



WEEKLY UPDATE



21/12/23



**School closes on Dec 22nd at 12pm.
Infants will leave at 11.50am.
Wishing you all a happy, safe and peaceful
festive season.**



Winterfest

What a performance it was yesterday! A big well done to everyone and an enormous thank you to our fantastic staff for all the hard work and preparation that went into the show. We hope you all enjoyed it. It is such a special time of year when we all come together to celebrate our wonderful school community. We are so proud of all the children!



Walking Bus

We will have a very special visitor joining the walking bus tomorrow. He is looking forward to seeing you all in the morning! Make sure you wear your Santa hats and reindeer hairbands to raise the festive spirits.



Winter Solstice

We held our winter solstice ceremony this morning. It was such a special event. Well done to Rang 3 for guiding us through it. Thank you to Maurice for lighting our solstice fire. Every child made gratitude and wish scrolls which we set alight - sending them to the four winds.



Remembering Cara

A big thank you to Jenny for coming into J1 today to read to the children and speak to them about her daughter Cara. She also donated some lovely books to the class library.

Cleaning Costs

The cost of cleaning has increased exponentially this year in the school. The cost of cleaning is approx. €3500 per month. However, there is an additional cost of up to **€900 per month** for consumables such as hand towels and toilet paper. It is not sustainable for us to continue spending this much each month. The BoM and staff have decided to trial the children in Rang 5 and 6 using their own cloth hand towels from January 2024 in an effort to reduce cost.

Important Dates



Dec 22nd | School closes for the holidays
Jan 08th | School reopens

We are asking you to supply your child with a small face cloth each week which they will use to dry their hands. The towel will be kept in your child's bag during the day. It may be an idea to store the towel in a zip lock bag.

If this is successful, we will gradually roll this out to all classes. We appreciate your support on this matter.



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Middletown Centre for Autism

In February and March, Loreto Primary School are hosting parenting courses organised by Middletown Centre for Autism. These courses may be of interest to you.

Course Content

- Autism, Learning Styles, and Visual Teaching Methods
- Autism and Communication
- Autism and Reframing Behaviour
- Autism and Understanding Anxiety
- Autism and Sensory Processing

You must book directly with Middletown, not the school - see www.middletownautism.com

Cosy Day

The Student Council held a Cosy Day today. It was so lovely to see all of the children in their cosiest of clothes taking part in cosy activities. Well done to the Student Council for such a lovely idea.

A word from our Chairperson

Dear School Community,

The new Board of Management has been elected and we will have our first full meeting on 29 January 2024. On behalf of the Board we would like to wish all the children, families, staff and school community a peaceful and happy Christmas and special thanks to Louise and all the staff for your dedication and hard work throughout the year

Sincerely
Shonagh Byrne
Chairperson

Christmas Tree

Our lovely school Christmas tree is looking for a new home - if you are interested, please email Carol - info@retns.ie



Winter Raffle Prizes

Thank you all for your support in donating and contributing to our winter raffles this year. Between both raffles, we have raised €2645 for our school. This will go a very long way to supporting the running of our school. All prizes have now been distributed. Please see winners below.

Adult raffle

- 1st prize – Bracken Family
- 2nd prize – Cendrowski Family
- 3rd prize – Hritcan Family
- 4th prize – Boyle Family
- 5th prize – Yearsley Family
- 6th prize – Nyhan Family
- 7th prize – Byrne Singh Family
- 8th prize – McNabola Family
- 9th prize – Duffy Daly Family
- 10th prize – O'Driscoll Family
- 11th prize – Brogan Family
- 12th prize – Denham Family
- 13th prize – McGowan Family



Winners of the children's raffle

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| J.I. – 1st prize - Sarabeth | 3rd – 1st prize - Eamon |
| 2nd prize - Alex | 2nd prize - Maya |
| 3rd prize - Kate | 3rd prize - Abby |
| S.I. – 1st prize - Fiadh | 4th – 1st prize - Rogan |
| 2nd prize - Conn | 2nd prize - Donncha |
| 3rd prize - Robin | 3rd prize - Ciara |
| 1st – 1st prize - Charlie | 5th – 1st prize - Sylvia |
| 2nd prize - Daisy | 2nd prize - Maija |
| 3rd prize - Hugo | 3rd prize - Lando |
| 2nd – 1st prize - Mia | 6th – 1st prize - Ruby |
| 2nd prize - Alex | 2nd prize - Matilda |
| 3rd prize - Lillian | 3rd prize - Eamon |

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