



St John's Parochial Newsletter

November/December 2016

What's happened so far this term?

- ❖ The school saw great changes over the Midterm Break. Our new office, multisensory room and support room are a fantastic addition to the school.
- ❖ We would like to thank Yvonne Blennerhassett for all her work, as school secretary, over the past four years. We wish her all the best for her retirement and we hope to have an opportunity to mark this occasion at the school later.
- ❖ We were delighted to welcome Colette Price to our staff, after the mid-term break.
- ❖ The senior class went to Siamsa Tíre on Nov. 7th to see Fidget Feet perform Cinder and her Ellas. We saw fantastic acrobatics and some great performances.
- ❖ The Christmas concert was a wonderful success on Sunday 18th Dec. The children enjoyed singing Christmas hymns and carols for parents, families and friends in St. Johns Church. The Parents Association organised a party in Teach an tSolais afterwards where the children got to visit Santa's Grotto.
- ❖ Thanks to all who helped to collect money during our Christmas carolling on Monday 19th Dec. Not only did we raise funds for the school but we had great fun singing, dancing and spreading some Christmas cheer! We also performed for children from local crèches, montessori schools, and playschools in Teach an tSolais earlier in the afternoon.

Cheerios Child-line Breakfast Morning:

- ❖ Many thanks to Eleanor, Janet and the parents association for organizing the Cheerios Childline breakfast. It was a lovely start to the day and the photos are on the school website.



More News:

- ❖ The Parents Association organised a successful "Christmas Themed Floral Demonstration" night in November, where they raised over €1,500. Well done to Eleanor, Isabelle and the rest of the Parents Association for their wonderful efforts.
- ❖ The Christmas Bag Pack in Dunnes Stores was also a wonderful fundraiser. Over €1,000 was raised. Thank you to all who participated and helped to contribute to its success.
- ❖ The pupils of the Junior Classroom did some activities for Maths week earlier in the term. They have decorated their Christmas tree and are looking forward to their trip to the festive hall at the museum on Tues 20th. They will meet Santa there!
- ❖ The senior class participated in "The Mannequin Challenge". The video has been uploaded to the schools Twitter account.