

WELLBEING THOUGHT

'MAY YOU NEVER BE TOO GROWN UP
TO SEARCH THE SKIES ON
CHRISTMAS EVE!'

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Concert Well done to all the boys and girls for their wonderful performances. We are so proud of you all. Thank you to all who donated prizes to the raffle, bought lines and to everyone involved in the organisation of the night.

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine!

St. Vincent de Paul Collection Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection and to those who organised it.

Creative Schools We are in our exploratory phase of our Creative Schools process, which is a 2-year initiative. Our creative associate Breda Burns will visit us in January. We will run one or two mini workshops in our 2nd term, in which children are exposed to different forms of creativity, before deciding what our area of focus will be for the 2nd year. If you or someone you know has a particular skill (art, dance, building, baking, singing, musical, knitting, drama, crocheting, crafts of any type) and are willing to give a little demo, we would love to hear from you!!

Wellbeing Our wellbeing gatherings continue monthly, as well as our kindness tree initiative and end of month class awards.

Embrace the warmth of family, the joy of giving and the peace within yourself.
May your Christmas be a celebration of wellbeing and happiness,
from all the staff.

End of Term Bulletin



School Self -Evaluation

As part of our ongoing S.S.E., the following are the areas of focus for the school year.

Literacy: Written Presentation We are working hard towards developing written presentation from junior infants to 6th class. We are understanding that this is a skill, and like all skills, they develop at a pace unique to each child. We are using our Wonderful Writing Wall in school to show off samples of children's writing and **ALL** children will feature on the wall a number of times throughout the year. We strongly encourage all children from 3rd class to use Cursive writing in all written work, including homework.

Reading for pleasure Children are also taking part in whole school **Buddy Reading**, where children from all classes read/listen to stories for pleasure with a 'buddy'.

Numeracy Focus: Mental Maths strategy development. All children will be given a profile on IXL where they will be assigned tasks covering various Maths topics. Each teacher will receive the data for their class to analyze strengths as well as areas of difficulty.

Attendance; While our attendance statistics are good, we are looking to reduce the number of early leavers. Attendance stats to date.

Sept - 88.3% Oct- 96.7%

Nov - 94.4% Dec - 93.2% to date

Dates for your diary

School closure – Fri. 22nd Dec. 11.30am

Closures; February 5th, 15th & 16th

March 8th Referendum

March 18th Bank hol.

First Holy Communion – April 20th