



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/guardians,

We have come to the end of our first term and we are extremely proud of how our school has reopened. We have tried our best to keep all of our staff and children as safe as possible in these difficult times. So much learning and so much fun has happened and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, children, parents and wider community for all of the hard work done in term 1.

As we face into the next few weeks, I hope that you all get to have a relaxing break. It may not be the normal winter break or the normal Christmas for some people, but please keep yourselves safe during this time. If you do travel during the break, please make sure your child only returns to school when it is safe to do so. Follow the advice of the professionals so that we can return safely to school on 6th January. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing end of term break, a Happy Christmas to those who celebrate and a happy (and hopefully brighter) new year to you all.

Dates to note:

6th January 2021: Return to school

26th January 2021: Provisional date for school photos (rescheduled)

8th February 2021: Friendship Week

12th February: Mid-term break

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

A board of management meeting was held on Monday 21st December. The minutes for circulation and the newly ratified policies are available on

www.cscns.ie

SOME NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

Junior Infants by Emma Cuffe

Hello, this week I went to Miss Swan's Junior Infants to ask them a few questions. The first question I asked them was "What was the class doing during the month of December?" They were practicing for the winter concert, learning about people in our community, making Christmas decorations for care homes, learning sounds and printing in art.

The second question I asked them was "What will you be looking forward to this month?" Some of the things they were looking forward to was watching their Christmas concert, Christmas art and the Christmas holiday.

The third question I asked them was "What are you enjoying about school at the moment?" The things they were enjoying were drawing, play time, water play, painting and cutting.

And the final question I asked them was "Does your class have any exciting news?" Some of the exciting things were putting up Christmas decorations, doing elf news, and getting presents.



Senior Infants

Reporter: **Maddie Branning**

Ms.Bate's Senior Infants have been practicing for their winter concert, learning money and 3-D shapes.They have also been working in a pizza restaurant in Aistear.

The kids are looking forward to more playtime. The playground they are getting in their yard and Hannah's birthday.

At the moment they are enjoying yardtime,playtime,P.E. and assemblies.

Exciting News

The exciting news in the class is that they performed their winter concert on Tuesday and 1 day they all got a prize from Ms.Bate's treasure box.

1st class had been doing the winter concert. They were also making their Christmas hats and trees. They enjoyed doing art.

They will do their winter show on the 16 of December

They enjoy art, handwriting, winter shows and yard games.

They have good news they are doing the winter show and the builders are building swings for them they love the song happy Christmas.

By: Simona

Please continue to help your children to adhere to the public health advice:

Ms Mehta class was doing a great job They were learning about winter, regrouping, fractions, 2D shapes, time in the month of December.

They are looking forward to parties, comics, more writing and the winter performance.

They are enjoying art, golden time, maths, winter booklets, maths and Dojo shop .

The exciting news is GAA and half day.
By: Risheek.S

Reporter: Kate Moyles

Ms. Smyth's 5th class has been learning and doing lots of stuff this month. The class has been doing fractions, they are learning a Christmas poem, practicing for their Christmas performance, long division, An scoil in Irish and 2D shapes. They are looking forward to having a hot chocolate party and sending letters to nursing homes. Their class has some exciting news: they have an elf and it's called Nick. Some children are also excited for Santa to come.

Coronavirus COVID-19



Know the signs



High Temperature



Shortness of Breath



Breathing Difficulties



Cough

For 8 out of 10 people, rest and over the counter medication can help you feel better.

If you have symptoms, self-isolate to protect others and phone your GP. Visit hse.ie for updated factual information and advice or call 1850 24 1850.

Protection from coronavirus.
It's in our hands.



Riadas na Míreann
Government of Ireland



Wash



Cover



Avoid



Clean



Stop



Distance

Christmas Traditions

There are many different Christmas traditions, here are some of the most fascinating ones;

Gävle Goat, Sweden

Since 1966, a 13-metre-tall Yule Goat has been built in the centre of Gävle's Castle Square for the Advent, but this Swedish Christmas tradition has unwittingly led to another "tradition" of sorts – people trying to burn it down. Since 1966 the Goat has been successfully burned down 29 times – the most recent destruction was in 2016,

Norway

Perhaps one of the most unorthodox Christmas Eve traditions can be found in Norway, where people hide their brooms. It's a tradition that dates back centuries to when people believed that witches and evil spirits came out on Christmas Eve looking for brooms to ride on. To this day, many people still hide their brooms in the safest place in the house to stop them from being stolen.

Venezuela

Love Christmas, but think it could be improved by a spot of roller-blading? If the answer is yes, visit Caracas, Venezuela this year. Every Christmas Eve, the city's residents head to church in the early morning – so far, so normal – but, for reasons known only to them, they do so on roller skates. This unique tradition is so popular that roads across the city are closed to cars so that people can skate to church in safety, before heading home for the less-than-traditional Christmas dinner of 'tamales' (a wrap made out of cornmeal dough and stuffed with meat, then steamed).

By Amelia Klonowska

Survey of the Month!

The results of November's survey is below. The question was, what is your favourite sport?

The most popular colour was Dancing with 60%

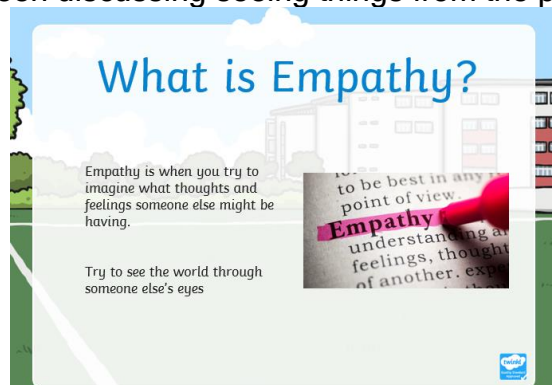
Our December survey is: What is your favourite season? You can answer [here](#)



Our School Assemblies

Our Value of the month was **Empathy**

The children have been discussing seeing things from the perspectives of others.



Christmas



-Muzi

Reporter: **Amelia Klonowska**

Ms.McMackin's class has been doing some amazing work and learning this month. They have been learning how to play duck duck goose, listening to lots of fantastic stories and making winter art and prints out of paint. The children will be looking forward to practicing for the winter concert a lot and learning their new song 'a name'. In school they enjoy daily puppet shows and each other's company. Some exciting news is that they got to use the big yard and play with basketballs, and made corn flake cakes. That is what Ms.MaMackin's class have been up to for the past month.



Reporter; Joshua Breslin.

In Ms.Rojacks 6th class we have been learning lots of stuff! We have been doing a WW2 (World War 2) project and directed numbers. WE have also done science week with very interesting experiments and projects and also a little bit on the Wild Atlantic way, which is a tourist route that runs through 9 counties.

EXCITING NEWS!!!

We have recently got some board games and jigsaws! WE are also having a winter countdown and we are looking forward to the winter break!!!!!!

STAFF PROFILE

Their name is Ciara Lacey.

Her job in school is Star cleaner.

The thing she likes about the job is mopping the floors and getting to meet all of the staff and children.

Her favourite film is Home alone.

Her best holiday was going to Wexford.

The person they most admire is her Mom & Dad.

We are so lucky to have Ciara working in our school.