

# December NEWSLETTER

**Dear St Cronan's Junior School Families,,**

As we reach the final week of Term 1, I find myself reflecting on what has truly been a wonderful week here in St. Cronan's Junior National School. Today's show was a perfect celebration of everything that makes our school so special. Well done to all the children who performed and to everyone who came along to support them. The variety of songs, poems, dances and performances astounds me every year. The talent, confidence and joy on display from such young children never fails to impress and delight.

Speaking of talent, how impressive were the Christmas doodles created by the children, which beautifully decorated the walls of our hall. Their creativity added so much colour and festive cheer to our school. We are hopeful that, partly thanks to the generous contributions raised at the door of today's show, we will be able to begin the process of replacing our hall floor.

As the year 2025 comes to an end, I feel incredibly grateful for the beautiful school community I am privileged to work with every day. Each member of our teaching staff, SNAs, leadership team, Board of Management, Parents' Association, cleaning team, administration team and, of course, our caretaker Dave, shows such dedication and passion for our school and for ensuring that our children receive the top-class education they deserve.

Our children are truly the very best in the world. They are the highlight of my job and an absolute joy to see every day. To our parents and guardians, thank you for your continued kindness, support and for working so closely with us as partners in your children's education. We truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Our choir is very excited to welcome home weary travellers at Dublin Airport tomorrow, spreading some festive cheer far and wide. A sincere thank you to **Ms. Hargadon**, **Ms. Hanratty** and their team for preparing such a wonderful Christmas show, and to all involved in organising the choir's airport performance. Thank you also to our Parents' Association for organising a fantastic Christmas raffle and bingo at the weekend.

I hope every member of the St. Cronan's Junior School community enjoys a peaceful and happy Christmas, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for a fun-filled and busy Term 2 in 2026.

**Warmest wishes to you all,  
Edel Blake**

## Enrolment

A final reminder to ensure that all siblings, cousins, neighbours and friends hoping to join our wonderful school community in September 2026 need to enroll before **the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Buddies



Congratulations to all our wonderful 2<sup>nd</sup> class children who were awarded their 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Buddy badge to acknowledge the kindness and support they have shown the Junior Infants they are matched with. These children show the true meaning of our school motto **To Be The Best That We Can Be** everyday. Keep up the good work 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. We are so proud.

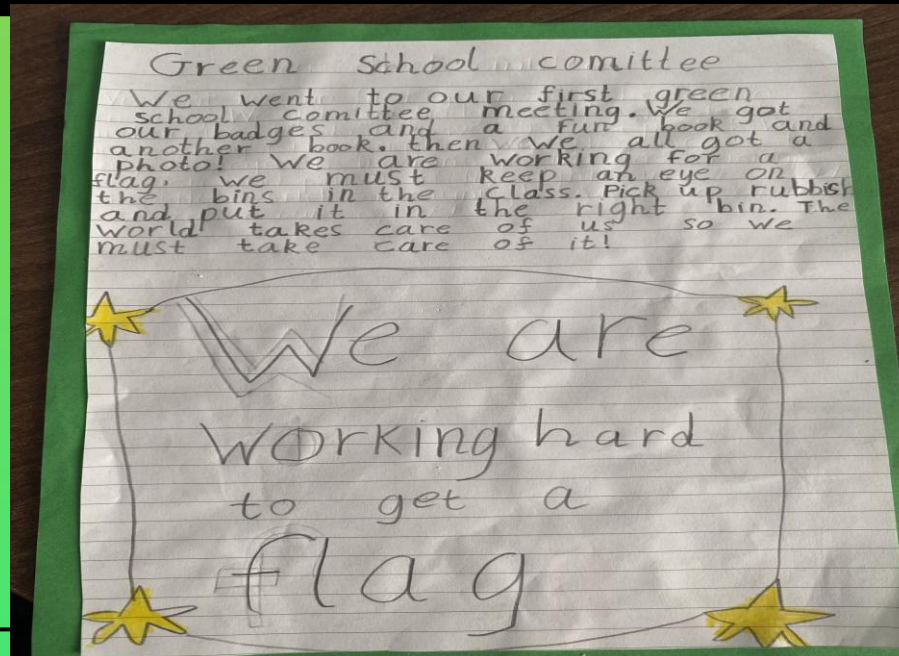
## Kids Takeover

On Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> of December all the second classes went to the panto in the Helix. First we went to take our seats so we could watch the show. Then we were watching the show and there was Buddy, Christopher, Laurel, Jack Frost, Lola, Paddy, Hannah, Elsie and 3 Labubus! Jack Frost was the villain. Elsie was going to become a queen. Next we had a little break for 10 minutes. After we were watching again. It was funny when Lola the mom of Christopher slapped Buddy. Then Hannah fell into a cave but Lola, Christopher, Buddy and Laurel saved her. Finally it was finished and we went home.

By Sofia, Room 19



## Green Schools Kids Takeover



Below are upcoming dates that we are aware of. Please screenshot these dates, share them on What's App and save them to your calendar.

Date	Event	Time
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	$\frac{1}{2}$ day for Holidays	11:45 - Junior & Senior Infants home 11:55 - 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class home
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Enrolment for Junior Infants 2026 closes	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Grandparent's Day - Please note not all classes participate - invitation comes via Aladdin from Class Teacher	Junior & Senior Infants: 1PM 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class: 2PM
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Teacher Meetings - Teacher will make appointment times available via Aladdin in January.	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class will go home at 2:20 PM



Date	Event	Time
4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - Fireside Read with teddy for Junior & Senior Infants	Evening Time - invitations will be issued
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Spring Fair & Spring Hat Competition	2PM - 4: 30 PM
27 <sup>th</sup> March	$\frac{1}{2}$ Day for holidays	11:45 - Junior & Senior Infants home 11:55 - 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class home
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Communion Day -	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Photos	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Graduations	9:30: Room 2A & 3A 11:00: Room 19 & 20