



St. Louis G.N.S.

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*Wishing you every happiness at Christmas
and in 2018 from the Board of Management and
Staff of St. Louis G.N.S.*



Holiday Arrangements for Christmas



School will close for a **half day at 12.25 pm** tomorrow, 22nd of December. Please ensure you make arrangements for your children to be collected at this time.

School will re-open on **Monday 8th January 2018**



Christmas Events

Carol Service



St. Joseph's Church was packed to capacity on Thursday night, 14th December, for a Special Christmas Carol Service. Our 5th class choir joined with choirs from St. Louis Infant and St. Mary's Boys' Schools in a wonderful celebration of Christmas music which was very well-received by the congregation. We are grateful to Mrs Gallagher, Mrs McCarville and Mrs Deeney for preparing the children for this occasion, to the musicians who provided the accompaniment and to Fr. Stephen and Fr. Kevin for their assistance and their participation on the night.

3rd & 4th Class Christmas "Disney" Show



Earlier on the morning of the 14th December, our 3rd and 4th classes put on a Christmas show for their families. The girls sang a variety of hits from Disney movies, accompanied by movements and dance routines. Many thanks to Mrs Treanor, Mrs Cunningham and Ms McNally for showcasing such a terrific performance.

2nd Class Play



On Monday 18th December it was the turn of our two 2nd classes, who entertained their parents to a lively Christmas play entitled "Ralph the Reindeer." The girls were very excited to perform for their families and did a marvellous job! Well done to Ms. Brady and Ms. Reilly for all their work in preparing the children.



Fifth and Sixth Class Christmas Concert

Finally, we say a "Very well done" to our pupils from 5th and 6th class who put on an excellent performance for their parents last night. A special thank you to Mrs Mc Geown, Ms Holland, Mrs Coyle and Ms. Deery for all their effort in preparing for this event and to Mrs Cunningham who accompanied the singing on guitar. Thanks to all those who helped to decorate the hall for the occasion: Mrs Healy Ms O' Reilly, Mrs Hannon, Ms Mullen, Stephen, our Caretaker and four St Louis TY students who are with us on work experience this week. Thanks also to Mrs Karen Prunty and Mrs Carmel Duffy of the PA who helped Mrs. Dowd to serve the refreshments on the night. We are extremely grateful also to our Family School Liaison Officer, David Mc Cague, for all his assistance with this performance.



St. Vincent de Paul



Thank you all very much for the huge selection of food items you sent in for our annual St. Vincent De Paul Collection. Two 6th class girls, Lurissa O'Leary and Kathy Otsalt presented the food to representatives from The Society of St. Vincent de Paul this morning. Our 5th class choir also went out carol singing in Flemings today to raise money for St. Vincent de Paul. We are very grateful to those who came to listen and support them. Many thanks to Mrs Gallagher for organising both these charity events.



Parents' Association News

Our Parents' Association ran a very successful **Flag Day** on Saturday 2nd December and managed to raise the marvellous sum of €1,060 for school resources. Great credit is due to the committee for organising this fundraiser. We extend a very special thank you to the committee members and to all those who collected on the day :- Claire Sheridan, Nora Devine, Carmel Duffy, Dermot Coyle, Karen & Declan Prunty, Fionnuala Gallagher, Pauline Hall, Marie & Larant Kovacs, Lynn Murphy, Annette McCabe, Krishnan Vivekanandan, Margaret McCullough & Lukasz Jarzabek.

The members have set Friday 2nd February as the date for their Annual Cake Sale. They will be meeting again in January to plan for this next big fundraiser.

Socks for the Homeless

Sincere thanks for your generous response to this appeal from the charity "A lending hand, Monday Nights." The sock box in the front hall was overflowing with a wonderful variety of colourful socks! This was a lovely way for the children to remember the homeless at Christmas time.



Switch-On Raffle

The raffle was held in school on 1st December and we were delighted with the response to both the Adult and Children's draws. The raffle, combined with the Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate stall realised the grand total of €1000 for school resources. This money will be spent on purchasing more Guided Readers for our 2nd to 5th classes and on funding the bus to take 6th class to the Peace Proms Practice in January.

Adult Raffle Winners: 1st Linda Fitzgerald, 2nd Karen Prunty 3rd Laura McKenna

Overall Children's Prize: Alisija Dunauska, 2nd Class

Thank you all most sincerely for your generosity in buying so many tickets.



Thank You

At this special time of year, we would like to acknowledge the assistance and support of Fr. Paddy Mc Ginn, Fr. Stephen Duffy, Mr. David McCague and the members of the Parents' Association and the Board of Management, who do so much in the background to support the teaching and learning in our school. Míle Buíochas dóibh go léir.

Monaghan Museum

We are very grateful to Monaghan Museum for the opportunity to take part in a variety of events during this school term. On Friday 15th December a number of our classes went to see a Christmas Magic Show. Thanks to Pauline Tilson for keeping us informed of all the upcoming events and to Mrs Treanor who organises them for our pupils.



Junior Achievement

Our 6th class girls have just completed a three-session Junior Achievement Programme covering such topics as paper chromatography, healthy heart and making a periscope. We are very grateful to Gerry Crawley and Regina McGinn of the EPA for facilitating these workshops for our girls.



6th Class Debate

Our victorious debating team won their 2nd debate against Clontibret N.S. on Thursday 14th December. This time the girls were proposing the motion that "Children under 14 should not be allowed on Social Media." Congratulations to speakers Georgina McKenna (Captain), Neeha Vivkanandan and Aoife O'Gara and to researchers Rhiain Ronaghan, Hannah Pourani and Tammy Mc Elwain, who also acted as Chairperson on the day. The girls will face a team from Garron N.S. for their 3rd debate which will be held in January. Many thanks to Miss Deery for her ongoing work in preparing the team.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Sincere thanks to you all for turning out in such large numbers to attend our Parent-Teacher Meetings. The teachers very much appreciate your support and affirmation.



*Nollaig Shona agus áthbhliain faoi
mhaise daoibh go léir*

