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# ST. PATRICK'S N.S. CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

## Christmas Panto

All the pupils in the school really enjoyed their Christmas Panto- Hansel and Gretel. The show was produced by the Helix in DCU. The show was a well deserved treat for all our pupils following their hard work this term.

## Christmas Recital

We really enjoyed our Christmas recital on 14th December in Bruree Church. Well done to all our pupils who sang carols, played tunes on the tin whistle and presented the Nativity and the story of David and Goliath. Thanks to Joan, our music teacher and all the teachers and SNAs who helped prepare our pupils. Thanks to all who came out to support our pupils on the night.

## Science Week

All classes had a great week for Science Week 2022. There were a huge variety of activities throughout the week. Ms Hynes' class were lucky to be invited to a Science Show in Kilmallock Library and Mr. Reidy's class went to a Science Quiz in Scoil Iosaef, Kilmallock. Class activities varied from watching SFI Science shows, conducting experiments with mixing materials, blowing bubbles, experimenting with air pressure, "Seeing sound" making duck whistles and much, much more. The children had great fun throughout the week and saw many aspects of Science.

## Admissions 2022

If you wish to apply for enrolment for a child in September 2023 you can do so on our website  
<https://www.brureens.ie/>  
Click on the 'Parents' tab and the first tab has all the information you need.

## Follow Us

Please do regularly check out our website at [www.brureens.ie](http://www.brureens.ie) where we post lots of information on school activities. We are also very active on our school twitter account @brureens. Parental communication takes place using the Aladdin App.

## Parent Association

The Parent Association have been very busy in recent weeks organising Christmas cards for the pupils and holding their annual Christmas Hamper raffle. The raffle will take place on 21st of December in the school with results to follow. I would like to thank the PA for their efforts again this year.

## GAA Coach

We will have a new GAA coach starting in the school again after Christmas.

Niamh Curran, a Sports Science student in UL, will begin taking sessions with all our pupils in early January. The sessions will be a mix of fundamental movement skills, fun games and of course Gaelic football, hurling and camogie

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We donated over 100 boxes and these are well on their way to children in need this Christmas

## Important Dates and Times

- School closes at 12.15pm on Wed 21st December
- School reopens on Thurs 5th January at 9.20am
- GAA Coach starting Friday 13th January
- Public Holiday Feb 6th
- Mid Term Feb 16th/17th



## School Policies

The Board of Management of the school recently updated our Admissions Policy in line with circular 0075/2022.

The Board also reviewed and ratified our Child Safeguarding Statement in recent months.

Our up to date policies can all be viewed on our school website at <https://www.brureens.ie/policies-forms/>

### eTwinning

2nd and 3rd class have started working on their Etwinning project with Italy. They have designed logos and will be voting for their favourite to represent the project. They are also working on an online book where they will create a presentation about Christmas traditions in Ireland. They are looking forward to learning about Italian traditions from their project partners.

### Irish Dancing World Championships

Well done to Lucy and Tara Frawley who have qualified for the Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in Montreal, Canada in April 2023. A serious achievement. Best of luck girls!!!

### Surprise Visitor

We had a very special surprise visitor to the school in early December when Mr. Reidy brought the Liam McCarthy Cup. David visited all the classrooms with the cup and the children had a chance to ask questions and hear about Limerick's great win.

## Silver Circle Draw

We had a very successful Silver Circle Draw again this year. I would like to thank everyone in the school community for their continued support. Over €5,500 was raised and this money was used to install a basketball court and hoops on the rear yard of the school. The pupils have really enjoyed practising their basketball skills in recent weeks and it is a great resource for the school to have.

## Christmas Jumpers

Pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Wednesday 21st December if they wish. The school will close on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on January 5th at 9.20am.

## Happy Christmas

On behalf of the BOM and all our school staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. In particular I would like to say well done to our pupils and our school staff who have worked very hard throughout the year. I would also like to thank our parents who have supported the school throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge the support and dedication of our Board of Management and our Parents Association. Enjoy the Christmas Holidays.

*Gr. Kelleher*





# Photo Gallery









