



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016



Aiken Barracks Visit:

Lucy Connolly and Dean Murtagh (members of our Student Council) attended a special medal ceremony at Aiken Barracks. The 1916 Centenary Commemorative Medal was presented to members of Óglaigh na hÉireann who served in 2016, to celebrate and commemorate the centenary year. It was presented by the Minister with Responsibility for Defence, Mr Paul Kehoe T.D. Our own Captain Peter Kelleher was master of ceremonies.

Soccer Blitz:

4th Class boys enjoyed the soccer blitz held in DKIT recently. They won two out of their three competitive matches. They were sportsmanlike and represented our school well.

Welcome:

We would like to welcome our new SNA to the school, Mrs Sarah Mulligan.

Frosty the Snowman

Junior and Senior Infants attended this wonderful show in the Town Hall on Wednesday 14th December.

See Twitter for photos.



Care Programme:

The theme for November was 'Empathy'. This month's theme is 'Belonging'. Reading suggestions for teachers and parents:

'Create a Sense of Belonging'

Belonging: Why do we need a sense of belonging?

Penitential Service:

A Penitential service for children from Third to Sixth class took place on Friday 16th December at 11.30am.

Service of Light:

A Ceremony of Light was held on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm for our Sixth Class pupils preparing for Confirmation. They were absolutely wonderful. We are very proud of them.

Christmas Concert:

We hope that you all enjoyed our concert and the wonderful performance by every child present. Thank you to all who helped out on the night, to the members of our :

BOM, Geraldine Kirk (our newly appointed Chairperson), Ciaran Kirk, Sinéad Lennon, Anne Sheehy, Michael Kelly.

Ciaran Kirk and Peter Kelleher collected an amazing €1227.20 at the door. Our raffle sellers sold €915.90. We banked a record breaking €2143.10 ! Thank you for your generosity and support of your school.

Christmas Raffle winners:

Congratulations to Mrs Brennan winner of the tablet. The tablet was donated by Nortech. Congratulations to Ann Gordon winner of the Dundalk FC Kit, donated by the Connolly Family.

Congratulations to Niamh Larkin winner of the beautiful floral arrangement donated by Caroline of the Flower Studio.

Finally congratulations to Leanne McConville winner of the wine and chocolates donated by Business Services & Supplies.



You'd better watch out!

Santa Claus is coming to Kilkenny!



Rumour has it that **Santa** may be calling to see all the wonderful children in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál.

Dance Lessons:

All children from Junior Infants to Sixth have enjoyed learning lots of new dances. They can now jive, barn dance, wobbles, huckle buck and various dances done in line.



Irish Sign Language for Christmas:

Last September we did some Irish Sign Language as part of ISL Awareness Week. We will be covering some more on the 18th, 19th, 20th of December. The videos will be available of www.deafhear.ie if you would like to learn some at home.

School Holidays:

School will close at **12pm** on Thursday 22nd December and reopen on Monday 9th January 2017.

Parents Association:

Our Parents Association would like to thank you for your tremendous support in 2016 and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Cinema Night:

Our PA would like to thank Aaron and Elaine Scilley for donating and setting up the cinema equipment, and to Gareth and Blanaid Crawley for donating the slush puppies and ice creams at their family movie night. It was a great success.



Greenschools:

We are trying to reduce the amount of litter going to landfill.

Please send your child's lunch in a reusable lunchbox and bottle / beaker.

Keep wrappings to a minimum please!

Scoil Mhuire gan Smál

wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

