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cyclable cardboard self-portraits and these boards will be displayed in the stands of Croke Park on All-Ireland Football Final Day. Keep an eye out for our 'cardboard' selves on the day



• Please note
finishing times
for pupils on
Tuesday 22nd
Dec.:

- 11.45 A—J
- 11.55 K—N
- 12.05 O—Z

Christmas Orchestra—'Santa is Coming to Dublin'

to everyone in the Music Makes Magic project who is involved in this. We look forward to the performance.





Child Protection

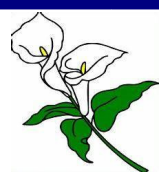
As you know our school Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and information notices with regard to the Child Protection Designated Liaison Person (Aisling Heerey) and the Child Protection Deputy Liaison Person (Claire Mannix) are displayed on the the school reception area (adjacent to the office of the School Secretary) and have been posted on the school's website—

www.howthprimaryschool.ie Copies of the school's CP Safeguarding Statement are also available

on request. We are grateful for the input from parents during our recent review of the Safeguarding Statement and continue to welcome suggestions on how our Child Protection procedures in Scoil Mhuire might be improved.

DLP and DDLP have undertaken Child Protection training as have school personnel/Parents' Association. New staff and/or others who may not yet have completed CP training are encouraged to do so at regular intervals. 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



*The whole school
community extend
their condolences to*

Ms. Muireann

*Ridge, whose
mother passed
away earlier this*

*month,
May she rest in*

Peace

Cyber Bullying

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.



Focus Ireland

Our school will host a Fundraiser for Focus Ireland on Tuesday 22nd December. Pupils and Staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on that day. Thank you to Deirdre O'Reilly and her team for organizing the collection. Thank you

Book Fair 2020

to all the families who supported our virtual Book Fair this year. Well done everyone -looking forward to the addition of books to the value of €1,111 for our school library.



Advent Service

Howth Parish streamed a short Advent service to each class via the church's webcam on December 1st. Thank you to our four sixth class pupils- Niamh Murphy, Julia Clifford, Cian Richardson and Dylan Breen who represented the school and read so

well. We will have another service on Friday December 18th to celebrate the Christmas Crib. All details are on the Howth Parish Website.



We said

Traffic Warden

goodbye to Ray, our traffic warden at the end of November. He was very grateful for the kindness shown to him and the gifts he received. He has been replaced by Catherine and we wish her well at her new station.

Picker Pals—

Ms. Mc. Hugh and Ms. O'Halloran's Second Classes.



Picker Pals is a new initiative being run by Voice Ireland, a nationwide environmental NGO and Fingal Co. Council, that develops children's awareness and community responsibility around the issue of litter. It helps them to understand how they can make positive changes in their own neighbourhood. The programme centres around

the Picker Pals, a cast of friendly animals who tackle litter. The children get involved by taking turns to bring home the amazing Picker Pack. This pack contains all the tools needed to do a short litter-pick with a parent or another trusted adult. The idea is not to clean up the whole neighbourhood but to pick up a few items of litter and engage in conversation around the issue of littering. Most importantly, children and adults should enjoy the activity and the feeling that they are part of the solution together.

We hope that the children will take some photos of

their adventure and share them with their class. We will be doing a Picker Pals display in the school and website to ensure the whole school community know what's happening and they can get involved too.

Thank you to all the children and teachers in 2nd class for talking on this project.

We can make Howth

Better Together!

2nd Class Zoom Call with Author

Ms. McHughs 2nd class had a Zoom Call with Shane Hegarty, author of the 'Darkmouth' series and other children's books. They had a great Q and A session with him and really enjoyed the experience.



Christmas Decorations

A huge thank you to the PA for funding our Christmas Décor in the corridors this year and to Mrs. Christmas AKA Geraldine Delaney for giving us the inspiration and who single handedly deco-

rated our classroom doors, Christmas trees, the corridors, and offices. It brought a smile to us all.



Voluntary Contributions

Our e-payment is now up and running on Aladdin Connect for the collection of our Voluntary Contributions. We appreciate it is a busy time for families and on behalf of the Board of Management we would like to say thank you for your generosity. This collection will stay open until the end of May.



December Birthdays



Jun. Infs: Eleanor Murphy Drumm, Fionn Higgins Jones

Sen. Infs: Samuel Kirwin, Brendan O'Looney, Sadhbh Higgins, Anton Hughes, Davi Oliveira, Isabella Brotherton, Oran O'Connor, Robert Blake

1st. Class: Holly Nevin, Alexander Marley Dunne, Mia Galgey

2nd Class: Lawrence Downey, Flynn O'Connor, Conor Boyle, Edmund Johnston, Dex Rossiter Burke, Hugo Fitzpatrick, Maisie Whelan, Holly O'Neill, Holly Lindsay

3rd Class: Nina Brancato, Sadhbh Hanway Wills, Senan Keogh, Christina Noonan, Zoe Curley, Charlotte Cronan, Mary Weston

4th Class: Amy Howard

5th Class: Ailbhe Hanway Wills, Rhosyn Darkin, Liam Dunne, Aneena Rajan, Noah O'Connell

6th Class: Andrea Houlihan, , Conor HeereyGraham Garbutt , David Adolfo, Freya Lonergan, Jack Ruxton

Outline Calendar 2020/2021

December / January

Tuesday	22nd December	School will close early on a staggered basis (see details on Page 1)	
Wednesday	23 rd Dec-Tues. 5 th Jan (inc)	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Wednesday	6th January		School reopens

February

Mon-Fri	15 th – 19 th Feb (inc)	Mid-term Break	School Closed
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March / April

Friday	26th March	School will close early on a staggered basis (details to follow)	
Monday	29 th Mar–Fri 9 th Apr (inc)	Easter Holidays	School Closed
Monday	12th April		School reopens

May

Mon/Tues	3 rd /4 th May	Public/School Holiday	School Closed
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June

Fri / Mon	4 th /7 th June	School/Public Holiday	School Closed
Wednesday	30 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays	

