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December Newsletter 2017



***Wishing you
all a holy and
peaceful
Christmas,
and every
blessing and
best wishes
for the year
2018.***

Dear Parents,

[Nollaig faoi shó go raibh agaibh. Rath agus bláth na hathbhlíana oraibh go léi](#)

Happy Christmas to you all! May 2018 bring you all the peace and happiness you could wish for!

I'd like to start by thanking all the parents who have supported the school and the work of the Parents Association Committee so far this school year. Without the committed, kind and caring parents, guardians, teachers & school staff who are so consistent with their support, our school would look and feel very different.

Your work and co-operation is much appreciated. A lot of time was spent in the school preparing for the various Christmas events. I do not want to take for granted the time it takes to put the hampers together and also the time, effort and the discretion shown whilst delivering hampers. Sincere thanks to all who helped out. Sincere thanks to all of the families who donated food items for hampers.

We had a fantastic response to the Santa Shop and the Christmas Hamper Appeal.

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With your kind generosity, some needy families will hopefully have a happier Christmas.

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I'd like to thank Santa Claus and his helpers for taking time out to visit our school this week. The grotto looked stunning. Thanks to the parents association who organised all this.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who assisted in Santa's Shop. It was a long day for all of the "Traders" and "Wrappers". Once again there was a fantastic welcoming atmosphere for all. Great success!



Junior/Senior Infants Nativity:

The Junior and Senior Infant Nativity was performed on Friday 15th December in St Joseph's Church. Preparation for this event had been ongoing for a number of weeks with teachers, Ms Ryan, Ms Meere, Ms Good and Ms Shalloo, along with staff from Seoda, encouraging, inspiring and motivating all the children to be the best they could be. On the day the Junior and Senior Infants surpassed themselves with a fantastic performance. I would like to thank Ms. O Keffe for accompanying and arranging the music. This year the junior classes were joined by a number of 5th and 6th class fiddle players who provided music before the Nativity and also accompanied the Junior and Senior infant classes on many of the carols they sang. It was a very enjoyable event enjoyed by a most appreciative audience. We thank Father Hugh Clifford for allowing the church to be used for rehearsals and the performance of the Nativity.

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First to Sixth Class Carol Service : The pupils in First to Sixth classes performed their annual Carol Service on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall and it was a very special occasion. Traditional carols rang out along with some more recent carols including a lovely rendition of R. Fisher Boyce's carol 'Beautiful Star of Bethlehem ' performed by all the children in the 3rd and 4th classes with accompaniment from Ms McGrath and Eanna Droney. A special piece, written by former teacher Moya MacEoin about Christmas in Kinvara 100 years ago, formed the main body of the festive readings while the school musicians delighted everyone with lovely settings and harmonies of Silent Night, Away in a Manger, Don Oíche Úd I mBeithil and Deck the Halls. Poems based around the Christmas theme were also included and the tableau presented by Ms Kelly's class added so much to the seasonal atmosphere. It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members attending and we would like to thank them very specially for their very generous contributions to our fundraiser for Ché O Grady's medical fund. We wish all the singers and musicians a very special Nollaig Shona.

The Christmas Eve Children's Mass: will take place in St. Joseph's Church at **5pm** on **Sunday 24th December**. As in previous years, children from 3rd to 6th class are invited to participate in singing and playing Christmas carols during the mass. Children taking part in the mass should be seated in the gallery in the church by **4 45pm**. Children playing fiddles, viola and guitars are asked to be in the church earlier at **4 30pm** as their instruments will require tuning. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Farmers Market Art Competition:
Congratulations to Erin Coy, Siobhán Geaney, Sean Gallagher and Sadhbh Breathneach who were winners in the recent farmers market competition.

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Reindeer Run for MND
23rd December 2017
Flaggy Shore, Co. Clare
(or wherever you are!)

MNDA :

Last year, a very good friend to a lot of us, John O'Donoghue, was diagnosed with MND. Together with help from Aoife O'Donoghue, Katie and Sinead, we have embarked to raise much needed funds for care and support into this, as of yet, incurable disease. One event we are doing is to have reindeer run on the 23rd December. We will be running on the Flaggy Shore, but you can run wherever you are, and whatever distance you want.

The runs will take place between 10am and 3pm. You can choose to start whatever time you want either on the Flaggy Shore, or anywhere in the world. We already have a commitment from Colombia, London and New York.

Parents if you are around on Saturday 23rd of December please come to Flaggy Shore and support this very worthy cause for John.

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6th Class Play:

On Wednesday 20th December Ms Murray's 6th Class put on a fantastic show "Far Far Away", starring well known characters such as Rapunzel, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Little Red Riding Hood and Prince Charming as you have never seen them before. The pupils worked really hard in the weeks coming up to the show, tweaking scripts, learning lines and songs and planning their costumes. Their hard work paid off and they put on 3 entertaining shows for their parents and all of the classes in the school. The show finished with a medley of uplifting and enjoyable songs with classics such as Jingle Bell Rock, Last Christmas (especially for Prince Charming) and Merry Christmas Everyone. A fun filled time was had by all. Well done to all the pupils involved, you did great!



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School Art Competition:

This year the school ran a very successful 'Design a Christmas Jumper' Competition. Every child in the school had the opportunity to show off their artistic talents and individual creations. The jumpers were judged on originality, creativity and use of different materials. We had an extremely difficult time judging as all of the jumpers were fantastic. A big thank you to all the teachers for providing the time and materials to create such wonderful jumpers.

The winners are: Sena Carolan, Gráinne Sweeney, Emeline Green, Suman Ní Chadhla, Seán Victory, Eoin Doody, Mark Gallagher, Clodagh Murphy, Thomas Byrne, Sarah Talbot, Hugo Lloyd and Aoife Sheridan. Well done all!!!



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Christmas Day Swim:

Every moment matters...

Galway Hospice

Kinvara Swimming Club

**CHRISTMAS
DAY SWIM**

Traught Beach, Kinvara
1pm sharp 25th December

Sponsorship cards available from
Galway Hospice, Londis,
Credit Union, Costcutter.

or Contact Clare McGinty-Ryan 087 653 7898

2/3 Proceeds to Galway Hospice

facebook <http://www.facebook.com/KinvaraChristmasSwimFundraiser>

**Family Fun
5 km Walk/Run**

Sunday 8th January 2017

1:30pm • Entry €10 • Children Free

Registration at Doorus National School from 12:00pm

In aid of Kinvara GAA new pitch development

Run Kinvara

a fun event!

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT!

Annual 5km fun run/walk: Our Annual family 5km run/walk is proudly in its 5th year.

As this is a Community event we have been in Kinvara , Doorus and this year we are off to Northampton. Join us on Sunday 7th January 2018.

Run Kinvara will host a their annual 5km family fun run/walk fundraiser in aid of Kinvara Tidy Towns on Sunday January 7th 2018 at 11.00am with a change of

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venue this year to **NORTHAMPTON N.S.** Entry fee for adults is €10, €5 for children and €30 for a family – Registration from 10.00 a.m. We invite you to ***join us for a walk, jog or run on the day and for a cuppa and goodies afterwards in the school.***

Dates to remember: Confirmation will take place on Friday 9th of **March 2018** in St. Joseph's Church at 11am and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 19th 2018 at 11.00am.**

Spring Mid-term: the school will be closed Thursday 15th & Friday 16th of February 2017.

School re-opening: The school will re-open on Monday 8th of **January 2018.**

I hope that you all enjoy a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous 2018.

Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh go léir.

Is mise,

Dominic Gallagher (Principal)