



Christmas Report

Christmas is just around the corner...

After a busy start to the school year we are looking forward to the Christmas break. This year saw us open our fifth mainstream class and second special class. We extend a warm welcome to the families of our new students to our school community. I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff members this term; Áine O'Connor, Áine Golden, Jennifer Scully, Elaine Hourigan and Sarah Mooney, and congratulate John O'Brien on becoming a permanent member of staff. I'd also like to wish Sarah Coen the very best, thank her for contribution to the school this term and extend a warm welcome back to Mrs McCabe in January. On behalf of the Board of Management, I'd like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh go léir,
Peter Mulcahy
Principal



Term 1 Highlights:

- New classes, pupils and teachers. Our Early Intervention Class, Rang Liath and our 5th Mainstream class, Rang dúghorm started this term.
- 3 new interactive panels were installed.
- Tag Rugby with Munster Rugby.
- 3rd/4th class boys and girls Futsal in Whitechurch.
- World Mental Health Week.
- Science week.
- Goal jersey day.
- New wormery for the garden.
- Sciath na Scol Football competition.
- School Debating team.
- Boys and girls teams competing in the Mini 7s football series.
- Boys and Girls teams competing in Indoor Football blitzes.
- School Quiz teams competed in the Science Quiz and Sciath na Scol Sports quizzes.
- 2nd Class have begun their communion preparation with the Do This in Memory program.
- Re-opening of school pitch.
- Family Table Quiz.
- Christmas Bazaar
- Visit to the Opera House for the Panto, Aladdin.
- Aladdin Connect school App.
- School Garden Harvest
- School Chess team.
- 130 Cub has begun.
- Wildlife Heritage Presentation.
- Christmas Concert!!! Which was just fantastic last week. Well done to all involved.

And much more!!!

Term 2 and 3 mean...

- Feis Maitiú
- Literacy Liffotf
- Heritage Schools Project
- Swimming lessons
- Mental Health Programs
- Sciath na Scol hurling
- Inniscarra GAA coaching in school.
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Book Fair
- Tin Whistle and Ukulele lessons
- Grandparents Day
- First Confession
- School Garden
- VEX IQ Finals
- Communion and Confirmation
- Inter Schools Chess
- Cork City Sports
- Summer Picnic
- SESE Field Trip
- School Tours

And much more!!!



Nollaig Shona Daoibh Go Léir



Back stage action from Juniors.



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The Inniscarra Camogie team brought in their haul of cups this year, including the County and Munster titles. We wish them all, especially Ms. O'Connor, the very best in their upcoming All Ireland Semi-Final.

Santa met the boys and girls on Tuesday!



5th and 6th Class impressed Santa with their sign language rendition of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer



Our budding young scientists!



A word from around our school ...

Rang Buí

We had a very busy first term in Rang Buí. We really enjoyed settling into our new class and getting to know everyone. We are enjoying Aistear where we have explored the topics of The Restaurant and Christmas.

We had great fun when we went on a bus and saw Aladdin in the Opera House. Santa called to our classroom this week and we sang a song for him and told him what we would like for Christmas. We all went on stage and told the story of the birth of Baby Jesus.

We are all looking forward to Christmas and Santa calling. Nollaig Shona from Junior Infants!

Rang Glas

This year, we saw a great change in school with the Junior and Senior Infants being separated for the first time. For the first few weeks, Seniors waited for their classroom to be completed and were so excited to finally move in early October. Over the last couple of months, we have been very busy! We have been working very hard on all our new words, reading lots of books in our cozy reading area and we even become reporters on all of Sprinkles adventures. We carved pumpkins, made bats and even bobbed for apples. More recently, Senior Infants have had a special visitor all the way from the North Pole. 'Buttons', Santa's elf, has been sent to make sure we all stay on Santa's good list. While here, he has played a few tricks on us- climbing the Christmas tree, taking selfies, eating our popcorn etc. Let's hope he behaves for the last few days of his visit! Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and see you all in 2019

Ranganna

Rang Liath

We have had a fantastic term in the Early Intervention classroom. Our journey began on the 29th of August in our cosy library. In October we relocated to the prefab.

All children have settled & are making fantastic progress. We have worked hard to make our classroom a very special place for all six children to grow and learn.

On behalf of all of the Early Intervention team I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Rang Oráiste

This term in Rang Oráiste we enjoyed learning about famous landmarks around the world.

We enjoyed Science experiments where we made volcanoes with bicarbonate of soda, investigated the effects of water on different materials and how to land an egg safely with a parachute! We learned some Yoga poses and we did an outdoor number trail which was great fun.



Robot engineers getting to grips with the technology!



Programmers at work!

Rang Dearg

First and Second class have been working really hard during the first term and have been very busy. Our Christmas Play was called Baubles and it taught us about the true meaning of Christmas- the birth of Jesus. The children sang beautifully and gave a fantastic performance! We also attended the pantomime 'Aladdin' and we really enjoyed the show! Thank you to all parents for all your help and support. Have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the well deserved break!

Rang Gorm

3rd and 4th class have had a very busy term and have all worked very hard. As well as making great progress in all areas of the curriculum they have been involved in lots of other activities. These included 7 a side football blitzes, an FAI soccer blitz and coaching in tag rugby and gaelic football. They also had very interesting talks from Concern and the Heritage Council. They were excellent in their Christmas production Children of the World. Well done 3rd and 4th. Keep up the excellent work in the New Year and have a great rest for Christmas.

Ranganna

Rang Dúghorm

Seasons Greetings from 5th and 6th Class! We have had a very busy Term 1 in our lovely new Prefab. As well as doing lots of schoolwork, we participated in the Science Quiz and the Sciath na Scol Sports Quiz. Some members of our class were involved in Debating, Chess and Sciath na Scol. Our Christmas concert "Will Santa Get Shot Down?" was enjoyed by everyone and we also learned a lot about World War II in the process! At the moment, we are busy preparing for our regional competition for VEX IQ, a robotics education programme, which will take place in January. Happy Christmas everyone!

Rang Corcara

The boys and girls have been doing loads of hard work this term. The boys and girls have made great progress through maths games, reading, typing and spelling games throughout the term. We have also had lot of in-class support Junior Infants up to 6th class.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
From Ms. Mooney and Ms. Coen



Huddled in the bomb shelter during 5th and 6th Class play, 'Will Santa Get Shot Down?'



3rd and 4th Class play, 'Children of the World'



Buttons the mischievous Elf in Seniors!



5th and 6th Class Christmas Play



A selection of spooky kids at Halloween

The harvest produced some lovely garlic potatoes.
Thanks to Catherine for her efforts.



Attendance Certs for term 1 (36 students had missed 0 days this term!)



2nd Class students with Santa Claus this week.

Dates for your Diary

- Mon. 7th January-School re-opening.
- Tues 15th Jan: School Closed for full staff Autism training
- Swimming lessons starting Thursday 10th Jan.
- 21st/22nd February.-Closed for Midterm Break
- 18th March-Closed for St. Patrick's Day
- Easter Holidays:Closing Fri 15th April at 12pm, opening Mon 29th April.
- Closed on Mon 7th and Tues 8th of May.
- Communion-Sat. 25th May
- Confirmation-Wed 3rd April, 1pm
- Communion-Sat. 19th May
- Cork City Sports-Thurs 30th MAY
- School tour: Fri 7th of June
- Summer Holidays-Fri. June 21st

More activities to be announced in the New Year

Reminders for Good Order:

- Sign HW journal each night with time.
- Complete absence with Aladdin Connect OR complete absence slip OR download absence form (Infants) after absences,
- Ring office/put note in journal to make any necessary meetings with teachers.
- Be vigilant with head lice and let office know of any cases.
- Tracksuit Thurs. + Fri. for Term 2
- Plain navy pants for tracksuit
- Shoes to be worn with uniform
- Classes start at 8:50am
- Have a lovely Christmas Break!