

# Newsletter

December 2019

St. Patrick's Junior School Parents' Association



## WELCOME

Welcome to the December edition of our newsletter.

As the year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers, teachers, Ms. Ní Chróinín and Leoancha for all your help and support with all our events.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful new year for 2020.

Enjoy the Christmas break!



Please follow and like our [Facebook page](#) to keep up to date on all our events and activities taking place.

## RECENT EVENTS:

### Board of Management Meeting —

As the term of office of the current Board of Management came to an end on the 30th of November, St Patricks Junior School held elections for parent nominees (members) to the new Board of Management meeting recently, and we are delighted to announce that Olivia Ferguson and John Murphy are the new nominees.

### Halloween Disco –

There was lots of spooky dancing and singing at our Halloween Disco. All the children had a great time and they really had some impressive dance moves too!

### Ms. Daly's 2nd class visit to Bartra Loughshinny Residential Nursing Home —

On October 25th, Ms. Daly's 2nd class paid a very special Halloween visit to Bartra Loughshinny Residential Nursing Home. The residents gathered in the communal area and were thrilled to see the children dressed up in their spooky costumes and to hear the Halloween songs which the children sang for them. The children were then treated to songs which the residents had in turn prepared for them, including a song from three gentlemen who happened to sing in the National Concert Hall together back in the day.



After the singing, the real magic happened when the children mingled and spoke to all of the residents. It was heart-warming to see and the children really did the school proud. They were fantastic and they deserved the treats the residents had prepared for them. The children presented a hand-made banner to the residents before leaving to get back to school on time for their Halloween disco.

Thank you Ms. Daly for organising such a special event!

### Christmas Cards –

Our Christmas card fundraiser was yet another success this year.

Thank you for everyone's support and we are sure you all agree that your children have done a great job creating some beautiful cards that you can now share with friends and family.

Thank you also to all our children for their beautiful work.

### Christmas Plays & Concerts —

It has been lovely to see our children performing their Christmas concerts and plays this year on the newly purchased stage in the Halla. This stage was purchased through the monies raised from the Parent Association Table Quiz, which was held in April of this year. And what an amazing performance from each of our children!



### **Santa Claus visits St Patricks Junior School —**

Santa Claus took time out from making his lists and checking them twice on Thursday to visit our children in school before the holidays. He brought treats for everyone! It was very good of him to make the visit so close to Christmas. We look forward to giving him a warm welcome at St Patricks Junior School.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Save the date for the following PA events & activities coming up:

#### **Parents' Association Table Quiz —**

Following on from the huge success of this fundraiser in 2019, (and where the funds raised were used to purchase the new stage we have today in the Halla), we are delighted to confirm that we will be running this event again with a Table Quiz in March 2020.

Full details will follow in the new year.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS & CONTACT DETAILS**

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