



DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Howth Primary School Scoil Mhuire

Christmas Greetings

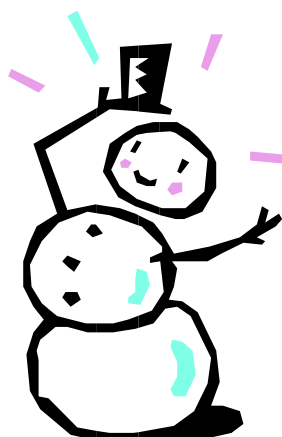
Congratulations to everyone in our school community. As we look forward to our Christmas holidays we can celebrate having had a full half year in school - everyone has so enjoyed being back - teachers, pupils, parents and staff.

We will continue to adhere to the public health guidelines in our school when we return in January. Have a safe Christmas everyone, hopefully we can all celebrate this special season with family.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on the 6th January,

Best wishes,

Mary



Fundraiser for Focus Ireland

Our school hosted a Fundraiser for Focus Ireland on Friday 17th December. Pupils and Staff were invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on that day. Thank

you to Deirdre O'Reilly & Lisa O'Neill and their whole team for organizing this very worthy collection.



Christmas Crib Service

Howth Parish streamed a short Christmas service to each class via the church's webcam on December 20th. Thank you to all our sixth class pupils from Mr. Burke's and Mr. Flynn's classes- who represented the school and read so well.

Well done to everyone, it was a very special service.





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 Safe-

guarding 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



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.



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



Voluntary Contributions

Our e-payment is 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.



Happy Christmas everyone



Nut Allergy

A number of our pupils have nut allergies of varying degrees of severity. Parents of children in the classes involved are requested to refrain from including nuts/nut by-products/eggs as part of their child's school lunch. Parents of affected children – please ensure that a recent coloured photo and recommended procedures to be followed are given to teachers at the start of the school year. **Nut allergies are serious** -Mild to moderate Allergic reaction -swelling of lips, face

and eyes, hives or welts, tingling mouth, abdominal pain, vomiting. **Severe Allergic reaction** – Anaphylaxis—Difficulty/noisy breathing, Swelling of tongue, Swelling/tightness in throat, Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice, Wheeze or persistent cough, Loss of consciousness and/or collapse, Pale and floppy. In severe cases use of an Anapen will be necessary—so please abide by the instructions outlined.



Road Safety

As you know, local residents, many of whom have no direct involvement with our school, i.e. have no children attending at present, have supported our Voluntary One Way Traffic systems at opening/closing times in the interest of road safety. A few of these residents are concerned that a tiny number of our parents have parked cars across driveways at these times meaning that the occupiers

of the house cannot get in or out of their driveways. Please observe due consideration in this regard at dropping off / collecting times so that Gardaí are not called

Thank you for your co-operation.

Hair Care

Tá fadhb Leanúnach le snéacha uaige sa scoil. Iarraimid bhuir gcabhair chun an fhadhb a choimeád faoi smacht. Seiceáil gruaig do pháiste gach deireadh seachtaine. Úsáid cíor fineálta chuige seo. Má tá gruaig fhada ag do pháiste ceangal suas é. Cuir fios ar an múinteoir má fheiceann tú snéacha.

We have, as most schools do, a problem from time to time, with hair infestation. It would help if every child's hair was checked and finely combed at weekends. Long hair should be tied up. If infestation is discovered please treat immediately and inform the class teacher. All information is dealt with discreetly.



December Birthdays

Jun. Infs: Ryan Vaughan

Sen. Infs: Eleanor Murphy Drumm, Fionn Higgins Jones

1st Class Samuel Kirwin, Sadhbh Higgins, Anton Hughes, Davi Oliveira, Isabella Brotherton, Oran O'Connor,

Robert Blake

2nd Class: Holly Nevin, Alexander Marley Dunne, Mia Galgey

3rd Class: Lawrence Downey, Flynn O'Connor, Conor Boyle, Edmund Johnston, Dex Rossiter Burke, Hugo Fitzpatrick, Maisie Whelan, Holly O'Neill, Holly Lindsay, Hugo Fitzpatrick, Eanna Fitzpatrick

4th Class: Nina Brancato, Sadhbh Hanway Wills, Senan Keogh, Christina Noonan, Zoe Curley, Charlotte Cronan, Mary Weston

5th Class: Amy Howard



Calendar January—June 2022

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Wednesday 22 nd December	Start of Christmas Holidays	Half Day
Thursday 23 rd Dec – Wed 5 th Jan(inc)	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Thursday 6 th Jan	Return to School	

FEBRUARY:

Monday 21 st Feb – Fri 25 th Feb (inc)	Mid term Break	School Closed
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MARCH:

Thursday 17 th + Fri 18 th March	St. Patrick's Day	School Closed
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APRIL:

Friday 8 th April	Start of Easter Holidays	Half Day
Monday 11 th – Fri 22 nd April (inc)	Easter Holidays	School Closed
Monday 25 th April	Return to School	

MAY:

Monday 2 nd May	Public Holiday	School Closed
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JUNE:

Friday 3 rd /Mon 6 th /Tues 7 th June	School/Public Holiday	School Closed
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Thursday 30 th June	Start of Summer Holidays	Half Day
Friday 1 st July	Summer Holidays	School Closed

