

### St. Brigid's B.N.S. Killester

#### **DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**





School will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 22nd December at 12 noon (Rang Réalta & Seomra Spraoi at 11.30am) and will reopen on Monday 8th January 2024.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year and wish you and your families a very



Christmas

and a peaceful New Year.

**NOLLAIG SHONA DAOIBH GO LÉIR!** 



## **ENROLMENT**

Applications for St. Brigid's Boys' National School for School Year 2024/2025 will be accepted from



Please read our Admission and Enrolment Policy on www.stbrigidsbns.ie before making an application.

An Application for Admission Form for September 2024 and the 2024/2025 Annual Admissions Notice are also available on our website.



We place a huge emphasis on Infant Education. We are proud to provide a progressive, thematic and child-centred approach to Infant Education.

If your son is due to start school in September 2024, come and join us for a Preschool Playdate on Tuesday the 16th of January 2024.

Meet some of our lovely staff, chat to other parents and meet your future classmates!

\*Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

### TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2-3PM

We are so looking forward to meeting you and your son!

## Santa Visit

There was great excitement on 8th
December when Santa made a surprise
visit bearing gifts for all the boys.
The classes were in fine voice as
Christmas carols were heard ringing
throughout the whole school. A huge
thank you to our Parents' Association for
organising this visit.
Special thanks also to

Eamon McAteer.

#### CHRISTMAS SHOWS

The true message of Christmas is being felt throughout our school at the moment as the Christmas shows are well underway.

We hope that all parents and family members are enjoying the performances and a big thank you to the boys, their teachers and ancillary staff for all their efforts and enthusiasm.



#### PHOTOS AND RECORDINGS

Parents and families attending our Christmas Shows are reminded that any photos or recordings taken at these very special events are for your personal remembrance and are not for distribution.

Photos/Recordings etc. taken at school must not be uploaded



onto social media sites or used

for online distribution.

We are very grateful to
Raheny Carpets for donating
free linoleum to the school for
upgrade of the school stage for
the Christmas Shows.

DIGITAL STRATEGY

As part of our Digital Learning Plan
we are focusing on supporting the
development of language and
literacy outcomes using digital tools.
We have recently made a significant
investment in IT equipment.
In the junior end of the school,
pupils will have access to new iPads.
In the senior end, boys will have
access to chromebooks.
These will be used to support the
development of skills such as
research, collaboration,
communication and content

creation.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** 

Boys may dress in a
Christmas jumper or their
own clothes on the day of
the holidays - Friday 22nd
December.

This will be a charity fundraiser day for

The Irish Cancer Society.

Suggested donation of €2.



#### NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS CARDS

Each year we spread Christmas cheer in our locality by delivering handmade Christmas Cards to three local nursing homes.

We are delighted to continue this lovely tradition this year! This week the Student Council will deliver Christmas Cards made by boys from 2nd- 6th Class to residents in Raheny House Nursing Home, Sybil Hill Nursing Home and St. Francis Hospice, Raheny.



# thankzyou

A huge well done and thank you to our school's Parents' Association for organising and co-ordinating the Christmas Fair on Friday 24th November. The day was a fantastic success and many parents, staff and visitors to the school commented on the wonderful atmosphere. This spirit is due to the tireless work and commitment of our Parents' Association and parent volunteers.

A massive €4125.97 was raised on the day.

The Christmas Cards organised by the P.A. were also a great success with €1297.19(after costs) being raised.

Thank you to all the boys and their families who visited the Christmas Fair and bought Christmas cards during our recent fundraising efforts.

Recently the Parents' Association presented the school with a cheque for a very impressive €8000. This money will be used on resources such as a sensory trail and equipment to support digital literacy. We are so grateful and appreciative of the work and commitment that the Parents' Association have put into raising these funds for the school.





# Thank You for supporting The Christmas Fair.

€4,125.97 raised!

Special thanks to all the local businesses who also supported the Fair.

Fabios
Pimbrook Software
Sherpa Kids
Bodysculpt
Bradley's Pharmacy
McHugh's Off-Licence
Flourish, Raheny
Raheny Barbers
Brookwood Pharmacy
Jay's Newsagents

Lloyd's Pharmacy
Supervalu Killester
The Beachcomber
Centra, Killester Ave.
Centra, Rosemount
Ave.
The Beauty Box
Irish Fit Coach
'With Purpose',
Barbershop, Killester