

# Scoil Maelruain News

December 2022

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



## Principal's Corner

I would like to say a huge well done to the children, we have completed the Winter term and we have been busy. The children participated in 'Maths Week' and 'Feel Good Fridays.' They have practised and performed in their Christmas Performances, a first for many and they have welcomed Santa to the school for a sing song!

It's time now for a well deserved Christmas break. The staff and myself would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing the children in January for more work and fun in Scoil Maelruain Junior.

Mrs. Claire Durr.



## Christmas Closing Times:

School will **close at 12.00p.m.** on Wednesday 21st December 2022 for the Christmas Holidays.

We will reopen on Thursday 5th January 2023.



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## Hand Towel Update.

Thank you to all for the support with our 'Hand Towel' pilot.

We have had a very positive response to the initiative.

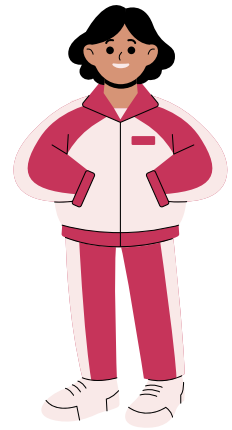
A survey will be sent out today with the newsletter. We would appreciate it if you could fill it in.

This will decide if we will continue with the pilot.



## Tracksuits.

Please note that from after Christmas, all school tracksuits will be available from 'Sisters' in Tallaght Village Green.



The school will no longer be selling them from the office.

## School Closures.

**Christmas 2022:** School is closed Wednesday 21st December at **12pm** and re-opens Thursday 5th January.

**February 2023:**

**St Brigid's Day:** School is closed on Monday 6th February.

**Mid Term:** School is closed on Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February. School reopens on Monday 20th February



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## Visits to Tallaght Library.

Some of our 1st and 2nd classes were lucky enough to get the opportunity to visit Tallaght Library recently. The children enjoyed a library scavenger hunt and got to browse through the huge selection of exciting books available there.

If you haven't already done so, we would highly recommend enrolling your child as a member to start their journey exploring the wonderful world of books.

2nd class students, Darragh Woodlock & Maia Holmes give us an insight into their recent library visit.

*"Last week, my class and I went to the library. Firstly, the librarian gave us all a sheet of paper for the scavenger hunt. We were then allowed to borrow a book and bring it to school. I got 'The Famous Five.' Finally, we walked back to class and read our books."*

Maia Holmes.

*"Last week, I went to the library with my class. We did a scavenger hunt to find all the things that the librarian gave us on a sheet. Then we looked around for books that we liked. We were allowed to bring the book back to school and read it. I got 'Dragon Mountain' and it's really good. We all had a fantastic day!"*

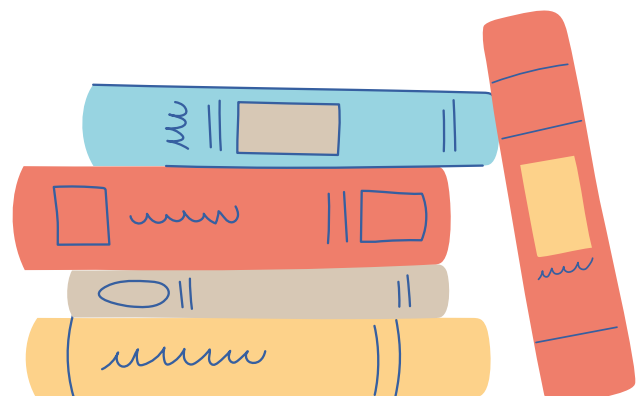
Darragh Woodlock.

## Why not make a visit your New Year's resolution?

Tallaght Library,  
Library Square,  
Tallaght,  
Dublin 24.

### OPENING HOURS:

**Monday to Thursday:** 9.45am - 8.00pm  
**Friday and Saturday:** 9.45am - 4.30pm



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## Literacy Lift Off

Scoil Maelruain Junior participates in the 'Literacy Lift Off' initiative. Classes participate in the programme for one hour daily over a number of weeks.



Pupils work in stations to carry out a number of activities in reading and writing, under the guidance of their teachers.

This initiative gives children lots of opportunities to read books at their own level of competency and gradually lift the complexity of what they can do in both reading and writing.

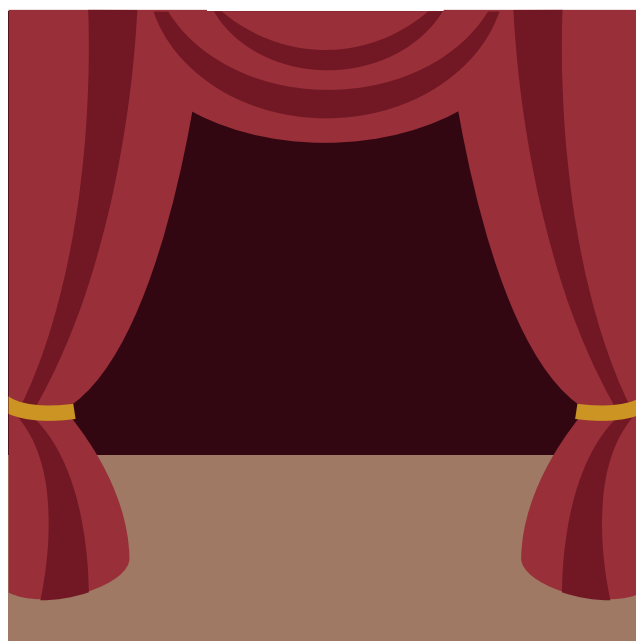


## Christmas Performances

Well done to all the children for the huge effort they put into their Christmas performances last week!

The halla was a hive of activity with Christmas songs, music, drama and performances.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who came along and got into the Christmas spirit on the day!



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'Walking in a Winter Wonderland'

The grounds of Scoil Maelruain Junior looked like a 'Winter Wonderland' in the last few weeks with the recent fall of snow and icy weather conditions.

The children got an opportunity to spend some time in the snow and have some fun in the chilly weather.

Thanks to Ms. R. Tierney for the lovely photographs!



*"Snow is falling, all around us, children  
playing, having fun! It's the season, love and  
understanding,  
Merry Christmas everyone!"*

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Winter Artwork in Scoil Maelruain Junior



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Parents' Association



The Parents Association would like to wish everyone a wonderful break over the holidays. We were delighted to organise a visit from Santa with a gift left for each child.

We have held two fundraisers since the beginning of term and are delighted to confirm we have raised a total of €951 through the 'Colours Day' and the 'Christmas Cards'. We aim to hold more events in the New Year where we might be able to involve more parents, depending on how quickly the Garda Vetting comes through. We will keep you posted.

We now have a representative from each class, with the exception of Ms. O' Sullivan's class.

If there is a parent who is interested in joining the PA, just to ensure the class is kept in the loop on PA activities between now and the end of the year, it would be great.

If you have any thoughts and need to reach out to the PA, you can do this through your class rep or email [scoilmaelruainjrpa@gmail.com](mailto:scoilmaelruainjrpa@gmail.com)

## Santa Visit

There was great excitement in the school earlier this week as Santa Claus came to visit!

The excitement was evident as the children waited in the school yard for Santa to arrive. Some children were lucky enough to shake Santa's hand, while everyone received a selection box on his visit.

Thanks Santa for taking the time to visit us before you set off all over the world delivering presents to all the girls and boys!

