



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of all the staff at St Vincent de Paul Girls' School we wish each and every one of you a happy, peaceful, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Alison Clinton

Catholic Ethos



A special thank you to Fr. Tom Noone, Anne Dooley and the Parish of St Vincent de Paul and best wishes to all for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Wellbeing

November's theme for well-being was kindness. All the girls worked very hard to be extra kind to themselves and their peers. The whole school created a beautiful 'Kindness Quilt' which showcased all the different ways we can be kind. In December, the well-being committee chose the theme of Gratitude, reflecting on the important things in our life and being thankful. The girls created 'Gratitude Mugs' depicting the things they are most grateful for in their lives.



Santa came



to visit



Green Schools

The Greens Schools Committee enjoyed planting bulbs earlier this month. We hope to see our lovely daffodils and crocuses blooming in spring.

A big thanks to everyone for bringing in hand towels. It has made a huge difference. The bins have been 50% lighter each day. This not only helps the environment but also saves the school money. Well done everyone!

After the Christmas break the school will be collecting and recycling used batteries. Please bring used batteries to school to put in the blue boxes in your classroom. More info to follow in January. By Eva & Eleanor (6th class, R. 25)



Science Week

The 6th Class Science Fair was a massive success. The girls showcased a variety of fascinating experiments for all the classes in the school. Everybody learned a lot and had so much fun! Room 12 constructed a tower made out of marshmallows and spaghetti while testing their reaction times. Room 19 loved taking part in the Science Week table quiz. The result was so close in the end with Neasa, Sophie and Cameron emerging as winners.



Christmas Fun



Our school was transformed into a magical Christmas wonderland at the start of December! Since then the girls have enjoyed lots of festive fun, songs, nativity plays, dramas and art!

We had a lovely morning on Wednesday December 13th when we welcomed parents and grandparents to a wonderful medley of Christmas songs. Thanks to our Parents' Association for all the initiatives and always being on hand to provide refreshments for special occasions, which makes our school events all the more special.

A special mention of thanks and appreciation to all the teachers, SNAs and staff for their continued dedication and commitment to the whole school community throughout the term.

Santa even managed to take time out of his busy schedule to visit the girls in SVdP – thanks Santa & thanks to the P.A.!

School Initiatives

2nd class really enjoyed buddy activities with 6th class. All classes had tennis lessons with Louise, from Tennis Ireland. GAA is well underway with Nicola, our new GPO. 4th class enjoyed swimming lessons in Westwood. There has been a huge improvement in swimming ability - well done girls! R.10 have been knitting snowmen which they have really enjoyed. Welcome to Ms Mooney & Yasmin in R20. R20 have been busy writing a little class play called 'The Christmas Alphabet', each letter is unique and important and belongs just like each of us in Room 20. School Library and Marino Library visits continue. A carol service was performed for residents in Nazareth House by 6th class girls, a heart-warming experience for all ☺



6th Class Nativity

Well done to 6th class on their wonderful performance of The Nativity. The mix of a modern twist and traditional Christmas songs went down a treat among all audiences.



Parents Association

Thank you to everyone involved in the Calendar Fundraiser, always a great success and a lovely memento. A massive thank you to the families from both the Girls' School and Infant School, who, through the St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree raised €1,754.77 for the St Mobhi conference of St Vincent de Paul.



*Girls, remember, be kind, help out around the house and give your parents a well-deserved rest ☺
Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2024 from all the staff at St Vincent de Paul Girls' School*