



Christmas Newsletter 2022



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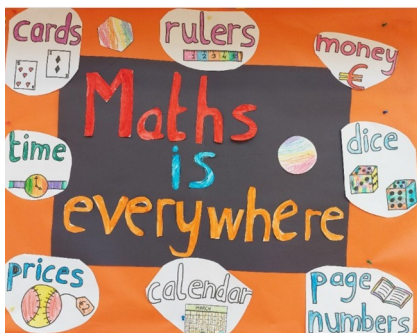


The Staff of St. Mary's would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas. Thank you all for your continued support throughout the year.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the children since August. We would like to share an insight into what we have been doing in this very busy first term.

Maths Week

The children had great fun during Maths Week in October. Children did lots of Numeracy activities in school and at home. Well done everyone.



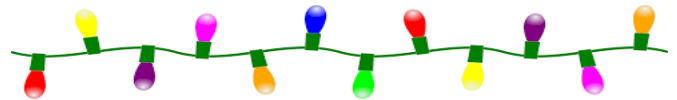
Welcoming our Junior Infants

Congratulations to our Junior Infants who have completed their first term of primary school. We held settling in meetings for our Junior Infant parents in October where parents had the opportunity to meet with the Junior Infant teachers and HSCL to discuss important areas including teaching and learning, homework and Jolly Phonics. It was a wonderful opportunity to establish positive home school links and for us to get to know one another.

A visit from Santa



Santa made a special visit to St. Mary's JNS to see the boys and girls. Santa left a surprise for each boy and girl for their great work at school this term. The children sang Christmas songs with Santa. We enjoyed Santa's visit immensely.



Science Week

We had a very successful Science Week in November. All classes took part in exciting investigations and enjoyed designing and making activities. We celebrated that Science is all around us and got fantastic entries for our "Science in everyday life" photograph competition. Well done to all of our Super Scientists.





Aladdin Connect



We use Aladdin Connect across the school for home-school communication and remote teaching and learning when required. It is very important that parents register for Aladdin Connect in order to keep up to date with school information, to access and upload homework for teacher feedback. Please contact Ms Mc Donald or your child's teacher if you are having difficulty with Aladdin Connect. Please update Miriam if you change your contact information during the year for our records.

School Completion Programme (SCP)

We are very lucky to have Ciara, Abby, Becky and Emma working with us as part time project workers. Many thanks to all for their hard work across this term.

SCP also provided funding for after school clubs for 1st and 2nd classes this term. Thanks to all the teachers for running these clubs.

St. Mary's JNS Parents Association Committee

This term we re-established a Parent's Committee. I would like to thank those parents who have volunteered their time and support to the committee. It is greatly appreciated. All parents are welcome to get involved, please contact Ms Mc Donald on 086 3123122. We organized a Toyshow Fundraiser for the Great Big Give Away, helping families this winter. Thank you for all your contributions.



Christmas Concert



It was lovely to welcome the parents back into the school for our Christmas Concerts. There were wonderful performance from Junior Infants to Second Class.

Well done to all.



Assembly



We started weekly assemblies this term. Here the whole school gathers in the hall to perform songs or poems that they have been learning. Children and classes win different awards for best class lining up, best copies, best handwriting and a Green Class award.



Christmas Cards.



As part of Wellbeing and our Amber Flag, children wrote Christmas Cards for Nursing homes who may need a little Christmas Cheer this year.





Athletics

We were very lucky to have Janice from South Dublin County Sports Partnership working with children in 1st and 2nd classes this term. The children learned new athletic skills in all areas. The children enjoyed throwing javelins, taking part in tug-o-war and hurdles.



Blast

Senior infants have been taking part in Blast with Simona Roveda. Each week the children have been exploring and making sounds and shadows that are in our school environment, using the classroom, school yard and our school garden.



North Clondalkin Library

Thank you to the staff of North Clondalkin Library who have facilitated class visits to the library and visited different classes over the past term



Green Schools



We have been working very hard to reduce, reuse and recycle in school. Every week a class is crowned the “Green Classroom” Champions for using the recycling and general waste bins correctly. Members of the Green School Committee judge the competition and announce the winners at assembly. The children have also been busy litter picking to make sure our school grounds are kept clean and tidy as well as making wonderful art work from recyclable materials. Well done everyone.



We have had such a busy 1st term in St Mary's JNS that we don't have space for all of our activities. They are all on the school website www.stmarysjunior.ie

Reminders to Parents

School closes at 12.00 on Wednesday 21st of December.

School reopens Thursday January 5th 2023.

Happy Christmas to you all.

