



**ST. JOSEPH'S SPANISH POINT
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020.**



The whole school community are excited to celebrate Christmas this year in what has been a challenging 2020 school year for all. To escape the realities of the Covid world, various activities have been taking place to help us all prepare for the festive season.



Spanish Point Late Late Toy Show

All the students in Radharc na Mara put on their own version of the Late Late Toy Show on Friday the 30th of November with their very own Ryan Tubridy (Alex Walnutt 2nd yr) as host of the show!

There was singing, dancing, book reviews, toy reviews, comedy acts and lots lots more! A huge thank you to all the staff members who worked closely with the students and helped make it such a wonderful and enjoyable event.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

As part of our Ceist value of 'Community' students from across the various year groups throughout our school helped to celebrate the feast day which in Ireland is the traditional start of the Christmas period. Students read, played music, presented gifts as symbols during the mass and Alision O'Loughlin a member of the student council addressed the congregation. Alison welcomed parents, grandparents and those people in the community who have been cocooning to the mass which was broadcast via the Miltown parish webcam and parish radio. As we continue our preparations this Advent, for what will be a very different Christmas, we ask Mary the Mother of Jesus to look after us all, especially our grandparents and to continue to fill us with hope this Advent.



ADVENT - JESSE TREE

Our first students have been very busy in religion learning all about the symbols during the time of Jesus. They all made their own symbols and placed them on our very own Jesse Tree in the Prayer Room. A huge thank you to Ms Flanagan for guiding our first year students with this wonderful way to celebrate Christmas.



ENTERPRISE EXTRAVAGANZA

December signalled the launch of all things enterprise with our First Year and TY students who are all participating in this year's Student Enterprise Programme. Ms Gardiner has been busy for the past few weeks helping students plan their ideas and manufacture their products in order to have them ready for the busy Christmas Market. A brochure of all students' products was created and emailed to all members of our school community to ensure sales were conducted safely in an ever changing Covid environment. A socially distanced market took place in our school on Friday the 11th of December to give students an opportunity to shop and support local while purchasing some Christmas gifts. A huge thank you to Ms Gardiner for all her dedication in running the lunchtime Enterprise Club for our first year students and immersing them into the enterprise world!





TY Drumming for Christmas!

All our TYs had a chance to tune into their musicality and drumming skills in a very enjoyable and entertaining workshop with John Daly. A few stars were born while practising 'Drummer Boy' getting ready for the festive season. Many thanks to Ms Comber for organising a great day for our TY students.



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November both students and staff remembered their deceased family members, neighbours and friends by placing their names on our Remembrance Tree in our Prayer Room. We also remembered the deceased members of the Sisters of Mercy and our wider community during the month. Candles were lit in their memory. Fr. Donagh led the different class groups and staff with beautiful prayer prayer and candle ceremonies to remember all our loved ones at this time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.



BT YOUNG SCIENTIST 2021

There is great excitement in our school with the qualification of five of our second year science students for the BT Young Scientist Competition in 2021. Zoe Howell, Éabha Healy, Caitlyn Fay, Lucy O' Donnell and Lia Moloney have entered three projects between them each one inspired by the sea shore and environment which they are all keen to preserve and protect by promoting awareness in their community and beyond. A big thank you to Ms Clair and Mr Mc Donagh for giving the girls such a wonderful opportunity to be active in science and bring it to life in school. Finally huge congratulations to the science department for facilitating such an eventful

and exciting 'Science Week' in November for both staff and students in Spanish Point.



CARING FOR PETS!

Two four legged friends dropped into Radharc na Mara last month to say hello to their pals during their 'Caring for Animals Class' with Ms Meaney. Bob and Billy were so impressed with all the attention they got that they dropped by to our secretary Pamela on their way out looking for a First year Enrolment Form!!!



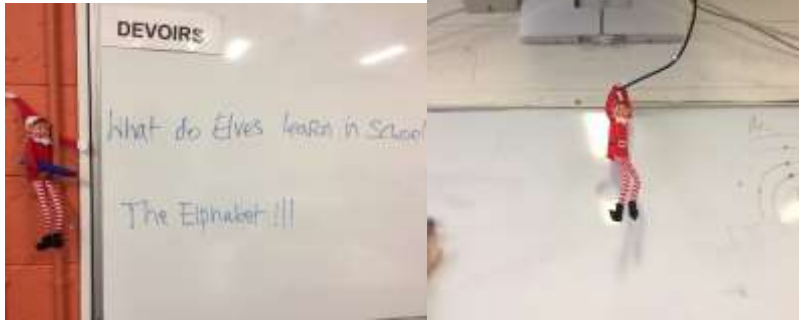
US Election - First Year History Class

The four first year classes presented their American Election projects to our expert judges, former principal Ms Crawford and Deputy Principal Ms O'Loughlin. This presentation was the culmination of weeks of research and there was even a very special guest in 1C with Donald Trump himself making an appearance. Well done to all the classes who took part in this competition and a special thank you to Miss Guilfoyle and Miss Leamy for introducing our students to the world of politics.



Elves Upto Mischief in Class!!!!

“Some unexpected guests turned up in the first year history classes on Friday morning. They were clearly up to no good, writing jokes on the teacher’s board and paragliding off the projector!”



Finally, as another year comes to a close and we reflect on a year like no other! We wish all our friends from the Ceist Community a ‘Peaceful and Safe Christmas’ and ‘Every Good Wish’ for hopefully a better year in 2021 for us all.

