

## Agreed Report

- Scoil Cholmcille extended condolences to Loreto Convent on the sad passing of Nora Friel, principal. Mr Cannon and Mrs Donaghy visited the staff on behalf of the school to extend our sympathy to family, friends, colleagues and students experiencing the loss of Ms Nora Friel's untimely death in November. A mass card and sympathy card was presented for the staff and both principal and deputy principal attended the funeral.
- Congratulations to school soccer team who competed at Ballyare and got through to county 7's Blitz competition. Thank you to Mr Mc Gowan and Mr Coll for their lunchtime coaching and co-ordination of the event.
- Congratulations to the school choir who won the Tesco Shopping Centre/Highland Radio competition scooping €1,000! They performed on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of November to welcome Santa's arrival. Hats off to Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Daly!
- Congratulations to the school choir for the singing at the November Devotion. Their beautiful singing was appreciated and prompted an email on November 8<sup>th</sup> to the school.

*Just a note of congratulations to you, the teachers and all the boys performed in the choir during last night's mass in St Eunan's Cathedral. Our hearts were lifted in every way possible closer to God through their beautiful harmonious performance. The hard work and effort put in by all was evident and it has to be said, it matters and touched people. Please continue to use what you have built to serve God and the community and help change people's lives for the better. Yours Sincerely, Rosemary Hannigan.*

- Congratulations to the School Debating Team who won their first round against Lurgybrack at Lurgybrack school. Mrs Dunleavy's class attended to support the panel of 8 boys who opposed the motion:

*Child Labour is a Necessity in the Developing World*

Thanks to Mrs Cannon, Ms Mc Grath and Mrs Kavanagh for their hard work.

- Congratulations to Scoil Cholmcille as lead school in the new Leargás/Peace IV Project following a successful application to Leargás in June 2018.
  - √ Our school received €14,159 to run a cross community partnership project for 2018/2019.
  - √ Our partner schools will be Ballyraine and Educate Together.
  - √ The participation in this project is our response to the peace and reconciliation efforts being made in Northern Ireland, at a cross border as well as at a cross community level. We wish the project and its participants well.
  - √ 214 pupils will benefit from the experience across the three schools with three classes participating, 5<sup>th</sup> class (Ms Collins) 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> (Mrs Dunleavy) and 6<sup>th</sup> class (Mrs Kavanagh)
- Letterkenny Cleaner Community Campaign Awards Ceremony: Congratulations to Ms O' Sullivan, Mrs Cannon, Mr Mc Gowan and the Green Schools Committee for

winning Gardeners of the Year Award as well as Caring for the Environment Award at the awards on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> of November.

- √ Their work was acknowledged to have contributed greatly to Letterkenny's success in the National Tidy Town competition.
- √ Well done to Michell, from Mr Mc Gowan's class, Ciara from Mrs O'Connors's class and Patrick and Caolan from Mrs Dunleavy's class who received awards from the Minister of Education, Mr Joe Mc Hugh.
- Congratulations to our two athletic cross country teams who competed and placed in the Donegal Finals in Bunrana on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Thanks to Mrs Mc Clafferty who coached and travelled with the boys.
- Parent Teacher Meetings took place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of November with some spill over meetings scheduled for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of November. Special thanks to all the staff for their preparation, professionalism and dedication in making these a constructive and meaningful experience for parents.
- Tribute to Clare Gallagher, who is unable to continue with us, for all her involvement and support, both at Parent association and Board of Management levels, over the past few years.
- CPD: Continuous Professional Development:
  - √ Mr Cannon attended a Special Needs seminar in Sligo
  - √ CPR training- staff training in the use of Dfib and CPR was undertaken by 12 staff members on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> of November.
  - √ RSE: Mr Mc Gowan and Ms Ferry attended training in November.
- Donegal Hospice: Acknowledged with gratitude the donation of €514 from Scoil Cholmcille's Coffee morning.
- Children of the Eucharist Programme started on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of November for the two First Holy Communion classes.
- Advent wreaths: Mrs Vera Timoney visited the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes to demonstrate and explain the liturgical significance of our Advent Wreath.
- Garda talk of fireworks delivered to the 6<sup>th</sup> class in October.
- St Eunan's Open Day took place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November and assessment testing took place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Gold Stars: Principal visited classrooms in November and December to receive updates on boys' progress throughout the school.
- Sport for Life Programme: We welcome Kyle Glennon, a second year student on Magee College currently delivering the 12 week programme with Ms Mc Nulty's 3<sup>rd</sup> class and Mrs Dunleavy's 5<sup>th</sup> class.
- Carol Service: Please note the carol service is due to take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 1.00 pm.
- Green school Activity
  - √ Marine Environment Forum: pupils attended Mt Errigal to increase awareness of problems associated with the Marine Environment. Pupils are already engaged in many of the ideas raised such as Clean Coasts school and the Think before you Flush Campaign. Our application for the flag is now complete and been sent to Dublin for assessment.
  - √ Beach visit by Aengus Kennedy: wonderful day at the beach learning about tidal zones at Marble Hill. We collected and identified various sea creatures

and examined how marram grass acts as a natural guard against erosion.  
Water tests were conducted on a stream running onto the beach.

√ Other activities include, battery recycling, composting, recording of electricity units.

- **Thanks to all the staff for all their hard work, input, energy and good will in making a very productive first half term.**