



# St. Patrick's Primary School



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## Principal's Desk

Welcome to the New Years' edition of our school newsletter. We hope you enjoy looking back on our fun-filled and productive December/ January images and memories. Signs of Spring are all around us and we are looking forward to longer, brighter days and another great term in St. Pat's.

Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents who contributed to raising €3,500 of funds which will go towards creating a Sensory Room for our school. There was great enthusiasm and hard work involved in organising Christmas shows, carol singing, a mega raffle and a cake sale. These events were thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. It was our first Christmas show since 2019 and it was great to see the hall full again. We will be holding more events in the future to raise funds for our Sensory Room and appreciate any contributions big or small.

We raised €150 for St. Vincent de Paul through our non-uniform day on 20th December.


We encourage a love for reading amongst all our pupils in St. Pat's. This term Junior Infants to 3rd classes will be taking part in a 6 week Literacy Lift Off programme designed to improve children's literacy skills and to enhance their enjoyment and confidence in reading and writing. Pupils in senior classes will be enjoying new novels and will be taking part in a literacy programme called TSI later in the term.

Kind regards,

Ríona Donoghue

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY



This year's Credit Union Schools Quiz takes place on Monday January 30th in the Salthill Hotel. We have two teams participating in the U13 category, and one in the U11 category. Best of luck to all involved!



Mass for St. Brigid's Day & Foundation Day on Thursday February 2nd for 1st – 6th classes @ 11am in the Augustinian Church. All parents and families are welcome to attend.



School will be closed on Monday February 6th (Bank Holiday). There will also be no school on Thursday February 16th & Friday February 17th for the mid-term break.

# THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to everyone in the St. Pat's community who contributed to our fundraisers in the lead up to Christmas. Our carol singing at Boston Scientific, in the Eyre Square Shopping Centre & on William Street, along with the proceeds from our Bake Sale & Christmas Raffle raised a phenomenal €3,500. All proceeds are going towards the provision of a new sensory room in the school.

Many thanks to all the parents & staff who helped out with the fundraising, be it through donating spot prizes, supporting the raffle or contributing to the collections.

# SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Our after school programme is back for Term 2!  
Please register via the Aladdin App  
All clubs take place from 2.10pm – 3.10pm

## MONDAY:

Chess Club (Room 16)

## TUESDAY:

Lego Club Junior & Senior (Room 6)

Music (Room 17)

Gaelic Football (School Yard)

## WEDNESDAY

Irish Dancing Infants (STEM Room)

Irish Dancing 1st – 6th (School Hall)

## THURSDAY:

Art Club (STEM Room)

Basketball (School Hall)

Coding (Room 12)



# TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL



On January 26th Junior and Senior Infants were very lucky to be invited to attend the Sláinte Society Teddy Bear Hospital in the University of Galway. All teddies were x-rayed, bandaged and prescribed medication where necessary. The children also got their faces painted and danced the afternoon away at a disco. It was a super day and we are very grateful to the medical students who facilitated this wonderful event!



# JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)



Happy New Year from everyone in Room 2!  
We had such a busy run up to Christmas. We wrapped up warm for walks to the playground, we went on the Christmas train, we played with our farm animals in the snow and did lots of Christmas art. Since returning back to school we celebrated a birthday in the class!



# JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



**It's a brand new year and Junior Infants are delighted to be back to school after the Christmas Holidays. This month we are exploring the theme of "School" and the children have taken on the role of "múinteoir" in our role-play corner. We also designed and created our own school bags!**



# SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



December was a very busy, fun-filled month in Room 1. We performed our Christmas show for our families and really did ourselves proud. We made salt dough Christmas decorations and even got a chance to go on the Santa Express Christmas train! We created some wonderful winter art during the month of January and also began our Literacy Lift Off reading programme which will run for 6 weeks .

# JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We had exciting times on the run up to Christmas.

The Christmas market in Eyre Square was a real Winter Wonderland. Our coffee morning was a great success and parents loved coming in to room 3 to watch our Christmas play. Kason visited New York using the Green Screen and Ryan from 5th Class showed us some chords on the ukulele!

Since returning to school we have been busy at maths 😊

# 1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



December was jam-packed and fun-filled in school! We performed in our first ever Christmas concert and really did ourselves proud. We also went carol-singing uptown and on our way back to school, we were invited to be impromptu guests on the Galway Bay FM radio show!

January is off to a great start as we visited the University of Galway (UG) where we learned about energy, water and the environment. Guzzler made an appearance there and the President of the UG read us a story!

# 3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

We have spent a lot of time building our very own Robot and coding it to be able to perform certain actions. We also built our own arena so that we could practise. We had a great day out competing in the VEXIQ Robotics tournament in ATU. There were lots of interesting activities and we learned loads.



# 4TH/5TH CLASS (ROOM 15)



As you can see we had a busy few months. Our concert was a huge success and we had a ball, singing, dancing and playing the tin whistle. Thank you to all our parents , guardians & friends for coming in to see us perform. It really was the season to be jolly!  
Happy New Year from Room 15!

# 5TH CLASS (ROOM 17)



5th class joined forces with 2nd, 3rd and 4th class in December for a concert on William Street the day before the Christmas holidays. 5th class played two other concerts in the Eyre Square Shopping Centre and Boston Scientific. The children really impressed everyone with their guitar and ukulele playing along with their wonderful singing!



We enjoyed our tea and hot chocolate on the day of our Christmas holidays. It was a great way to chat about the school year so far and our plans for the break!



Don't be surprised when you see lots of colours sprouting up around the school in the coming weeks. 5th class have been busy planting daffodils, tulips, alliums and hyacinthus flowers. Another reason to look forward to spring!

# 6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)



6th class recently began the Blue Star Programme. – we are learning all about the E.U. We all presented projects about European landmarks to the class, and have lots more planned over the next few weeks as we work towards achieving our school's first Blue Flag.