

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Room 2

Room 2 have really gotten into the Christmas spirit! They turned room 2 into a Winter Wonderland with their fabulous art on the window and ceiling. We have been powering through our Wilson and working on LEGO projects as well as our own projects. Lorcan taught an Art class and we made amazing robot bauble art, it was so much fun! They had a fabulous trip to the Moving Crib, getting there by bus organised by Ms. Jackson and it was great! We have also been working hard on our advent of kindness and organising all the raffle prizes. We have learnt a lot about being organized and using money as we were in charge of selling all the raffle tickets for St. Vincent de Paul.



Reminders



School reopens Monday 6th January

Our Values

In December we will look at the value of kindness.



In January our school will focus on the value of Empathy



Room 1

Wow, what a busy month it's been in Room 1 as we dive into the festive spirit! Despite all our Wilson and Maths work, we still found time for some wonderful activities. We watched The Giggler Treatment at The Ark and, of course, stopped for some hot chocolate on the way back to keep the Christmas cheer alive.

We also teamed up with Room 2 for a visit to the Moving Crib and joined Room 5 to learn Away in a Manger in Irish Sign Language.

Since snow is such a rare treat in Ireland, we got creative and had a Maths snowball fight! We also imagined and wrote about what it would be like to get stuck inside a snow globe.



Room 3

Between all the Christmas preparations we kept up our hard work in reading and maths. Romy was the first to figure out how to convert a fraction to a percentage. Here she is teaching the class how she did it. Well done everyone in keeping the focus whilst having lots of fun too!



Room 4

Room 4 have been doing lots of practice for singing 'Somewhere only we know' for our Christmas concert. We have been making great progress in our literacy and numeracy groups, and are all set for continuing our reading over the Christmas break 📖🎅



Room 6

This is room 6's first month with their new teacher Ms Nee, it's been a very busy month with lots of Christmas activities. The children have been preparing for their Christmas concert with room 9. We have also been learning about Christmas around the world and the different traditions Australia, France, Italy and Germany have. The children are doing projects on the different countries. Room 6 has also been learning about data and how they represent data on different graphs. They have been doing surveys and collecting their own data. The children are also making Christmas decorations and enjoying the Christmas festivities ☺🎄



Room 5

Room five and room nine went to the James Joyce Museum. We got to do a workshop with a girl called Lily. She made the whole time feel magical. She explained that writer don't have to always spell everything correctly and that sometimes having your own catchphrase for your spelling mistakes is cool. Both classes really enjoys this experience.



Room 7

Ms. Harrington class have been exploring strategies/tools to help regulate the children and come to an understanding within themselves of which strategies /tools are needed to engender a readiness /availability to learn !



Room 9

The students in Room 9 have been hard at work over the past few weeks, showing amazing dedication in several areas of learning and activity. In Maths, we've been mastering decimals, while in Grammar, we've focused on conjunctions and prepositions. Our Christmas drama and singing have been a highlight, with enthusiastic participation in both singing and narrating roles for our festive play. The children have been learning their lines and songs with passion, filling the room with holiday spirit. Alongside these creative endeavors, we've explored Weather and Climate in our studies, bringing a scientific edge to our busy term. As we wrap up this term, it's safe to say we're all running on fumes, eagerly awaiting the holidays to recharge and enjoy time with loved ones. From everyone in Room 9, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season!



Room 10

Room 10 has been busy celebrating the festive season with Christmas Concert practice, St. Vincent de Paul fundraising and lots of learning! Check out our Winter Tree silhouettes! Wishing all families a happy and peaceful holiday!



Room 8



Room 8 have had a very exciting and very festive December. The highlight of our month was painting our windows to decorate our classroom for Christmas.

The Hub

And great excitement over the mirrors



Student council news

We are delighted to have hot lunches! Student council asked for better mirrors in the toilets and a full length mirror and they've arrived!! We are delighted!!

Message from Ms Sheahan

Dear Parents,

I want to start by paying our students a huge compliment on all of their hard work this term. The first term involves so much settling in, new routines, new people, as well as lots of reading, maths and hard work. They have done a great job! Huge thanks to all our staff here in CMNS for all of the hard work and dedication that they provide in such a skilled way every day. Our students are truly lucky.

It has been nothing short of joyful to be a part of the preparation for the Christmas performance, and it was magic to see so many of you enjoy this in St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday.

From January, I will be taking a leave of absence to the end of this school year. Ciara McCauley will be taking over the role of principal, and Fionnula Ní Chinnéide will be taking over the role of deputy principal. I could not wish to hand over to two more dedicated and experienced professionals. Having heard Ciara and I speak at the open night, you will know that we very much work as a team here in school, and this will be a seamless transfer to Ciara in the New Year. I will be keeping in touch with all the team to know how the rest of the year goes for the students - as I will really miss you all. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas.

Ms Sheahan x



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing all the students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with love from all the staff at Catherine McAuley NS!



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FROM OUR
WONDERFUL
STUDENTS
AND STAFF**





