xmas activities, playing board games in the halla and creating some Xmas art. Happy Christmas everyone!!

## St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

Christmas 2020



### Class Christmas performances

One of the highlights of each year is where each child is involved in a christmas performance ranging from singing to playing music to drama to art exhibitions. This year with COVID it is more important than ever for families to share in the joy of each child's involvement. We have recorded each class over the past few weeks and will publish on our YOU TUBE CHANNEL. This will allow parents to watch on their TV / Device and allow grandparents etc to watch also. We also recorded the Junior Infant nativity via FACEBOOK LIVE and this can be played / viewed anytime.

### Board of Management

The Board would like to wish Ms Cathy Daly and Ms Niamh Moran well on their impending maternity leave blocks. Ms Shauna Grimes and Ms Edel Burke are the cover teachers. Ms Edel Burke will be the job-share partner for Ms Ryder and will teach Senior Infants in place of Ms Moran.. At last meeting the board ratified new school policies in area of Exemption from study of Irish and Remote teaching and learning. They also completed the annual review of Anti-bullying policy and are looking forward to 2021 and hopefully new school developments in area of ICT and ASD accommodation. We also look forward to the return of hurling coaching in 2021 !

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Thanks to all our pupils , families , staff and LWR for working together over the past 4 months to ensure that safety procedures are in place and followed by all to try to keep our school community safe from COVID 19. Please God 2021 will be a brighter and safer place for all.

Thanks to our B.O.M. under Chair of Mr Pat Teehan, Fr. Anthony our Chaplin, our Parents' Association, our hardworking staff of teachers and S.N.As, Sara our secretary, Mick our caretaker and Ruth and Claire who always keep our school looking so well.

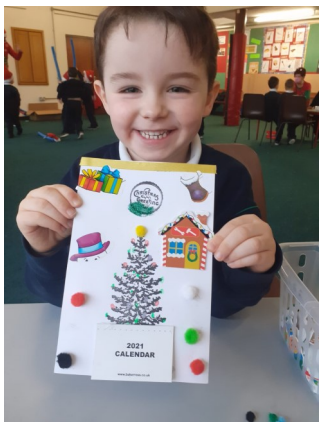
Holidays begin on Tuesday 22nd December and school reopens on Wed 6th January 2021

Nollaig Shona Daoibh go léir

*Niall Crofton*

Junior Infants have been very busy getting ready for their show "The Sleepy Sheppard". This was live streamed on Facebook and is still available to watch on the school page. They also took a festive walk to the post office to post some very important Christmas cards and got some treats on the way back.

Senior Infants went on a nature walk to explore and identify signs of winter. They have also been very busy preparing for Christmas. They learned and sang a selection of lovely Christmas songs. They did lots of beautiful Art work- both individually and in groups. They have been very excited about Christmas and even received special letters from Santa!



Cairdeas 2 have been busy this term. We learned all about Winter and we joined Senior Infants for a winter walk around the park. We were also learning about the post office and we took a trip to the post office to post our Christmas Cards. We had great fun listening to the story of the gingerbread man and we even decorated our own gingerbread men. We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas.

First class were busy creating and writing Christmas cards for the residents of Birr community nursing unit. We also worked together to create a collaborative Christmas art display. The boys enjoyed making salt dough Christmas decorations and hot chocolate stirrers. We also took part in a zoom story time with Birr library.

HSCL News—I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy Christmas and fingers crossed for a brighter 2021 than 2020. Happy Christmas from Ms Ann Hennelly



Second Class had a busy and brilliant few weeks. We had great fun learning "Jingle Bells" on the boomwhackers. We made beautiful snowmen cards & calendars for 2021. We were lucky enough to finally crack the Santa piñatas. We learned about the story of Christmas, lit our class candle and said a prayer for those less fortunate than we are. Merry Christmas!!

The boys in third class designed art for the Luminaries Project. Their art work coincided with a short tale from years ago and the final product was displayed on the wall of St. Brendan's school. The boys really enjoyed their animations coming to life. I want to wish all the boys and their families a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas this year. See you all in the New Year.

In Cairdeas1 we studied the planets and how they orbit the sun. We made rockets, UFO's and tin-foil moons. We loved listening to stories read to us by astronauts via you-tube from the International Space Station. We also have been busy learning about Christmas, cooking Christmas cookies, making decorations and enjoyed listening to Christmas stories read to us via zoom from Joe in Birr Library. We wish all our friends and family a very Merry Christmas.

Mr. Kennedy's class have been very busy preparing for Christmas baking delights. The boys made Christmas tree chocolate buns and ginger bread men. Along with Christmas art and crafts that the boys will be able to display in their homes. The boys visited the crib in Emmet Square followed by a movie pizza party.

