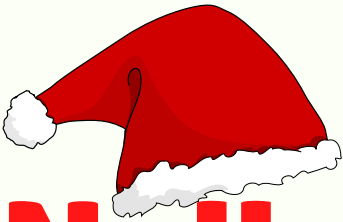


2022

# ST PATRICKS SNS NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
STUDENTS AND PARENTS



## Nollaig Shona Daoibh

Christmas is finally here, and the boys and girls here have been enjoying plenty of festive activities over the past few weeks. We have had a visit from Santa himself, a nativity play, a carol service, a panto and lots of Christmas art!

We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing all of the children back in January.



# Principal's Message

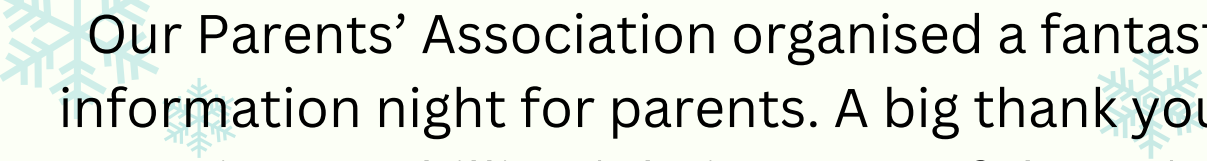


Term 1 is done! I'd like to thank our students, teachers and parents for making the beginning of the school year a very positive experience. It was a very different to Term 1 to last year. This year we had no construction going on, we have our new classrooms, we had lost of visitors to the school, our assemblies are back, we had a parent's night in our school hall and a very busy Christmas schedule – so it has been all go!

A big well done to our new 3rd class students! The first students to use our 'new building'. The third class students (our new students), have settled in great and we're so proud of how quickly they've adjusted to their new school, new teachers and environment. Well done to Ms. Beggs, Ms. O'Sullivan, Ms. Flanagan and Ms. Coleman on helping their transition to the Senior School.

Our hall is back! And my favourite part of Term 1 has been that we now have our assemblies back! This is a very important part of school life and it is what our past pupils always say they remember – Friday assemblies. So I'm delighted that music, sketches, prayer readers, news readers, skills and talents have returned to our hall every Friday.

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Our Parents' Association organised a fantastic information night for parents. A big thank you to Lorraine McPhillips (Chairperson of the PA) for organising this and a big thank you to Ms. O'Sullivan, Mr. Quigley and John Martin (Treasurer) who all spoke and gave insight into our school in different areas. It was the first time this has been done, we'll be continuing this night annually and look forward to your support and meeting with parents to share information and plan for the school.

Our Parent – Teacher meetings were back in person after two years and again this was another opportunity that had been lost, to meet parents and strengthen relationships between the school and home. It was great to see everyone and welcome them back into the school to meet in person.

Inter school activities between the Junior School and Senior school returned and we've been delighted to have many classes over from the Junior School for 'buddies', reading groups and other activities. Even though we're two schools, in many areas we act as one and we're always very happy when we get to plan activities and events with the Junior School. A big thank you to Ms. Ní Chroinín and the whole Junior school staff for all the activities they helped us with this term.

## Principal's Message

Even though Term 1 is generally the slowest month for sports and coaches, the schedule was 'jam packed' this term. We had three Soccer coaches, GAA, Rugby and cricket all running. Thank you to Ben Miller, Aaron Downes, Gordan, Keith, Brian Sterrin and Andy Caribini on all their great work with the students – we're lucky to have such great coaches connected with the school. We had access to the Astro pitches and to the Community Centre courts which meant that even with bad weather, we were generally able to always get out and keep our PE sessions with coaches going. This has been done through the support of our PA and Skerries Community Centre. Well done also to Ms. Durkan who had the whole school running laps! – and many students can now say they've completed a marathon!

Our Christmas schedule was busier than ever and thank you to all the parents who supported us with this. We are trying to plan more events throughout the year for students and this does require the school fundraising and also supporting our Parents' Association. In December we had Santa come in for a visit. Santa (obviously!) was fantastic, he sang carols with students and had a small gift for everyone. Students also enjoyed the panto, Hansel and Gretel, in school and possibly next year we'll look into a possible visit to see a panto live. The highlight of December was the Carol Service.

## **Principal's Message**

Our school choir were amazing! We had a great turnout from parents for this event and this support means a lot to students performing. Well done to Ms. McGregor, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Quigley and Ms. Kelly on the great service they organised.

There's lots to look forward to in Term 2! Our school teams will start their training in preparation for the Fingal Leagues. We have improved our yard with benches and tables for students to sit, read, talk, etc and are now looking to improve the other side of the yard with resources such as football nets and new marking for other yard-based games. The athletics teams will begin their training with trips to Donabate and Santry planned for competitions. Due to increased space in our school with the new building, our library is now back in use and library schedules for students will return. As the weather improves in the new year, further outdoor activities using our garden and pitches will become available.

Thanks very much to all our families for all their support, it is very much appreciated. On behalf of everyone in St. Patrick's SNS, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Kindest Regards,  
Oisín McGinty

## Christmas Poem



# Rudolph

By Grace, Betty, Caoimhe, Seán, Dylan, Paddy, Ryan, Joe and  
Josh in 4th class.

**R**ed- nosed Rudolph eats carrots  
**U**nder Santa's grotto, Rudolph sleeps  
**D**arkness is Rudolph's fear  
**O**ver in the North Pole, Santa and Rudolph  
prepare the sleigh  
**L**oving the moonlight when they fly  
**P**rancer and Rudolph are best friends  
**H**appy Rudolph flies home on Christmas Eve.



# Christmas Poem



## Acrostic Poems from Ms. Sheehan's class



Christmas is here  
It's a great year  
Reindeers are near  
It's the christmas cheer  
Snow all around

Tinsel on the ground  
Merry christmas all year around  
All though its sad for all the Dads  
Seeing the money sowing so fast

CHRISTMAS



By ERIN Keritt

Carts coming from the church  
Holly on trees made out of  
Reindeer galloping in the sky  
Icy cold snowflakes twirling by  
Stockings hang on the end of  
beds  
Tinsel coloured gold and red  
Mistletoe on the door  
And the chimneys on the  
1st floor.  
Star that guides Kings the  
way.  
That's Christmas  
Day!  
by Amelia

Carol Singers in the  
frosty Air  
Holly Wreaths Are  
Every where  
Reindeers flying by  
in The Icy Sky  
Santa flying thru  
The Air  
Tinsel everywhere  
Making toys All  
The Time  
All The children  
Having fun.  
Santa Will Make it  
More fun.

Georgia Buckley

C is for Candy canes nice minty Treats  
H appy Children waiting for all the Treats  
R udolph's bright noese guideing the way  
I n There bed wide awake The parents snoring  
and thats all they say  
S anta's sack full of Toys  
T he children in bed all the girls and boys  
M aseve Turkey on the tray  
a nd dont fall asleep cause thats what  
They say  
S anta Tonight sitting in his sleigh

Christmas is a time of joy  
Happy thoughts and lots of toys  
Reindeers pulling santas sleigh  
Ice snow its really cold  
Snowman building competitions  
Trees are all around  
Many many beautiful nights  
And lights bubbles on the trees  
Stars are the main decorations

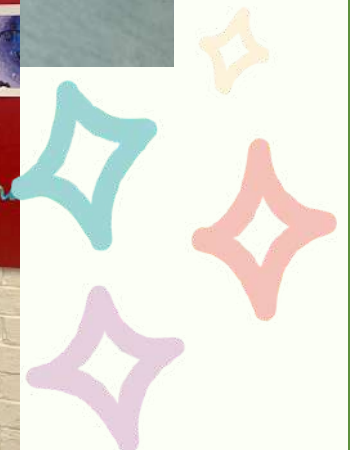


# Yummy Treats

We were very lucky in Ms. Osborne's class as Jennifer made some tasty lolly cake, a delicious New Zealand treat, and brought them into school for her class to try. Lolly cake is made with few ingredients including butter, plain biscuits, condensed milk, eskimos and coconut flakes. Ms Osborne's class all enjoyed the lolly cakes and thanks to Jennifer and her mum for such a delicious treat.



Sweet!





## Our special visitor

Our school had a visit from a very special person this term ... Santa Claus himself!! Santa took time out of his busiest time of year to come and visit the boys and girls of St Patrick's SNS. He spent some time singing songs, answering questions and even brought a little gift for each student in the school.



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HO  
HO



# Buddies

Every year our 6th class students pair up with a junior infant 'buddy'. They help them do art, do p.e together, sing songs and do many more activities. Coming up to Christmas, the older buddies learned the song 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' with Lámh actions and thought it to their smaller buddies. There has also been a lot of Christmas art made together. The students look forward to seeing their buddies again in the New Year!



# Buddies



# Sport

As always, we've had plenty of sport going on this term. The children have been enjoying playing soccer, gaa, rugby and much more. We are so lucky to have amazing coaches that come in to work with our students.



# Student Council

The 6th class students on the student council have been working hard around the school, assisting Mr. McGinty on lots of different jobs. They are great representations of the student body here at St. Patrick's SNS.

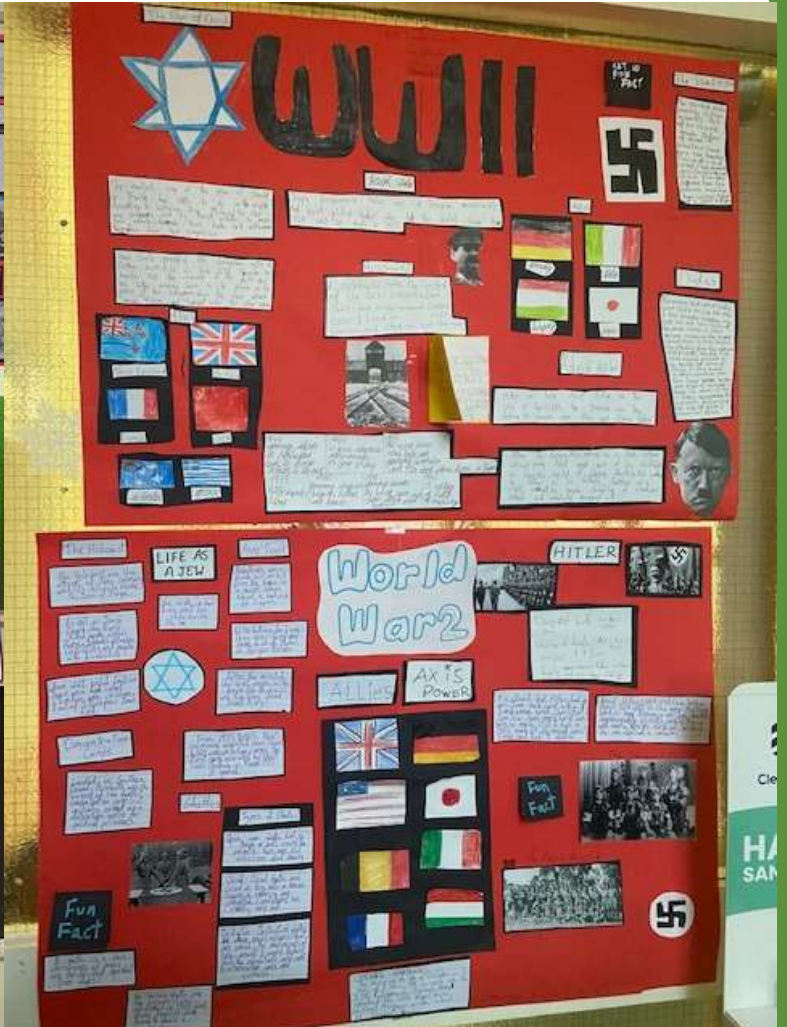
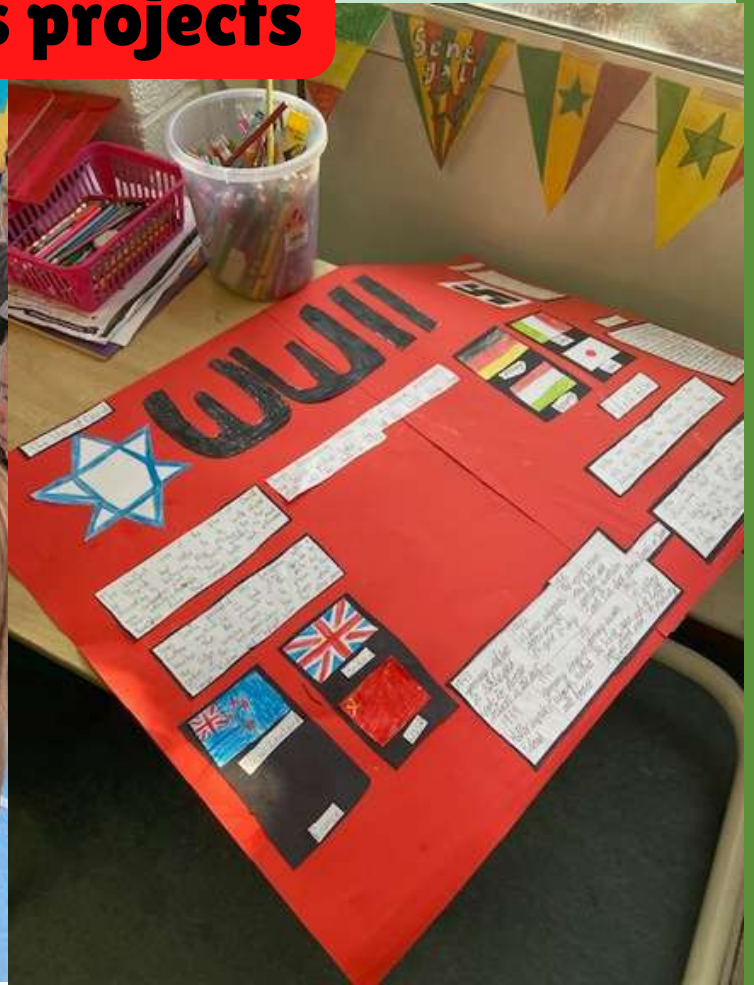


## 6th class projects

The students of 6th class have been learning all about World War 2 this term. From the knowledge they have acquired, they worked in groups to put together some extensive projects. They all worked extremely hard on these projects and you can definitely tell from the results!



# 6th class projects



# Christmas Carol Service

We had our first Christmas Carol Service in three years this December. A huge thank you to Mr.Quigley and Ms.Kelly for working super hard with the choir, they sounded amazing! Also, thank you to Ms.Kelly, Ms McGregor and Mr.McGinty for all of their hard work they put in also.

And Finally, a big well done to all of the boys and girls who were involved in the carol service, they put on a great service for everyone.





# Art

We have some very talented artist in our school! Our classrooms and hallways are so bright and colourful thanks to all the amazing artwork our students do in school. Here are some examples of artwork up on our walls this term.



Ms. Osborne's class



**Art**



Ms. Montcalm's class



**Art**

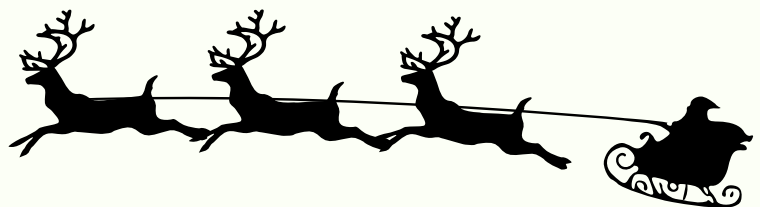
Ms. Begg's class



# Art



Ms. Sheehan's class



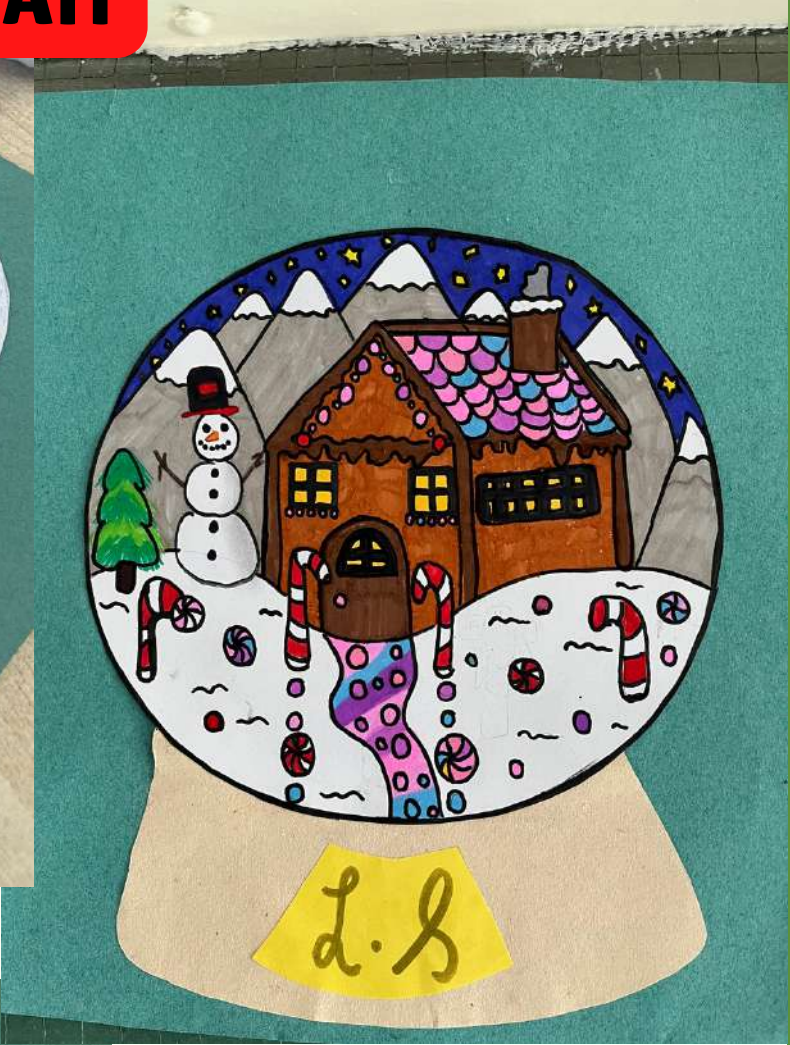
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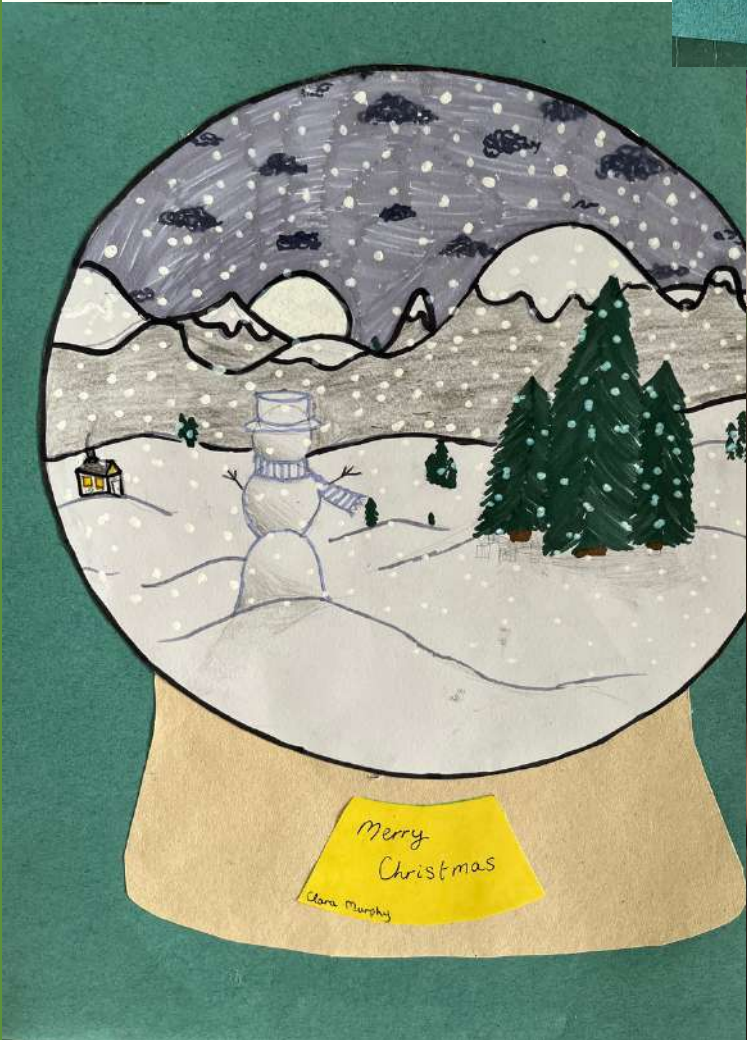
Ms. Flanagan and Ms. O' Sullivan's class



**Art**



Mr. Quigley's Class



**Art**

6th class  
collaborative  
display



# Christmas Jokes

What is the  
wettest animal  
at the North  
Pole?



The rain-deer!

What do elves  
eat for  
breakfast?



Snow flakes!

What do you  
call Santa at  
the beach?



Sandy Claus!

Where do  
snowmen go  
to dance?



A snow ball!

What did the  
gingerbread  
man put on his  
bed?



A cookie sheet!

What do you  
call an old  
snowman?



Water!

Where does  
the snowman  
keep his  
money?



In a snowbank!

What did one  
angel say to  
the other?



Halo there!

Which one of  
Santa's  
reindeer has  
bad manners?



Rude-olph!



# Family Fun Christmas Checklist



go on a  
twinkle  
tour



decorate the  
Christmas tree



bake cookies



mail the holiday  
cards

make a  
gingerbread  
house



hang the  
stockings



sing a Christmas  
carol



listen to  
Christmas music



see Santa



eat a candy cane

decorate the  
house



wrap gifts



see Santa

eat a candy cane

decorate the  
house



write to Santa



read a Christmas  
book or 2



build a snowman

plan your  
holiday  
menu



give a gift



watch a  
Christmas movie



help those in need



take a family  
photo



make a gift or  
craft

