



## Scoil Náisiúnta Chaisleáin Uí Liatháin

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- **Clárú / Enrolment:** Admission / Enrolment Forms for pupils starting school next September are now available on our school Blog at [www.castlelyonsns.com](http://www.castlelyonsns.com) or by contacting the school (025-36220 / 086-4112889 or by email as above). Our Admission Policy and Annual Admission Notice are also available on the Blog. Please be aware that Admission / Enrolment Forms need to be returned to the school by **Wednesday 23rd February 2022**. I would greatly appreciate if you would pass this information on to any family members, neighbours or friends who may have a child starting next year but who do not have a child in the school already and would not receive this information. Go raibh maith agaibh.
- **Christmas Fun Activity Day:** We will hold a Christmas Fun Activity Day again this year, next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, where each class (Bubble) will be engaged in fun activities in their classrooms on the day. The Parents' Association has organised the delivery of hot chocolate for all the children from Niall O'Leary's 'Café Beo' and the Board of Management is sponsoring the cost of an online Panto, "Little Red Riding Hood" from The Helix as a treat for the children in recognition of all their hard work and cooperation since September and as a way of saying "Thank You" for making, what has been another difficult term for everyone but such a successful one also. The children can wear their Christmas clothes on the day if they wish. Maith sibh, a pháistí!
- **Student Council:** Congratulations to the newly elected members of the very first Student Council in Castlelyons NS, organised by Ms Fox, (coordinating teacher). The ten members, (two from each class from Rang 2 to Rang 6), were selected by their classmates following intense lobbying, the production of Manifestos and elections. The members elected include:
  - \* Aalaina Leetch / Luke Dolan – Rang 2
  - \* Bronagh Fitzgerald / Tadhg Hickey – Rang 3
  - \* Aoibhe McAuliffe / Katelyn Long – Rang 4
  - \* Lily O'Callaghan / Aidan O'Neill – Rang 5
  - \* Eve O'Doherty / Rowan Fallon – Rang 6

We look forward to working with the new Council and involve them in any possible way in organising school activities etc. in the future. Sincere thanks to Ms Fox for coordinating the setting up of the Student Council and to the teachers and parents of Rang 2,3,4,5 & 6 for guiding and encouraging the children to get involved. GRMA.

- **Lego Workshops:** We held very successful Lego Workshops recently for all classes from Junior Infants to Rang 6, promoting STEM (Science / Technology / Engineering / Mathematics) education in the school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and

- hopefully will benefit from them. Our sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for subsidising the cost of the workshops and also to Ms Ó Tuama (coordinating teacher). Go raibh míle maith agaibh.
- **Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal:** We had a very successful Christmas Shoe Box Appeal on behalf of Team Hope again this year, with a total of 146 boxes collected. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir for your generosity towards those who are less fortunate than us. Míle buíochas also to Ms Ó Tuama who coordinated and promoted the collection of the shoe boxes. Maith sibh!
- **Leabhair mar Bhronntanas:** We suggest that you include books for your child as gifts for Christmas and encourage him / her to read over the holidays.
- **Comhghairdeas:** (i) We extend our heartiest congratulations to Ms Corcoran who got married recently. We wish you, Nicole and Scott a long and happy life together. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh beirt.  
(ii) We congratulate Emer Hallihan, Cara Hickey and Rowan Fallon (Rang 6) who won prizes in the Synergy / Fermoy Credit Union Art Competition recently. Comhghairdeas libh, a pháistí.  
(iii) We also congratulate Michael O'Mahony Walsh (Rang 4) who represented Cork in the U.11 All-Ireland Cross Country Championships held in Kilkenny recently. Maith thú, a Mhichíl!
- **Soft Surface / Special Needs Play Area:** We are delighted to inform you that the soft surface has been laid in the Infant play area, along with another soft surface fitted with specialised equipment, which has been developed for our pupils with additional needs at the rear of the most recent school extension. This development would not have been possible if it were not for a very substantial and generous donation from the Tomar Trust, along with a private donation and fundraising initiatives by previous Parents' Associations. This greatly enhances our facilities in the school and we are very grateful for the generosity of all who contributed in any way to its development. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir is go gcúití Dia libh é.

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### **Castlelyons N S Parents' Association News**

- **Christmas Jumper Day / Donation to Charity:** Ordinarily, we arrange a Christmas food & clothing collection at this time of year & donate to a local charity. However, similar to last year, **we will be asking children to bring €1 to school in exchange for wearing their Christmas jumpers on the last day of school, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.** All monies raised will be donated to Fermoy Meals on Wheels on behalf of the children.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Each family has already received 4 books of **Raffle Tickets at a cost of €2 per ticket or €5 for a book of 3.** All tickets should be returned to the school **on or before this Monday, Dec 20th.** The Raffle will take place in the school Halla on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at c.10am and will be viewed by the children in their classrooms through Zoom. Prizes are as numerous and as good as ever, as outlined on the ticket stubs. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity. **All *unsold* tickets should be returned or additional tickets can be obtained by contacting the school.**

- **Christmas Cards:** The Christmas card initiative has proven very successful again this year and we hope that all children and parents were pleased with their cards. Thank you for your support. A special word of thanks to Carmel in the office for coordinating this initiative this year. Go raibh maith agat, Carmel.
- **New P. A. Committee:** Andrea, Clódagh, Colette, Jim, Michelle and Lisa will be stepping down from the P.A. as of December 31<sup>st</sup> and the new Committee consisting of Cathriona Barry, Rebecca Burke and Clare Tobin will need more members to join them to complete the Parents' Association Committee. Please consider carefully whether you have any time to volunteer as the more members, the greater division of jobs. Your time and support would be greatly appreciated.
- **Buíochas:** The Parents' Association would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support since September and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a bright New Year in 2022.

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- **Buíochas:** I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all staff of the school along with our pupils, parents, Parents' Association, members of the Board of Management and the entire community in Castlelyons for your hard work and commitment to making and keeping our school a safe place during the first term since September. As our school Mission Statement says: "Ní neart go cur le chéile – Together, everyone achieves more". Go raibh míle maith agaibh.
- **Saoire na Nollag:** The school will close for Christmas Holidays next **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. The following **Staggered Finishing Times** will apply:

- \* 11.50 am      Family Surnames A – L (All classes)
- \* 12.00 noon    Bus / Taxi
- \* 12.10 pm      Family Surnames M - Z (All classes)

We ask the first group of parents to move off from the car-park please as soon as you have collected your child so as to make way for the next group of parents arriving. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

**Ar ais ar scoil ar an Déardaoin 6ú d'Eanáir (Nollaig na mBan) 2022**  
**(School re-opens on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022)**

*Nollaig Shona agus Bliain Nua Faoi Mhaise Dhaoibh Go Léir.*

