




St John Bosco Senior Boys School



**Christmas Newsletter
2024**





Carol Service



The school community gathered in the church on the 6th of December for some lovely singing and festive cheer. The choir performed four beautiful hymns and special mention has to go to Sam, Liam and Oisin who were the choir captains and guided the choir throughout the service. The choir sang Go Tell it on the Mountain, Silent Night, Away in a Manger and Jingle Bells. Each stream performed a Christmas tune. The seconds were up first with a cheerful rendition of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. This was followed by Santa Claus is Coming To Town from the third classes. Everyone really enjoyed Jingle Bell Rock which was sung with great gusto by the fourth classes while the fifth class stream sang Frosty the Snowman. The final stream to sing were the sixth classes who sang Rockin' around the Christmas Tree. The service was narrated by the boys in Room 10 who spoke very clearly and eloquently. Mr Bourke concluded the ceremony with a beautiful poem and some lovely words. A special thanks to Ms Ryan who organised this wonderful event.



A very well done to everyone involved.



Annual Sale of Work

Friday, 13th December marked the day of our annual sale of work. The proceeds raised from this wonderful event will go to three local charities- St Vincent de Paul, Morning Star Men's Hostel and Br. Kevin's Kitchen. All week the boys were very busy collecting donations from all the classes - games, books, jigsaws. The boys were busy bringing in money for raffle tickets throughout the week and then brought in a wide array of baked goods for the cake sale. The boys in the three sixth classes were amazing under the guidance and watchful eyes of their teachers- Mr Gaffney, Mr McCarthy and Mr Harris. The boys set up their stalls around the hall with various games and activities. All the classes enjoyed buying some books and puzzles as well as tasting some of the baked goods. The straw raffle under the guidance of Anne and Catherine was a great success and everyone seemed to have a great time. We will know the total amount raised over the coming days. A big well done to everyone involved.

Teamwork at its best! Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Happy Christmas to all!



Annual Sale of Work

"Selling at the Sale of Work was great fun. I was selling books. I helped people find the books that they were looking for. Popular books and authors included Tom Gates, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Beast Quest."

-Ryan Leahy (Room 6)

"Last Friday (13th) was the annual Sale of Work. I worked at the Straw Raffle. I helped set-up in the morning. First, I filled the cups with the straws #, then I handed out the straws and handed out the prizes. It was great fun!"

-Canice Ryan (Room 6)

"Working at the Sale of Work was great fun! I worked at a stall called Memory Game. At this stall there were 52 playing cards. Boys then had to overturn the cards to make pairs. Lots of boys played and lots & lots of money was raised for charity, which we were delighted with!"

-Jack Kelch (Room 6)



St. Vincent De Paul Hampers

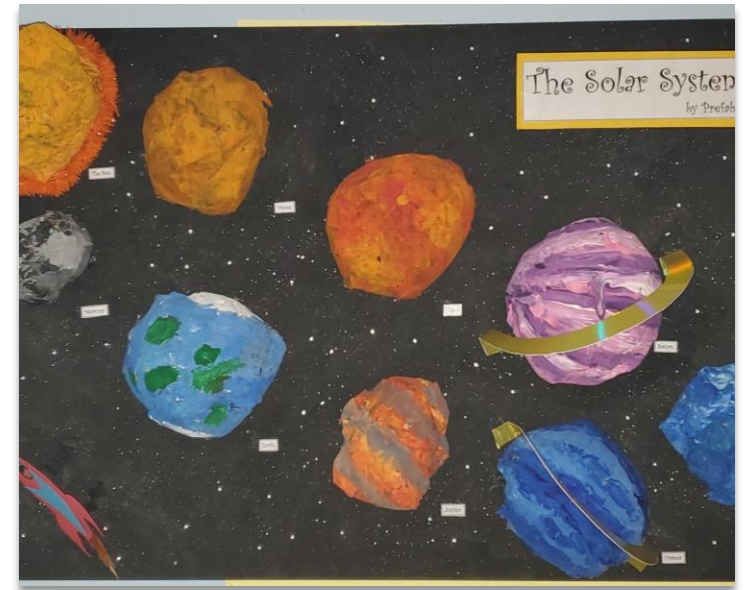
Hi all. Big thank you for all of your help in promoting the SVP hamper appeal 2024 within your classrooms. We have been able to **make a total of 23 hampers** for those in need, which is 3 more than last year's appeal 🙌 **Thanks to everyone who stayed behind after school to help assemble the hampers** and to those who have been helped throughout the day

Go raibh míle maith agaibh agus
Nollaig Shona Daoibh.



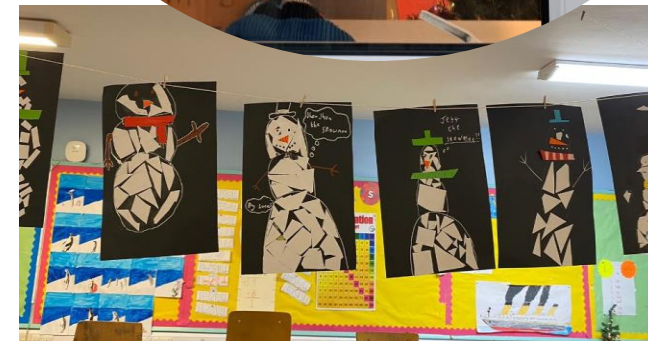
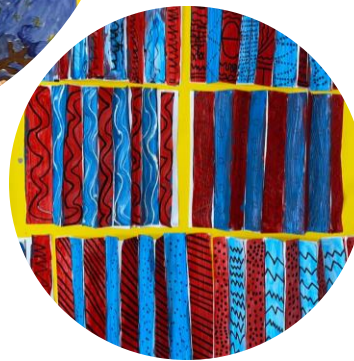


Art from Ms Temple's Class





Art Around Our School





Indoor Athletics



Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership hosted a relay event in the **National Indoor Arena** on Monday the **9th of December**.

We had **six teams** ranging from **4th to 6th class** competing in the event with all boys running superbly for their school.

The **4th class teams** crowded the podium in the St. John Bosco colours **finishing in 2nd and 3rd place**.

Our **5th classes** finished in **3rd place** in both the **A and B finals** while our **6th class boys** ran an extremely exciting race with **Alan Maddox** leading the team home in **1st place** after a superb final leg.

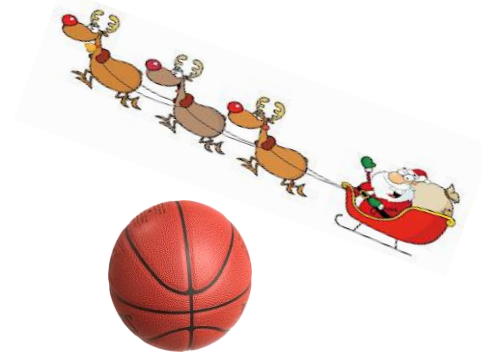
Well done to all of the boys who competed and represented their school with pride.





Bosco's go Ballistic for Basketball!

The basketball team have started the season with **two great victories** and will participate in a final over the coming weeks. The panel consists of fifteen players from the sixth classes. They are trained by Mr Barnicle and Ms Flynn and have really enjoyed the training which takes place every Thursday and the matches. The **final will take place in the National Basketball Arena** and everyone involved is very much looking forward to it.

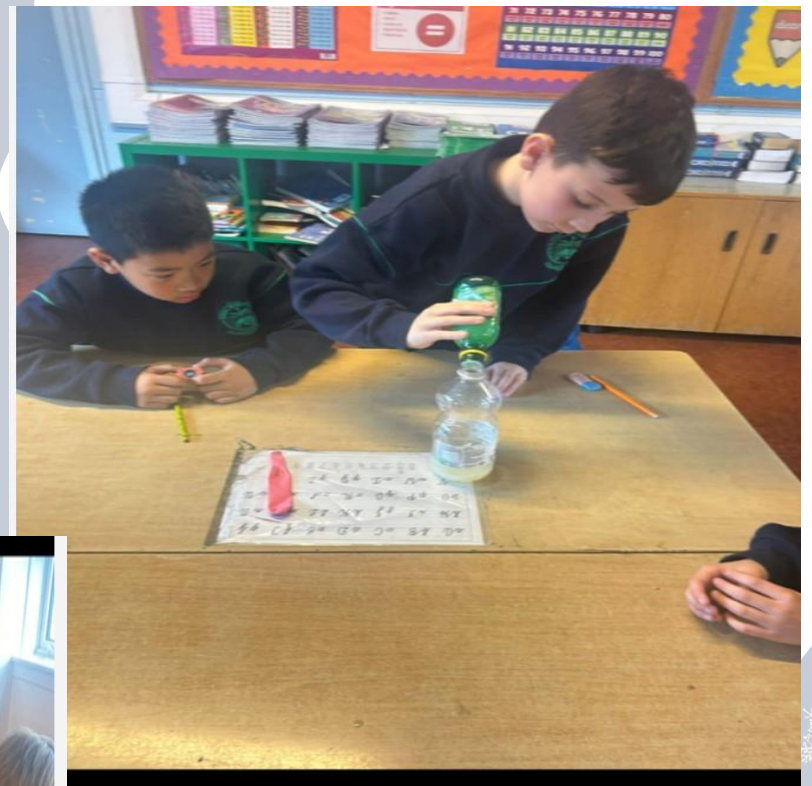


A big well done to everyone.



Science Week

Science week was an exciting and fun-filled week in our school. Many of the classes tuned in to the Curious Minds Science Week show every day at 10am to watch exciting shows with the science guy Mark Langtry and Nuala Madigan. Some classes followed up on the experiments in the show like creating a tornado in a bottle and working with electricity and magnets. Here are some of the thoughts and feelings about science week from the boys.





Lord Mayor Visit

Members of the student council and of the school community came together to **welcome Lord Mayor James Geoghegan to the school on the 8th of November.** Matthew (student rep from room 4) said it was great to give ideas as to how the school community can be improved. Adam (student rep room 4) said **he was very understanding and thoughtful and appreciative** of all the feedback that he received. The Lord Mayor was on his way to the Spanish Embassy to **relay our efforts to fundraise in the wake of the flooding in Valencia.**





Garda Band Concert



Student Teams



We have many student teams within our school that assist in the smooth running of our school environment. We are grateful for the boys for the time and effort that they put into their work while representing the school. Here are a few teams that help out in our school.

Super League Organisers



Yard Committee



Hobby Club Captains





Student Teams



Senior Office Boys



Chess Club
Captains



School Choir



Well done boys
and
thank you!

Student Teams



Barrier Patrol




Rosary Captains



Comic Club





Ms Bergin and Ms
Temple's class trip to
Shipshape



We hope you enjoyed this edition of our newsletter!

The school reopens on Monday 6th of January 2025

Nollaig Shona Daoibh!



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“Run, Read and Pray Every Day”

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