

Christmas Newsletter 2017



Dear Parents

We hope you enjoy reading our Christmas Newsletter. It's been quite a busy term in our school. Thanks to the continued support from parents, staff and pupils.

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

New Junior Infants

On 1st September we welcomed 7 new Junior Infants. We wish them well as they begin their primary education.

New Teachers

Mr. Eamon Murphy is our shared Support Teacher this year. We are delighted to have him 3 mornings a week. Also, Ms. Christine Wall will teach the Middle Room after Christmas. We wish Mrs. Ryan well as she begins her Maternity Leave.

School Website

Don't forget to check out our school website regularly at www.arlesnationalschool.ie for all the Latest School News.

Dates for Sacraments

Confirmation: Saturday 10th March at 11.30am in Killeen Church.

First Communion: Sunday 27th May at 10.30am in Arles Church

Cumann na mBunscol

Well done to Arles Boys and Arles Girls who reached the Cumann na mBunscol Finals again this year. Unfortunately luck wasn't on our sides. Many thanks to all involved in training and organising the teams.

Peace Proms

We are currently practicing for Peace Proms. We have a great selection of songs and this year Peace Proms will be held in Kilkenny on 4th March 2018. Tickets can be purchased on 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 in September.

Students Council

Congratulations to our newly elected Students Council: Áine Dowling, James Byrne, Fionn O Raw, Ellie Baillie Card, Oisín Fitzpatrick, Rebecca Moore Hyland, Maria Miller and Adam George

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 3 Samba Drumming Workshops; one with each of the Classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children, and will be very beneficial to them.

Gymnastics

Allison Miller came to our school in September for 5 weeks to teach the pupils gymnastics. The children really enjoyed it.

Irish Dancing

Thanks to Rachel for teaching Irish Dancing to all pupils again this year and for organising the performance for the Carol Service.

Trip to Zoo

3rd-6th Classes were delighted to avail of the opportunity to visit Dublin Zoo on National Potato Day in September. Thanks to Deirdre O Shea, a past pupil, for inviting us. The children really enjoyed the day.

Maths Week

For Maths Week, the Middle Room and Senior Room took part in Online Maths Challenges on Mangahigh.com.

GOAL Jersey Day

Thanks to everyone who supported our Jersey Day. The school has been awarded “**Goal Humanitarian School Award 2017/18**” for our ongoing interest in supporting Goal. We collected €105 for Goal.

Halloween Walk

Thanks to all who helped raise €800 this year by taking part in the Halloween Walk and bringing back the Sponsorship Cards.

After Schools Club

Thank you to the Parents Association for organising the After Schools Sports Club in Arles Hall on Wednesdays after School. The children really enjoyed it. Thank you too to the the students from Carlow IT who taught the children.

Science Week

For Science Week, we held a Science Exhibition in the GP Room with experiments from the 3 classrooms. Also, 5th and 6th attended a Knex Workshop in Carlow I.T. Congratulations to Áine Dowling, Anna Miller, Ellie Baillie Card and Elizabeth Byrne who came 1st in the competition on the day and won Knex for the school worth around €450.

Mini Scientist

Congratulations to Ellie Baillie Card, Elizabeth Byrne, Sophia Hislop and Molly Kealy for being selected to represent Arles N.S. in the Intel Mini Scientist Regional Finals for their project "How does Electricity work?".

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was on 15th December this year. Unfortunately it was not as successful as other years, but thank you to all that supported it. We raised €934.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Raffle and brought in prizes. Congratulations to the following winners:

1. Theresa Donohoe
2. Rosa Flannery
3. Breda Daly
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5. Fiona Donohoe
6. Kayleigh Elgar
7. Adam George
8. Áine Brennan
9. Jack and Leah Corrigan
10. Patrick O'Neill
11. Kayleigh Elgar
12. Molly Kealy

13. Cillian Hughes
14. Holly Hughes
15. Kathleen Noctor
16. Ellie Kealy

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to all who donated shoeboxes for The Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. We collected 28 shoe boxes this year.

Christmas Carol Service

On Wednesday 20th December we held our Carol Service in Arles Church. It included Irish Dancing, Drumming and Music. Well done to all the pupils who told the story of Christmas through Readings, Carols and Music. Thanks to everyone for attending too.

Junior Room, 2nd and 3rd Visit Dunamaise Theatre

On Monday 18th December the pupils from Junior room and 2nd and 3rd class went to Dunamaise Arts Centre to see a christmas show: “**Rudolph Saves Christmas**” Everyone had a wonderful time.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

4th to 6th classes hope to take part in JEP after Christmas.

Green Schools

This is our 8th Green schools flag which is on **Global Citizenship - Marine Environment**. Congratulations to our newly appointed pupils who are on the committee: Anna Miller, Luke Donohoe, Sophia Hislop, Conor George, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Holly Hughes, Ellie Kealy and Vincent Kehoe. We will be very busy after Christmas getting ready for the judges.