

Christmas Newsletter 2014

Christ the Saviour N.S., Ballingarry.

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our school newsletter. Pupils and staff have been very busy since we returned to school in September. This newsletter will hopefully provide you with an insight into some of the activities pupils have been involved in over the past four months and some of our exciting upcoming events in the New Year.

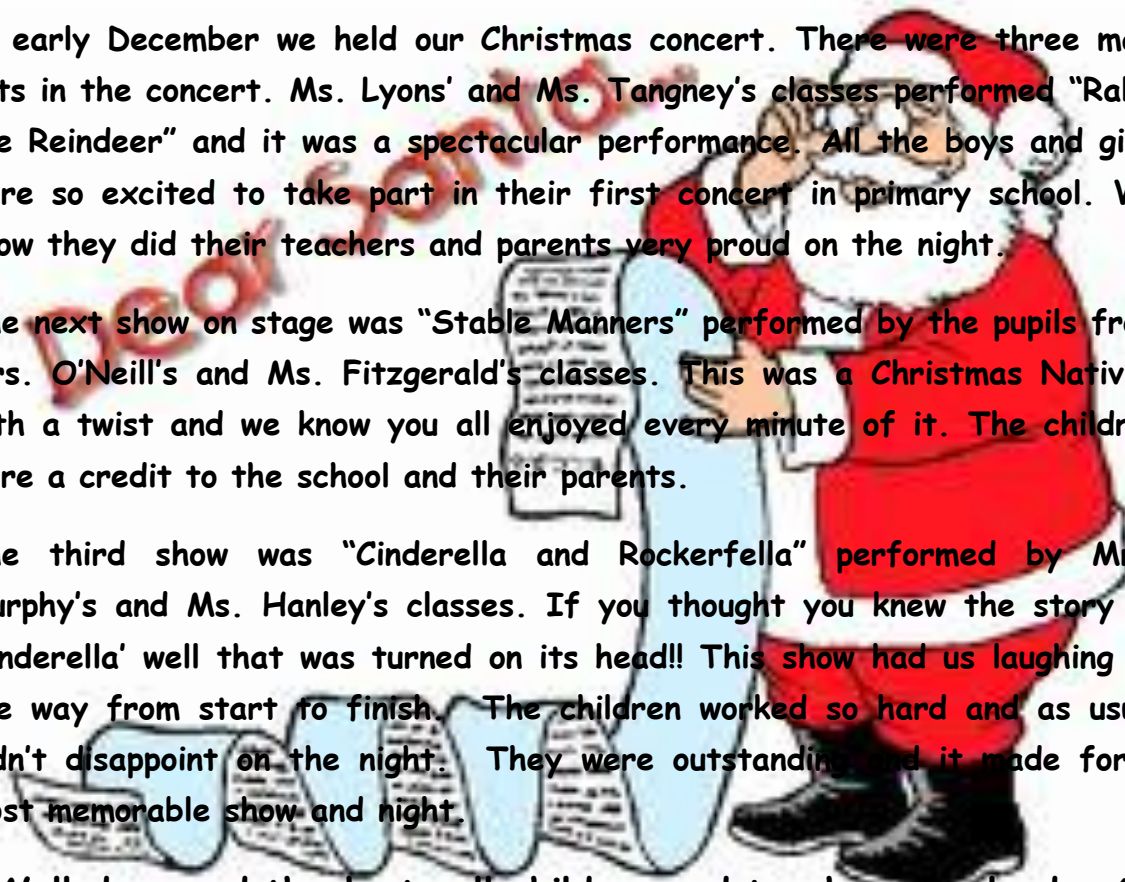
Concert 2014

In early December we held our Christmas concert. There were three main acts in the concert. Ms. Lyons' and Ms. Tangney's classes performed "Ralph the Reindeer" and it was a spectacular performance. All the boys and girls were so excited to take part in their first concert in primary school. We know they did their teachers and parents very proud on the night.

The next show on stage was "Stable Manners" performed by the pupils from Mrs. O'Neill's and Ms. Fitzgerald's classes. This was a Christmas Nativity with a twist and we know you all enjoyed every minute of it. The children were a credit to the school and their parents.

The third show was "Cinderella and Rockerfella" performed by Mrs. Murphy's and Ms. Hanley's classes. If you thought you knew the story of 'Cinderella' well that was turned on its head!! This show had us laughing all the way from start to finish. The children worked so hard and as usual didn't disappoint on the night. They were outstanding and it made for a most memorable show and night.

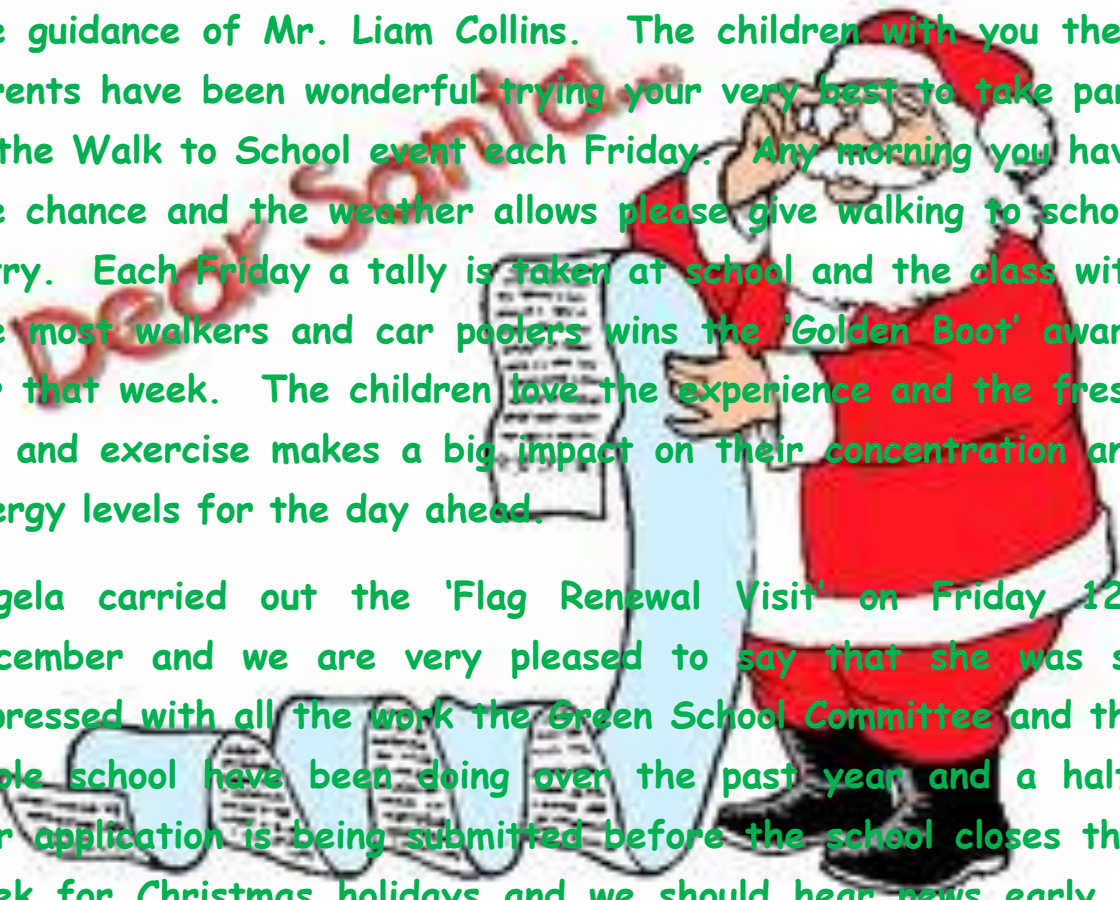
Well done and thanks to all children and teachers involved. A big 'Thank You' also to all those who helped in any way for the night - Mrs. O'Shea, Sheila O'Reilly, Elizabeth Cregan, Eddie Houlihan, Parents Council, Board of Management, Matt Farragher and anyone else we may be forgetting, we appreciate the help.



Green Schools

We are currently working towards achieving our 4th flag under the theme 'Travel'. We have been working closely with our 'Green Schools Travel Officer, Ms. Angela Wall. The pupils from 6th class have taken part in a Bicycle Safety and Cycle training day on Monday 17th November here on the schools grounds, under the guidance of Mr. Liam Collins. The children with you their parents have been wonderful trying your very best to take part in the Walk to School event each Friday. Any morning you have the chance and the weather allows please give walking to school a try. Each Friday a tally is taken at school and the class with the most walkers and car poolers wins the 'Golden Boot' award for that week. The children love the experience and the fresh air and exercise makes a big impact on their concentration and energy levels for the day ahead.

Angela carried out the 'Flag Renewal Visit' on Friday 12th December and we are very pleased to say that she was so impressed with all the work the Green School Committee and the whole school have been doing over the past year and a half. Our application is being submitted before the school closes this week for Christmas holidays and we should hear news early in the New Year regarding our fourth Green Flag. Angela reassured the school that she was sure the school would receive the flag in April and to continue with the Walk to School events in the New Year. Well done especially to Ellen, Aimee and Padraig, the senior pupils on the committee who have worked on the Application Form and carry out the regular tallies each week.



Girls' and Boys' Football

The boys' football team got to the semi-final against Ardagh N.S. this year. They did all they could to win but it just wasn't enough. Unfortunately Ardagh were victorious this time but we will train hard again next year and hope for the best.

The girls took part in a football blitz in Rathkeale this year. They too reached the semi-final but were beaten in that last match by Dromcollogher.

A big thank you to Ms. Hanley and Ms. Tangney for all their hard work training the teams this year. We are already looking forward to the hurling beginning in the new year.



M.S. Readathon

This year the boys and girls from 4th to 6th participated in the M.S. Readathon. The M.S. Readathon encourages boys and girls to read books, learn about multiple sclerosis (MS) and raise funds to help people living with Multiple Sclerosis. A big thank you to all those who took part by reading and collecting some money for this important charity. Our school sent a cheque to MS Ireland for €1,096.

Extra, Extra, Read all about it!!

Finally, Mr Keogh has developed our wonderful new school website -

www.ballingarryns.com

Check it out, it contains all news about school events, news, achievements and upcoming events on the school calendar. All future newsletters will be found on the website, it's worth a look, please check it out!! At the moment it features photos from the Christmas Concert, an article about a sports personality who visited the Sixth Class recently and news from the Parent's Council Bake Sale which was held in November.

It's worth a regular look!!



