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Ócáidí Speisialta na Nollag Ceolchoirm na Nollag



All pupils in the school have been busy preparing for Christmas under the guidance of their teachers. Each class bubble will showcase their own individual performance, which has been recorded and will be posted on the school website www.Ballinagarns.ie on Wednesday next, 22nd December. A heartfelt 'Thank you' goes to **KnR Sound** lead by Noreen Rabbette and her brother Joe who accompanied each class with their excellent performances.

Junior Infants & Solas sang 'Jingle Bells'

Senior Infants & 1st class sang 'Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer'

1st & 2nd Class performed 'Away in a Manger'

3rd Class performed 'Merry Christmas Everyone'

4th Class performed 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'

5th Class performed 'Let it Snow'

6th Class performed 'Oíche Chiúin'

It has been great to hear festive songs around the school in preparation for their Christmas performances. Well done to all of the boys and girls. We are very proud of them all.

Féilire Aidbhint

Teachers have been discussing Advent and the Advent calendar in their classrooms. The calendar has a daily task for children to complete, if they wish. The activities encourage prayer, kindness, sharing, love and respect for others.

Cruinniú Tuismitheoirí is Múinteoirí

Parent-teacher phone calls took place at the end of November. All teachers were delighted to get the opportunity to speak with you, listen to your concerns and let you know how your child has been progressing in school.

Freaky Friday & Shoebox Appeal

Once again, our Hallowe'en dress-up day was a huge success with an amazing array of costumes on show! Thank you to everyone who kindly donated money, we collected €370.60 which has been passed onto our local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

In addition, 106 shoeboxes were donated this year for the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. Thank you to all who donated to this very worthy cause.

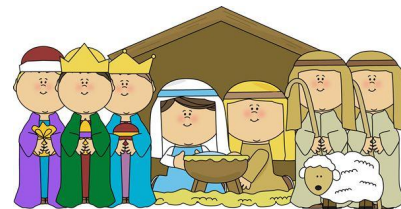
Christmas Jumper Day



Last Friday, 17th December, there was great excitement and colour in the school when all children and staff wore their Christmas jumpers and raised a very generous €540 This year their donations will be going to Children's Hospital Foundation. Thank you to everyone for your efforts and generosity. Well done all.

Saoire na Nollag

The school will close at **midday** on Wednesday, December 22nd and will re-open on Thursday, January 6th. The school bus will operate on the 22nd to facilitate the earlier finishing time.



Comhghairdeas

Huge congratulations Ms Hope on the birth of her daughter Clodagh and to Ms Whelan on the birth of her daughter Saoirse. Sending them and their families our very best wishes.



Fáilte

We are delighted to welcome Ms Gorman to our teaching staff. Ms Gorman will be teaching 1st and 2nd class while Ms Whelan is on maternity leave. Ms Gorman and her students are getting into the Christmas spirit by focusing on mindfulness and being kind to others for the month of December.



Ullmhúcháin na Nollag

Junior and Senior Infants are very busy in Santa's Workshop this month for Aistear. Lists and presents are being made, wrapped and placed safely in Santa's sleigh for his big arrival. Lucky thing Mrs Claus is here too to make sure things run smoothly!! She might even give us a loan of her apron for a spot of Christmas baking before the Christmas holidays!!



Comhghairdeas go Léir

Congratulations and well done Rang a Trí and Rang a Sé who won the most tokens for 'positive behaviour' on the playground. Points were given to classes who were displaying positive and kind behaviour. The winning classes a class party as their reward. All classes put in a great effort and can feel very proud of their achievements.

Cleachtadh Múinteoireachta

Thank you to Work Placement students Orla Mangan and Laura Garry who were on placement recently in 4th class and 1st/2nd class in our school. They showed great commitment and dedication to their roles and we wish them well in their future careers.

Duaiseanna Scríbhneoireachta do Théarma a h-Aon



The 'Handwriter of the Term' and 'December's Most Improved Handwriter' in each class was announced at our last assembly of 2021. The winners were presented with their Certificates which recognises their great effort and beautiful penmanship. Maith sibh do na daltaí seo a leanas:

Handwriters of the Term:

Naíonáin Bheaga:	Annalee Bourke
Solas:	Cian Kemp
Naíonáin Mhóra:	Michael Flynn
Rang a hAon:	Tessa Keller
Rang a Dó:	Emily Betson
Rang a Trí:	Emily Greham
Rang a Ceathair:	Séan Mc Connell
Rang a Cúig:	Katie Cuskelly
Rang a Sé:	Ríona Quinn

Most Improved Handwriters of December:

Naíonáin Bheaga:	Chloe Crombie
Solas:	Evan Colsh
Naíonáin Mhóra:	Olivia O'Meara
Rang a hAon:	Ben Ravenhill
Rang a Dó:	Michaela Burke Murphy
Rang a Trí:	Oisín Doohan
Rang a Ceathair:	Aoife Mann
Rang a Cúig:	Ellie May Finlay
Rang a Sé:	Josh Kelly

Boird Bhainistíochta na Scoile

The Board of Management held a virtual meeting on December 14th. The latest agreed report will be available to view on the school website.

Go Raibh Maith Agaibh

Finally, we would like to say a sincere thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff for their continued efforts this year in keeping our school safe. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

