



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

December 2023



Christmas Holidays

We will close Friday, 22nd at 12pm.

We will reopen on Monday 8th of January (full day)

Christmas Concerts!



We were so delighted to hold our Christmas Concerts for parents this week.

All of the pupils have worked so hard over the last number of weeks to prepare for the shows. The talent on display was amazing and it was great to see so many pupils taking part.

Science Week

This term we celebrated Science Week in school. All of the school watched a Curious Minds science webinar. We had a whole-school science quiz where pupils from every year group worked together. 5th class had an interesting demonstration from a zoologist. 6th class began preparing for their Science Blast experiments later in the school year. 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.

Green Schools

We were delighted to earn our Green Flag for travel last year. The next green flag that we will be working towards for the next 2 years is the 'biodiversity' flag. We will be looking at the impact and importance of biodiversity in our school and local community.

Attendance

Along with all schools in Ireland, we have been trying to improve our school attendance this year. We've been saying that 'If you're in you can win!' - with pupils winning prizes every week. If your child is well, please try to encourage them to attend, on time every day.

Drumming Workshops

This term, all of our pupils took part in drumming workshops. They had so much fun playing the drums, following rhythms and dancing to different beats.



Student Council

Our new student council set up by Ms Myerscough organised a Christmas Jumper Day. Every pupil in the school designed their own Christmas jumper and you can find the jumper designs in the school hall.



New Website

Check out our new website, launched in September, where you will find all of the latest news and photographs! stmarysrowlagh.ie

• Again, this year we offered phone or face to face **Parent/Teacher meetings** resulting in a very high turnout rate. Thanks to all who attended!

• **School Completion Programme:** Campus Clubs and Homework Clubs will be back in January.

• **Parent/Child Workshops:** Thank you to all of the parents who have attended parent/child workshops so far this year. The workshops will be continuing with 4th class pupils in January. Please contact Ms. Bower if you'd like to attend at a different time/ day and we'll try to accommodate you.

• **Christmas crafting with 3rd class parents.** Last week we were delighted that so many parents were able to join us for our crafting afternoon. We had great fun making Christmas art and crafts.

• Check your **Aladdin App** for upcoming events and courses!

• Also see our website: stmarysrowlagh.ie and Instagram: [st.maryssns](https://www.instagram.com/st.maryssns)

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White Cane Safety Day

This term, we all learned about how white canes work and what we should do when we see someone using a white cane. We all got a chance to use a white cane to help navigate around the hall.



A Look Around the Classes...



3rd Class

Third class have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They learned about Egypt, making posters about what they learned. They have been learning about procedural writing and wrote their own recipes. They also wrote cinquain poems on the theme of Christmas.

4th Class

Fourth class have learned about France, The Bronze Age and The Romans. They have been learning about fractions and data in maths. In Gaelige, they have been looking at an teilifís and an Nollaig. In english, they have been working on their report and procedural writing.

5th Class

Fifth class have been learning about Brazil in Geography and Irish inventors in history. They have looked at fractions and 2D shapes in maths. They are learning about Nollaig in gaelige and learning Christmas carols for their Christmas concerts.

6th Class

Sixth class have been writing reports on animals. They have also worked on creative writing with personification and cinquain poetry. In history, they learned about the industrial revolution and inventions. In maths, they looked at money - value for money, VAT and interest.



OTHER NEWS



- **Swimming:** 4th and 5th classes have been swimming this term and 4th classes will continue swimming lessons in January.
- **European School Sports Day:** All pupils got moving on this day in October, completing a fun fitness circuit!
- **Football:** Both our boys and girls football teams have been practicing hard, playing friendlies and have have taken part in the Dublin Bus Blitz!
- **Class Trips:** Every class went on a trip to the National Art Gallery this term. Some of our classes also went on a trip to the cinema to see 'Elf' this month.

Poetry Corner



Winter by Alex Scully 6th Class

❄️ Outside my snowy window, ❄️
I find Winter running towards my
❄️ house.

He has short, white hair and light
❄️ blue, cold eyes. ❄️

He runs around freezing windows and
picks the frozen leaves off trees.

I'm glad I'm inside sipping on my
❄️ lovely cup of hot chocolate! ❄️

OUR GALLERY

