



St. Josephs Primary School, Macroom

Christmas Newsletter 2012

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 16th December in the Parish Church. The girls from 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.

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



Backpack project

Thank you for your support of our Backpack project. We were delighted with the response. They have been collected and are on their way to Malawi.

Christmas Concert

You are welcome to our school concert on **Thursday the 20th of December** starting at 9.30am. Ms Twomey's, Ms Cronin's and Mrs. Creedon's, Mrs.O'Callaghan's and Ms.Fitzpatrick's classes will take part in this concert. The school band will open the show with some Christmas tunes. The Junior Infant classes will perform their items after that followed by the School choir with some of their Peace Proms numbers. The Senior Classes will then perform their items. The rest of the classes will have their Concert before Easter. 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 support for our class calendars. Some of the money raised will cover the cost of the Drama classes for all classes in the school this year. It will also subsidise Gymnastics and Folk Dancing. Bus trips will also be paid for.

Sports

Third Class went for Swimming Lessons to the Castle Hotel. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes will go in April and May. 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 10th Oct.



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

Musical Treats

We had a wonderful musical workshop with the **vox merus**, brass quintet on the 14th November. They introduced pupils from 2nd to 6th Classes to their instruments and gave them an opportunity to make music with them. They also visited the Junior Classrooms.

Pupils from Fourth to Sixth classes met Marita Conlon McKenna, author of 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' in the Briery Gap on October 10th.

Green Flag

We are working for our first Green Flag. We had an action packed day Action on the 8th November. 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. When the weather improves we will continue our Walk to school on Wednesdays.



Visit to the Lifetime Lab

Mrs Creedon's class visited the Lifetime Lab in Cork on the 21st. November. They had a very interesting day doing experiments with heat and recording material change. Mrs. O'Callaghan's class

and Ms. Fitzpatrick's classes will visit the Lifetime Lab in February.

Folk Dancing

Junior, Senior Infants and First Class learned some dances from Scotland, Poland, The Netherlands, Denmark, and America

Credit Union art competition

Congratulations to Aoibhe Murphy, Ella Fitzgerald, Clodagh McDonagh, Aoibhe Kelleher, won all won prizes in the Credit Union Art competition. Aoibhe Murphy's picture and Clodagh McDonagh's picture go on to the county competition.

Peace Proms Concert

We are taking part in the Peace Proms Concert. Tickets are now available for the Concert in the **City Hall on Sunday 24th February at 2.00p.m.** at Pinocchio's Toy Store, 2 Paul Street, Cork, 021 4271771 or online at www.cboi.ie. This will be a very enjoyable concert. You can find out more about the orchestra and their performances on their website www.cboi.ie.

Visit to UCC

Fifth and Sixth class have been invited to visit UCC on the 19th December. They will be given a tour of the college and a complimentary lunch. They will take part in experiments in the science labs. The cost of this trip is being funded by Bord Gais.



