



St. Malachy's Boys' School Christmas Newsletter



2022

SCHOOL COUNCIL '22/23



Our new student council was elected in September. The successful candidates were: Tadhg, Evan C, Evan L.S, Errol, John, Eoin, Lucas, Adam and Kyle.

The council continues to allow pupils the opportunity to play an active and positive role in school events. So far this year they have organised a siopa scoile, Halloween games and art competitions.

DUNDALK RUGBY TAG



Congratulations to our 5th and 6th class boys who took part in a Dundalk Rugby Club tag blitz in September. The team did fantastically well, coming away from the blitz unbeaten. Thanks to Dundalk RFC for the organisation, the boys thoroughly enjoyed it.

BAG2SCHOOL SUCCESS



A big thank you to everyone who sent in items for the Bag2School collection. These have been forwarded to good causes and our school receives a payment per kg.

Many thanks to our Parents Association for organising and assisting.

TRÁTH NA gCÉIST



14.11.2023

Congratulations to our two outstanding Tráth na gCéist teams. The boys represented the school with impeccable behaviour and an outstanding performance, missing out on a place in the finals by one single point. Well done to the boys, we are all very proud of you all.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

WINNER



The winner of our Christmas Hamper was:

Logan Lambert (5th Class).

Congratulations Logan and a huge thanks to everyone who sold lines in our Christmas draw, your efforts are much appreciated.

Thanks also to everyone for your Simon Community donations.

MATHS WEEK 2022



Maths week 2022 was a week full of wonderful and fun activities for all classes. Our 2nd Class experienced their first Maths Week when they took to Numbots on the ipads. From 3rd to 6th we have been taking part in a national competition called 'Time Tables Rockstars - Ireland Rocks'.

CHESS CLUB RETURNS



The ever popular Friary Boys' School Chess Club has resumed following a break due to Covid. The club is run on a Wednesday at lunchtime and allows pupils from beginners to advanced chess players the opportunity to compete against their fellow colleagues. Our student council facilitate the refereeing of matches and sharing of advice or tips.

GREEN FLAG COMMITTEE



Our new committee was selected in October. It is made up of 12 pupils from 2nd-6th class. The boys are very eager to resume the Green Schools process post COVID. The committee have already held their first meeting and are focusing on litter & recycling. They carry out weekly litter checks in the yard and plan to hold our annual Christmas recycling competition in December.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



This year we had the pleasure of sharing our Christmas assembly performances with the families and friends at St Malachy's BNS. We enjoyed showcasing our pupils' many talents and spreading some Christmas cheer! Many thanks to our Parents Association who helped out with refreshments.

GAA



Well done to our U'13 GAA team who reached the semi-finals of the Corn Mhic Ardail competition played off in September and October. Over 40 pupils took part throughout the competition, well done!

Second and Third classes have been receiving GAA coaching from Ciraán Culligan, Gaels GFC throughout this term. Thank-you Ciaran.



PE & SPORTS



4th, 5th and 6th class pupils have attended Aura swimming pool as part of their 'aquatic' strand of PE.

The remaining classes will be attending swimming after Christmas.



FRIENDSHIP WEEK



In December, we celebrated Friendship and anti-bullying week. During this week, pupils worked through a number of activities including decorating our friendship tree with leaves of friendship qualities, carrying out a random act of kindness and passing compliments to colleagues within their class. Friendship week drew to a close with 'Odd sock day', a day to celebrate our individuality.

SCIENCE WEEK



Science Week 2022 saw each of our classes taking part in a number of events such as Science Parties (2nd), Slime project (3rd/4th), Dinosaur Pack experiment (4th), K'NEX design (5th) and The Travelling Space Buggy (6th). Our 'Best Invention Ever' competition turned our school into a Science Lab for this very special week.

HALLOWEEN WINNERS



In October, 2nd class led us in our Halloween 'Monster Mash'. Every class were given the opportunity to show off their costumes. Alongside this, our student council ran the Halloween art competition. The standard of entry was extremely high. Congratulations to the overall winners: Alex (6th), Tommy and Ziron (4th).

SCHOOL BAND

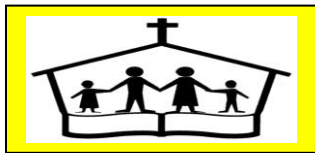


Our newly formed school band has been practicing hard throughout this term and they got to showcase their musical talents at the recent Christmas assembly.

Our school choir and tin whistle group also performed expertly at this event.

We look forward to hearing more from these musical groups in the new year.

SACREMENT DATES



The dates for our Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies have been finalised:

HOLY COMMUNION - 6th May 2023 in Friary Church.

CONFIRMATION - 22nd April 2023 in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



21 Dec	Christmas Holidays
5 Jan	School Re-opens
6 Feb	School closed - Public holiday
9 Feb	Memory Lane School Photographs
13-17 Feb	Mid-term break - School closed
17 March	School closed - St. Patrick's Day
3-14 April	School closed - Easter Hols.
22 April	Confirmation (6 th class)
1 May	School closed - Public holiday
6 May	Holy Communion (2 nd class)
5 June	School closed - Public holiday

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