



# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of all the staff at St Vincent de Paul Girls' School we wish each and every one of you a happy, peaceful, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

*Alison Clinton*



## Sacraments

Congratulations to our former 6<sup>th</sup> class girls on the celebration of their Confirmation in November. The dates for 2022 First Holy Communion and Confirmation have been communicated to parents. A special thank you to Fr. Tom Noone, Fr Christian and Anne Dooley, parish liaison officer and to all the teachers and staff involved in the sacraments.

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We had a fantastic response to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year, with 170 shoeboxes collected. Thanks to the 'little elves' in Room 15 who were a great help in getting the boxes sent safely on their way. Thank you also to Ms. Drumgoole and Ms. O'Hanlon for organising this appeal and the Parents' Association for helping to sort and label the boxes.



## November Readathon

In November 189 of our students took part in the MS Readathon. 1379 books were read and a whopping €11,458 was raised for MS Ireland. We are so proud of you all for taking part and raising money for such a worthy cause. Well done everyone! Thanks to Ms Edwards for organising this event.



## Green School & Garden Fun

We have new Green Schools' Representatives across the school – well done girls on keeping our school green and clean! Many classes got involved in planting for spring. Ms. Doolan's 6<sup>th</sup> class girls planted crocus bulbs as did 2<sup>nd</sup> class girls. Thanks to Ms Mulvey for coordinating this.



## Science Week

Science week this year was 'electric.' The girls enjoyed a broad range of experiments which involved creating structures using recycled materials, making lava lamps, creating mazes for Hexbugs, a M&M rainbow experiment, string telephones, homes for the resident class spider and even investigating levels of bacteria in mouldy bread! Some experiments were shared virtually which was a lot of fun too! Thanks to Ms. Chambers and Ms. Brosnan for organising the week's activities.



## Christmas Fun



Our school was transformed into a magical Christmas wonderland at the start of December! Since then the girls have enjoyed lots of festive fun, songs, dramas, poems and raps!

Thanks to all the teachers for their hard work in making school life as normal and as enjoyable as possible for the girls throughout the term. Some examples of meaningful yet enjoyable and fun learning activities included making Christmas stockings, sending cards to residents of Nazareth House, online events such as a 6<sup>th</sup> class quiz with author Sarah Webb and Fighting Words literary workshop with 2<sup>nd</sup> class girls. Plenty of outdoor nature focused learning also took place, with simple twigs being transformed into creative winter art and leaf fairies were created from leaves collected from the school ground! Procedural writing led to delicious recipes coming to life in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class, with hot chocolate and pancakes. Sú oráiste was made enjoyed as gaeilge by 6<sup>th</sup> class!

The school came to life with the fantastic art creations, on display throughout the whole school – maith sibh, gach duine!

## Reminder to the girls!

Be kind to everyone this Christmas ☺

Help around the house and give your parents a well-deserved break! ☺

## Parents' Association News

The Calendar Fundraiser has been a great success. Thank you to all the sponsors and to Richard Gavin photography. Leaf collection proved to be lots of fun for 6<sup>th</sup> class girls who were presented with a Certificate of Community Enhancement, 2021.

A massive thank you to the families from both the girls' school and infant school, who, through the St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree raised €1715 for the St Mobhi conference of St Vincent de Paul.

Well done to all the girls who entered the annual PA art competition and congratulations to all the winners

The online Helix Panto brought much fun, laughter and enjoyment to all the girls last week – thanks to the PA ☺



## Yummy cooking

Pancakes in 5<sup>th</sup> class and Sú Oráiste in 6<sup>th</sup> class



## Upcoming Events

School will reopen on January 6<sup>th</sup> at normal time: 8:50am – 9am for all students



*Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2022 from all the staff at St Vincent de Paul Girls' School*