



# Scoil Aoife



## Winter Newsletter 2017

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are the end of our first term. Well done to all our Winter Performers last Friday. There is no doubt that we have budding STARS in our school. Thank you to all staff for all their dedicated hard work. Thank you to parents for supporting the school and especially Parents Association who helped with teas and coffees and raffle prizes. There will be a further raffle of selection boxes on Friday for children who have good attendance. When we return in January try to have your children in school every day. Research shows that the children who are good attenders have the best results. I wish you all peace and goodwill and the very best for 2018. Ms. McAuley

### Important Reminders

- School will close early at **12:00pm** on Friday. School will reopen at 9am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- All children attending school on Friday will be entered a raffle to win selection boxes.
- Please inform the office of any changes to contact details e.g. new address or phone number.
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday are uniform days. Tuesday and Thursday are tracksuit days.

### Winter Show

Last Friday all the children performed in our annual Winter Show. Junior Infants opened the show reaching for the stars. Followed by Senior Infants beautiful rendition of Somewhere Only We Know. First and Second class showcased their talents on the violin. Finally, all the students closed the show with Count on Me and Let It Snow. Well done to all the girls and boys on the fantastic performances!



Remember to keep updated with our school news, calendar and photographs by visiting our website **[www.scoilaoifecns.ie](http://www.scoilaoifecns.ie)**.

## Visit to Glanmore Foods

On Tuesday the 21st of November 2017, First and Second class went to Glanmore Foods factory in Blanchardstown. We went on a bus to Glanmore Foods. We went there because we wanted to know how our lunches are made and where they come from.

When we arrived, we watched a short film about Glanmore Foods and met our tour guides Magda and Linda. Everyone had to put on a special coat, hat and shoe covers before they got to go and see the food being made. We got to go to the bakery and see where our rolls are made, Magda let us play with some dough. It was so fun!!

During our tour, we got to go into the big freezer and it was SO COLD!!! Then we went to see where they package our food. Later, we got to see where the lorry's come in to collect all the food for all the schools around the country.

At the end of the tour, we all got a goodie bag. We then got the bus back to Scoil Aoife C.N.S. We had a great time visiting Glanmore Foods.

*By Bobby, Laila, Sam, Emmeline, Dawid, Robert, Julie and Aidanas in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.*

## Welcoming Ceremony

In November we had the Junior Infant Welcoming Ceremony. The theme of the ceremony was success, we were joined by faith leaders in wishing the new junior infants every success in their futures. Some of the older children in the school were given the responsibility of becoming a buddy. The Junior Infants were welcomed to the Scoil Aoife by their buddies.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings took place in late November and were a great opportunity to discuss each child's progress with parents. Thank you to all the parents who attended. If parents didn't make their meeting or if parents have any follow up questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher through Tina in the school office.



### **A Visit From Dublin All Star**

Dublin Ladies footballer and All Star Rachel Ruddy came to visit our school. She won the All Ireland Ladies Football championship with the Dublin team. Rachel brought the Brendan Martin Cup with her and let us lift it over our heads. It was really heavy! Rachel told us all about the hard training she did with her team. It was great to hear about their fantastic win. Well done Dublin!  
Up the Dubs!!

*By Isabelle and Alex in 1<sup>st</sup> Class.*



### **“Happy Christmas”**

Merry Christmas everyone! We have been learning all about the story of Christmas. We listened to a story about the birthday of a baby boy named Jesus. We learned about Mary and Joseph's long trip to Bethlehem on a donkey. Senior Infants made a crib in their classroom and decorated with advent wreaths to celebrate Christmas with our Christian friends. We would like to wish all the community of Scoil Aoife CNS a very Happy Christmas.



### **Home School Liaison**

Thank you to parents for participating in the Lego programme and the Family Learning programme. Next term there will be an exciting variety of workshops and programmes starting for parents/carers, along with offering more afterschool clubs for the children. Details of upcoming events will be on posters around the school and updated to the school website. Thank you to the parents who came to the Parent Coffee mornings every Tuesday. These will continue next term and we hope in the new year to build a strong community and connection with the parents at Scoil Aoife.

*Rebecca Kelleher,  
Home School Liaison Officer*



### **Coming up in the New Year**

- Brix will be starting after school. Children will be building objects using Lego.
- Stretch and Grow, Art and Infant Club will be continuing next year.
- Some of the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class will be making their First Holy Communion on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.



*A winter snowman by Joseph in Ms Fleming's Junior Infant Class.*