



## Newsletter 16

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023



### A Christmas Message from the Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians

I cannot believe that Christmas is only days away. Without doubt, Christmas is a fantastic time of the year. The promise of peace, goodwill and a growing sense of excitement and expectation, makes this time of year very special indeed. I'm sure you're all looking forward to the holidays, to the lie ins and to spending quality time with family and friends.

As we begin the holiday season, I encourage you to reflect on the things and people who are truly important in your lives. It's important for all of us to step back and put things into perspective and appreciate our blessings. For those in our community who have lost loved ones this year, we know that this is a particularly difficult time for you and want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of all the staff here at St. Brigid's, I would just like to wish you all peace and joy for Christmas and best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

**Beannachtaí na Nollag daoibh go léir.**

Máire Costello



### Celebrating birthdays this week are:

Erza Aston Brownbill (8yrs), Charlotte Lewis (10yrs), Octavian Codreanu (6yrs), Jacob O' Brien (9yrs), Noah Hackeet (12), Tyler Bennet is (5yrs), Sadhbh O' Connor Cooper (8yrs), Emma Roche (9yrs), Holly O' Connor (8yrs), Cillian Smith (11yrs), Edie Gleeson (8yrs), Brooke Gaynor (11yrs) and Esha Yadav (9yrs). Breithlá shona daoibh go léir.



Go that extra mile this Christmas.  
The Greystones Goal Mile will take place in the grounds of Éire Óg on New Years Day.

**Time:** 11.00am-1.00pm

To sign up go to <https://bit.ly/3VyNqIO>

### Christmas Holidays

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December marks the beginning of the school Christmas holidays. Junior Infants, Senior Infants and their siblings will finish up at 12.10pm on this day and 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will finish up at 12.30pm. The school will reopen for the new term on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.



The last of the school Calendars are available to purchase from the office. They would make a lovely Christmas present for someone special.



Thank you to all the children and staff who wore Christmas jumpers to school today in aid of the Saint Vincent De Paul. We have raised a whopping. **€2289** which is absolutely amazing. This will go a long way to providing support for families in Greystones who are struggling this Christmas. Thank you again for your very generous support for this charity. It is very much appreciated.

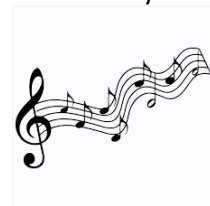


A day out at the Theatre to watch a Christmas movie is always special but particularly so when you are going with your class. Infants to third headed to the Whale Theatre on Wednesday to see "The Star" and gave it ten out of ten saying "it was the best movie they had seen". Our Senior classes saw "The Polar Express", a personal favourite of mine, and one they really enjoyed too. A lovely start to Christmas.



### Carol Singing at Tesco

Well done to our three 6<sup>th</sup> classes and their teachers who performed a medley of Christmas Carols and songs outside Tesco's on Wednesday afternoon in aid of St. Brigid's NS. The children sung beautifully, putting their hearts and souls into the performance and raised €235.00 for the school which is amazing. A big thank you to our boys and girls and to their 6<sup>th</sup> class teachers and parents who supported the children on the day.





### Advent 2023

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December marks the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. The final candle in the Advent Wreath, the "Angel's Candle," symbolising peace and love will be lit in all churches this weekend to remind us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



### Sensory Rooms/Spaces

Our new Sensory Rooms, sponsored and funded by the PA at a cost of €12,512.25 were

fitted out this week and will be officially opened in the New Year.

They are absolutely fabulous addressing all the primary senses; sight, hearing, smell, touch, vestibular and proprioceptive.

They will be used to support a child's sensory preferences and needs. I just know the children are going to love these chill out spaces.



### Gaeilge

#### Frásaí na Seachtaine

This week's phrase is:



Merry Christmas to you.

### Christmas Baking

Many of our classes have been putting their culinary skills to the test over the last few days.

They have been busy making Gingerbread Houses just in time for Christmas. A lovely treat to look forward to over the festive period.

