

Caherelly NS December 2022 🎄

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the year draws to a close I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all families. I hope you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas. It's been a very busy few months at school and below are some of the news points I would like to draw to your attention before we break up for the holidays. **The school will finish at 12.00 Noon on Wednesday 21st December 2022.** The bus will run at this time. School will reopen on Thursday 05th January 2022.



Parent Association News

Our Parent Association Cake Sale and Raffle took place in school on Sunday Dec 4th. It was a huge success raising €3700! Thank you to our PA and especially to those who volunteered on the day. So much goes on behind the scenes to organise something like this. There was a great turn out and it was fantastic to welcome families and the wider community back to the school. Congratulations to all the winners and our thanks again to those who donated prizes, you have been most generous. We also had a school raffle just for our pupils on Monday Dec 5th, there were amazing prizes of Limerick jerseys, cinema & bowling tickets and of course Harry the Husky! Sincere thanks to our Parents Council for the organisation of this - there was great excitement on the day.

Orders for School Calendars are now closed and they should be arriving at the school next week. Christmas cards have gone to homes and were beautiful!

Gymnastics classes took place this term for all classes and they were very much enjoyed by all classes. This class was partly funded by the Parents Association.

Library & Playground Visit

Our Junior Classes visited Kilmallock Library for storytime in November and also had time in the local playground - it was a great day out & thanks again to the PA for their support in funding the transport.

Cinema Trip

All classes and staff are going to the cinema on Monday 19th December, thank you to the PA for part funding this Christmas treat!

Tag Rugby

All classes have been playing tag rugby in the last term. Our thanks to Danny Keogh and Bruff Rugby Club for giving our pupils this opportunity. A Rugby Blitz is planned for the older classes in January.

School Inspection

On November 17th & 18th school had a Curriculum Inspection. The evaluation placed a particular emphasis on the quality of pupils' learning in Mathematics and accordingly, most of the inspector's time was spent in classrooms and other learning settings. The inspector evaluated and reports in the curriculum evaluation under the following areas of enquiry:

- Quality of pupils' learning outcomes
- Supporting pupils' learning through learning experiences and teachers' practice
- The effectiveness of school planning, including SSE, in progressing pupils' learning.

As a school we have been commended for our work and we are awaiting the official report. Our inspector gave high praise to the atmosphere in the school, which was warm and welcoming as always. Many thanks to all staff, our BOM, parents and most of all to our pupils who represented our school so well on both days.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday the 9th of December was Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. Children wore their Christmas Jumpers and made a €2 donation on the day raising €210.00 for this worthy cause.

Collection for those in need.

Just as they have in previous years, the pupils of 6th class are organising a collection of new hats, scarves, gloves, vests and socks for those in need in Limerick. This year they are also collecting sleeping bags and camping/yoga mats, these do not have to be new. They are doing this in conjunction with Rachel O'Donoghue who is Team Leader of the Ana Liffey Drug Project in the Midwest region, and she and her team will be responsible for the distribution of the items to those most in need. Items can be dropped into the school on or before Wednesday 21st December. Thank you so much for all your donations so far, they are greatly appreciated.

Shoe Box Appeal



Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Shoebox Appeal in association with Team Hope.



Green Schools Committee 2022/23



Our Green Schools Committee will be meeting fortnightly from January during school time. Ms. Conway will be restarting her Green Schools After School Club in January also. More information to follow in the New Year.

East Limerick Football Teams

Well done to 6th class pupil Riain Martin, who played on the East Limerick Team for the Sarsfield Cup recently and to Meadhbh Conneely who played on the East Limerick Larkin Shield Team.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our staff for their hard work and care for each other and our pupils. I would also like to thank our BOM for their continuous support during the year. Finally, to you, our parents and guardians, thank you for your understanding, respect and full support during the year.

Your children are a credit to you and to our school!

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh,

Niamh McGuinness & Jane Conway