

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER : EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL CHOIR:

The school choir continues to practice for the Laudate festival. They sound wonderful. Some children represented us at an event for National Children's Day. Many thanks to Ms Wallnutt for all the effort she puts into the choir.



KILLAKEE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM:

The children in First and Fourth class visited Killakee Christmas Tree Farm on 29th November. This visit was kindly organised by Karen Morton and we are very grateful. The children had a great time and the trip was very educational.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE:

On Tuesday 28th November Fr. Lyng joined us for a special remembrance service. We prayed for all our relatives and friends who have died. Their names are recorded on purple leaves on the remembrance tree.

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The boys in blue will bring Sam Maguire to visit on 14th December. Hopefully the girls in blue will come visit soon.



GREEN SCHOOL NEWS:

Well done to all those students who continue to Walk on Wednesday. The school is still striving towards its fifth green flag on the theme of BIODIVERSITY. The children are making posters of Our Slogan "All of God's

creatures big and small, biodiversity rules them all!"

5th and 6th planted crocus bulbs recently.



SCIENCE WEEK:

This was a great success and the children enjoyed lots of various scientific experiments. We are hoping to maintain our "SFI Discover Primary Science and Maths" award.

Ballyroan Library will host a science event for our 5th and 6th class on Wednesday 13th December. This promises to be very enjoyable and will be run by the "Young Einstein" group.

REINDEER WORKSHOP:

On Friday 1st December Mr and Mrs Cunney will come into the school to help 5th and 6th make some craft reindeer. These will be available for sale during our Christmas fair or by prior order. They will cost €10 each. We are so grateful to both parents for giving us their time and expertise.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

The Christmas Card fundraiser raised €399. The "Cash for Clobber" event raised €290. We are extremely grateful to all our parents for their continued support and to our Parents' Association for their hard work. A special thanks to Linda who organised all the Christmas cards.

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GOAL JERSEY DAY:

The "County Colours" Jersey Day in aid of Goal raised the sum of €158. Thanks to one and all.

TRIP TO DÁIL:

5th and 6th had a trip to Dáil Eireann courtesy of Ms Catherine Martin TD. It was very educational and we are very grateful for the opportunity.

ETHOS:

Sr. Anna came into our 5th and 6th class to chat about the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit in preparation for Confirmation. The children really enjoyed her presentation.

We will have an Advent wreath on our Advent table during December. We will have suggestions for good deeds that the children might do to help them prepare for Christmas.



SCHOOL GARDEN:

Thanks to Daisyellen's Dad – David Hayden for the weeding he has done in the landscaped area of the school garden. It is looking so much better. Our sensory beds have arrived but are not installed yet.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please remember Valerie and Ms Tallon who are both still out sick and keep them in your prayers.

STAFF:

We welcome Ms Brocklebank to our staff. She will teach 3rd and 4th class.



SAVINGS CLUB:

Tuesday 12th December 2017 is the last day for savings and the club will resume on Tuesday 16th January 2018. Thanks so much to Imelda Lambert and Bridget Alipour for all their hard work.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

School Concerts:

Tuesday 19th December: J. Infants, 1st, 3rd and 5th.

Wednesday 20th December S. Infants, 2nd, 4th & 6th.

Philomena Cleary
Principal