



Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

December 2024



A Few Words from our Principal ...

As we approach the end of another wonderful term at OLG, it's a good time to reflect on all that has been achieved. Our newsletter offers a glimpse into the wide range of activities and learning taking place, showcasing how active, creative, and engaged our children are.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the incredible staff at OLG, our hardworking Parent Association, and our dedicated Board of Management. Together, we are greater than the sum of our parts, and it is the collective and individual efforts of everyone that make OLG the special community it is.

While we celebrate our successes, we remain committed to listening and working together to address challenges as they arise.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school life. Wishing you and your families a peaceful and joyful Christmas, and every blessing for good health and happiness in 2025.

JoAnna McDowell

Upcoming Events

*School reopens
Monday,*

6th January 2025

*5th & 6th Class
Swimming*

*Recommences mid
January 2025*

*OLG PA Sports will
resume the week
starting*

6th January 2025

Mollaig Shona agus Albhliain faoi Mhaise dhaoibh!

Nuacht ó gCoiste na nDaltaí



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



The Christmas shoe box appeal was a huge success. We had 243 shoe boxes in total. Every day we got at least 5 shoe boxes. Rory from the student council put the boxes into groups of ten. When it was time for us to put the boxes in the van, we each got around three boxes to put in the van. We gave them to a man who put them in the van and counted them. There was also another man in the van that stacked them. He needed help, so some student council members helped him. Then at the next assembly the school has a guessing competition for fun. The competition was to see who could guess the right number of shoe boxes.

By Cian and Viola

Girls Hockey

On a Friday after school hockey is on the astro turf. We start training with a warmup to "Single Ladies" led by Emma, our head coach. After we split into groups and do some drills. To finish off we play a match. So far, the girl's hockey team is doing really well, we've won all of our matches and only lost one friendly. Recently we played St. Brigid's and won 5-1. The last 6th Class won the cup for the school, and we hope to do the same.

By Erin

Cricket

Cricket was really fun even though we only did it for a short time, I would definitely recommend it. On week one we did our warmup, find a group game. Then we started catching, the coach demonstrated first. Then we played a game. The next week, week two, we worked on batting, which was lots of fun. We got to pretend the ball was your annoying sibling's head! Our class loved both weeks of playing cricket.

By Cara and Cian

DLR Winner of Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition



On the 12th December I was invited to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition Ceremony. The school chose my decoration to put into the competition. It was a real hippy van with a Christmas tree on top. I made it out of a soup can, pipe cleaners and buttons. When I got to the ceremony, I was announced as the winner out of the 32 schools that entered! I won a trophy, and my name will be on it for years to come. I got to meet Éanna Ni Lamhna and got a signed copy of her new book. I will remember this special day forever.

By Neala and Séan

National Children's Choir

5th and 6th class have been practicing for the National Children's Choir. Later in the year we will be performing in the National Basketball Arena. There are sopranos and altos. We have already performed some songs for the school. Overall, it is a lot of fun.

By Ned and Isabelle

World Diabetes Day

On the 14th of November it was world diabetes day we had a fun time! We all wore blue to represent diabetes. We also got a presentation about diabetes, it was amazing. We learned about diabetes one of the things we learned was that there are two types, type one and type two. Everyone around the world was celebrating it! We all had a great time.



By Imogen and Rory

Carol Service

On Thursday the 12th of December 2nd to 6th class had a Carol Service in Holy Cross Church Dundrum. Children from each class told the story of Christmas and each class sang a Christmas Carol. Our class sang 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. The students from the Secondary school also played an instrumental performance of Christmas Carols. Showing their amazing talent! We practiced lots in preparation. We loved doing the Carol Service. I hope we do it again next year. On Friday the 13th December we had the Junior Infants Nativity, afterwards Senior Infants and First class also performed a selection of Christmas carols in the school halla.



By Emma and Max

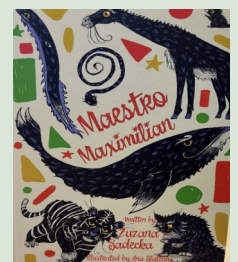
Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition

Many children in our school made beautiful and really creative Christmas decorations using only recycled materials. There was a lot of thought and effort put into making each one. Well done to all! They were on display in the school reception for the month of December.

By Ethan

'Maestro Maximilian' Ms Sadecka

In November Ms Sadecka's first children's book, 'Maestro Maximilian' was published. To celebrate this achievement, we had a book signing in our school library. Ms Sadecka also visited some classrooms to read the book to us and told us about how she made it. It was really good!



By Fiadh

Christmas Festive Week

We had lots of fun activities the last



week of term. 1st – 2nd class saw a Magic Show. They really enjoyed tricks like making a table float, poking a balloon without it popping and much more. They also got to bring in a treat. 3rd-6th



class went to the cinema in Dundrum to watch 'Moana 2'. It was great fun! They also got to make SWAGS, with greenery, ribbon, pinecones and other decorations. 6th got to help 3rd and 4th class. We really enjoyed it. We also had a raffle where every class got a chance to buy tickets



and to win fantastic prizes.

By Patrick and Valentina

Football

Our girls' football team includes players from 5th and 6th class. We started playing as a team in November of this year. Since then, we have played three matches. In November we played our first match in St Raphaela's school. In early December we played Wayside Celtic. Our most recent match was played in St Killian's school. We won all our matches and conceded no goals. We have a fantastic team and really enjoy playing together. We are keeping our fingers crossed for next year and hoping we can continue to do ourselves and Our Lady's Grove proud. The boys' team is doing really well and won their first couple of matches. We train at Leicester Celtic, but we will have matches in Rosemount. We train before matches and practice taking corners. We played Taney and Sandford this term. We won both our games; one was by more than 5 nil. We were to play St. Killian's, but it was cancelled. We look forward to playing more games later in the year. Thank you to our great coaches and parents who help organize the games/training.

By Valentina and Zahran

Tiny Tony News

This is Tiny Tony's Christmas outfit! Thank you to Ms Hutchinson who crocheted this very special gift for Tiny Tony!

