



St. Mary's S.N.S. Newsletter

December 2022

Christmas Holidays

We will close next Wednesday, 21st at 12pm.
We will reopen on Thursday 5th of January (full day)

Christmas Concerts!

Thanks to our caretaker Kevin and Ms. O'Sullivan's group for decorating the hall so nicely. All around the school, pupils have been getting into the Christmas spirit and have been rehearsing their performances. We are so delighted to be able to hold our Christmas Concerts for parents this year:

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th of Dec.

11am - 1pm

Tickets €3 with free raffle ticket



Science Week



This term we celebrated Science Week in school. We had a whole-school science quiz where pupils from every year group worked together. We'd like to thank the TY pupils from Collinstown Park who helped run a day of workshops on the 'organs of the body' in the hall. All pupils got to do experiments and hands on activities and had a great time at both events. Thanks to Ms McArdle for organising the events!



North Clondalkin Library



Classes have continued to visit the library every week this term. Many pupils have also taken part in workshops run by the library this term such as Lego, animation and Illustration.

Friendship & Anti-Bullying Week

In November, we looked at how we can be good friends to others. We also looked at what to do if we are being bullied in person or online. Our Anti-bullying Policy can be found on the website.

Walk on Wednesdays

We are working towards our Green Flag for 'travel'. One of our actions is to encourage the children to walk to school on Wednesdays. If you need to drive, maybe you could park a short distance away and then walk to the gate. Any child who walks will be given a WOW sticker by the Green School Committee members on their way in.



H.S.C.L. News



Attendance

We have been trying to improve our school attendance this year. If your child is well, please try to encourage them to attend, on time every day.

Recycling Drive

The Green School Committee organised a recycling drive for electronics earlier this month.

Goodbye Mr. Toye

We would like to say thanks to Mr Toye for everything over the last 3 years and we wish him luck in his new post in Donegal.

New HSE Advice

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are ill or showing symptoms such as: fever, cough or sore throat.

- This year we offered phone or in-face **Parent/Teacher meetings** resulting in a very high turnout rate. Thanks to all who attended!
- Well done to all parents who completed the **Parents Plus** course and the **Empowering Parents workshop** this term. Thanks to Deansrath Family Centre for running both.
- A huge thank you to our new **Parent's Group**. They organised the Toy Show treat for all of the pupils earlier this month, raising €220 for The Great Big Giveaway.
- **'Walk on Wednesdays'** will be back in January for parents. We meet at 9:15am at the playground in Collinstown Park.
- **Healthy Food Made Easy** - Fun, free 6 week course, starting Jan 19th. Contact Anne Bower on 01 6267269 to book a place.
- **School Completion Programme:** Campus Clubs and Homework Clubs will be back in January.
- Check your **Aladdin App** for upcoming events and courses!
- Also see our website: stmarysrowlagh.ie and Instagram: [st.maryssns](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryssns)

A Look Around the Classes...

3rd Class

Third class have been learning about fabric & fibre in art and they knitted a yarn loom. They have been learning about Egypt in SESE. They have enjoyed making 3d shapes in maths and giving instructions in oral English. They have also been working on writing recipes.

4th Class

Fourth class are busy getting ready for their concert 'Away in a Spaceship'. They have been learning about the Romans and France and they have been working at improving their procedural writing. They have enjoyed the workshops in the library and completing World Cup projects.

5th Class

Fifth class have loved doing athletics for the last 6 weeks, improving their running, jumping and throwing skills. They are learning about An Nollaig in Gaeilge and created wonderful Christmas tree art. In music, they have been listening and responding to Christmas songs!

6th Class

Sixth class have been learning about homes, migration and refugees. They have been working on directed numbers and money in maths. In history, they have learned about the Industrial revolution. They have also been making Christmas art and rehearsing for their play.



SPORTS NEWS

- **Athletics:** 5th & 6th classes have been practicing their athletic skills for the last 6 weeks with coach Janice from South Dublin Sports Partnership.
- **Swimming:** 4th and 5th classes have been swimming this term and 4th classes will continue swimming lessons in January.
- **Football:** Both our boys and girls football teams have been practicing hard, playing friendlies and have taken part in the Dublin Bus Blitz!



Poetry Corner



Winter by Halle Ashton 6th Class

Outside my frosty closed window,
I noticed winter walking towards my house.
Her long white eyelashes fluttering while she
walks, the smell of snow following her.

She wore big, white earmuffs on top of her
long, pale, white hair with matching leg
warmers sitting on her icy blue boots.

She walked slowly towards the brown front door
knocking gently, speaking in her calm, echoey
voice.

Winter gets impatient and left a note saying
" I will be back next year!- Winter"

OUR ART GALLERY

