

Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

NOLLAIG 2019



On behalf of the all the OLG Staff I wish everyone in our school community a peaceful, joyful, hope-filled and loving Christmas with family and friends.

Go raibh gach sonas oraibh go léir!

Bainigí taitneamh as na laethanta saoire!

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise dhaoibh!

I wish send a special word of thanks to the board members who have stepped down after many years of commitment to our school on a voluntary basis. There is indeed a very solid foundation for our new board to begin its work in



January 2020. We look forward to all the new projects and challenges ahead. A special thank you to our two community Gardaí who escorted the children to and from the cinema. I was very much appreciated by the teachers and the children.

School reopens Monday, 6th January 2020

We are looking forward to a well-deserved rest



at the end of a happy and productive term. The swag making, the Christmas treats, the Puppet Show, the annual Christmas Raffle, trip to the cinema, school concert and Santa's visit made it a very special end of term.



Many thanks to the teachers, SNAs, staff and PA who organised and managed these memorable events.



Our Junior Infants thrilled a packed hall last Friday with a wonderful production of 'What a Star Nativity Play'.

A huge thank you to parents and of course Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. Clerkin.

OLG I.T. NEWS

Fifth Class are currently laying the groundwork for their I.T. Cluster Project. They are learning about electricity in Science and will soon begin creating artwork on this topic. Using laptops, they have created files documenting their learning in their own words. These files, along with their artwork, will be the basis for their digital stories which will begin in January. *Adobe Spark Video* will allow the children to create their own unique digital story, documenting their learning journey through the topic of electricity.



First Class have just started logging into *Spelling City* for the very first time. They have been trying really hard to learn their usernames and passwords off by heart. Many of the children in First Class have older siblings and so have heard about Spelling City before, building their excitement about having their own accounts. Soon they will begin to use Spelling City at home as part of their homework.

Second Class have had their very first (for most) taster session of coding on the iPads. *Tynker* is a simple app that offers a great introduction to coding for beginners. While the children see only the fun they are having, teachers can see the benefits of coding such as enhancing logical thinking, paying attention to detail and learning problem solving skills. This app has been a great hit with Second Class.



Third Class have been learning how to use *PowerPoint* on our laptops. They have now created their very first PowerPoint presentation on the countries involved in the Rugby World Cup. As well as learning how to use PowerPoint, the children have also been learning how to use safe sites such as *dkfindout* and *kiddle.co* for research and gathering information. The next step will be for them to present their projects to their classmates.

Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition

Congratulations to Chloe, from Ms Leacy's 3rd Class, whose winning decoration from our school was sent forward to the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition 2019.



Many thanks to all the families who made a Voluntary Contribution to the school in the past year. This funding enables us to maintain the school building and allows us to provide extra educational opportunities and resources for your children.