



St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

Newsletter December 2020

Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants 2021/22. Go to the Enrolments section of our website at stannesns.weebly.com to find our Annual Admission Statement, Admission Policy and Enrolment forms. Alternatively, Enrolment forms can be collected from Jenny in the school office.

Voluntary Contribution

Thanks to all who have paid the Voluntary Contribution already. The response has been fantastic. Payment can still be made online via the original link sent. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque to the school office.

Teachers' Christmas Presents

This year, instead of pupils buying presents for their teachers, we are asking pupils and parents to support a **Christmas Jumper Day** in aid of **Crumlin Children's Hospital**. On Friday 18th of December, we are inviting everyone to wear a Christmas jumper to school and make a small donation to help sick children.

Mid-Year Reports

Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, it will not be possible to hold traditional Parent/Teacher meetings this academic year. To keep parents informed of their child's/children's progress, the school will be issuing Mid-Year Reports in January.

Concern Debating Competition 2020/21

The Primary School Concern Debating is now in full swing. Both of the 6th Classes are doing tremendous work. This week we had our second debate in the league against Danescastle NS. The motion was 'Primary school children should be banned from owning a mobile phone.' Rathangan were opposing the motion and we are delighted to announce that our team was victorious. Jane Cornille, Grace Clifford and Ella Doran were fantastic. Well done girls and well done to Rebecca Feehan and Aoife Murphy for all their hard work and research. Thanks also to Ms. Cunningham for her continued dedication to debating. We are moving on to the next debate on the 12th December against Murrintown NS. The motion will be 'Children can make a difference to the environment.' Best of luck 6th Class.

Farm Safety

1st class are in training to be **Farm Safety Ambassadors**. They are attending three webinars, the first of which was on Wednesday 25th November, where the children learned about farm safety signs and preparing for a safe farm visit. Each webinar will have a story time session with stories from the **Riverside Farm Series** of books written by Alma Jordan. The second webinar will be about behavioural traits and mannerisms shown by animals including bulls, horses and dogs. In the final webinar, the children will learn top tips on how they and farmers stay safe around farm machinery and vehicles including the dos and don'ts of quad bikes and tractors. A big thank you to Alma Jordan who is the founder of **AgriKids** for hosting these lively and informative sessions.

Active News

The school has been a hive of activity throughout the last 4 weeks. All classes participated in our "Active Breaks" initiative each day. Walking around the track, running, dance and exercise were the 4 themes we followed. We rounded the activities off with "Feel Good Friday" where pupils completed circuit training on the astro-turf. Well done to all classes and teachers for their hard work

and to Ms. Power for organising. Once again, many thanks to St. Anne's GAA Club for the use of their facilities.

The school also recently received a new flag in recognition of our efforts in the "**Daily Mile Challenge**" last school year. Congrats to our hard-working Active Schools Committee.

Science Week

Well done to all the classes who participated in the many activities organised by their teachers for this year's Science Week (November 8th -15th). A special mention to 5th class who participated in a virtual Science Quiz organised by Teagasc. Four local schools went head-to-head, Mayglass NS, Piercestown NS, Murrintown NS and St. Anne's NS. After a nail-biting finish, we are delighted to report that our 5th class were victorious and won a microscope for the school as 1st prize.

Credit Union Art Competition

Congratulations to the following pupils who won prizes in the annual Credit Union Art Competition; - U7 category- 3rd Gracie Kelly

8-10 category-1st Olivia Barry, 2nd Keisha Sinnott, 3rd Holly Reville

11-13 category- 1st Danielle Cooney O'Neill, 2nd Billy Cunningham

Christmas Party

The Parents' Association distributed Christmas Party Donation envelopes last week which are used to purchase presents for the pupils. Many thanks for the great response. Even with the current restrictions in place, we are very hopeful that a certain gentleman in a red suit may get the all clear to come and visit the pupils of St. Anne's NS.

Readathon

A huge well done to Mr. Murphy's 3rd class and Ms. Duggan's 3rd/4th class who took part in a Readathon in aid of **MS Ireland**. The children read over 300 books collectively and raised in excess of **€3000** for charity.

No Homework!

As a reward for all the hard work since September, the teachers have decided that no homework will be given to students from next Monday 14th until the New Year. Happy Christmas.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 22nd of December- School closes for Christmas Holidays @ **12pm**
- Wednesday January 6th- School re-opens for Term 2
- February 18th/19th- school closed for mid-term