

December News:

Junior Infants have had a busy Christmas run in making tasty treats and art and crafts Santa's, Christmas trees, stars and reindeers. The boys were very busy with their Sleepy Shepherd show which is becoming something of a tradition in St Brendan's and was once again a great success with the boys making everyone proud.

Senior Infants boys really enjoyed the build up to Christmas. They did lots of lovely artwork and practiced and performed beautiful Christmas songs. They visited the Church to see the beautiful Crib. They also enjoyed a lovely visit to the Castle, topped off by some tasty hot-chocolate.

First class did lots of Christmas activities this month, we did Christmas stations, we went to Birr Castle and to the post box. We made and wrote cards for Birr Community Nursing home and sang for our family and friends on Facebook. Happy Christmas everyone!!

Second class had such a fun time decorating the gingerbread-they looked and tasted fantastic. Ms Hennelly came and visited us - we heard a wonderful Christmas story and played some really fun Christmas games. The boys want to say a huge "Thank you" for the tasty selection boxes. Merry Christmas to everybody.

Third Class had a great learning experience on their trip to Birr Castle led by Dale from The Heritage Council. We enjoyed Christmas arts and crafts and learning all about China. Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas, Ms Wyer.

4th Class enjoyed plenty of Christmas painting and followed our Christmas tradition of making our Christmas candle logs which the boys will have for years to come. Our surprise Advent envelopes we opened each day provided the boys plenty of selection boxes and treats in the build up to Christmas.

5th class have been enjoying the Christmas atmosphere in school this December. We had great fun playing games, singing Christmas songs and doing Christmas art. We hope you checked out our song on the school's Facebook page - we had great fun recording it and hope it spread some Christmas cheer! Have a lovely Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year!!

6th had a busy but great month of December. We went to Birr Community Nursing Unit to sing carol songs outdoors for the residents last week. We also enjoyed a visit to Birr Castle, the Crib in the Church & square as well as a trip to the playground.

Cairdeas 1 listened to the story of Christmas and arranged our Crib. We made lots of decorations for our Christmas trees, ate Christmas Santa's and enjoyed The Panto. We visited the school crib and we know lots of Christmas Carols. Happy Christmas everyone.

Cairdeas 2 really enjoyed taking part in Christmas stations. We loved decorating Gingerbread Men, making calendars, playing Bingo and making Rice Krispie Reindeer. Happy Christmas from Cairdeas 2!

Mr Kennedys Class learned about the story of Jesus and the reason of celebrating Christmas along with a visit to the crib in the Church. The boys got to make many different treats and Christmas decorations eg snowmen (socks), snowmen marshmallows, reindeer cupcake, Christmas jelly, chocolate puddings snowmen lollypop sticks. The boys learned about the winter solstice and are looking forward to the New Year as the days start to get longer again.

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

Christmas 2021



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 most classes over the past weeks and have published on our School FACEBOOK PAGE and school 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 "The sleepy Shepherd" via FACEBOOK LIVE and this can be played / viewed anytime. Our school hall looked amazing this Christmas thanks to the artwork of Ms Makim and her elves and to Mr Kelly for his lovely donation of our festive backdrop.

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 Chaplain, 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 Wednesday 22nd December and school reopens on Thursday 6th January 2022 Nollaig Shona

Daoibh go léir

Niall Crofton



Board of Management

We congratulate Ms Yvonne Ryan and Ms Paula Doyle on their appointments to the In school management team.

Thanks to Mr Cunningham and his great work in supporting ICT through our digital framework we have 2 new interactive panels installed in 5th class and Junior Infants. We hope to progress on our next project in early 2022 in getting a set of I- PADS for our school and thank you to our Parents Association for their support with this.

The school has a DES inspection on Child safeguarding procedures and COVID safety procedures and are delighted with the positive report which affirms the great work being done by staff.

The board will continue to operate a safe and pragmatic approach to mask wearing and we will follow all public health advice to the best interests of our pupils and staff.

Thanks to Jessica Fitzgerald and Michael Ward who have finished college placements with us this term. Their support and hard work over the past few months has been greatly appreciated.



HSCL message

The Christmas holidays are coming and with that, the end of another challenging year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say WELL DONE to the teachers and school staff, for the huge efforts that they have put into promoting safe, fun and inclusive physical and learning activities and opportunities during this term. I would also like to thank the parents and families for being vigilant when it comes to public health Covid advice — staying home if unwell, and/or if waiting for a test or result, taking every precaution to keep our school virus free. So far this is working for us. It is for these reasons that the staff, children and parents come to school smiling every day.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your nearest and dearest a very happy, peaceful and restorative festive season. We look forward to a better and brighter 2022.

Ann Hennelly HSCL

