

December 2013



Christmas Greetings
to all our families.
Hope you enjoy a 'Santastic'
holiday!

Sacraments: In preparation for Confirmation, the Service of Light ceremony will be held on Monday, 3rd March, 2014, in the hall of St. Macartan's P.S., Aghadrumsee. Pupils and parents will be furnished with further details at a later date.

Attendance: Congratulations to those pupils who have achieved full attendance this term. I again urge parents to continue to make regular school attendance a priority for your child/children in 2014.

Sporting Activities: As part of the PE curriculum, Gaelic football with Anne McKenna will take place over a six week period, immediately after Christmas. Our PE day will continue to be on a Wednesday for the foreseeable future.

School Trip: As part of the History curriculum, on Thursday 28th November, we enjoyed an interesting session exploring various aspects of the life in the Irish Country House and Estate during the 18th and 19th centuries. It was highly entertaining as we learned about school in olden days, we learned proper conduct in social circumstances and explored the life of a gameskeeper on an estate during that historical period.



Parent Association: We congratulate our new Parent Association Committee – Brenda McCaffrey, Martina Crudden and John Connolly, for organising another very successful Christmas raffle and cake sale. The raffle earned a total of €1778, while the cake sale brought in €279. It was evident that parents put a phenomenal effort into baking such a magnificent selection of cakes for the cake sale, so many thanks! We wish our P.A. every success for the remainder of the year.

Hallelujah 2103: On Friday, 6th December our senior pupils participated in the 'Young Voices, Hallelujah Concerts 2013', in City West, Dublin. Singing with thousands of pupils from other schools was an amazing experience and performing alongside other professional artists such as Connie Talbot made it even more special. It was a truly unforgettable day, which we thought was just brilliant. Congratulations to our children on learning their songs and dance moves so well and for being so well behaved on the day! Thanks most especially to our parents for travelling to Dublin to support our efforts.



Christmas Play: Once again we thoroughly enjoyed presenting our Christmas play 'The Egyptian Nativity', to a fantastic audience. The pupils treated us to another wonderful performance. Our thanks to David and Phyllis Somerville for organising make-up which greatly enriched the overall production. Thanks also to the efforts of Mrs. Pennell for ensuring the play was a major success!! We greatly appreciate the generosity of people to the raffle, which made €400 on the night.



Safety at Christmas: Monaghan County Council has again asked schools to talk to the children about safety at Christmas and asked us to distribute a safety leaflet to children in all households. Discussing these safety tips nearer the Christmass period would, I believe, be an important step in ensuring their awareness and safety around fire, at all times.

Christmas Break: St. Comgall's N.S. will be closed from Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January, 2014. It will re-open at 9.20am on Monday 6th January 2014.

Enjoy a Happy Christmas from St. Comgall's little santa helpers!!!



Clones Carol Service: Our thanks to parents for bringing pupils to the Clones Carol Service on Saturday, 6th December. Again our pupils did us proud with their beautiful singing and pristine appearance.

Pantomime: On Tuesday, 10th December our junior pupils travelled to the new Garage Theatre, Monaghan for the annual school pantomime presented by City Theatre Dublin. Their production of 'The Adventures of Santa Claus' was a real Christmas treat and was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils.

Largy College's 'Showtime': We spent an enjoyable morning's entertainment in Largy College on Wednesday, 18th December. The songs, dancing and acting 'sketches' were fantastic and it was with great pride that we watched and were photographed with past pupils Jessica Gavin, Zoe Clarke and Peter Clarke. We thank Principal, Ms. Sharon Magennis for the invitation to go to the show's rehearsal.

