



# Scoil Phádraic Cailíní

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## Donabate Girls' National School

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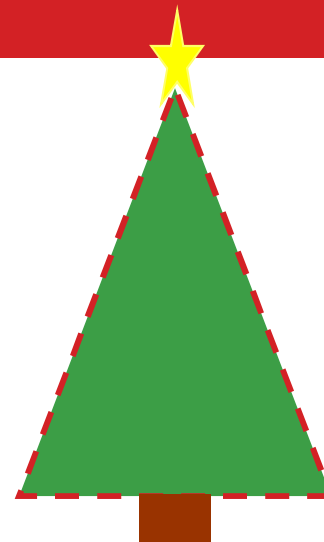
### Dear Parents,

The school is awash with tinsel and fairy lights this month! There is nowhere quite like school in the run up to Christmas and the children add great sparkle with their excitement and anticipation. The girls are learning that this season of Advent is about hope, peace, love and joy, themes that are as important as ever to the world we find ourselves in today.

The girls along with their teachers are busy putting the final touches on their Christmas shows, which we are looking forward to sending out to you soon. Wednesday and Thursday of this week are our Christmas Fun Days with lots of festive fun planned. We will all be donning our Christmas jumpers for the pantomime, candy cane hunt, our special visitor to the yard and more besides!

### The Big Dig!

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes recently had an exciting opportunity to experience an archaeological excavation when they took part in an outdoor workshop run by the School of Irish Archaeology. The interactive excavation gave the girls a chance to get their hands dirty, while learning about Ireland's hidden history!





## Unicorn Inspired Tales

Our very own Ms. Manning has written and published a beautiful set of children's books. The books are full of colour and imagination and follow the adventures of unicorn characters and their friends. The girls in Ms. Manning's junior infant class had a great day when the Fingal Independent Newspaper came for a visit to the school, to capture the girls' love of reading and the new children's books. The girls enjoyed getting a first look at the books they inspired, as well as getting their photograph taken! Check out the books on [www.allypals.com](http://www.allypals.com).

Huge congratulations to Lily Areeya Maher, 6th class, who was the winner of RTE's news2day Christmas Art Competition 2021. Lily's art entry was chosen as the winner out of thousands of entries. Well done Lily!

## The Pupils' Council

The Pupils' Council have been busy organising sports equipment for our active yard time. The "Active Yard Boxes" are allocated to the different classes and the girls bring them out to yard with them. The girls are getting in some valuable exercise and keeping warm while having fun on the yard. Well done to the Pupils' Council for managing this initiative.

The Pupils' Council are also very excited about the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of their literacy showcase, Writing Wonders, which will be published this week and available on our website. As well as wonderful examples of the girls' writing, this edition will feature audio recordings of the girls reading their own work. Keep an eye on [www.scoilphadraicailini.ie](http://www.scoilphadraicailini.ie) for updates!

## Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Junior Christmas Fun Day
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Senior Christmas Fun Day
  
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: School closes @ 12 for Christmas holidays
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022: School reopens

