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DECEMBER 2023

Dates for your Diary

Dec 7th: Mass at **11.30** to mark the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Pupils to bring a food item (see table).

Dec 15th: St Fiacc's Christmas concert. This concert will take place in St. Fiacc's Hall. The concert will be in two parts. **Infants - 2nd** concert will run from **11am - 12.30pm**. **3rd - 6th** concert will run from **1pm - 2.30pm**. Donations will be accepted at the door and calendars will be for sale at €10.

Dec 22nd: St Fiacc's closes at **12.00pm** for the Christmas Holidays and reopens on January 8th.

Junior and Sen Infants will be collected at 11:50

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class will be collected at 12:00

Dec 22nd: Christmas Jumper fundraiser. Pupils may wear a Christmas jumper to school. €2 Donation please. (Money goes to paying for the school's seesaw package)

Jan 8th: Pupils return to school. Mass to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th (1st-6th).

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thanks to everybody who contributed to our shoebox appeal. As a result 121 boxes of gifts will be heading to children in need. Well done to Sharon, Miss Minnock and the student council for assisting





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Green School

As a Green School we discourage pupils purchasing Christmas Cards for each other. Instead pupils will design cards as an Art Activity. Let's keep Green and reduce cardboard.

Family Contribution Reminder

To allow us to continue to ensure that your children enjoy the best of facilities we request a small voluntary contribution from each family. So we are asking every family to contribute €5 on the first Wednesday of every month. This payment can also be made through Aladdin Connect. Date of next contribution: Wed Dec 6th

School Calendar

St Fiacc's 2024 school calendar is available to order and will be distributed mid December. It costs €10. Many thanks to all the businesses who took out an ad in the calendar. The calendar features photos of all our pupils. Preorder now through Aladdin Connect or the office while stocks last. The calendars will also be for sale at our Christmas Concert

Living Our Ethos

We celebrate Advent as a whole school through use of the Advent Wreath at our virtual Friday Assemblies.

In November we remembered all of our loved ones who are in heaven. Thanks to all the boys and girls of St Fiacc's for making a star to represent their special intention to create this beautiful display in the school lobby





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Food Hampers

The Parish is distributing Food Hampers this Christmas to Families in need. Every year we ask every pupil to bring in 1 item to help build the hamper. The items are listed below. Your support will make a huge difference to families this Christmas. Please bring item into class next week and place in box at the back of the classroom

List of food items for Christmas Hampers : Mass of the Immaculate Conception/mass of giving: December 7th

Junior Infants: Ms. Reddy: Tea Ms. Tuite: Tea Ms. O'Brien: Biscuits	Senior Infants : Ms Brannigan : Box of Cereal Ms Ward: Porridge Mr Nolan: Weetabix
First Class : Ms Mullen: Pringles Ms. Coakley: Ketchup Ms Hennessy: Pringles	Second Class : Ms. Byrne: Beans Ms. Roche: Beans Mr. Groarke: Coffee
Third Class : Ms Doyle : Hot Chocolate Ms. Ronan: Mayonnaise Ms. Davitt: Bag of Sweets	Fourth Class : Ms. O' Toole :Jam Ms. Kavanagh: Gravy Granules Ms. Canavan: Biscuits
Fifth Class : Ms. Ivory: Fruit Juice Miss Scully: Tinned Fruit Ms Dunne: Tinned Soup	Sixth Class: Mr. O Flaherty: Fruit Juice Mr. Keogh: Minerals Ms. Minnock: Minerals



Every School Day Counts November Campaign

This month we have been encouraging our pupils to come to school every day and complete our 20 day challenge. Pictured below are our Art Competition winners who created posters with the slogan Every School Day Counts. Our posters are having a real effect. Our attendance rate this month, to date, is **91.8.5%** compared to 89.4% last November.



NOTE RE COLLECTING A CHILD FROM SCHOOL

Children may not be removed early from class unless for HSE appointment or family emergency. The removal from class causes significant disruption to classes and the running of the school.

In the event that a child has a HSE appointment:

1. Inform teacher and Secretary via Aladdin/email
2. Teacher arranges for the pupil to be at the office for collection.
3. Pupil is signed out by parent
4. All early removals are recorded on Aladdin

Yard time (10.50-11.10 & 12.50-1.10)

Due to unavailability of staffing during yard times, pupils cannot be removed from yard for early collection so prior notice of HSE appointment is required

Thank you,
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Dry Felt Needling Classes



Our school has been included in the Tesco Stronger Starts programme in partnership with Good Grub, meaning delivery of weekly fruit and vegetable packs for collection/delivery to nominated class groupings



Cinema Trip to view Wolfwalkers Scening



Wolfwalkers quiz night and prizewinners.



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Our Garden Project

The garden project, devised by Mr. O'Flaherty's Sixth Class and the green school committee is coming along nicely. With the help of workers Keith and Sam, and under the expert guidance of school gardener Wes, the grow boxes and borders have been added to our biodiverse garden space.

Planning is now underway to layout our vegetables, herbs, native irish trees and hedges and some ornamental varieties to ensure that our biodiverse garden space offers food, pollen, shelter and nesting space throughout the year.

Many thanks to Wes, Sam and Keith for their hard work in all weather to make our vision for phase one a reality. Many thanks also to all at St. Fiacc's who provided the space for our biodiverse gardening journey to begin.

