

# 'First Nativity'

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**Welcome:** I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere **thanks** to everyone for your generous donations of non-perishable goods for our Christmas raffle hampers. Your incredible effort in selling lines has helped us raise an outstanding **£2430** for school funds. The Trocaire sale organised by the school council raised a fabulous **£1320.24 & €20**

This term marked the end of an era with Mrs Ann McCaughey's retirement, we thank her for over thirty years dedicated service &



As usual, the pupils of St Scire's P.S. delighted audiences with two fantastic Christmas productions: *'First Nativity'* by Mrs Daly's P1-2 class and *'Christmas Around the World'* directed by Mrs McCarroll with our Key Stage 2 pupils.

These performances gave over 80 children the wonderful opportunity to showcase their confidence through singing, acting, dancing, and storytelling on stage. The commitment and enthusiasm shown by both staff and pupils throughout the past month has been exceptional, and this was clearly reflected in the quality of the productions. I warmly congratulate all the children on their outstanding performances and extend sincere thanks to Mrs Daly and Mrs McCarroll for their patience, creativity, and encouragement in preparing the pupils so well.

The following 12 pupils who started P1 in September: **Seàn McNabb, Emily Farry, Sarah Kelly, Cara Nagle, Paudie McGale, Ella Teague, Ava Campbell, Laoise Donnelly, James Doyle, Vincent Keenan, Sophie McDonnell & Amy McGrade** were absolutely fantastic on stage, we hope they enjoy many memorable days in St Scire's P.S.

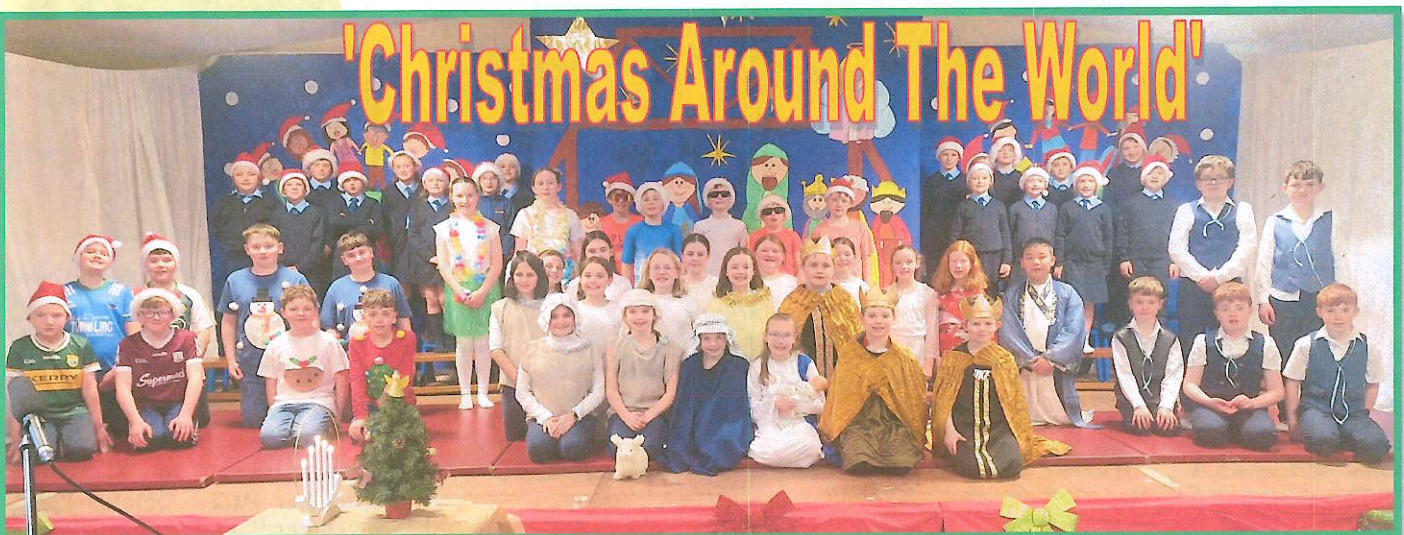
Thanks to all those who helped with the removal of the stage & supported our cook Claire Maguire's sale of mince pies in aid of **Air Ambulance**, raising **£141**



wish her good health & happiness to enjoy the next chapters of her life.

Finally, I want to thank you once again for your support and encouragement throughout the past year. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.**

School reopens on **Tuesday, 6th January 2026.**



**ACCELERATED READING**

Thank you also for your continued support with homework, particularly the **Accelerated Reading Programme**. All pupils who met their target received Selection Boxes and were allocated tickets for a raffle based on % of target achieved, for cash prizes. (Winners below) **£20 Antoin McKenna, £10 Fergal Farry, Emily Doherty & Sinead Kelly, £5 Oliver Donnelly & Mary McBride**. Certificates were also presented to Bronze, Silver & Gold readers (below) who had passed 1, 2 & 3 million words respectively. **Niamh Corrigan & Naoise have achieved Platinum status** as they have passed 5 million words.

| Names               | Words     |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Corrigan, Niamh     | 7,144,656 |
| McKenna, Naoise     | 5,708,395 |
| McElholm, Maisie    | 2,645,011 |
| Guo, David Jun En   | 2,442,669 |
| McElholm, Charlie   | 2,159,475 |
| McCloughan, Cadhla  | 2,007,154 |
| Maguire, Aoife      | 1,859,785 |
| Kelly, Finbar       | 1,844,977 |
| McCann, Peadar      | 1,807,873 |
| Owens, Anna         | 1,714,114 |
| McGurren, Amy       | 1,678,863 |
| McKenna, Antoin     | 1,296,283 |
| Donnelly, Michael   | 1,271,126 |
| McCloughan, Ellie   | 1,267,778 |
| Burns, Shea         | 1,154,498 |
| Kelly, Aoife        | 1,103,517 |
| Kelly, Caolan       | 1,077,181 |
| Donnelly, Dearbháil | 1,047,936 |
| Corry, Cormac       | 1,034,679 |
| Murphy, Lorcan      | 1,027,830 |

**Millionaires**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Congratulations** to those pupils who have been elected to serve on the Student Council after having prepared and delivered very persuasive speeches to all pupils in P3-P7.

**Chairperson: Peadar McCann**

**Vice Chairperson: Aoife Kelly & Niamh Corrigan**

**Secretary: Maisie McElholm**

**Treasurer: Anna Owens**

**Eco Warrior: Amy McGurren**

**Class Rep P7: Ollie McGinley**

These pupils are joined on the council by a rep from each class to discuss issues which are of interest to the pupils.

**Online Learning**

As we look ahead to the new year, I encourage families to make a resolution to maximise your child's use of **Reading Eggs** and **Mathseeds**, **Reading Express & Mathletics in KS2**. Children may prefer one platform over another, but it is crucial that your child does activities on both the Reading & Maths platforms as both subjects are equally important. Learning is a gradual process and a little often is better than rushing for tutors before the Transfer Test. A strong home-school partnership plays a vital role in helping every child reach their full potential so please encourage your children to avail of this opportunity. Certificates were presented to pupils for their participation & Progress; a selection of certificate winners are shown below others will be on website.



Our school website [stsciresps.com](http://stsciresps.com) has 1500 visits monthly please look out for photos & updates.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW**

**Congratulations to all**

**Our Winners!**

1. Paul Murphy £100
2. Shiela Doyle (Killyfuddy)
3. Irene McCarroll
4. Declan Campbell
5. Carmel McGrade
6. Sian McQuillan
7. Leanne Maguire (Voucher by Danielle McGinley)
8. Kevin Cassidy
9. Katie Teague
10. Kim Lister
11. Caroline Maguire
12. Una Doherty
13. Carolyn West
14. Mercedes Monteith
15. Liam Corry
16. Cormac Brennan
17. Isla Cassidy
18. Cadhla Gormley
19. Cadhla Gormley (Yes two!)
20. Rachael O'Hagan
21. Jack Garrity
22. Aimee McSorley

**SELLERS PRIZES**

- £20** Michael, Conor & Aimee Donnelly  
**£10** Donnacha & Odhran Murray



**Congratulations to Peadar McCann** who qualified via the Tyrone skills competition to play in the half time game at the 2026 Ulster Final.

**Credit Union Art**

Congrats to the following pupils who were Prize Winners in Irvinestown Credit Union Art Competition.

8-10yrs JT 3rd: Ollie McGinley  
U7yrs JT3: Aine McGale

**CLASS OF THE MONTH**

September P1/2 October P6/7  
November P2/3 December P3/4

*Safeguarding Team: Mr I Gallagher, Mrs S McElholm, Mrs D McCarroll, Mr Paul McGinn, & Mr Niall Corry*

**Reminder: PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE GEAR**