



Christmas Newsletter 2011

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Christmas Plays...

Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First and Fourth Class performed their Nativity/Christmas plays . Thank you to the teachers and classroom assistants for all their hard work. A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents for taking time to come and support them, and for providing the marvellous costumes and props.

All the classes went to see Robinson Crusoe in the Gaiety. It was a great occasion and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it .Many thanks to Ms. Duffy who organised this super day out.

Walkathon/Spellathon

Congratulations to all the girls who took part in our recent Spellathon & Walkathon

3rd-4th Spelling Champion:

Clíodhna Keane, Ms Burns Dooley's class

5th-6th Spelling Champion:

Beth Fuller, Ms. Carey's class.

This fundraising event raised €9000 which will be spent on school resources. Thank you!

Assessment Results

All children from 1st to 6th were assessed recently in Reading and Maths using the National Standardized Tests (Micra T and Sigma T) The results of the tests have been collated and the findings make for very good reading indeed. Our school is ahead of the National norms in both subject areas. We are very proud of all the girls and wish to congratulate them on their great achievements.

Thanks to all parents and teachers for the recent Parent Teacher meetings.

Many thanks to all the parents who completed the survey regarding E- mail communication. We hope to start this initiative shortly.

It has come to our attention that there is some Road Rage during the school run- let's take this opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas and wish all those people who get in our way a very Merry Christmas!

The school uniform : To make it easier for the girls we have decided to introduce a full-zip tracksuit top. The present track-suit top may still be worn. Also we are allowing green or maroon socks with the uniform.



A BIG thank you from the Parents Association for all your donations for the Christmas Raffle. The girls loved their prizes!

GREEN SCHOOLS

The cycle workshop was a great success for 5 th and 6 th classes. The school garden has been tidied by the gardening club for the Winter and work will begin again in Spring.

Food Dudes

Hollypark has been chosen to participate in the FOOD DUDES healthy eating programme commencing in January 2012. More information to follow in the new year.



Sports News:

Another successful season for sport in Hollypark. Congratulations to our girls on the A and B Gaelic teams who played outstandingly well this term. Our A team were narrowly beaten in the semi-finals. The hockey league has just started. We have two teams this year. The A team won their first match. More matches to be played after Christmas. New gear for both hockey teams has been sponsored by Uniform Supplies.



We would like to draw your attention to the fact that it is now compulsory for the pupils to wear gum shields for hockey, basketball and Gaelic training and games from first class to sixth class. It is recommended that gum shields be left in a pouch in their school bags.



School Orchestra: We had two lunchtime concerts this term. One focused on the violin and the other on the flute. Girls from the school played alongside professional musicians. Senior Infants began learning violin this term with Lucy, we look forward to hearing them in the future!

Carol Service: 2nd—6th Performed a wonderful carol service in Foxrock Church on Wednesday 14th December. Thanks to the 3rd classes for the Nativity Play and the life size crib. A BIG thanks to Ms. Duffy & Ms. Grenham.



The Student Council : We are delighted to announce Hollypark's first ever Student Council. After an exciting election campaign, voting took place on the 18th of November 2011. Hannah Breen, Megan Carpenter, Caoimhe Cullen, Ciara Duffy, and Beth Fuller from 5th and 6th classes look forward to representing our school.

Retirements in the School

Our Deputy Principal Mrs. Susan Murphy is retiring at the end of December. We wish her many years of health and happiness. We would like to thank her sincerely for her wonderful contributions to Hollypark. She will be greatly missed by staff, parents and pupils.

Dates for your diary:

- ① School is closing at 11.50am on Thursday the 22nd of Dec
- ① School re-opens next year on January the 9th 2012

Many thanks for your continued and valuable support, it is very much appreciated.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh!

From all the team at Hollypark.