

St. Aidan's N.S.
December Newsletter - 2017



***Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain
faoi Mhaise
daoibh go léir***

*Wishing every boy and girl, together with your families,
a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year,
from the staff of St. Aidan's*

Credit Union Poster Competition Winners 2017

Congratulations to all the winners of the Poster Competition in November. The theme 'SET YOUR IMAGINATION FREE..' was represented in beautifully designed and colourful posters by the children from 1st class to 6th. Susan representing Kiltimagh Credit Union, thanked everyone who entered the competition and then presented the following with prizes. She also left a treat for all the children in the school. Thanks Susan!

7 Years and Under 1st Thady Mc Donagh 2nd Zoe Mulderrig
3rd Michael Maloney

8-10 Years

Overall Winner : Livia Stachula

1st Maria Gabrys
2nd Clodagh Carroll
3rd Roisin Conlon

11- 13 Years

1st Molly Mc Donagh
2nd Anna Kelly
3rd Aoife Conlon

Important Dates

Jan. 8th: SCHOOL REOPENING

Swimming for 4th Class starts on Tuesday, Jan 9th

**Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Talks with Cathal Kearney
for 6th Class and their parents in the School Hall**

Parents only -Wednesday, 31st January at 7:30 pm

Parents and pupils- Wednesday, 7th February at 7:30 pm

Christmas RAFFLE

a huge success!

A very sincere thanks to everyone - pupils, parents, teachers, SNA's and our secretary Caroline - all who helped to make this fundraiser for St. Aidan's such a success.

A total of €2610 was raised.

Many, many thanks to all our sponsors. Details including prizewinners listed at the end of this newsletter

Carol Singing in the Community

41 children under the direction of Ms. Lee sang Christmas Carols in the Bank of Ireland and the Credit Union on Dec. 15th. It was a lovely experience and was enjoyed by the customers and staff of both places.

The children were rewarded with lots of chocolate treats!

Church Carol Service

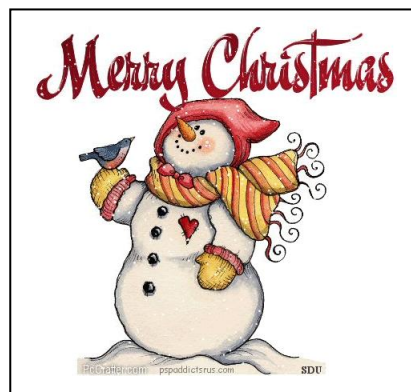
Monday, December 18

This annual event was moved from the Sunday before Christmas to a weekday evening due to reduced numbers in previous years on the Sunday.

We were delighted at the almost full turnout for the 3 items on the programme from St. Aidan's

1. Junior Infants Nursery Rhyme Christmas Songs
2. Nativity Play : 2nd Class
3. Carols : School Choir

2nd Class also made a presentation of food to the St. Vincent de Paul. This gesture was deeply appreciated by the the St. Vincent de Paul Committee who dropped into 2nd class the next day to express their sincere thanks for their very generous donations.



FIRST COMMUNION 2017

Fr. Michael has arranged the following

'Do This in Memory of Me' Masses for 2nd Class at 11am Mass on

- Sunday Jan 14th
- Sunday Feb. 11th
- Sunday March 4th
- Sunday March 25th
- Sunday April 15th

BOOK WEEK 2017

As always Book Week was a most enjoyable experience for the whole school with a variety of activities aimed at promoting a positive reading culture both at school and at home.

- All senior classes participated in the paired reading programme with their Junior "reading buddies" and this proved most enjoyable.
- DEAR time (*Drop Everything and Read*) was timetabled for every class every day
- One of our retired teachers held a story time with each of the Junior classes
- Our visiting authors this year were Kate McMahon and Gabriel Fitzmaurice. The feedback on both visits was very positive.
- The Book Fair was open all week with a wide variety of reading material on offer.
- On Thursday all pupils from 3rd-6th participated in a Table Quiz.
- The Book Groups in the Senior Classes on Thursday gave each pupil the opportunity to talk about their favourite book/ author.
- Finally Character Day on Friday was an outstanding success with all pupils and staff dressing up most imaginatively.

Each class completed projects based on their reading endeavours and a sincere thank you to the Parents Association for sponsoring prizes.

Thank you to Brendan Donnellan for co-ordinating this very successful and most enjoyable week.

Congratulations!

WINNERS of the CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1. Hudson Bay Hotel Voucher Sponsored by Staff of St. Aidan's **Winner: Martin Doherty**
(Seller: Karen McHugh)
2. Lego Collection (Value €150) Sponsored by Kiltimagh Credit Union **Winner: Max Bennett**
(Seller: Max Bennett)
3. Health Fryer (Value €129) Sponsored by Broderick's Electrical **Winner: J. Conlon** (Seller: Lorcan Burke)
4. Cill Aodain Hotel Meal Voucher Sponsored by The Parents Association
Winner: Michelle Armstrong (Seller: Daithí Armstrong)
5. €75 Voucher Gilmartin Catering and Hygiene Supplies Sponsored by Shane Gilmartin **Winner: Stephen and Pauline Kenny** (Seller: Connor Turtill)
6. Christmas Hamper Sponsored by Super Valu **Winner: Brian Commons** (Seller: Ruth Commons)
7. Hamper of Christmas Goodies Sponsored by Tommy Carney & Son Wholesalers **Winner: Michael Armstrong** (Seller: Daithí Armstrong)
8. €50 County Photos Voucher Sponsored by County Photos
Winner: Katie Cosgrove (Seller: Katie Cosgrove)
9. €50 Cash Sponsored by Corduff Travel **Winner: Eoin Cosgrove** (Seller: Eoin Cosgrove)
10. Cleary's Nissan Garage €25 Voucher **Winner: Michelle Devine, Kilkelly** (Seller: Owen Monaghan)

Seller's Prizes

1. €25 Smyths Voucher Sponsored by Corduff Travel **Winner: Matthew O'Reilly**
2. €25 Smyths Voucher Sponsored by Corduff Travel **Winner: Amy Barrett**
3. 4. and 5. Selection Boxes

Winners: Mia Forkan, Ciara Henaghan and Emma Maloney

