

# St. Fintan's News & Stories



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## Christmas is Coming to St. Fintan's NS - Ho Ho Ho!

It's hard to believe but we have just over a week left until the end of term 1 and the Christmas holidays! Since Halloween, our pupils have completed our sponsored walks, had visits from the Sam Maguire and Brendan Martin Cups, been orienteering, had our charity cake sale, been to Dublin Zoo, we've decorated the school for Christmas and lots, lots more! Nollaig shona dhaoibh go léir! Mr. Caulfield, Príomhoide

### Roll Up Roll Up for the Great St. Fintan's NS Christmas Shows!

This year, we'll have a number of Christmas shows for you all to enjoy. Times and dates are shown on the right in blue. Here's a little bit of information on each show:

- The Junior Infant show is called The Night Before Christmas - the peace of Christmas Eve is disturbed by a noisy clatter...who can it be???
- The 1st Class show is called Straw and Order: The cows in the Christmas stable feel pushed out - they want their stable back!
- The 5th Class show is called Santa and the Mafiosa Mammias - The Mafia try to steal Christmas - can Santa win out?
- The Church Carol Service will feature all pupils 1st - 6th class, performing 2 carols each. There'll be a blend of old and new classics! Our orchestra, our violinists and our Peace Proms Choir will feature too!
- SuperValu Carol Singing: A fun day outside the supermarket, 2nd—6th class singing old favorites in aid of Inner City Helping Homeless. Come along and join in!



*We are now accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2020-2021. Application Forms can be collected from reception and must be submitted to the school by 31st January 2020.*

*We are pleased to announce that our school reception office is now open from 8.30am—3.45pm daily. We welcome Sandra to the school and the office team!*

*We have a new caretaker in St. Fintan's NS - welcome to the team too Barry!*



### Sam Maguire & Brendan Martin Cup Visit St. Fintan's NS!

On Friday 29th November we were delighted to host the Sam Maguire Cup brought by player Brian Howard and on Thursday 5th December Niamh Hetherton brought the Brendan Martin Cup on its first Fintan's visit. Both players held great question & answer sessions with the children!

### Quick News and Diary Dates:

- 5th Class Play: 12th December @ 9.30am
- 1st Class Play: 17th Decemeber @ 9.15am
- Junior Infant Play: 18th December @ 9.30am
- 1st — 6th Class Church Carol Service: 18th December @ 1pm
- SuperValu Carol Singing 2nd—6th Class 19th December from 9.30am—2pm
- School Closes at 12pm on Friday 20th December 2019 for Christmas.
- School Reopens: Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.50am for all pupils.

### Parents Association News

The Parents Association would like to thank all the many parents who have helped out with the various events organised by the PA this past term. These have included the clothes collection, organising the pupil Christmas cards, the table quiz, decorating the school for Christmas, the speakers who presented about smartphones at an evening PA meeting, Santa and his little helpers and lots, lots more. Happy Christmas to everybody from the St. Fintan's NS Parents Association!



Thanks to all who have supported our Christmas Shoebox Appeal so far—in aid of the homeless.

Thanks to all who supported our weather delayed Sponsored Walk. They weren't the "Spooking of Sutton" Halloween walks we had planned but still, we got lovely days in November for our pupils to do their walks. Monies raised go towards our school upgrades fund.



# Here Come the St. Fintan's NS Christmas Shows 2019!

**Cool Christmas Art on Display in St. Fintan's NS!**

These past few weeks, our corridors and classes have been decorated with loads of amazing, creative, Christmasy art! Here's just a tiny sample—well done all!



**Amazing Support for Christmas Cake Sale!**

Well done to both our 5th classes, to the fantastic bakers and thanks to all who supported our recent Christmasy Cake Sale in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. It raised €1500!

**Finners Are Winners!**



The St. Fintan's NS Orchestra members have been busy rehearsing for the upcoming Church Carols Service. Rehearsals are every Tuesday morning and the boys and girls show great commitment to their instruments, to their music and to the orchestra. We are very proud of them!



Both 6th Classes had an incredible time on a recent field trip to Explorium Science and Sports Centre. From the lightening show, to science demonstrations, playing mind blowing interactive games and crazy climbing walls, a great day was had by all, students and teachers alike! We are delighted to say that in January, some of our 6th class pupils will also participate in the Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS! Our weekly STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) sessions with a Trinity College Academic are also highly educational for all in 6th class.



**Well done to 4th Class in the Giraffe Habitat Challenge!**

Recently, the pupils in Mr. Dunlop's 4th class visited Dublin Zoo to learn about giraffes. Then the gang set to work designing a sustainable giraffe habitat, as part of a zoo competition to celebrate the arrival of a new baby giraffe!

**Driving and Parking Safety**

It has been brought to our attention that unfortunately there is still a lot of dangerous driving and parking taking place on the roads outside our school. The Gardaí have visited to inspect this and have witnessed parking in the clearway outside the school, inappropriate use of the disability parking spot, parking on foot-paths and other illegal behaviours. The Gardaí have informed the school that illegal parkers are at risk of being ticketed. Dangerous driving and parking behaviour if seen outside the school is being reported to the Gardaí. In the mornings and at home-times, please again be considerate of all road users and pedestrians, many of whom are our pupils. Please pass-on this important message to minders and others who may be collecting children.



Lots of our classes have been doing work on the importance of kindness, empathy and positive values recently. Here's a lovely "Hands of Friendship Wreath" made by Ms.Furlong & Ms.McGinn's 4th Class Room 12.



**Happy Christmas from all in St.Fintan's NS!**