



Plunkett's Post

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Carol Service Rehearsal (collection from Church)

1st to 6th class will be going to the Church for Carol Service Rehearsal on Tuesday 17th December at 12:30. We will be getting a bus to Derrinturn Church from the school. **All children are to be collected from the Church at 3pm** as we will not be getting a bus back to the school after our rehearsal. Junior & Senior Infants will not be going to the Church for Rehearsal.

Christmas Carol Service

We will be holding a lovely Christmas Carol Service in Derrinturn Church on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 7pm. Doors will open at 6:30 and all children from Junior Infants to 6th Class will take part. The children can arrive with their parents. The boys and girls are very busy rehearsing their songs and we look forward to a beautiful Christmas celebration on the night. Boys and girls are expected to wear their full school uniform and a Santa hat too (not the novelty hats please). Special word of thanks to Ian Brabazon, who is the brains behind this operation. We are extremely appreciative of the time and enthusiasm that he gives to our school.

Mobile Library

Please remember to return library books to the mobile library on Thursday morning. It is also a great opportunity for boys and girls to take out two books to read over the Christmas break.

Lá Nollag, Cill an Fheadha

Due to expected bad weather on Thursday, we are going to hold our Santa Dash tomorrow, Tuesday 17th December. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers (if they have them) and Christmas hats to school that day.

Advent Acts of Kindness homework

Well done to everyone for your engagement with this initiative. There were some wonderful acts of kindness undertaken over the last week and we look forward to a continuation of the same this week. Keep an eye on our Twitter page where we hope to share some of these during the week.

Twitter

Please remember to follow our school on Twitter (@killinans) for updates on events that are taking place in our school.

TextaParent App

If you have not already done so, please download the 'TextaParent' app onto your phone. If you have the app downloaded it helps to reduce the cost of texting for our school. The app can be downloaded from the Play Store or from iTunes.

Christmas Raffle

We had a fantastic day on Friday 13th December for our annual Christmas raffle. Our wonderful Parent Association put so much effort into ensuring the success of this raffle and it certainly paid off. The winners for the main raffle were:

- 1st Prize: Voucher (Value €300)-William Connolly Jnr
- 2nd Prize: Voucher (Value €200)-Leah Mulvey
- 3rd Prize: Drinks Hamper (Value €150)-Emily Carey
- 4th Prize: Beauty Hamper (Value €75) – J.P. Dunne
- 5th Prize: Turkey and Ham – Tessie Duffy
- 6th Prize: Toy Voucher (€50) – Ruby Butler
- 7th Prize: Bottle of Brandy – Joshua O'Reilly
- 8th Prize: Turkey – Dan Kearney
- 9th Prize: Ham – Tadhg Duffy
- 10th Prize: Bottle of Whiskey – Barbara Aungier

After the main raffle we then held the Cloakroom Ticket raffle. This raffle was generously sponsored by our wonderful parents and many local businesses (see list below). The prizes were absolutely super and there really was a great sense of community spirit surrounding it. We are extremely grateful to our kind parents and the local shops and companies that gave us a huge range of spot prizes. There were over 30 prizes (hampers, vouchers, sweets, biscuits, bottles etc...) and we made lots of children and families happy as a result. This was a very successful raffle and the children of our school will benefit greatly from this fundraiser. We are very thankful to our staff, parents, the boys and girls, local businesses and the Parents Association who went above and beyond to ensure that this was a success. Well done everyone and many thanks for making this another exciting event in our school calendar.

Christmas Raffle Sponsors 2018

Many thanks to the following companies who kindly sponsored our Christmas Raffle this year. The success of our raffle is largely due to the generous donations from our wonderful families and the following local shops and businesses. Remember to shop local this Christmas and show our appreciation to the companies who supported Killina National School this Christmas.

- Lé Chelle's Hair Salon, Allenwood
- Tom Baker Family Butcher
- Michael Anderton Photography, Allenwood
- Sanitas Take-away
- Allenwood Laundrette/Carroll's Tyres, Allenwood
- Glennons, Allenwood
- Spar, Allenwood
- Bergins Family Food Store (XL), Derrinturn
- Hair by Serena Carberry, Derrinturn
- Lou's Barber, Derrinturn
- Estee Health and Beauty Clinic, Derrinturn
- The Turn Inn, Derrinturn
- Daniel's Food Store, Derrinturn
- Centra, Derrinturn
- Anna Marie's Boutique, Edenderry
- Tons of Fun, Edenderry
- McGreals, Edenderry
- Paradise Balance & Well Being
- Ryans Pharmacy, Derrinturn

What a Term!

We had a fantastic term one here in St. Oliver Plunkett NS. In addition to delivering the curriculum, our staff have gone above and beyond this term to give our boys and girls a holistic education. Some highlights of term one include:

- The return of the mobile library
- Amazing Maths and Science Weeks, celebrated throughout the school
- STEM promotion across the school

- Aistear in Infants and a visit by An Garda Síochána
- 4th and 5th Class trip to the Botanic Gardens
- The launch of our Active Flag campaign
- Green school activities
- Student Council elections and activities
- Local history trips (Kilpatrick and Carbury Village)
- Rehearsals for Peace Proms
- An amazing Witch Walk and associated Halloween activities
- Gymnastics for Junior Infants to 2nd class
- Tag Rugby lunchtime blitz
- Tag rugby with Gráinne
- Swimming in Edenderry
- Tag Blitz victories for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th class teams
- Rehearsal for our Carol Service
- Use of technology across the school
- Promotion of Irish (Gaeilge) through games and activities

These activities help to enhance the learning opportunities that we give to our boys and girls. Your support of our fundraising campaigns and voluntary contributions allow us to fund/subsidise these experiences for our students thus helping to further enrich your child's learning whilst in our school. For that, we are very thankful and we look forward to a continuation of this positive home-school relationship after Christmas.

Christmas Break

School will close at 12 o'clock (11:55 for infants) on Friday 20th December for our well-earned Christmas break. We will return to school on Monday 6th January 2020. We wish all of our families a truly magical Christmas and we hope that you enjoy making memories together. We want to thank the boys and girls for their hard work during 2019. Have a great Christmas everybody and bring back lots of stories after the holidays.