

## **Christmas Newsletter 2016**



Dear Parents

We hope you enjoy reading about the various activities the school has been involved with since September. It's certainly been quite a busy term with Athletics, Football, Drumming, Maths Week, Local History Projects, Mini Scientist, Peace Proms and the Christmas Concert, just to mention a few! The pupils in Arles N.S. are very fortunate to have such great opportunities available to them. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work and to the parents for their continued support.

Le gach dea-ghuí i gcomhair na Nollag is na h-athbhliana  
Mrs. Fitzpatrick

### **New Junior Infants**

In September we welcomed our new Junior Infants. We wish them well as they begin in Arles N.S.

### **New Middle Room Teacher**

Welcome back to Mrs. Louise Ryan who teaches 2nd, 3rd and 4th Classes this year.

### **School Website**

Don't forget to check out our school website regularly at [www.arlesnationalschool.ie](http://www.arlesnationalschool.ie) for all the Latest School News.

### **Dates for Sacraments**

Confirmation: Thursday 6th April 2017 at 11am in Arles Church.

First Communion: Sunday 14th May at 10.30am in Arles Church

### **Cumann na mBunscol**

Well done to Arles Girls and to Arles Boys who reached the Football Finals in O'Moore Park. It was a fantastic achievement to have our 2 School Teams in the final again. Even though they weren't successful on the day, both teams played very well. Thank you to Denise, Rosemarie and Colm for training them this year.

### **Peace Proms**

We are currently practicing for Peace Proms. We have an exciting selection of songs and this year Peace Proms will be held in Dublin on 5th February 2017. Tickets can be purchased on [www.peaceproms.com](http://www.peaceproms.com)

### **St. Abban's Athletics Cross Country Event**

Well done to all the pupils in 4th, 5th and 6th classes who took part in the St. Abban's Cross Country Competition on Wednesday 14th September.

### **Students Council**

Congratulations to our newly elected Students Council: Ella Conway, Eoin Mulhall, Jack Behan, Kate Wall, Ben Slattery, Clare Miller.

### **Drumming Workshops**

We are delighted that Arles N.S. are taking part in the Music Generation Programme again this year. Every week, for 20 weeks, Eddie O'Neill will do 2 Samba Drumming Workshops; one with the Middle Room and another with the Senior Room. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children, and will be very beneficial to them. The children really enjoyed the programme last year and 5th & 6th even got the opportunity to perform in the Dunamais Theatre.

### **Maths Week**

Arles N.S. celebrated Maths Week from 15-23 October. Pupils from 2nd-6th took part in Maths Challenges on [www.mangahigh.com](http://www.mangahigh.com). 5th & 6th Classes attended a Maths Week Event in Carlow IT on Tuesday 18th.

### **Glór Ceatharlach Art Winners**

Congratulations to Ella Brennan who came 3rd in the recent Glór Ceatharlach Féile an Fhómhair Art Competition!

### **Talent Show & Disco**

Thank you to the Parents Association for organising the very successful Talent Show and Disco for the children at Halloween. Approx €1100 was raised.

### **GOAL Jersey Day**

Arles N.S. Supports GOAL Jersey Day On Friday 14th October, the pupils of Arles N.S. wore a jersey to school to support GOAL's Jersey Day. Thank you to all who donated so generously and helped raise €125 for this charity.

### **Science Week**

In November the whole school celebrated Science Week. Many experiments from all the classes were on display. 4th, 5th and 6th went to Carlow IT for a Science Show.

### **Mini Scientist**

Congratulations to Maya Brennan, Luke Donohoe, James Byrne and Harry Byrne for being selected to represent Arles N.S. in the Intel Mini Scientist Regional Finals for their project "Can Potatoes be used for other things?". Well done to Keelin Kelly who came second.

### **Jumble Sale**

Thank you to everybody who helped out with the Jumble Sale on Friday 25th November and to all who donated items and supported it. We raised €740 for the school. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

### **Laois Heritage Essay Competition**

Congratulations to Simon George who came 1st in this year's Laois Heritage Essay Competition and won €50.

### **The Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Many thanks to everyone who brought in shoe boxes full of gifts for our shoebox appeal. We received 44 shoe boxes. Well done to everyone.

### **Christmas Concert**

On Thursday 15th the children put on a great display in Arles Hall. The senior children "Baboushka", the junior children "Tinsel and Teatowels", Irish Dancing, tin whistle, Music etc. We raised €1025 on the night. Many thanks to all who attended.

### **Junior Room Visit Dunamaise Theatre**

On 16th December the Junior Room travelled to the Dunamaise Arts Centre to see Frosty the Snowman. Jack Frost had kidnapped Santa Claus so Frosty the Snowman had to help Mrs Claus and Jingles the Elf rescue Santa. It was a fantastic show and greatly enjoyed by all.

### **Junior Entrepreneur Programme**

4th, 5th and 6th class pupils have started this year's JEP. Having pitched their ideas to the Dragons, "Decorative Door Hangers" will be this year's business. Best of luck to them with their new enterprise.