

## Christmas Newsletter 2023



### Message from the Principal

We have come to the end of our first term of the school year & also the end of 2023, with many lovely school memories to bring with us.

Our Christmas concert was a great success again this year. We are so proud of the excellent performance that the children did. It is wonderful to see them shine with confidence. A big well done to all of the school staff, the children & Marie Walsh for the fantastic work done in preparation for the concert.

Thanks to all of the parents who helped out on the night from organising prizes, selling raffle tickets, baking goodies, making tea/coffee & helping tidy up. All of this is greatly appreciated. We are grateful to Claddaghduff Hall for having it so lovely, especially the stage. We are also very grateful to all who generously sponsored prizes.

We hope that you all have a peaceful Christmas. Enjoy the time spent with family and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2024.

Happy Christmas to all of the Claddaghduff N.S. Community, & best wishes for 2024.

Kind regards, Ms. Griffin

### Dates for your diary:

Reopening: Monday 8th January 2024

Feb: Closed 5th February & Mid-Term: 15th and 16th

March: Closed: 18th, Easter hols 25th– 7th April  
First Holy Communion: 27th April

## Christmas Concert 2023



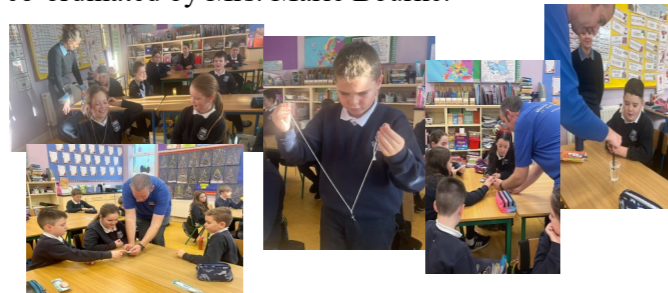
### Christmas Pantomime

On Monday 18th Dec, the Junior Room had a special treat . They went to the Station House Theatre to see Goldilocks & the three bears. There was lots of fun & laughter. The show & bus were kindly funded by the Board of Management.



### Science Updates

The seniors have started their science lessons with Declan. The theme this year is the science of sound. We always love to see Declan coming to our school. This is sponsored by The Whalen Foundation & co-ordinated by Mrs. Marie Bourke.



We also enjoyed doing fun science experiments during science week in November in the classroom & with Ms. McKenna.



### Christmas Shoebox appeal



We took part in the annual Christmas Team Hope shoe box appeal again this year. The children filled shoeboxes with useful items that were sent to the children in need. Claddaghduff N.S proudly gathered just under 40 shoeboxes. Well done everyone!

### St. Vincent De Paul Fundraiser



On Tue 21st Dec we did a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of St. Vincent De Paul. We raised a fantastic €205. Well done and thank you to all who generously contributed. This donation will be delivered to St. Vincent De Paul on Friday 22nd Dec.

### Board of Management 2023-2027

Chairperson: Feicín Mulkerrin  
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### Christmas Treats

Ms. O Malley's class had a very special treat this week. They visited the church and saw the crib. Afterwards they got hot chocolate with marshmallows. Yummy!



### Credit Union Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to all who entered the Credit Union Art Competition in October. The theme was 'My Community and me'.

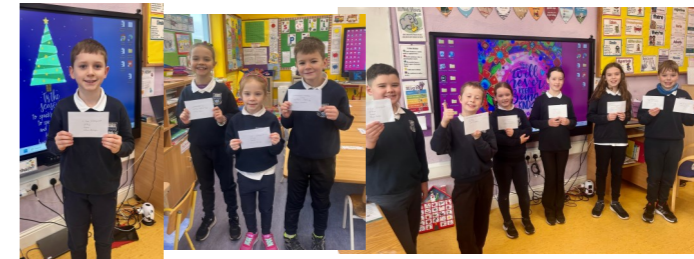
Special congratulations to the following:

Age 11-13 1st Prize: Keeva McLoughlin, 2nd Prize: William Kavanagh, 3rd Prize: Ryan O' Toole

Age 11-13 Special Category: 1st Prize: John Joe and also won Regional award

Age 8-10: 1st Prize: Clodagh McLoughlin, 2nd prize: Oisín Walsh, 3rd Prize: Cian McNamara

Age Under 7: 1st Prize: Saoirse Burns, 2nd prize: Saoirse Murphy, 3rd prize Tommy Faherty



### Garda Alan Visit

We welcomed Garda Alan on the 6th November. He came in to each room & spoke to the children about the importance of wearing our seatbelts in the car, online safety and more. We are grateful to him for coming to see us.

