



Tubber N.S. Newsletter Christmas 2017



Dia Daoibh. Our first term has flown by. The children have been working very hard since September and we are all looking forward to the break. Thank you to everyone for your continued support - to those who provided us with lifts, spot prizes, helped with our fundraising. The list is endless. It is very much appreciated. Without your help we would not be able to take part in so many activities.



Christmas Carol Service

We held our carol service on Monday 18th December in St. Michael's Church Tubber .

We held a cake sale and a raffle afterwards in the school. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks to all who helped out.

We raised 360 euro in total.



Christmas Wreaths

The children in all classes made beautiful Christmas arrangements on Wednesday 20th December. Thanks to the parents who sent in greenery and decorations for them. Thanks to Mary Clancy for all her help on the day. We think they looked very nice when finished.

Áithbheó

Áine Bird Education and Communication Officer of Áitbheo presented graduation certificates to the children on Wednesday 13th December who completed the Áithbheo junior programmes 2017/2018. Each child delivered a power point presentation on the work they had completed.



Rural Farming Talk

We had Michael O'Donoghue visit us on Wednesday 29th November. He spoke about rural farming in our locality and the local Fair Day. It was a very interesting talk.

Sherkin Island Prize Winners

Congratulations to Matthew Kearney, Senior Infants, Mia Burke Second Class and Mollie Burke fourth Class who all won prizes in the Sherkin Island colouring competition

Science Day

We held a science day event in November as part of Science Week. The children put in lots of work carrying out experiments at home and then they presented them to all the children in the school. We learned about floating & sinking, magnets, electricity, light, living things, environmental care, heat, materials etc. Well done to the children who made a great effort. Children from 4th to 6th class attended a science day event in the University of Limerick along with the children from Boston N.S.



Christmas Pantomime

On Thursday 21st December all the children went to U.L. concert hall to see the pantomime 'Cinderella' This was our fifth year to go and the feedback we got was that it was the best year yet!

Afterschool Sport:

We have been attending the hurling field/community centre every Tuesday after school with the senior children. Thanks to Kathleen and Mary Rose who have helped out. It has been great fun.

Maths Week:



Maths Week Ireland 2017 was held from October 14th-22nd. Tubber N.S. held an event in the school. We completed maths trails in the junior and senior room. All the children were logged onto a maths learning space called mathletics which they could also access in the home. They solved various fun problems and enjoyed a games day.





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Swimming has been part of our school activities since the 10th of November. The sessions have come to an end after six weeks. The children have really enjoyed the lessons in the Lady Gregory Hotel and it has proved to be most beneficial to their skill and confidence in the water. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with lifts to/from Gort and also dressing of the children. Without your help and support we would not be able to do this very worthwhile activity.



Contact Details: Please ensure that the school has up to date contact details. If you have changed mobile numbers, email address etc. recently please let the school know.

Gymnastics :The children will attend 6 lessons beginning on Friday 12th January, in Ennis Gymnastics Club. We will be asking parents to help with lifts. The cost per child/session is €6

Attendance & NEWB— As you can appreciate it is very important that your child attends school regularly and punctually. Children should be in school no later than 9.20am. The National Education & Welfare Board (NEWB) monitors the attendance of children in school by checking the roll books monthly. We must report the number of days missed by all children in the school. **This is a legal requirement of the NEWB.** Should your child miss more than 10 days we will inform you by letter in the new year. If the number of days missed exceeds twenty then the NEWB may contact you regarding this matter.

Afterschool Service

The rate for afterschool is €8 for the morning service and for children staying from 3pm to 5pm there will be a flat charge of €5 per child for that period. For two children in the same family, the charge for the period will be €8 (in total) and for 3 or more children from the same family the charge will be €10 (in total). ***Please remember to book afterschool in advance by texting Kathleen on 087-9977394.***

Garda Vetting: We are very grateful for all the help we get with different activities in the school year from parents. It is the requirement of the Department of Education that all school volunteers be Garda Vetted. If volunteers are not vetted it will be a criminal offence to employ or engage those individuals when the school re-opens in the New Year.

Bills Outstanding

Any one who has bills outstanding ,please settle asap as we will be sending our accounts to the auditor shortly. As you know should there ever be any issue/worry/concern about money please do not hesitate to contact to us in the strictest confidence.



Spanish lessons:

Vicky Kearney once again kindly offered to work with the Senior & Junior room classes . They greatly enjoyed their Spanish lessons. She prepared two Spanish songs for our Christmas concert which was a great success.

Accelerated Reader

The children from senior infants class to 6th are once again taking part in the Accelerated Reader programme . Each book in the classroom library is levelled and children are able to choose a book based on this levelling. After the child reads the book they do an online quiz which will assess their comprehension on what they have read. We are hoping this will encourage children to read more for pleasure.

Thanks to the staff—



We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to Kathleen Taaffe our afterschool co-ordinator, Mary Clancy our secretary and wish Mary Fogarty our caretaker a speedy recovery. A special word of thanks to Fiona Heatley who has worked so diligently and been so kind and nurturing to all the children. We are sorry to that she is finishing with us. Following the interview process for the fixed term post in our school Ms.Geraldine McCaw was appointed and will be starting in the senior room after Christmas.

School re-opens on Tuesday January 9th 2018.

Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all families.
Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.
For this we pray.
Amen.

