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### WHOLE SCHOOL EVALUATION

Following our recent WSE the follow up meetings with staff, Board of Management and chairperson of the Parents' Council were held on Wednesday afternoon. We are very happy with the oral report received and the final written report will be published on the Department of Education website early in the New Year. You will be notified when this is available for you all to read.

The inspectors advised us that they found the quality of leadership and management in our school to be very good as is the overall quality of teaching and learning. They acknowledged all the hard work being done in our school and the professionalism of our teachers. They highly commended the initiatives ongoing in our school including Literacy Lift Off, Aistear, Accelerated Reading Program, Numicon, Mata sa Rang, Maths Stations, I.T., Guided Reading, Book Club, STEAM, My Learner ID, Friends For Life, Incredible Years, Zones of Regulation, Green Schools, Active Schools, school garden, Scratch/Lego, therapeutic horse riding, play therapy, swimming and also providing a weekly service of a speech and language therapist and occupational therapist. Our school has strong links with outside agencies such as NEPS, Tulsa, Camhs, Ceis and they praised our involvement in the Meitheall program which we started this year. They also commended the staff for their voluntary contribution to after school activities such as choir, gaelic games, cross country, basketball, brass band and gymnastics.

Our links with the local community were also acknowledged such as G.A.A, Carrigoran, local history tours which include Dromoland Castle who helped us set up our school garden, the local library, St. Vincent de Paul, Grandparents Day and our annual Christmas Fair.

The inspectors thanked our S.N.A.'s for their dedication to the children in their care and Sarah for her kindness and courtesy to them while they were in our school. Your surveys reported that you as parents feel welcome to our school and there is great communication between school and home e.g. weekly newsletter, school website, school journal, text-a-parent and twitter. 99% of parents stated that the teaching in the school is very good and 97.9% that their child is doing well in our school.

The report stated that our B.O.M. is very good and extremely supportive of our school. They work in a voluntary capacity and have encouraged and supported our staff in Continuing Professional Development. The report also stated that the Parents' Council is a valuable support to the school and are involved in policy review and work in a collaborative manner with the B.O.M.

### ICE ON THE YARD

It has been brought to the attention of staff that some children are skating on the yard in the mornings. This makes the yard very dangerous for walking on resulting in serious injuries. We ask that you speak to your child about the danger of doing this.

### Pre-school news

Finn's sister Evie is really good at hide and seek. Sean flew to New York in an Aer Lingus plane. Ben drew a picture of a dinosaur. Ryan went to Penney's. A.J. went to the Ball Pod at the weekend. Rob met Santa and told him he was good. Paul showed us how to make numbers and shapes from blocks. Ollie hopes Santa will bring Transformers this year. Kate hopes to get Power Rangers and paint and Aoibhinn hopes to get a Paw Patrol toy. Tori and Mammy saw Santa when they were shopping. Sophie's monkey makes her laugh. Maisie's family have lots of decorations to put up for Christmas. Niamh painted Molly's nails in beautiful colours. Keeva's Dad gave her Mom a beautiful sparkly ring. Róisín and Ruby will help their Moms decorate the Christmas trees. Dervla went to Nanny's for a sleepover. Emily went swimming at the beach and it was so cold. Ger is getting a haircut. Kiah went to see Paw Patrol and Santa. Amelia is going to see Santa with her sisters. Sienna had great fun decorating the Christmas tree. Noah likes to play with dinosaurs

### SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

After school hurling on Monday is now cancelled until the New Year.

### SWIMMING CLASSES

4<sup>th</sup> class have now completed their 8 week swimming session. Other classes will begin their classes in term 2. Parents will be notified closer to the date.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas Fair is on this evening from 5 – 8 p.m. We hope you will all get a chance to come and support us. Aside from being an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the school it is a lovely social evening and a chance to meet up with people. We also have fantastic prizes for our raffle this year.

A big thank you to our Wonderful Parents' Council who do great work with the organisation of this event every year. We had a few new helpers this year and it was great seeing the new faces. We encourage all parents to join the Parents' Council. As well as being an invaluable source of assistance to the school, it is also a great way to meet other parents and find out more about what goes on in the school on a day to day basis. New members are always welcome and we hope to welcome some more of you in the New Year.

### PARENTS' COUNCIL NEWS

#### Split the Pot.

Pot this week €504

**This week's winner is Mary B. McMahon**  
**Next Draw December 05, in EuroSpar**

### Acorns Class News

Dermot went swimming and played Lego with his cousins. Mitchell and his cousins had a sleepover. Cathal went to Lucy's birthday party with Aoife and had lots of fun. Callum saw Santa in the Town Centre and he gave him a high five. He said Ho, Ho, Ho. Mikaela is getting really good at her handwriting. Her favourite words are Rita Ora, Beyonce and Little Mix.

## JUNIOR INFANT NEWS

*Luca's brother went surfing for his birthday. Lucy and a brilliant time at her party, she even got a rainbow lollipop. Grace, Cael, David, Saorlaith, Aisling, and Zara went to Lucy's party. It was great fun and they all really enjoyed it. James and Lexie visited Santa. Max went on the Santa flight. Robyn and her family went camping. Abbie got glow in the dark planets for her room. Shane saw Paddington 2 in the cinema. Makayla can't wait to see Santa. Daniel went to Jurassic Park and saw a T-Rex. Daithí got presents from Mom and Dad when they came back from Liverpool. Antoni has a new coat. Aifric visited her aunt Sheila. Niall's sister got loads of money when her tooth fell out. Emer's uncle slept over at her house. Cael loved the play area at Lucy's party. Lori May went to see Santa twice. Leyla and Tommy Lee loved the slide at the birthday party. Aoibhe and her Dad went for a cycle and Aoibhe has a seat for her baby at the back of her bike. Luke is getting a costume and action figures from Santa.*

## FIRST CLASS NEWS

Patrick B cycled his bike. James visited Santa in Galway. Hollie S. went to Kidstown and Burger King. Cian R. had fun with his cousins. Evie's cousins from Mayo came to visit. Fionn got new light up shoes. Cian K. went to the movies. Rianne got a new scarf and she went swimming. Eric went to the cinema and got a new toy. Alison got an Elf on the Shelf when she was in Mayo. Chloe's cousins came to visit and they went shopping. Michéal had a sleepover in Grandad's house and got a new jacket. Aoibhinn went to Rollerjam. Darcey went to Dani's house and they made cookies. Wladek got a Minions T-shirt. Kelvin, Croídhé and Aoife put up their Christmas decorations. Isabella and Mom got the bus to Ennis. Dani made slime, cookies and apple crumble with her friends. Sadie visited Santa in Bunratty. Rhys went to Nana's for dinner. Hollie E. stayed with her Nana when her Mom and Dad were away. She got lots of goodies, but we won't tell Mom. Patrick K. got 3 Skylander cars. Eva went to see Paddington 2. Shane and Cian R. went swimming and they did pencil jumps, froggy legs and dived. Leah's tooth fell out and she visited her cousins. Alex's uncle came to visit. Ciara is getting a new lamb. Thomas played with Croídhé and went to the cinema.

## THIRD AND FOURTH CLASS NEWS

Róisín and Katlyn did arts and crafts together. Ella climbed Croagh Patrick. Róisín's aunt Cathy came for the weekend. Orla's Dad celebrated his birthday and they had a party. Zach S. watched Annie movies. James had a Nerf war with his friends Daniel and Ben. Colin got his hair cut. Nathanael got a new jersey. Anthony visited Nana in Mayo. Joe and Zach went to see Justice League in the cinema. Jennifer went to her cousin Jake's christening. Dylan and Kayden put up their Christmas decorations. Luke went to his cousin's house to see their new dog. Seán and his family watched The Grinch. Nicole went to two parties and she got a new doll. Sórcha, Seán, Joe, Zach and John all went to Rollerjam with Cubs. Eloise got a new green hair clip. Ryan went bowling at The Planet.

*Kate watched the Grinch. David had a busy weekend moving house. Amy watched Daddy's Home 2. Emily L. came second at a horse show. Sinéad went to Jill's house. Emily O'D. did a back tuck on a high beam. Ava went to visit Santa in Bunratty and to Killarney also. Veena got new shoes. Scott McC. went to the cinema and to Pizza Hut. Holly and Dad went bowling. Colin helped put the Christmas decorations up. Leah went to Galway and did some babysitting over the weekend.*

## SENIOR INFANT NEWS

Kate's tooth fell out and the tooth fairy visited. Sarah had dinner with Conor and Dylan's house and they watched Stickman and Frozen. Darragh got his hair cut. Ella is going to a birthday party after school. Paddy has picked his favourite Christmas jumpers and he will be watching the toy show. Tiernan and Franek will be watching it too. Millie will be having treats when she watches the Toy Show. Aidan went to see Santa. Faye is putting up the Christmas tree. Evan is going to visit Nana. Ray got a sticky Ninja and he climbs walls. Charlie has his decorations up. Nathan played with his cousins at Nana's house. Thomas and Mom ate Christmas candy while they watched a movie. Tyler is going to Grandad's for a sleepover. Patrick played the X-Box with his friend Alex. Cory and Conor H. are having a movie night at Cory's house. They are going to have treats as well. Alannah and Evan went on a play date to The Planet. Conor H. is getting a drone for Christmas. There was snow on Lucy's trampoline and she threw snowballs at the window. Jamie and Paddy had a playdate. Ronan's Mum won Split the Pot and he helped put up the decorations. Ruth went to her aunty's house and she helped put the decorations there. Congratulations to her as she won medals at the Munster Irish Dancing competitions. Well done Ruth. Molly is looking forward the wearing her new jumper at the Christmas Fair. Dylan's Nana came for a sleepover.

## SECOND CLASS NEWS

*Noah is getting a tortoise. Katie went to Mass on Tuesday. Reuben is going to Galway. Lexie is going to see the Coca-Cola truck. Shane played a soccer match. Omar got a new soccer ball. John's Mom is getting a new car. Brianna and Olivia both went to their Nana's. Shane D. and Grace are going on the Santa flight. Liam played a rugby blitz. Congratulations to Lily and her family, they welcomed a new baby and his name is Harry. Tom's cousins are coming to the Christmas Fair. Olivia N. is going to her friend Siobhán's house. Isabel got her house painted. Lonán's friend came for a sleepover. Congratulations to Lily F. she came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Munster Irish Dancing competition.*

## FIFTH & SIXTH CLASS NEWS

**Dinadee made a delicious apple crumble. Jessie is very excited as her Mum is coming home on Saturday. Thomás went swimming in Galway. Cillian M. enjoys playing soccer. Siobhán went to the Crescent. Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday to Aaron. Sean A. is going to Cork soon. Daria made pancakes and is excited about having her friends for a sleepover. Happy birthday to Katie's Mum and Nana. Keela's Nana and Grandad are going to Poland soon. Ella went out for dinner. Amy went to see Newmarket -v- Kilmaley, Newmarket won.**

*Jack B. went walking up the 12 o'clock hills with all the family including the dog. David and Michael went to Shaun and Ciarán's house. Some people from our class went to the St. Flannan's open night during the week. Adam got new rugby boots. We started "Book Club" with 5<sup>th</sup> class this week. Conan is going to his Dad's tomorrow.*