



Curraglass NS Nuachtlitir na hAthbhliana ~New Year 2023

And so, we have reached the final moments of another year. It is a time for celebrating our achievements over the past few months and recharging the batteries to begin our new journey. We would like to thank our staff, children, parents, board of management and anyone who contributes in any way in support of our school. Here are a few stories about life at Curraglass National School during this last half term.

Peace Proms

Preparations are now underway for the Cross Border Peace Proms 2023 at SETU (Formerly WIT) in March. This is an event which involves several hundred children participating in one of many concerts across the country and in USA, singing in unison with a full orchestra and soloists. Pupils from the Middle and Senior classes attended a workshop at the college on 17th Nov. with other schools for their designated concert in the spring. A worthwhile experience for all involved.



Shoe Boxes

Míle buíochas to all the families who contributed to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal either online or through preparing a shoe box. We are pleased to say that we have



just shy of 50 boxes to pass on to children in need this Christmas. Well done on a great effort across the school.

All Ireland Success!

We are so proud of our U11 girls, members of the St. Catherine's AC X Country winning team at the National Uneven Championships, held at home, in Dec at Garryanne. Aoife, Kayleigh, Aideen and Grace have shown unwavering consistency in each race they run, either at Club X Country, Schools' races and the shorter City Sports distances. This December, their dedication to their sport paid off and the girls came to school, laden with medals of every variety! Absolute Flyers!



Christmas Show 2022

Following Covid 19, we were delighted to be in a position to present a Christmas Show this year. Although our younger pupils missed out on this opportunity in recent years, they rose to the challenge and became very accustomed to the bright lights!



This year our show had a few party pieces from our Junior Room, followed by a display of our Irish dancing skills as taught by Olivia, our visiting teacher over the past few weeks. Olivia, herself a member of the Booley House Team and a former member of River Dance, treated us to a few steps. Following the Parents' Association Raffle on the night we had collection of some Peace Prom

dances and songs from our Middle and Senior Rooms collectively. Our 'Closing Act' involved a whole school choir with a little tin whistle, guitar and drum playing and some traditional Christmas Carols and a few new ones thrown in! A great night was had by all, topped by a visit from Mr. Claus himself, sporting a sack of chocolate and a song for the audience. Many thanks to all our staff who put in many hours of work and planning to prepare our little singers for their moment of fame.

Coiste Scoile 22-23



Our very first Coiste Scoile (Student Council) was formed this term, selected democratically in each room to represent the children in the decision-making process at our school and to promote and facilitate pupil leadership. The 'student voice' will gather fortnightly to chat about ideas their class mates may have and also to seek their opinion on various policies and plans. We look forward to working with Bebhinn, Charlie, Zara, James, Fiadh and Jack.

Science Week at Curraglass



Science week was marked throughout the school with an array of experiments and activities. Concepts including electricity, magnetism, floating and sinking, sound,

light and capillary action were investigated through practical, hands on, pupil-lead learning and experimentation. Who knows? We may have a future mad scientist or two mingling among us 😊

Pickerpals

Well done to all the Pickerpals in Ms Mc Carthy's Room, keeping our locality beautiful each weekend- a great initiative to promote care for our environment and teamwork.



Sciath na Scol Mini 7's Skills

Well done to our footballers, Cian and Rebecca, who represented their school at the Mini 7's skills competition at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Nov. 30th Both scored very competitively in all the skills challenges and enjoyed the experience thoroughly. We are greatly looking forward to our next Sciath na Scol Competition, the 4th class and below Indoor Camogie and Hurling Blitzes, during the month of January

Conna and Tallow Pantos

Congratulations to the Curraglass children and parents who were involved in the local pantos at Conna and Tallow over the past weeks. The standard of music and acting was outstanding thanks to the wonderfully talented people all round us. Well done to our parents who assisted in the organization at Conna in aid of Curraglass Parents' Association.

Visit to Conna Nursing Home

Our 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils travelled to Aparee Nursing Home, Conna, on Tues 13th Dec. to bring a little festive cheer to our senior neighbours. We brought along some homemade, personalised cards for the residents and designed by the children. It was a great honour to be invited to chat to these special people, some of whom were pupils of Curraglass National School. Many thanks to Aparee for providing the children with refreshments after their carols.

Carol Singing in Tallow



On Monday 19th Dec. we made our return to Carol singing for our neighbours in Tallow. Although we had a very wet morning, the sky cleared for us and brought the people of Tallow out to support our school. We are very proud to say that €599 was raised over the 2 hours and our Coiste Scoile will have a big discussion at their next meeting on how best to spend our earnings! Thank you to our Middle and Senior

Room parents for assisting in the carpooling arrangements to bring us there, to the parents who helped us collect and to the people of Tallow for their generosity and warmth towards us on the day.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year's Christmas Jumper Day was held in support of Saint Vincent de Paul Society. This organisation is at the other end of the phone for any of us in a time of need and confidentially assists people with food, fuel and petrol vouchers to get through a time of crisis when unemployment, debt and increasing living costs become overwhelming. Thank you to Eddie Cunningham for coming over and accepting our cheque of €150 on behalf of the SVP in the Tallow and Conna Area.



Our very own Celeb!

Just before Christmas the beautiful Angela appeared on RTÉ's Today Show with Daithí and Maura. Although we all agree that she was already a stunner, following this make-over experience she has reached a whole new 'Fab'. We were so proud of her cool and professional addition to the show, and, thanks to her, our little ones got to have a little moment on national TV to wish her the best. Looking good Angela!



Enrolment 2023

We are now accepting enrollments for September 2023. Please contact us at curraglassns@gmail.com for a pre-enrolment form....Spread the word!

Dates for your Diary:

5/01/23	Return to School	5/03/23	SETU Peace Proms (Sun 1pm)
6/01/23	Glengoura Mass 9:30am	6/02/23	Lá le Bríd (Bank Hol)
9/01/23	This week-4 th class	16/03/23	12pm closure-staff inservice
	Indoor Camogie TBC	17/03/23	Lá le Pádraig (Bank Hol)
11/01/23	Staff Meeting- Pupils Home @2pm	31/03/23	12noon Easter Break begins
16/01/23	This week- 4 th Class	17/04/23	Term 3 begins
	Indoor Hurling TBC	4/05/23	Confirmation 5/6 class in St. Catherine's Conna
7/02/23	Swimming lessons(x6) begin 1 st -6 th classes (Tues)		Time TBC
16+17/02/23	Midterm break (Thur/ Fri)	First Holy communion	7 th May @ Glengoura 9:30am

***Curraglass NS is a Pistachio and Cashew Nut Free Zone. For Health and Safety of pupils it is best to omit all types of products containing nuts from your child's lunch.**



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