



## December 2023

### School Closure

School will close at 12 noon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for the Christmas holidays. School will resume on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### Do This in Memory Mass

Congratulations to the pupils of 2<sup>nd</sup> class who were a shining example to us all at their recent enrolment ceremony. Next DTIM mass Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January @ 12:15 in St. Patrick's Church.

### Overdue Sundry Payments

Please could **all overdue** pupil sundry payments of €30 be paid before the end of term

### Student Council

Thank you all for supporting our Late Late Toy Show raffle.... All monies collected will go towards student well-being activities ... Lucky winners: Emilija, Emily, Patrick, Roisin & Mikey.



## Upcoming Dates

- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Concert – Matinee @ 12:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Concert – Evening Performance @ 7pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Santa Hat Walk
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Choir singing in St Anne's
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec **12 noon CLOSURE** – Christmas Holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 Return to school




Thank you all, for your continued support of everything we do as a school community. Thank you to the staff for the immeasurable commitment they make to ensure Scoil Éanna is a happy and vibrant place of learning. I wish all our pupils, staff, family members and our Board of Management a very happy and healthy Christmas. We look forward to everything that 2024 holds for us.

Finally, a very, very Happy Christmas to all of our pupils. I hope that Christmas is filled with excitement, fun and laughter for each and every one of you!

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**Concert Stage** A huge thank you to the parents who so capably erected our stage last weekend ..... *giving of your time to support us is greatly appreciated*



## Science Week

Our focus this year was Biodiversity the theme of our next Green School Flag. Well done to all classes for their contributions. Thank you to Mark the Science Guy who entertained 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> class with his science workshop.

## Christmas Concert

Our whole school Christmas performance will take place over two days this year. We invite all parents to join us to celebrate the many gifts and talents of the pupils from junior infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class.

The matinee will take place at **12:30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**.

The evening show will take place @ **7pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**. **ALL** pupils are asked to be in school at **6:45pm** for the evening show.

Every pupil has a role to play whether it be acting/choir/dancing so we ask that **ALL PUPILS** attend the evening performance.

*We thank you for your support with this.*

**PA hamper raffle will take place at both shows. Tickets can be purchased at the entrance door.**

## SÉ Sport

Thank you to Francis from Monaghan Sports Partnership for his great Little Athletics programme with the junior school and volleyball with senior pupils

## Peace Proms 24

In the New Year the school Peace Prom Choir will begin rehearsals for Peace Proms 24 in the SSE Arena on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## ESD Education for Sustainable Development

We have been fortunate in our application for funding to enhance our outdoor area. We feel this is vital to cater to the sensory needs of our pupils, enabling them to learn, socialise, and interact effectively within an inclusive school environment. We welcome the addition of a climbing wall, cocoons, balance beams and a table tennis table to our playgrounds - all of which are already being well utilized by pupils. Thank you to our Green School leaders for initiating the project and securing funds.

## Attendance

Attendance for the month of November was 95.2% an improvement on last year. We intend to run an attendance drive in the New Year as an incentive to classes.

*More info to follow.*

## SÉ Parents' Association

➤ **PA Christmas Jumper Swap Shop** Thank you for supporting our first sustainability initiative. We hope it is something that will grow and grow!

➤ **PA Hamper Collection** Thank you to all the parents who have already supported our PA in donating items for the Christmas hamper raffle.

**Final day** for donating items: **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

<http://www.scoileanna.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Christmas-Hampers-2023.pdf>

## Christmas Jumper Day

We will hold our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Children can wear a festive jumper to school ..... we always welcome and support the sustainability of 'home-designed' jumpers! Pupils are asked for a donation of €2 on this day. All monies raised will be donated to Ballybay SVP.

## December Homework

We are aware that December is a very busy month for families. With this in mind it has been agreed by staff that for the 3 weeks of December pupils will only be asked to complete learning homework.

## Santa Hat Walk

We hope to do our annual Santa hat town walk on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December (*weather permitting*).

*Please come out and support.*