

Scoil Maelruain News

December 2023.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



A message from our Principal.

As we approach the end of 2023, we here Scoil Maelruain Junior would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

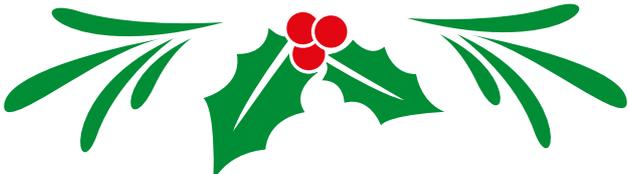
We have had a busy few weeks celebrating. All of our children did us proud at their Christmas Plays/Performances. They worked so hard and anyone who was at the shows could clearly see that!

Santa made a special visit to the boys and girls on Wednesday and left them a little gift. He could not believe what good singers the children were as they gave him a Christmas Concert to remember!! A huge thank you to Santa's PA elves!

We wish you a very peaceful Christmas and hope all of our families enjoy spending time with each other and having a well deserved rest!

Mrs. Claire Durr.

*Merry
Christmas*



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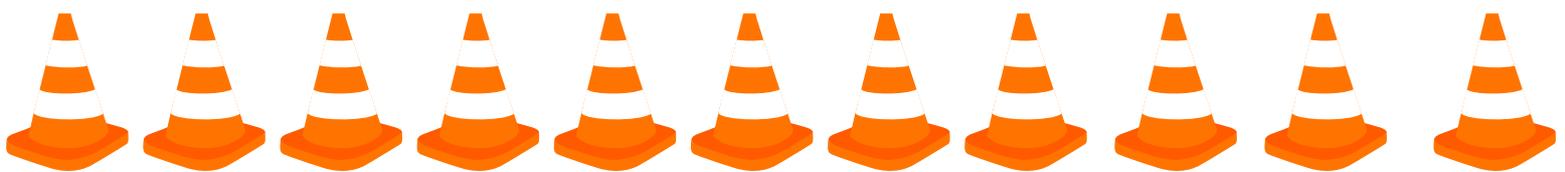
Health & Safety Information.

Thanks so much to those parents and students that are using the school pathways to enter the school grounds. We would also like to thank parents and students for making sure that gates are closed during school hours. We really appreciate your efforts to keep our students safe.

We have a few health and safety reminders that we would like to bring to your attention.

- **Parents using the car park for drop off and pick up for after school activities are asked to reverse park and accompany children through the car park.**
- Dogs are not allowed on school premises.
- We would encourage all parents to enter and exit the school grounds through the gate closest to the playground and not to use the gate by the car park.
- If you need to access the grounds during the school hours please ensure that the gates are left closed behind you.
- We would ask that children **dismount** their 'vehicles' at the school gates and **walk** them through the school grounds.

Your children's safety is paramount, and we appreciate your support with these measures.



Parent-Teacher Communication.

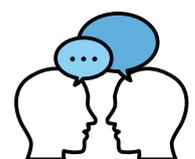
Teachers are unable to speak with parents at the doors in the morning.

Communication with teachers is done through the **Aladdin Connect App**. Teachers will review their notifications at the end of the school day. For this reason they may not be answered immediately.

For urgent communication please contact the office by phone 01-4510706 or by email scoilmaelruainjunior@gmail.com

Parents can also record reasons for absences both before and after through the **Aladdin Connect App**.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



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'Do This In Memory Of Me'

2nd Class children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year are continuing to attend the 'Do This In Memory Of Me' programme in St. Martin de Porres Church.

The special Masses are aimed at preparing the children for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion next year. We wish the children every success as they prepare for these special occasions next year.



Helping Hands.

We are once again looking for Parent Helping Hands.

We would like parents to help out with the following:

- To accompany children to and from the church;
- To accompany children on school tours;
- To accompany children to sporting events.
- To help with Maths activities;
- To help out with Literacy activities;

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

How do I get involved?

All Parent Helping Hands need to be Garda Vetted through the school. You need to bring in proof of address and a photo ID (Passport/Drivers license) to the school and fill in an Application Form at the office ASAP.

We need to submit a form to Archbishop's House. They will then email you an e-form which you must return within 7 days otherwise the form will expire and you will need to begin the process all over again. When the 'Vetting' comes through you will be informed by Archbishop's House and the Declaration will also be sent to the school.



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Irish Dancing.

The Mowlds Academy of Irish Dancing will continue Irish dance classes after school in the New Year.

Irish dance teacher, Natalie Mowlds has twenty years experience and has been holding classes in Scoil Maelruain for the last twelve years.

Through the classes, Natalie encourages each child's natural ability to move and dance while in turn teaching basic Irish dancing steps in a fun way.

For further details, contact Natalie on 087 7471957.



School Closures

Christmas 2023: School is closed Friday 22nd December at 12pm and reopens Monday 8th January.

February 2024:
School is closed Monday 5th February
School is close on Thursday and Friday 15th and 16th February.

March 2024:
School is closed Monday 18th March
School will close on Friday 22nd March at 12.00pm



Christmas Jumper Day

A big 'thank you' to everyone who supported this year's St Vincent De Paul Christmas fundraising drive by participating in our 'Christmas Jumper Day.'

The school was full of colourful jumpers on 'Christmas Jumper Day' yesterday.

We will update you on the full amount raised in our next newsletter.

Many thanks, once again. The spirit of giving and generosity is alive and well in our school community.



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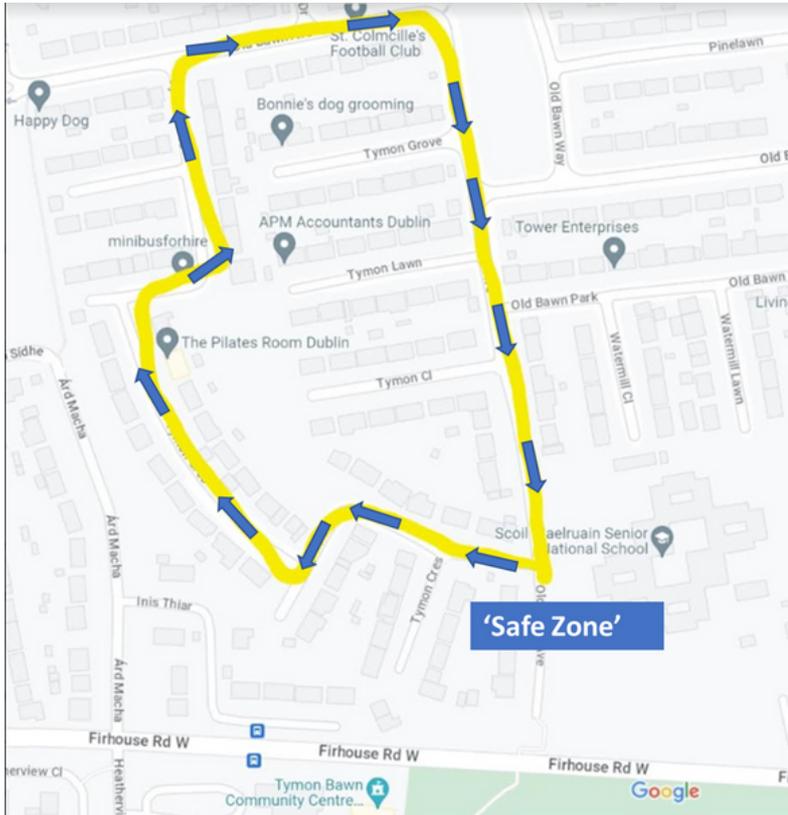
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Safe Streets.



Scoil Maelruain Junior and Senior would like to sincerely thank our parents for their support for the Safe Street/Zone.

Many of our Parents Association have joined us in the mornings and afternoons to welcome the children to the Safe Street/Zone.

It makes a Safe Street for our families and children to enter the school without the danger of cars in the area.

We would like to encourage all parents to continue their support for the initiative.

We would also like to extend our thanks to both Parents Association for their ongoing support.



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Ho! Ho! Ho!

The Parents Association reached out to Santa's team in the North Pole and arranged for Santa to visit Scoil Maelruain Junior on 20th December 2023. Santa arrived by Garda and Fire Engine escort and spent time with the kids in the hall singing songs from their Christmas plays. Santa's elves were also involved in delivering selection boxes to each of the classrooms whilst Santa was visiting with the children. All the children were excited to see, and a magical morning was had by all. The Parents Association would like to thank Santa and everyone at the North Pole for all their hard working in making this visit happen.

Fundraising

Family Table Quiz Night: We are looking to host a family table quiz night in January to help sweep away the post-Christmas blues. Further details will be confirmed in the New Year.

First Aid Courses

The Parent's Association is arranging another First Aid course that will take place in either late January or early February. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gillian Doyle on 0876630665.

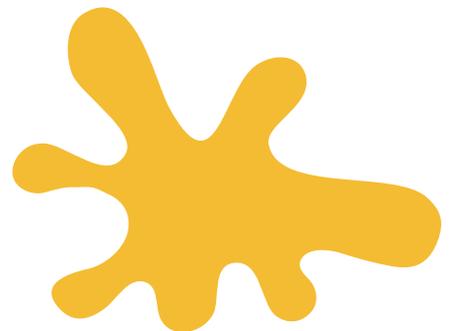
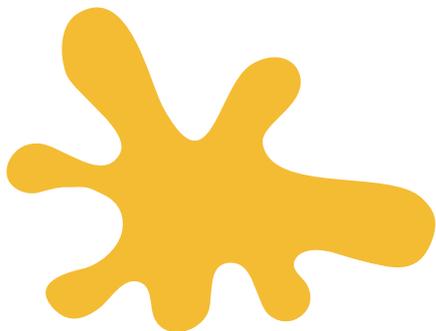
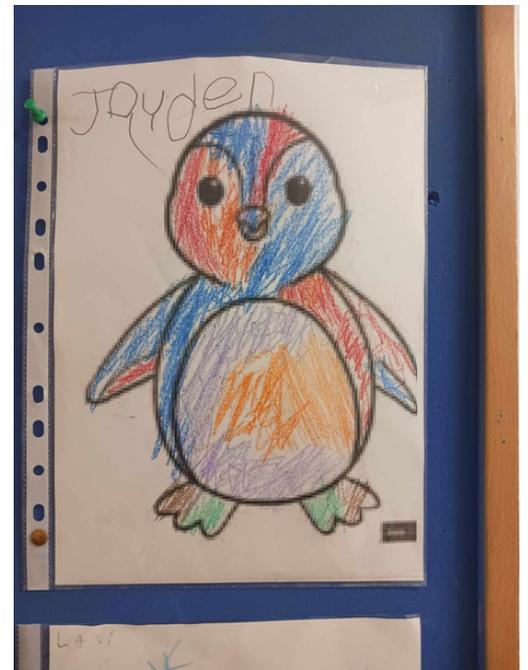
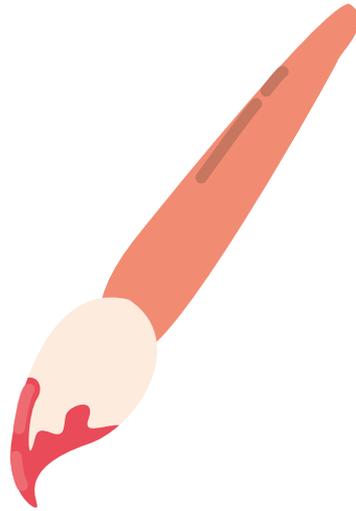
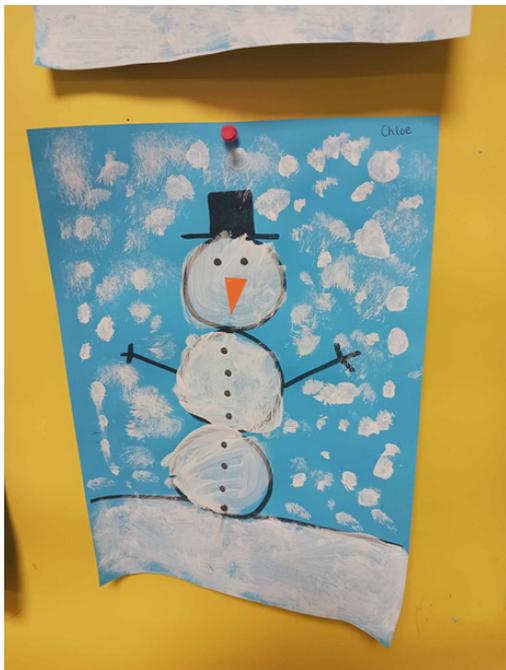
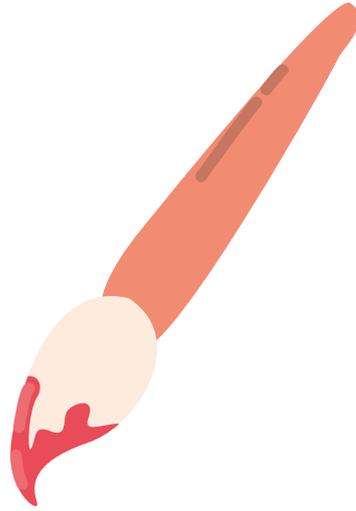
Parents Association Meeting

We will be arranging a meeting for the Parents Association in January 2024 so that we can run through the events and how we can continue to support the school for the remainder of the school year. We are always looking for volunteers to help so if you are interested, please let your class representative know.



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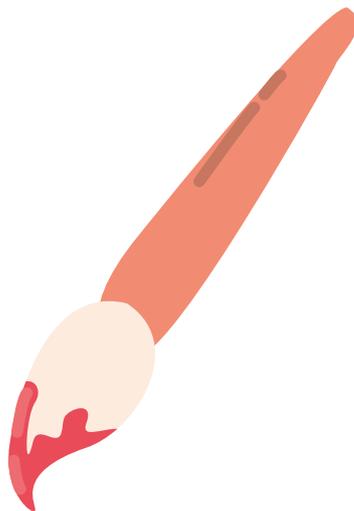
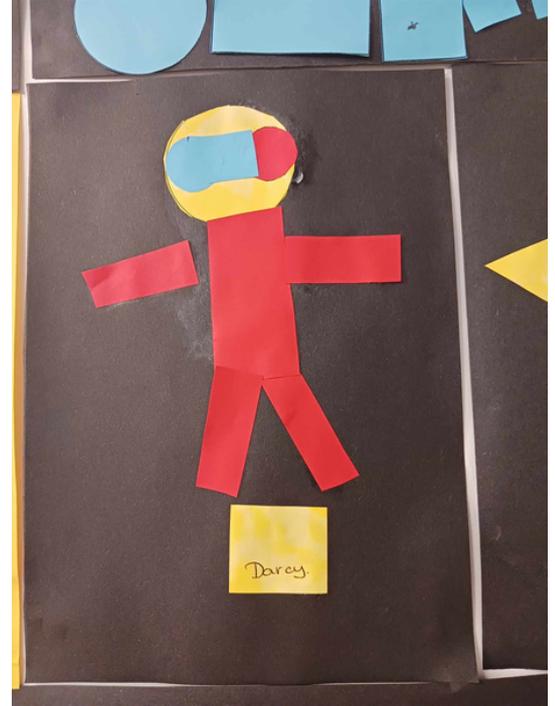
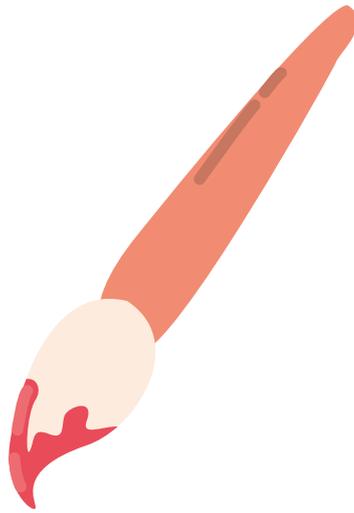
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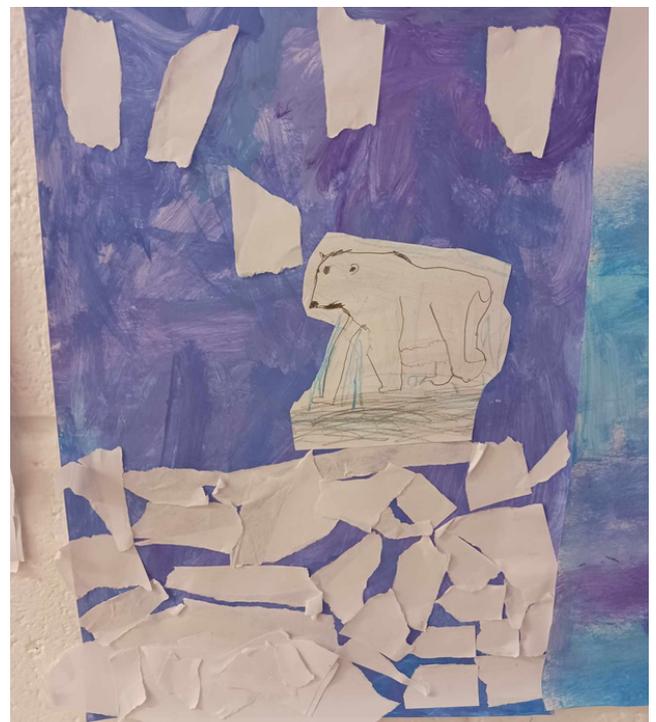
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