

SÉ December Parent Newsletter 2022

We will close for Christmas Holidays on Wednesday 21st December @ 12noon buses will run at this time

School Meals Programme continues to run smoothly with the introduction of hot meals along with the mid-morning snacks. *Please ensure when ordering that it is a meal your child will enjoy!* If parents are experiencing any difficulty with ordering please feel free to contact Fresh Today, who are very helpful. Text CHANGE to 087-1184394 or email info@freshtoday.ie



School Attendance If your child is going to be late to school/or leaving early please log the reason on Aladdin Connect. This can be completed in the same way as recording absences. **Under the Education Welfare Act 2000 parents must inform the school if their child will be absent from school on a school day and the reason for the absence.**

Under current legislation (Education Welfare Act 2000) the school must notify the National Educational Welfare Board (TUSLA) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year.

Internet Safety Talk REIM held an in-school workshop for 3rd - 6th Class pupils on Nov 30th and some concerns were raised about pupils playing computer games that are not age appropriate. If children are exposed to games that contain violence and aggression this transfers to their play as 'acceptable behaviour'. We as adults must consider the appropriateness of what our children encounter through games and online platforms. The biggest message from the internet safety providers was to **monitor usage** and ensure **parental controls** are in place.

Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal Thank you all so much for your immense generosity in contributing to the Team Hope appeal. Our parents and pupils donated 105 boxes to those in need. The gift of giving is such an important lesson for us all.



Thank you to **Ballybay Community College** for hosting 4th & 5th Class pupils at their Christmas Craft Fair earlier today.

The **Coding Workshop** for 6th Class today with Alan from Coding Ireland was a fun and interesting workshop for all. Alan has kindly offered to facilitate a FREE four week coding course for the pupils of 6th class next term.



Peace IV Our Peace IV project continues and next Thursday 8th December pupils from Junior Infants to Fourth Class will attend the Garage Theatre for a showing of the Pantomime Old Mother Hubbard @ 10am. All snacks will be provided.

SÉ Christmas Show will take place on Wednesday 14th December with two performances ... 1pm and 7pm. We look forward to welcoming all of our families to what will be a fun and entertaining event. For the 7pm show we ask that **ALL PUPILS** are back in school for 6:45pm. Could all pupils please bring a **Santa hat** to school next week for use in the show.



Christmas Jumper Day will be held on Friday 16th December. All pupils may wear a Christmas jumper/tee-shirt with their school P.E. bottoms. We encourage pupils to create their own festive jumper/tee-shirt by adding decorations, lights etc. to add a sense of fun to the event. We ask for a donation of €2 per pupil. All funds raised will be donated to Ballybay Cancer coffee morning in memory of John Lennon.



Student Council recently held their Late Late Toy Show treat box raffle which was a huge success. All money raised from the raffle will go towards funding further events organised by the Council.

Green School Council are looking forward to the year ahead. Our Green Schools' Committee continue with their WOW walking initiative as they work towards our travel flag. They have also asked parents not to be 'idling' (leaving your car running) when dropping off/picking up as they work to create a cleaner environment for us all.

SÉ Student Newsletter thank you to the pupils of 6th Class for publishing the November Newsletter packed with the latest news. Click on the link to find out more: <http://www.scoileanna.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/November-Student-Newsletter-2022.pdf>



Bike Green continues for two more weeks for the pupils of 6th Class. The final two weeks will require on the road training. Please remind your child of the importance of road safety for all. A number of the €10 fees remain outstanding we ask that these are paid ASAP.

St Anne's Nursing Home have kindly invited a small group of pupils to perform Christmas Carols for the residents on Tuesday 20th December. This is an event which is enjoyed by the pupils, residents and staff.

Scoil Éanna Parents' Association Thank you to the SÉ Parents' Association who are currently working on putting together the Christmas Hampers for our raffle, all donations welcome – thank you to all those who have already contributed so generously. For further information on the Hamper Appeal follow the link: <http://www.scoileanna.ie/christmas-hamper-appeal/> Our PA are involved in the organisation of the stage for our Christmas Show and a 'Christmas Surprise' for all pupils. Thank you to all those involved who give their time so freely and generously. *Reminder: new members are always welcome.*

