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Scoil Phádraic Cailíní | November Newsletter – 2023

Dear Parents,

We had a lovely first term of school, with lots of highlights, including our School Calendar Photo Shoot, Open Night, Halloween Fun Day, Football for the 6th classes, Reading Buddies and much more besides. This fortnight we are celebrating all things STEM related. There was great excitement with the arrival of the Science Dome, organised by Ms. Flood. This coming Wednesday all classes will participate in Science Day, which is bound to be a sticky and explosive affair! This month our 5th class girls have been invited to attend a special STEM Day in Donabate Community College.

The girls have been continuing with their hockey and G.A.A. sessions, which they enjoy. This term Tag Rugby is starting for the 4th, 5th and 6th classes. These sessions are being provided by our Leinster Rugby Coach Dan Copperthwaite. It is really important to us as a school that we offer the girls a great variety of experiences and opportunities to discover and develop their talents.

Our school is supporting the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal which is a lovely initiative for supporting vulnerable children overseas, please visit www.teamhope.ie. We are asking that all shoeboxes are returned to the school by Thursday 16th November.

The Junior Carol Service (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday 13th of December at 5:30pm. The Senior Carol Service (4th, 5th, 6th) will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday 13th of December at 7pm. We are also hosting a Community Carol Service on Wednesday 13th at 11am and are inviting the local creches, Age Action and other community groups to attend. This coupled with our trips to the pantomime and Christmas Fun Days will be something to look forward to!

School upcoming events - Dates for your diary

November 16th - Shoebox Appeal collection

November 17th - Parent's Association AGM

December 1st - Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class Christmas Fun Day

December 1st - 2nd, 3rd and 4th Class; Panto in Helix

December 5th - 5th and 6th Class; Panto in Gaiety

December 13th - Junior, Senior and Community Carol Services

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place in January.



OPEN NIGHT



We had a great turnout to our School Open Night. Visitors had a great experience of what our school life is like, all presented to them by the children themselves. A huge thank to all the girls from 5th and 6th class who took part on the night. Visitors were treated to a showcase of our extra-curricular activities and after schools clubs. The choir sang beautifully in the hall. Our sports teams showed off their current talent and all our previous trophies and medals. The pupils council talked about their very important role in the school. All school subjects and resources were exhibited on the night. It was all hands on deck to ensure our school shone bright, and what a result!



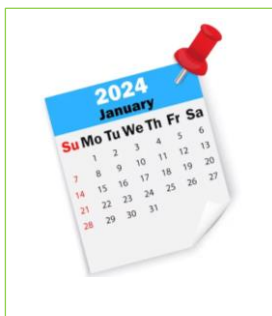
Our Garden

Our caretaker Richard has been very busy in our garden and has created a Bug Hotel for our school. A bug hotel is an outdoor structure, made from natural materials which attracts insects and smaller animals, providing them with shelter and a cosy, safe place to stay.

We have also added some benches to our garden. These benches turn our lovely garden into an outdoor classroom. We also have our dedicated 'Michael's Chair', to show our appreciation for all Michael's hard work in creating this space.



School Calendar



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the School Calendar Art Competition! Well done to the overall winner whose masterpiece will be on the front cover of the calendar...Alice Maher from 6th Class.

There were also six runner-up winners whose artwork will all be presented on the back cover of the calendar.

Kate Byrne 6th Class, Saoirse O'Rourke 5th Class

Rachel O'Brien 4th Class, Robyn Harpur 3rd Class

Ana Bello Dilleen 2nd Class, Lisa O'Regan Senior Infants

Halloween Fun



Thank you to our Parents Association for organising our Halloween Raffle and Cake Sale. A great day was had by all.

We also really enjoyed our Dress-Up day on the last day of term.



Parents Association AGM

Scoil Phádraic Cailíní Parents' Association Committee would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday November 17th after drop off, for a coffee/tea with some treats.

You will be provided with a brief update on the Parents' Association Committee activities and then we can take time to have a chat. The voting for the Parent Representatives

on the Board of Management will also take place.

The Junior Infant and Senior Infants will be showcasing some of their talents on the morning.



Parents Association AGM 2023

"Come for Coffee"

November 17th 2023 9am

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