Newsletter

December 2022

Christmas Performances: On this coming Thursday, December 15th all the children will be performing a selection of Christmas songs and poems. Doors open at 11 am and you are all invited to attend. The running order starts with Ms O'Donoghue's class at 11:15 and should conclude around 12:15 with the final performance by Ms Duffy's room. You are free to stay for the entire performance or leave when you have seen your child or indeed join the audience close to the time of your child's turn. Each class will be performing for about 10/12 minutes. There are no costumes involved. All we ask is that the children wear something festive whether that be a Christmas jumper/t shirt/top or even a regular top decorated for the day. If they have a Santa hat/Christmas hairband etc, they can wear that also.

Halloween Bake Sale: Thanks very much to everyone in 5th and 6th classes who baked and brought in lovely treats for the Bake Sale just before the Halloween break. €290 euro was raised on the day and this is being used for the purchase of literacy materials.

Laura Lynn Christmas Jumper Day: This coming Friday, December 16th, the children can wear their Christmas jumper/Santa hat/Christmas hairband/any other festive attire etc. to school and bring in a €2 donation for the Laura Lynn Charity.

Rugby Blitz: The children in 5th and 6th classes took part in a blitz in Longford Rugby Club on last Friday, December 9th. While it was a cold, frosty day, everyone had a good time and it was a very positive experience for our first outing to the Rugby Club. The event was organised by Leinster Rugby.

Someone Like Me Art Competition: Congratulations to Emily Reilly, 6th class who was the senior class county winner in this Art Competition. Emily will be attending a prize giving ceremony in City Hall, Dublin in January. We all wish her the best of luck as her picture is sent forward to the national competition.

Used Clothing Collection: Thanks to everyone who dropped in used clothing for the recent collection. Over 800 kg of clothing and other used textiles was collected.

Battery Recycling: Just this week, we had our first collection of used batteries since before the Covid shutdown. Over 10kg of used batteries were collected and given to the approved collection company. Please continue to send in used batteries to the school where appropriate disposal can take place.

Music Generation Workshop. All classes continue to do the music lessons weekly with the teacher from Music Generation. The Board of Management is covering the cost of the lessons for this school year. On December 7th, the children from Infants to 4th attended a workshop in the Temperance Hall, Longford.

Donation: Thanks to Michael and Jana Sheridan (who run the Clutter Bug in Arva) for a generous donation of 250 euro to the school.

Accelerated Reader: If you would like to see your child's progress on the AR system please follow this link: https://ukhosted107.renlearn.co.uk/6935950/. Your child has their own log on details and can share their progress with you.

Swim lessons: The swimming lessons finished just before the Halloween Break and a payment request has been issued. Thanks to everyone who has already paid. If you have lost the payment link or would like it reissued, please contact the school office.

Early closing: the school will be <u>closing at 12 noon</u> for the Christmas Holidays. The buses will be running as normal at home time on that day.