



HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Two

December 2020

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

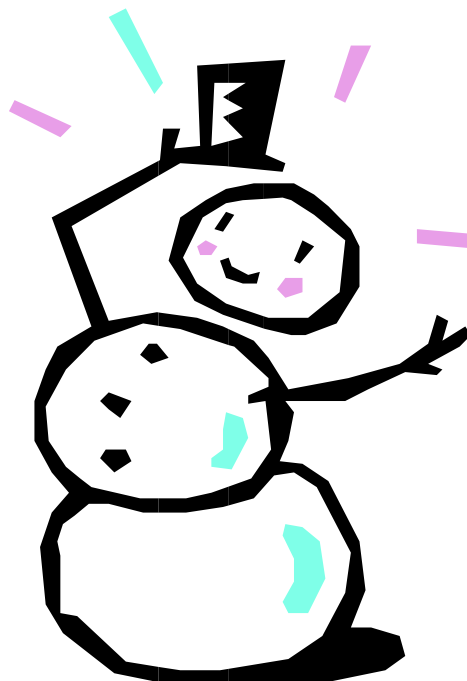
We have finally reached the end of the first term. It's been a very successful term for everyone in Holy Rosary School and that is down to the efforts of every individual involved in our school.

We did have a positive case in our school two weeks ago, but through the calm and committed response of everyone involved, we navigated our way successfully through it. Some children and their teachers had to work remotely from home for a period of time and they did a fantastic job of that. Well done to everyone involved for their hard work and engagement, and to the parents who supported them through that time.

On 11th December we marked #GRMA Day when we thanked everyone working in our school for their outstanding work over the last term: teachers, SNAs, cleaners, our

secretary and our caretaker have all played their part in making our school a safe and happy place to be.

There's no doubt about it: we have the best boys and girls EVER in our school! They have been amazing coming in every day and taking everything in their stride. They are on the 'Good List' for sure this year!



Tá mé ag déanamh fear sneachta!

As always, thank you to all the parents for the wonderful support during the year. Enjoy the well-earned break from the school lunches, the homework and the general school routine.

On behalf of all the staff I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. It will be different this year, but take the time to enjoy the simple things in life!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2021: onwards and upwards!

Special points of interest:

- *#GRMA Day : thank you to all the staff here in HR!*
- *School will close for Christmas on Monday 21st December (normal times)*
- *School will re-open on Wednesday 6th January 2021*
- *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone in our school community and beyond!*

Virtual Assemblies

One of the positives for us during these strange times are our virtual assemblies. Every Friday the power of technology brings us together and we get a chance to see what's going on in classrooms around the school. The children are

really enjoying seeing the great work that others are doing and showing off their efforts too!

Over the last few weeks we have been lucky to have some guests join us along the way: Ms. O'Riordan logged on to say hello to

everyone and Fr. Donal led us in a special prayer for Advent. We also welcomed Dr. Eilis Humphreys and Dr. Áine Moran from the Le Chéile Schools Trust. It was a great opportunity for the pupils to here about what the trustees do for our school.

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A Visit To the Farm

Great excitement in Bethlehem this week...all the classes have gone on a tour of the convent chapel and the farm with Sr. Colette. She has been bringing the nativity story to life for the children!

We are so thankful to Sr. Colette for coming up with this idea and for giving up her time so that all classes in Bethlehem had the opportunity to experience this tour.

Each tour started in the convent chapel where they looked at the nativity story depicted in the stained glass windows. They talked through the story with Sr. Colette and were

able to ask lots of questions!

Luckily we had some lovely weather during the week and were able to go on part two of the tour: a trip to the farm. Sr. Colette helped bring the nativity story to life for the children by showing them some new life down on the farm! The boys and girls were delighted to see piglets and calves, along with some other animals. What a lovely way to finish off the term!

To see some pictures of the stained glass windows and the animals at the farm, check out our Facebook page: Holy Rosary School.



Is maith liom bheith ag scátáil.

What's Been Happening in Bethlehem?

It's been a busy term in Bethlehem and to celebrate at the end of the term, all the classes completed the Santa Dash this week...great fun!

Our Junior Infant classes have completed their first term in school and they have been fantastic! They've been working hard to learn their numbers and sounds. They've also completed some beautiful artwork for winter and Christmas!

Our Senior Infants are busy! They've learned all about the

arctic, antarctica and penguins. Ms. Kanka's class have been working on procedural writing too while Ms. Phillipson's class created a beautiful 'In Memory' wall.

All the classes completed the Santa Dash this week...great fun!

Ms. Kearns' Early Intervention Class in the Willow Room have learned the 7 Days in a Week song. They've also gotten very brave at climbing the A Frame ladder!

Ms. Duffy's 1st class have been learning basketball skills. They've also made

beautiful shape pictures and lots of other lovely art for Christmas. Ms. Egan's Class have been working on 'magic e' words and have been learning about money in maths!

2nd Class have been working hard! Ms. Megannety's Class have learned about Christmas in other countries and have interviewed family members for their project. Ms. McAllen's Class enjoyed Science Week and also learned some Irish myths and legends.

Ms. Rice's Class in the Holly Room have worked really hard at their reading. They've also been practicing being super kind friends and are really looking after each other!

Our Christmas Show

We really missed inviting parents in to see some Christmas shows this year! School wasn't the same without the hustle and bustle (and chaos!!) that normally goes with this event.

We still managed to create a show that you could enjoy from the comfort of your own home! Well done to all the classes who worked so hard on their individually pieces

for this show. A special thank you to the staff who came up with the idea and carried it through to create something that everyone could enjoy.

We had great fun practicing in school and putting it all together. We really hope all the family managed to watch (despite some technical hitches!) and enjoy the magical moments created by our little stars!



Is fuath liom bachlóga bhruiséile!



What's Going On in HR?

It's been a hive of activity in HR since Halloween! Our 3rd classes went for a trip to the beach and wrote beautiful poetry! They've also been learning the ukulele with Ms. Seery. Ms. Fenton's Class have learned about ancient Rome and Ms. Doyle's Class have made beautiful nativity scenes from clay.

Ms. Tyrrell's 4th Class have been working on fractions (always a tricky one!) and have also completed Christmas projects. They've even had time to develop their soccer and Gaelic skills. Ms. Murray's 4th Class have been equally busy. They've created some beautiful artwork for Christmas that is brightening up our corridor. They also

found time to do a spot of filming on the beach!

5th Class have had a busy term! Ms. Phillips' Class have tackled tricky long division, but have also created opportunities to do random acts of kindness for others! Ms. Reynolds' Class had great fun editing their Christmas video. It was hard work, but they also fit in learning about the Aztecs and making sunstone Christmas ornaments!

6th Class are working so hard this time of year! Ms. Leonard's Class have learned all about the 7 Wonders of the World and have read Goodnight Mr. Tom. Ms. Byrne's Class have been busy

with Science Week and STEM projects. Ms. O'Hara's Class have had a great time working on the Dare To Believe project. All three classes had great fun making their Christmas videos which were a treat for everyone!

After a busy term like that, everyone deserves a break this Christmas!



Curimid suas an crann Nollaig!

Other School News

Our two 5th Classes have taken on the job of being Faith Leaders this year. They are helping to bring gospel values to life and are leading us all in showing how to look after others.

Thank you to everyone who supported their Toiletries Drive for Crosscare. 5th Class did a great job in organizing this event and were delighted with all the support they received. By the end of the Drive we had a mountain of boxes to send to Crosscare. The staff at Crosscare were overwhelmed with the

Well done to our 5th classes for becoming Faith Leaders this year!

HR is feeling very lucky...lots of fabulous donations greatly received!

support and thank everyone who helped this project!

Christmas came early this year and we were lucky enough to receive several donations ourselves also! The foyer in HR is now

home to a lovely new couch which was donated to us through a parent. We also received new tables and chairs. These will go in our Nurture Room which we hope to develop after Christmas. We were bowled over to receive a 55" interactive Smart board which has been

installed in Ms. Fenton's Room. 3rd Class are feeling very lucky, but the school as a whole is very thankful to have received these donations.

We also received a very generous, anonymous donation which will go towards updating IT within the school. We are looking forward to using this money to help replace another old interactive board and bring the newest technology into the classroom.

Finally, we received two beautiful, real Christmas trees from Kavanaghs Christmas Trees! They have brightened up our school and brought some Christmas spirit to the corridors! Thank you to all!

Christmas Holidays!

The holidays have arrived at just the right time. Everyone is in need of a well-earned rest and the chance to recharge the batteries.

All the staff in Holy Rosary School wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the festivities and the chance to be with families.

Very best wishes for the New Year and 2021. Here's hoping it will be a brighter year for everyone.

School will close on Monday 21st December at the normal times and with current exit procedures.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 6th January 2021 @ 9.20am.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh Go Léir!



Tá calóga sneachta ag titim.

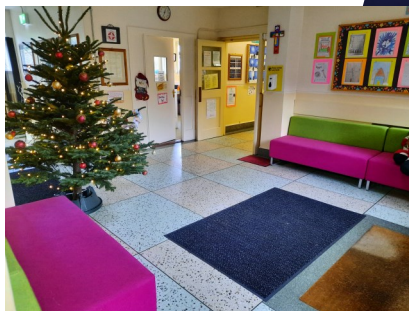
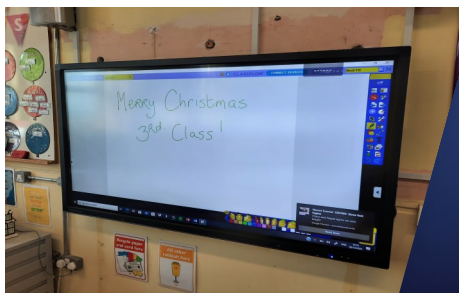


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Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Thank you to the Parents' Association!

It hasn't been an easy year for our Parents' Association but they continue to work on your behalf to support the school!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas card project. The children created some beautiful designs and we really hope you enjoyed receiving them, and sharing them with family and friends!

With thanks to the Parents' Association we are having a lovely event to finish off the term. All our classes are enjoying the pantomime 'The Sword and the Stone' while having some popcorn! With no

live performances this year it is great to be able to have the 'panto experience' in our classrooms!

Thank you to our parent body who support all these initiatives: we continue to be able to do great things in our school because of all the wonderful support we get!



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