



Newsflash



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Bishop McKeown Visits ASPS

On Friday 18th November, we had a very special visitor to All Saints' P.S.; Bishop Donal McKeown. The occasion was the opening of our brand new extension, which is used for the Reception/P1 classroom and Play Resource area.

We had a packed hall for the special event which was attended by staff, pupils, parents, families, governors and some other VIPs including representatives from the building contractors, Monsignor Donnelly and CCMS.

P5 put on a fabulous interactive assembly on the theme of 'All Saints', which can be watched on the school website. Pupils from other classes read out some prayers before Bishop McKeown officially cut the ribbon to open the extension, along with P1 and P2 pupils.

Thank-you to Kieran Corry who has been busy planting and topping up our eco garden at the front of the school. We greatly appreciate your expertise and generosity.

Christmas Events

On Thursday 1st December, the whole school enjoyed a visit to St. Joseph's Hall to see Omagh St. Enda's Christmas Pantomime, 'Belle and the Beast.' We loved singing along to all the catchy songs and watching the fab dance routines. Well done to the cast and OSE on a great show!

On Monday 12th December, our P3-P7 pupils performed a Christmas Carol Service for parents and families, with tea, coffee and warm mince pies afterwards.

On Wednesday 14th, our Reception, P1 and P2 pupils performed their annual 'Nativity' in school and what a great job they did! Well done to everyone on your Christmas performances.

On Tuesday of last week we also enjoyed the singing talents of Tom Sweeney. We were joined by children from Puddleducks and Cornabracken to sing along with Tom's well-known Christmas songs, with actions! Later on, P3-P7 also got involved in the Christmas sing-song. Thanks to Tom Sweeney for another very enjoyable concert.

Craft fair

School Council

Events

On Thursday, 24th November we held our annual Christmas Craft Fair in school. There was a lovely range of stalls from handmade knitted Christmas decorations, handmade, personalised frames to homeopathy products. We also had talks on 'A Quick Boost of Positivity'. The food quarter was filled with the smell of mulled wine and lots of chat whilst the kids queued up patiently to visit Santa in his Grotto. We would like to thank everyone who took part and helped in any way—you helped make this festive evening a big success!

Thanks also to you our parents and families for supporting our Christmas Draw so enthusiastically. We had a fantastic array of prizes this year.

Altogether, our Christmas Craft Fair and Christmas Draw raised a total of **£1642.23!**

Our School Council have been very busy this half-term, organising different events and ideas for our school.

They got together recently and decided to hold a 'Christmas Jumper and Movie' Day for Monday 19th December which was a great hit. Pupils enjoyed a movie and some treats whilst wearing their best Christmas Jumpers. They also came up with a great idea to make up a few Food Hampers for St. Vincent de Paul. Each family were given items to bring in and staff then arranged it all into 4 festive hampers. Representatives from SVP came into school on Monday 19th to collect them and expressed their thanks to all families for their kind donations.

Feís Entries

All Feís entries (Poems, tin-whistle or Art/Craft) are to be in school by Wednesday 11th January.



Remember to keep an old Irish tradition alive by placing a lit candle on the window on Christmas Eve, to welcome Baby Jesus and remember absent friends.

Sacrament dates for next half-term:

Pledge/ Service of Light Mass for P7:
Monday 23rd January, 7.30pm, Sacred Heart Church, Omagh.

First Confession for P4:
Thursday 9th February, 7pm, St. Mary's Church, Drumragh.

