

Christmas Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents

As we approach Christmas, we take this opportunity to reflect on all the events and news from Arles N.S. this term. 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

In September we welcomed our new Junior Infants; Colm Kealy and Heidi Mulhall. Ms. Mahon & Mrs. Ryan are Job-Sharing so the Junior Room have two teachers this year.

School Website

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

Twitter

We are delighted to have our Twitter account up and running now. It's called Arles N.S.

Follow us on Twitter and discover what fantastic things have been happening in our school lately.

Dates for Sacraments

Confirmation: Thursday 4th April at 2pm in Arles Church

First Communion: Sunday 19th May in Arles Church

Cumann na mBunscol

Congratulations to Arles Boys who won the Cumann na mBunscol in October. This was a fantastic achievement and the school are very proud of them. 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 Dublin on Sunday 3rd February. 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: Ella Conway, Conor George, Vincent Kehoe, Ellie Kealy, Holly Hughes, Fionn Gallagher, Ruby Conway & Amy Kelly

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.

Irish Dancing

Thanks to Rachel for teaching Irish Dancing to all pupils again this year and for organising the lovely performance for the Christmas Concert.

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. We raised €105

Halloween Walk

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

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.

Mini Scientist

Congratulations to Holly Hughes, Leah Corrigan and Aoife Fitzpatrick for being selected to represent Arles N.S. in the Intel Mini Scientist Regional Finals for their project "How Does Social Media Affect Your Mood?".

Table Quiz

On Friday 19th October we held a Table Quiz. A very enjoyable night had by all who supported it. We had a great raffle too and our Quiz Master kept us all entertained. We raised €650 on the night. Many thanks to Coolanowle for hosting the night. Function room and refreshments provided free for the night. It was much appreciated.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Raffle and brought in prizes. It was a great success. Congratulations to the following winners:

1. Mrs. Noctor
2. Áine Brennan
3. Eoin Mulhall
4. Rosie Rogers
5. Millers
6. Jim Wall
7. Eoin mulhall
8. Rosie Rogers
9. Rosie Rogers
10. Clodagh
11. Philip O'Neill
12. Ellie Kealy
13. Katie Donohue
14. Oisín Fitzpatrick
15. Lucy Murphy
16. Elizabeth Byrne
17. John Conway
18. Aoife Fitzpatrick
19. Leah Corrigan
20. Aoife George
21. Paddy Rogers
22. Grace Kealy
23. Fionn Gallagher
24. Ruby Conway
25. Theresa Murphy
26. Charlie Conway
27. Mary Moore
28. Theresa Donohue
29. Laura Graham

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to all who donated shoeboxes for The Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. We collected 35 shoe boxes this year.

Christmas Concert

On Wednesday 12th December we had our Christmas Concert in Arles Hall. It was a full house and everyone enjoyed it. The Junior Play was called "It's a Cracker!" and the Senior Play was called "A Christmas Toy Story". This was followed by Irish Dancing from all pupils. The Senior Room concluded the night by playing some Christmas Tunes. Thank you to the teachers and staff for organising a great night. Thanks to all who came and supported it too. We raised €1,600 on the night.

Junior Room, 2nd and 3rd Visit Dunamaise Theatre

On Monday 17th December the pupils from Junior room and 2nd and 3rd class went to Dunamaise Arts Centre to see a christmas show: "**Elfie saves Christmas**" Everyone had a wonderful time.

School Calendar

We are pleased to announce the creation of a school calendar for the coming year 2019. Calendars are on sale now and you can purchase one for €10 or 2 for €15.

All proceeds go towards the school. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, staff, pupils and their families who helped make this possible.

Green Schools

Green schools flag over the next 2 years is on **Global Citizenship-Travel**

On Wednesday 7th November we had a visit from Ciara Hanrahan to our school. She spoke to all the pupils about global warming and how important it is to try and prevent global warming.

The children learned a lot from her workshop and we hope in the new year we will be able to put some of what she told us into practice.