



St. Eithne's Newsletter - Christmas 2022

Happy Retirement Patty!



After over 20 years, our friend and colleague Patty Fannin is retiring from St. Eithne's. Patty has given her heart and soul to our school and indeed the whole school community in Edenmore.

We wish her all the best on her well earned retirement.

Thank you so much Patty!



Christmas Carols and Carol Service



We are extremely proud of Mr. Parson's and Ms. Bleheen's 6th class girls, who sang Christmas Carols for the residents of St. Gabriel's Nursing Home last week. They were absolutely fantastic and put a smile of the face of each person in the room. Thank you to St. Gabriel's for giving the girls selection boxes when they were leaving.



Well done to all the girls and staff for a delightful carol service in St. Monica's Church last Monday. Christmas spirit was in full flow. Thank you to all who attended.



Well done to all of the girls that participated in the MS readathon. We raised €180 for this worthy cause as well as working on improving our reading skills.



St Eithne's has been successful in their application for the Creative Schools Grant and actor Karl Nolan has been assigned the role of Creative Associate to our school. We will be learning more about this exciting project in the new year and look forward to seeing how creative our pupils can be!



Homework Club will resume on Monday 16th January 2023. If you no longer wish for your child to attend homework club, please let your child's class teacher or Ms. Heffernan know as places are in high demand.



Two of our Student Council members, Delia and Sophie attended the annual Comhairle na nÓg conference in the Mansion House on November 15th. There, they had the opportunity to meet representatives from lots of other Student Councils and discuss important issues affecting young people in Ireland today. We were very proud to send these two girls to represent our school at the event.

CLASSROOM NEWS

2nd Class News

We have been very busy this past month in 2nd class. We have been working very hard as a class to create our Christmas door. We had to draw, paint, stick and cut lots of things for it to come together and we are very proud of it!



We also went on lots of walks for active breaks and we've had a few girls go on their very first picker pal adventure!



3rd Class News

3rd Class have been getting into the festive spirit lately and have produced many samples of Christmas-themed art. They have also been preparing for Christmas by learning all about Advent and the significance of each candle on the wreath. In History, the girls learned about the evolution of transport and examined the different transport modes from long ago.

4th Class News

4th Class got a special delivery to their class in November as a reward for raising the most money for our sponsored walk. They alone raised over €700 for the school. Well done girls!!





5th Class News

Over the last few weeks in 5th class, we have been learning all about Australia. We looked at Aboriginal People and how they lived and also The Great Barrier Reef. We are very excited for Christmas. We worked together to create our 'Kevin the Carrot' themed Christmas door and loved working on our Christmas cards to send to the local nursing home this week. Merry Christmas from all in 5th class.



Ms. Reede's Class

Ms Reede's class have had a busy month preparing for Christmas. The children have made tree decorations and Christmas elves. The class also enjoyed watching the Christmas Concert in the hall and going to the church for the carol service!



6th Class News

This month 6th class were exploring the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' by Robert Frost. It is quite a mysterious poem which gave us plenty of discussion. The action takes place during the winter solstice: "the darkest evening of the year". As well as analysing the poetic devices within the poem (rhyme, repetition, alliteration and metaphor), we practiced reading and reciting the poem with expression. Some girls managed to learn the poem off by heart.

Ms. Glavin's Class

We have been enjoying making Christmas Art and reading the story of the Nativity in class. The girls have also all been enjoying playing on a lovely toy horse at their sensory circuits time that was kindly donated to the school!





HSCL

Many thanks to all the parents that came to the Christmas Flower Arranging. It was a great success and the parents made some beautiful arrangements for Christmas. We will run another one for Easter so please come and join us!



We had a great Biodiversity Workshop in the school garden for the parents - it was really interesting to see what flowers and seeds you could reuse and save in the winter months. A must for all our budding gardeners!



If you have any classes you would like to see running in the schools - please email hscl.edenmore@gmail.com or text Adrienne 086 8271559.

Happy Holidays!



Christmas Holidays

The school reopens on **Thursday, the 5th January 2023**. We hope you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas and a great 2023. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Please email steithnesqns@gmail.com or call 01-8480630 if you have any concerns or questions.



Thank you for your continued support,

Cormac Henry

Principal