



Merry Christmas



Nollaig 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe that here we are at the end of term one. What an eventful term it has been! Time has flown since the October mid-term break and a lot has happened. In general, COVID hasn't stopped us.

We have been working away and trying to carry on with the usual activities. We had Science week in November and our Annual Science Fair took place at the beginning of this month and the standard was excellent. There were many prizewinners.



We had our Food Dudes in November to promote healthy eating.

We celebrated two First Communions on 20th November after a long wait for the children and we are very grateful to Fr. John and Gillian for all the work they put into arranging this.

Our Senior Infants had a morning with Pat Hunt from Heritage in Schools where they looked at the environment around our school grounds.



December wouldn't be December without our Annual Christmas Tree decoration competition and as usual great work went into decorating the tree. We are delighted to have Will Cannon our new Caretaker working with us. He did a great job setting up our Christmas Tree and Crib and has done trojan work in the school garden, not to mention all the other minor tasks he has completed around our school since his arrival.





Last Thursday all the children dressed up in their Christmas jumpers for Panto Day. They watched Red Riding Hood from the Helix courtesy of our Board of Management. It went down a treat!



Many thanks to Lisa and the Parents' Association for all the work they put into Santa's visit on Friday. It was exceptional. The children all watched the video of Santa and were then enthralled when the "Great Man" arrived courtesy of the Gardai in Stepaside. The children were delighted with their selection boxes, chocolate Santas and juice. Thank you to all who contributed.



I know Covid 19 has asked a lot of our children but you should be so proud of them. They have adapted to wearing masks in school without complaint and thanks to a sponsor we have been able to provide them with masks with the school logo. They still carry out all the safety procedures without complaint and come in to school in the mornings in great form.

There have been questions about Hepa filters for the classrooms. We are awaiting guidance from our patron body in relation to this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and to wish you and your families and Happy and Safe Christmas.

Nollaig faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Le gach dea-mhéin,

Brenda Carson

(Príomh Oide)