



St. Malachy's Boys' School Christmas Newsletter

2023



SCHOOL COUNCIL '23/24



Our new student council was elected in September. The successful candidates were: Seán, Oscar, Ruairí, Ryan, David, Ziron, Keegan, Killian, Jayden and John. 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, art competitions while also helping out at parent teacher meetings and the Christmas assembly.

GAA



Well done to our U'13 GAA team who won the Corn Mhic Ardail competition this year. This was a fantastic achievement, bridging a 14 year gap since St Malachy's BNS have won this cup. A big thanks to Dundalk Gaels GFC for supplying our new team kit which we wore for the first time in the final. They brought us good luck!!



CHURCH GATE COLLECTION



A big thank you to parents and pupils who supported our church gate collection either by donations of money or time. This raised vital funds for our school. Many thanks to our Parents Association for organising and assisting in the very successful running of the day.

TRÁTH NA gCÉIST



Congratulations to our 6th class Tráth na gCéist team - Conor, John, Liam, Leon and Matthew who won their regional competition. The boys then went on to represent the school at the County finals and having led at one stage they finished in an impressive 4th place. The boys performed outstandingly, missing out on first place by just 3 points. Well done to the boys!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER WINNER



The winner of our Christmas Hamper was **Judith Bradley**!! Congratulations to card seller Conor (6th Class) 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 2023



Maths week 2023 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



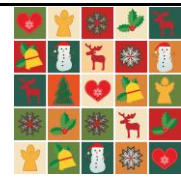
The ever popular Friary Boys' School Chess Club continues. The club is run on a Wednesday at lunchtime and allows pupils from beginners to advanced chess players the opportunity to compete against their fellow colleagues. Ms Hughes is currently training the advanced players for inter-schools competitions using mini games.

GREEN FLAG COMMITTEE



Our new committee was selected in October and is made up of 11 pupils from 2nd-6th class. Alongside their daily tasks of emptying composts bins and keeping our school litter free, the boys have been very busy this year planting daffodils, preparing for a pocket forest and running our recycling Christmas Decoration competition.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



This year we once again 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.

GRAND SLAM TROPHY VISIT



We had some very special visitors to the school back in September as IRFU national and regional rugby development officers Colm and Tiernan brought in the Grand Slam trophies.

Each class got a visit and a group photo with the trophies. This was history in the making as it was the first time Ireland won a grand slam on home soil since 1948!! The visit really built excitement before a very promising World Cup Journey for the Boys in Green which unfortunately ended at semi-final stage!!

PE & SPORTS



3rd class pupils have attended Aura swimming pool as part of their 'aquatic' strand of PE. 5th class will attend in 2024.

4th class has been working with Louth GAA coach Brian Óg on their skills.

6th Class has taken part in Rugby coaching with Dundalk RFC coaches Tiernan and Ray.



FRIENDSHIP WEEK



In December, we celebrated Friendship and Anti-bullying week. Pupils worked through the week on 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. This year we also took part in the 'Chat-a-cake' initiative which the boys really enjoyed. Friendship week drew to a close with 'Odd sock day', a day to celebrate our individuality.

SCIENCE WEEK



Science Week 2023 saw each of our classes taking part in a number of events such as Lava Lamps, Boat designs, Bottle Rockets alongside our 'Invention for the Future' competition. Well done to all involved.



HALLOWEEN

In October, 2nd class led us in our Halloween disco 'Monster Mash'. Every class was given the opportunity to show off their costumes from which our student council chose the Halloween Costume Competition winners.

HEALTHY EATING WEEK

Healthy Eating Week took place in October to promote healthy lunches. A big thank you to our local stores who generously donated for our healthy lunch week - namely, Supervalu, Fyffes, Lidl and Dunnes Stores. We really appreciate your support. Your generous refreshments and servings helped our pupils 5-A-Day throughout the week.

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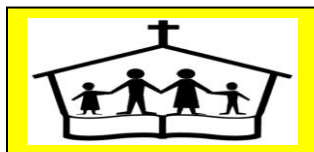
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SCHOOL BAND



Our school band, led by Mr Wynne and Mr Farrelly have 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 even 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 - 11th May 2023 in Friary Church.

CONFIRMATION - 20th April 2024 in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



22 Dec	Christmas Holidays
8 Jan	School Re-opens
5 Feb	School closed - Public Holiday
9 - 19 Feb	Mid-term break - School closed
18 March	School closed - St. Patrick's Day
22 March - 8 April	School closed - Easter Hols.
20 April	Confirmation (6 th class)
6 May	School closed - Public Holiday
11 May	Holy Communion (2 nd class)
31 May & 3 June	School closed - Public Holidays
28 June	School closed - Summer Holidays

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