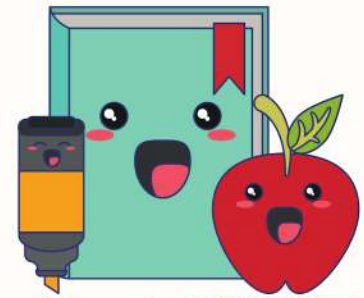




St. Patrick's Primary School



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Principal's Desk

Welcome to the November/December edition of our school newsletter. It has been a busy time with Parent/Teacher meetings, activities, trips and preparing for all the Christmas celebrations.

Thanks to Mr. Griffin, who along with his able team of helpers organised a school stand at the Science Fair in NUIG on Sunday, November 12th. The children represented our school so well.

Congratulations to our SEN Coordinator Ms. Fiona Molloy on completing her Postgraduate Diploma in Special Education. She graduated from the University of Galway on 24th November.

Our Open Day for new enrolments in 2024 took place on Tuesday December 5th in the hall. This week our school choir and band will be performing and fundraising for our new Sensory Room. The children have been busy preparing and rehearsing for Christmas shows.

Well done to all involved in our beautiful Ceremony of Creation and Light that took place last week. It was lovely to see so many parents and people from our school community at the ceremony.

Thank you to the new members of our Board of Management for volunteering their time and expertise for the benefit of our school. Our Parents' Association will hold their first meeting in January.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Marian Barrett




Recent Highlights

- Science Fair at University of Galway
- Science Week
- St. Pat's Open Day
- Ceremony of Light & Creation
- Christmas concerts
- Carol Singing
- New Green Schools Committee.

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SCIENCE FAIR - UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Children from the senior classes took part in Exhibition day at University of Galway. The children demonstrated experiments to the public. Over 14,000 people attended the fair! The children presented the experiments with great enthusiasm and expertise. Well done everyone.



CEREMONY OF LIGHT & CREATION



We had a huge turnout in the hall last week for our Ceremony of Light & Creation. Huge credit to Ms. Molloy & Ms. Nolan for coordinating a wonderfully inclusive ceremony for the whole school, all the pupils who participated and all the parents & family members who attended.



GREEN SCHOOLS



Two children from each class were chosen by their classmates to be in the Green Schools Committee.

They met with Orla Patton, Green Schools Coordinator with An Taisce, to discuss the steps needed to obtain the Travel Flag.

This will involve taking surveys, being classroom monitors, going on walkability audits, learning about safe travel, creating awareness, participating in bike workshops etc.

We're really excited to get started!

STUDENT COUNCIL



Our student council planted daffodil bulbs at the end of November. We will sell the daffodils next March to raise money for Irish Cancer Society.

ST. PAT'S PRE-SCHOOL



The boys and girls in St. Pat's Pre-School welcomed a very special visitor last week. Santa arrived with a special surprise for everyone!

JUNIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 2)

Happy Christmas !!

Season's Greetings from room 2.



Jamie and Ned's Christmas Concert



Christmas Colouring



At the Doctor



Ned is making a list!

Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Having fun with Senior Infants

JUNIOR INFANTS (ROOM 4)



Junior Infants



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Junior Infants! The children had great fun creating beautiful Christmas artwork and crafts. We learned some Christmas songs and poems and pretended to be elves working at the North Pole in the Aistear Room. Lot's more exciting activities to look forward to before the holidays!

SENIOR INFANTS (ROOM 1)



It has been a fun-filled November & December for the boys and girls in Room 1 and we still have lots left to look forward to before the Christmas holidays! We kicked off Science Week with a spellbinding and electrifying show from Professor Messy in the school hall. We have also been having great fun in our Aistear room which has been transformed into Santa's grotto this month. We really enjoyed taking part in an obstacle course during P.E and created some wonderful art. We are super-excited to go on a trip on the Christmas train this week and we can't wait to perform a variety of festive songs for our parents when they visit for our show.



SENIOR ASD CLASS (ROOM 3)



In November we really enjoyed learning all about Space. We made our own solar systems and constellations and watched lots of interesting videos 🚀

December has been very busy we took part in The Ceremony of Light and Creation and have been loving doing all of our Christmas activities ❄️🎄

1ST/2ND CLASS (ROOM 8)



November and December were two very busy months for Room 8. We had fun with 'Professor Messy' the day Storm Debi came, took trips to the library, created some beautiful art work and we had a surprise visitor arrive on the 1st of December who caused great excitement in our room each morning!

We read about different Christmas traditions from around the world and looked at the types of toys people received long ago and compared them with the toys Santa brings us! In art classes we had lots of fun making our very own Papier Mache pulp, it was messy! We found ourselves flying in the air with 'The Snowman' and we even jumped inside some snow globes!! In maths class we had fun estimating the capacity of different containers and then checking our answers!

We finished December with a fabulous Christmas Show! Well done to all the children for an amazing performance!

Room 8 would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and fun-filled 2024!

2ND/3RD CLASS (ROOM 7)

November and December were busy and filled with fun in Room 7. Some of us went to the science exhibition in Galway University and "Professor Messy" came to school to show us lots of cool science experiments – even Storm Debi couldn't keep him away. We learned all about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world and did some wonderful Christmas/winter art. We also did lots of practice for our Christmas performance and all our hard work paid off as our show was a big success. Room 7 would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and a peaceful New Year for 2024. 🎄





4TH CLASS



*Seasons greetings from Room 15.
Wishing you all a happy and
peaceful break.*

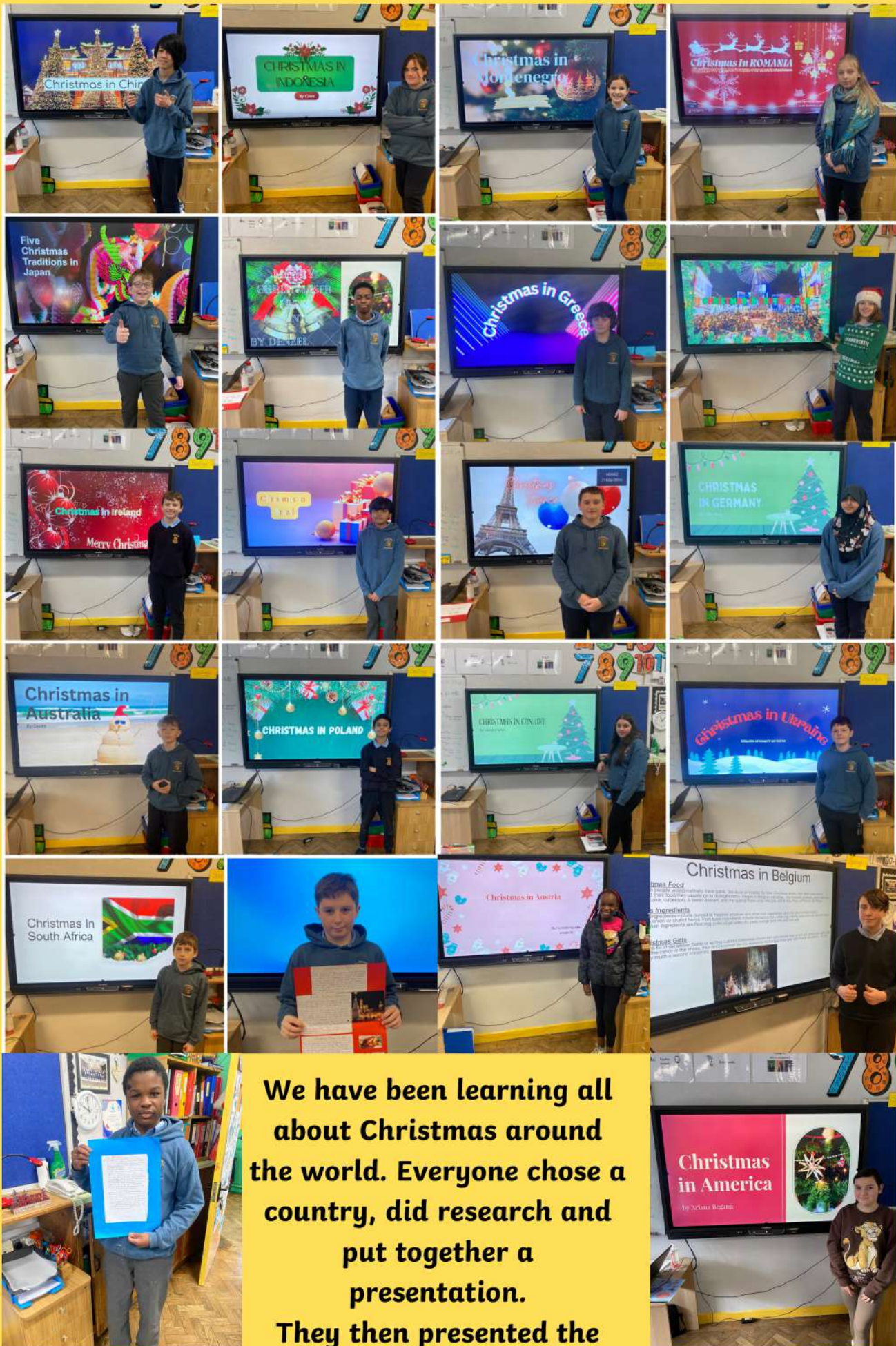


5TH/6TH CLASS (ROOM 12)



A fun filled and educational last few months.
Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas
from Room 12.

6TH CLASS (ROOM 18)



We have been learning all about Christmas around the world. Everyone chose a country, did research and put together a presentation.

They then presented the project to the whole class.

Super job 6th class!