

Courtnacuddy Chronicle

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Principal's Note

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again. The children have worked very hard during the first term and have earned a well deserved break. As always we have had a really busy term and I am very proud of all the work being done by the children. As our first term draws to a close, I would like to thank our staff for all their hard work. Thanks to the teachers for their commitment and dedication to learning in the school, to the SNA for their care of our pupils, and the ancillary and cleaning staff for all their hard work in the running and upkeep of the school. On behalf of the Board of Management and the staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh!

To celebrate Christmas, the children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on Friday, December 20th. A small donation for Cystic Fibrosis Ireland would be appreciated.

Science Week

A very successful Science week was held in the school in November. All the classes participated in a variety of science experiments. A massive thank-you to the Parents Association who subsidised the cost of getting Brickz4kidz in during the week to do a workshop with all the classes. This proved a big hit with the children.

The Halloween Dress Up raised €190 for Temple Street Hospital. Many thanks for your generosity.

Christmas Mass

The Christmas Mass will take place on **Thursday 19th @ 9:30am**. As always all parents are welcome to attend

Parents Association

The Parents Association have once again been very busy this term. The Halloween Disco was another great success with a fantastic display of costumes.

In November the Christmas Fair was held in the hall. As always the Fair was a great success and many thanks must go to all those parents and children who helped out in any way both on the day itself and in preparation for the big day. Lots of unseen work goes into this fundraiser and it is much appreciated.

Finally the Christmas Raffle took place just this week with over 20 prizes handed out. A huge thank you to all who purchased tickets, sold tickets and to those who donated prizes or went and sourced prizes from local businesses.

The Parents Association very generously funded the visit of Brickz4kidz during Science Week and money raised from the recent Fair and raffle will go a long way to updating and purchasing new much needed resources for STEM activities.

We are very lucky with our dedicated parents who participate on the Parents Association. All monies raised go to the school. We are always looking for new members and would welcome others to join us and take a share in the activities we run throughout the year.

Half Day

School closes at 12pm on Friday 20th December.

School will reopen at 9:20am on 6th January 2020

Sacraments:

The First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 16th May 2020 at 11am in Courtnacuddy Church. The Confirmation will take place on Thursday 30th April at 11am in Davidstown Church.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Once again this year the families of Courtnacuddy NS showed their generosity in spades for this worthwhile cause. Over 70 boxes have been sent to Africa and other less well off parts of the world to help bring a little cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to all those who filled a Shoebox.

Green Schools



This year the school are working hard for their 6th Green Flag. This years' theme is Global Citizenship-Litter & Waste. Mrs Doyle has selected her committee for the year and in the past weeks all the classes have been completing a poster based on one of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. We will be holding an Action Day in the New Year.



Rackard League

Thanks to all the parents who provided lifts to various matches for both the boys and girls Rackard League teams. The boys and girls gave great performances in all games but unfortunately did not progress from their groups. Once again the boys and girls in 5th and 6th class organised and ran a very successful Lunchtime Football League for the children in 3rd-5th class. It was fantastic to see such great teamwork and tenacity in all the boys and girls during these games and all the finals came down to the wire. We hope to run a hurling league after Easter.

Board of Management

The new Board of Management took up its role on 1st December. Thanks to all the parents who put their names forward for the election of the Parent nominee. The new Board is comprised of the following:

Patrons Nominee: David Reck (Chairperson) & Sean Hennessey

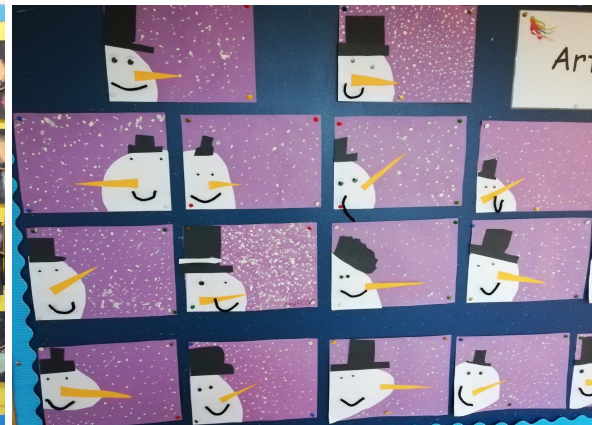
Secretary: Colm Gallagher

Parents Nominees: Peter Dunne & Gillian Doyle

Community Nominees: Paddy Kelly & Maureen Doyle

Teachers Nominee: Catherine O'Brien

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing members of the Board of Management. Their support as well as the time and effort they gave to the school over the past number of years is greatly appreciated.





Nollaig Shona agus athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise duit!!