



St. Josephs Primary School, Macroom

Christmas Newsletter 2013

Dear Parents

Wishing you a happy Christmas and every good wish for the coming year.

Carol Service



We have started the Advent season and we are looking forward to Christmas. We have our Parish Carol Service on Sunday 15th December in the Parish Church. The girls from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes will be taking part in it.

New Classrooms

We have been granted planning permission for new classrooms for our school.

We hope that building will start in the Spring,

We look forward to your support during the coming year in our fund raising efforts. as there will be a shortfall between the grant we will receive and the estimated total cost of the project.

School Band

Pupils in the school band will visit St Colman's Hospital and Care Choice Nursing Home to provide some Christmas music and carols for the residents.

You are welcome to our school concert on **Thursday the 19th of December** at 11.00am.

Classes in the Christmas Concert

JUNIOR INFANTS Ms. Kelleher's Ms Twomey's, Ms Cronin's

SECOND CLASS Ms. Buckley's

FIFTH & SIXTH CLASS Ms Cooper's

The school band will open the show with some Christmas tunes. The Junior Infant classes will perform their items followed by the Senior Classes. The rest of the classes will have their Concert around St Patrick's Day. Santa will also be visiting us before the holidays.



Parents' Association

Many thanks to the Parents Association for their fundraising for the school and for their ongoing support. Thanks for your organising the production of the children's Christmas cards. There will be some very original Christmas cards this year in Macroom. The money raised from the cards will go to our Building Fund. We also have some Christmas cards on sale in school and in local shops as a Fundraiser if you still need some.



Secret Life of Bee

We had a workshop on the Life of Bees on November 22nd for all the pupils. There were exhibits and audio visual materials through which the pupils explored the secret life of Ireland's bees.

It was a fun filled interactive workshop enjoyed by everyone. It was presented by Joe Campbell.

Green Flag

We celebrated getting our first Green Flag on the 18th October. The Mayor of Macroom and members of the Board of Management joined us for our celebrations.

This is a work in progress, so we ask you to continue to support our efforts at reducing, recycling, reusing.

Thank you for continuing to support our healthy eating policy. Thank you, also for supporting our Walk to school on Wednesdays. This has been a great success this term, and we have been very fortunate that every Wednesday has been dry. This has also made a big difference in easing the traffic congestion outside the school. Thanks for your help.

We will continue every Wednesday weather permitting.

Please be careful leaving off children outside the school and do not double park as it cause a traffic jam in the area.

Art competitions

Congratulations to Clodagh McDonagh, who won a prize in the Credit Union Art competition. Clodagh McDonagh's picture has gone on to the National competition.

Congratulations also to Nadia Sliwa and Sadbh Bourke who won prizes in the AIB art competition.

Sports

Third Class went for Swimming Lessons to the Castle Hotel. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes will go in April and May. Well done to all the pupils who took part in **Cross Country Running** in the Town Park on the 10th Oct. Girls from Fourth to Sixth Class do Basketball training every Tuesday after school in St Mary's Secondary School Sports Complex.



Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for your support of the Shoebox appeal in the classes from Third to Sixth. These boxes will go Moldova.

School website

Important information re medical conditions are occasionally put on our website. You will be contacted by text to alert you.

Thanks to the parent of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class who took part in our survey on Maths as part of our Numeracy. Our latest news is on our school blog <http://stjosephsprimarymacroom.scoilnet.ie/blog/> We would welcome your comments on our news items.

Gift Giving

We appreciate the gifts you have given to teachers and staff over the years. However with so many families experiencing difficulty at this time we would prefer that gifts were not given to teachers and staff or other pupils as it can put pressure on families.



