

November/December Newsletter

Art success: Well done to all the children who were successful in the recent North Longford and Arva Credit Union. Siobhan Donohoe, 6th class and Lily Anne McLoughlin 1st class both won first in their age category and received a 30 euro gift cheque each. Their pictures will now be entered in the regional competition. Michaela Farrell, 6th class won 2nd place in her category and received a 20 euro gift cheque. Marissa Farrell, 4th class and Georgia Connell, 1st class both came in third place in their age categories and received 10 euro gift cheques. The theme for this competition was pictures based on the community and all the children from 1st to 6th produced some great pictures of their local community. The “Someone like me” art competition also produced a winner as Ruairc Harney in 2nd class was a county winner. Ruairc and family will now be invited to prize giving in City Hall, Dublin in the New Year.

Football success: Well done to the Girls Football Team who reached the League Final this past season. The final was played at Killoe GAA pitch on Tuesday November 14th. By all accounts, the girls played to the very best of their ability and were very unlucky to lose in extra time. On the following day, Wednesday November 15th, a special pizza lunch was organised for the team and they were presented with their medals.

School Closure: The school was closed for whole staff training on Friday December 8th. This training is for the implementation of the new Maths curriculum.

STEM Trip: The children in 5th and 6th classes visited the Ericsson’s Campus in Athlone on Wednesday December 13th. They had the opportunity to see what goes on in a modern ICT facility. They also had the chance to try coding, participate in team building activities and had a complementary lunch there.

Lauralynn Christmas Jumper Day: On Friday December 15th, the children wore Christmas jumper/tshirt/sweatshirt/something festive and donated 2 euro to the Lauralynn Children’s Hospice charity. In total, 265 euro was raised for the charity. Thanks to everyone for donating to this very worthy cause.

Enrolment : Enrolment for the coming school year will take place in January and February. Please check website for further details.

Bake Sale The Children in 5th and 6th classes organised a very successful bake sale before the Halloween break. The funds raised were put towards the purchase of new equipment for the yard to make break times a little more fun.

Battery collection: Used batteries can be sent into the school at any time. WEEE Ireland organise for collection of the batteries from the school for recycling and a contribution is also made to the Lauralynn charity by this organisation.

Board of Management: A new Board of Management is now in place for the period 2023-27. The names of the members of the new BoM have been updated on the school website.

Board of Management Report:

- The Board ratified the following policies: Parental complaints procedure and Custody and separation policy. Both policies will be posted to the website in the New Year.
- The area of wellness will be the focus of School Improvement for the rest of this school year.
- The Board commends the work of the teachers in developing the artistic and sporting skills of the children and congratulates the winners of the various competitions.
- The BoM is grateful to all those who sponsored prizes for the Christmas Raffle and thanks them for supporting the school. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for the purchase of Maths equipment and other learning resources for the children.

On behalf of all the teachers, ancillary staff and the Board of Management, we wish you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday January 8th!

Nollag Shona Dhaoibh.