



St Aidan's National School, Brookfield, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Christmas Newsletter 2020

Christmas Wishes

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir. I would like to extend Christmas greetings to our pupils, parents, teachers, SNAs, staff, board of management and to everyone involved in our school community.

Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Tomás Hayes

Child Protection:

As you know, our school Child Protection Safeguarding Statement with regard to the Child Protection Designated Liaison Person (Tomás Hayes) and the Child Protection Deputy Liaison Person (John Rennick) are displayed on the school reception area and have been posted on the school's website — www.staidanssns.ie.

Copies of the school's CP Safeguarding Statement are also available on request. Teachers include Stay Safe/Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) and Relationship and Sexuality (RSE) modules in their planning and are made aware on a regular basis of the responsibilities as Mandated Persons. Teachers also communicate with the children in class to discuss Child Protection areas such as safety/attendance/bullying etc.

Online safety: Please help us to promote responsible and respectful online communication among children in our senior classes. Monitor their device activity in the home and encourage them to report any concerns they have.

Parent - Teacher Meeting: Because of Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to hold our usual face-to-face meetings. Instead each class teacher will prepare a brief progress report on each pupil. If you need a further explanation on your child's report or have a concern please email the class teacher to set up a phone consultation.

Parents Association: A huge thank you to our Parents' Association for organising reindeer food and hot chocolate pouches for every pupil in the school. Our "Jersey day" fundraiser yielded a fantastic €340. Thank you to all the families who supported it.

School Holidays: We will close early on Tuesday 22nd December at 12pm for the Christmas holidays and reopen on Wednesday 6th January at 8:50am.

3rd Class news

The girls and boys in 3rd class have had an enjoyable and productive first term. The most exciting aspect has been learning to use our Chromebooks. The children have made huge progress and have learnt many new skills.

We have especially enjoyed writing stories and poems using Google Docs and carrying out research using Google Chrome. We can't wait to start creating interesting projects on our Chromebooks next term and sharing them with everyone on our school app.

Exciting times ahead for 3rd class, watch this space!



4th Class News

4th class students have been working very hard preparing for Christmas. Ms McHugh's class wrote letters to some elderly people spending Christmas in hospital this year. Ms Ní Almhain's class wrote letters to their pen pals this term. They also decorated Christmas cookies. Ms Kenny's class built a Christmas Village using cardboard.

Well done to all of the 4th class students on their hard work this term!

Have a happy and safe Christmas.



5th Class News

We've had a wonderful first term back in 5th Class! We've been busy celebrating Science Week, learning all about Money and Percentages in Maths, and we've been enjoying lots of Christmas Craft activities too.

We couldn't go on any trips, but we've been really lucky to see the Helix Panto, The Sword in the Stone, via video link - Thanks so much to Mr Hayes for organising it!

The 5th Class teachers have had lots of fun teaching the children new skills and games to keep them busy over the break: from knitting to card games, and everything in between! Well done to all the 5th Class children. Wishing you and your families a safe and Happy Christmas! From Ms Gallagher, Ms Hayes, Ms Walsh, Ms Hartland, Ms Hodson and Ms Moore!



6th Class News

6th Classes have been really busy since Halloween. They have worked so hard and have been enjoying doing training with Shamrock Rovers every Friday afternoon. They have been very lucky to be one of the first schools in the country to use senseballs to improve their skills.

Everyone has made so much progress in just a few short weeks. We've had a lovely time preparing for Christmas over the past few weeks by doing lots of art and Christmas quizzes.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!