

Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

NOLLAIG 2018



Throughout November school continued to be a hub of excitement and activity with some wonderful opportunities for the children. On behalf of all the staff, we thank the Christmas Fair committee and all the of the PA who staged another brilliant Christmas Fair. There was such a wonderful community spirit throughout the school and the children loved returning to school to eat treats, spend money, play games and of course visit Santa. Thank you for all your donations and money spent. The classroom stalls were brilliant. Many thanks to the 6th Class volunteers who gave an hour of their time to the games rooms.

Every year Ms. Hutchinson runs the DLR Recycled Christmas Decoration competition. Over the last two weekends the children from all classes made amazing decorations and presented them at assembly. It's a brilliant competition and there were so many winners. In the end the whole staff of the school was involved in choosing one decoration to represent OLG. Congratulations to our winner and thank you to all the children who participated in this wonderful competition.



REMINDERS

**Friday 7th Dec - School Holiday -
School Closed**

**Monday 10th Dec - Primary Language
Curriculum Day for Teachers -
School Closed**



Science workshops took place throughout the school. Paddy Madden visited the school once again and brought all his Natural Science friends with him which the children love to see and touch. The 5th & 6th

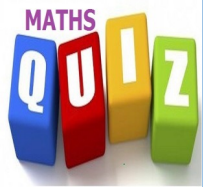
Classes visited the outreach UCD science lab and participated in a workshop on the science of blood. Junior & Senior Infants made lava lamps while 1st & 2nd Classes learned about micro-organisms. Two of our 5th Class boys entertained the whole school as they tested a variety of cola drinks using 'Mentos' to see which cola produced the highest eruption. 4th Classes carried out various sci-



ence experiments on foods and saw how our senses work together when we eat. They also attended workshops on light and microbiology. It has been a great month of learning thanks to the Heritage in Schools programme, the class teachers and moms and dads who volunteered to facilitate the workshops.

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Last Wednesday night, four boys from 6th Class participated in the Annual Maths quiz in St. Attracta's school. There were 19 teams from local schools attending the event. This is our second time to enter the competition. The boys enjoyed the challenge and hopefully we can get a head start for next year's challenge.

Both 4th Classes are currently working on an I.T. Digital Cluster Project



sponsored by the DES. The cluster group includes four Jesus and Mary schools both Secondary and Primary. This project links Science and Art while also incorporating I.T. For the

first phase of the project, the children studied Light as their Science topic. Now in the second phase, the classes are creating artwork based on their Science topic of Light. Once a week the

children visit the Jesus and Mary College where they have full use of an art room with a wide range of resources.

The Art teacher from Jesus and Mary College helps the children to plan and create their artwork. The final phase of the project will involve the children reflecting on their learning processes in both Science and Art. They will create their reflections, in the form of a digital story using iPads. Their stories may be created using video, audio, text, images or who knows where their journey will take them!



The Transition Year students from Jesus and Mary College are participating in 'Shared Reading' with our two Senior Infant Classes every Wednesday morning for four weeks. Our School Self Evaluation 2018/19 process is underway. SSE allows the teaching staff to focus on a specific area of teaching and learning. Our goal this year is to continue to make progress with Literacy throughout the school, specifically in all aspects of reading and comprehension. Literacy Lift Off is being implemented in each of the Junior classrooms for 6 weeks on a rotational basis. From 3rd Class to 6th Class the emphasis will be on developing reading fluency and strengthening the children's comprehension strategies. Reading to your child and listening to your child read as often as possible will increase their fluency and comprehension. The AR programme and the Spelling City programme (3rd – 6th) are very successful.

Front Office

The front office will be closed from 11.30am - 12.30pm on Tuesdays &

