



St. Josephs Primary School, Macroom

Christmas Newsletter 2011

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 11th December in the Parish Church. The girls from Second, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes will be taking part in it.

Carol Singing

Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Classes will visit St Colman's Hospital and Care Choice Nursing home to sing some Christmas carols for the residents. This year we have been invited by the local Enterprise Board to join in Carol singing on the evening of the 8th December on the Main Street. There is late night shopping in town that evening.

Gift Giving

We appreciate the gifts you have given to teachers and staff over the years however with so many families experiencing difficulty this year we would prefer that gifts were not given to teachers and staff or other pupils as it puts pressure on the parents



No Uniform Day

On Friday 9th Dec we will have a No Uniform Day. You are invited to contribute €2 per pupil or €4 per family. This money will go to the Parents Association to raise funds for the school.

Christmas Concert

Our school concert will be on Wednesday the 21st of December starting at 9.30am. Sr Mary's, Ms Twomey's, Ms Cronin's, Ms. Cooper's, and Mrs. Creedon's classes will take part in this concert. The rest of the



classes will have their Concert around St Patrick's weekend. 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. Some of the money raised will cover the cost of the Drama classes for all classes in the school this year. It will also subsidize the Gymnastics and Folk Dancing next term.

Thanks

Thanks to Sr. Mary for her service in St Joseph's and best wishes to her for a happy and healthy retirement.

Sports

Second and Third Classes went for Swimming Lessons to the Castle Hotel. Four, Fifth and Sixth Classes will go in April, May and June to Bishopstown Swimming Pool. Pupils from Senior infants and First Class were involved in Football Training. Pupils took part in **Cross Country Running** in the Town Park on the 12th Oct.



The **Homework Club** is continuing each evening from Tues to Thursday.

Musical Treats

We had a wonderful musical workshop with the **RTE Van Brugh Quartet** on the 14th Nov. They introduced pupils from 2nd to 6th Classes to their instruments and gave them an opportunity to make music with them.

Health Promoting School

We were very happy with our recognition in June as a Health Promoting School by the Health Promotion Unit of the HSE. This is a work in progress, so we ask you to continue to support our healthy eating policy in school.



Visit to the Lifetime Lab

Mrs Creedon's class visited the Lifetime Lab in Cork on the 3rd Oct. The theme for the day was Electricity. They had a very interesting day doing experiments with circuits and bulbs, switches, motors and buzzars.

Folk Dancing

Junior and Senior Infants learned some dances from The Caribbean, New Zealand, France, Sweden, and Serbia.



AIB colouring competition

Congratulations to Molly O'Driscoll and Carol Ann Casey who won prizes for their colouring in the AIB colouring competition.

Positive Ageing Week

Fourth Class pupils visited Care Choice on Nursing Home on the 27th September during Positive Ageing Week. They enjoyed doing some cooking with the residents and they enjoyed singing for them.

School website

Our school website www.stjosephsprimarmacroom.com has been shortlisted for an award in the Eircom Junior Spider Awards. We will go to Helix in DCU on the 13th December for the awards.