



St. Comgall's N.S.

Connors, Clones, Co. Monaghan

A happy and peaceful festive season to all our families and every good wish for the New Year!

Congratulations to all those pupils who continue to impress teachers and pupils with kind and considerate gestures, good behaviour and noteworthy academic school work. Keep up the great effort and continue to do your best in 2019!



Well done to all those pupils who achieved full attendance this term. It's obvious that good school attendance is highly valued in our school. **HOWEVER**, if you were sick, don't worry – it's important that you prevented germs spreading to those of us at school. We know that you'll be back to full attendance after Christmas. So, congratulations to Fionnán, Donnchadh, Gareth, Finn, Ava, Pádraig Óg, Dáire, Leyla, Ryan, Luke, Saoirse, and Robyn in the junior classroom and to Eoghan, Jack, Ethan, Luke, Dean, Matthew, Seán, Rocha, Tara, Oisín, Liam and Noah in the senior classroom.

Another year, and another successful Christmas raffle and cake sale. My heartfelt thanks to our P.A. committee, inspired and guided by our Secretary, Siobhán McQuaid, our Chairman, John Connolly and our Treasurer, Michelle Rice. Thanks to all parents for selling tickets, for donating prizes and for showcasing exquisite baking skills! This year, these events earned a total of €3,504. We are so grateful to be teaching pupils in a school that is so well supported and so impressively resourced with educational teaching aids.

During our second term of 2018-2019



Christmas Shoebox Appeal: We welcomed the spirit of Christmas into our homes and school with another successful 'Team Hope Shoebox Appeal' collection. The giving of shoeboxes, filled with lovely gifts, for those children who are poorer and less fortunate than us, helped us realise the real meaning of Christmas. We wish those children hope and happiness for the Christmas season. Well done to all our children for your kindness and generosity!

Cavan & Monaghan Science Week offered primary schools a free 'Primary Schools Programme' in mid-November. Subsequently, on Friday 23rd November, all pupils attended a 'Spaghetti Engineering' show in Clones Library, which tested their skill and ability to make buildings out of spaghetti and marshmallows!! An activity that, although initially seemed easy, required great patience and was quite a challenge.



Fionnán places star on tree...



Gareth switches on lights...



Pádraig Óg places star on tree...



Ethan switches on lights...



The Christmas pantomime trip took place on Tuesday, 4th December. The junior pupils travelled to the Garage Theatre, Monaghan for the annual production which, this year, was 'Little Bo Peep's Christmas Mix Up.' The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance. It certainly was a real Christmas treat!

Our Christmas play, 'The Peace Child,' performed on Tuesday 11th December to a packed house in our local Connons Community Hall, was a wonderful occasion. Thanks to our make-up artists, to the P.A. for the interval refreshments and to you parents for your attendance and your donation of prizes. Finally, to my background production team - Mrs. Pennell, Mrs. Hagan, Mary and Stephanie. Their support and enthusiasm breathes success into our shows each year, their commitment is crystal clear.

Our raffle was a huge success and again realised a very impressive €750 on the night. So far, money raised has paid for more costumes, heating oil, decorations, treats on the night and the pupils' Christmas lunch. The remainder will help pay for developing our digital learning school into the future.

Mini Me Yoga – Natalie Boyle explored a program of simple yoga movements for children, with our pupils, last Monday, 17th November. As we endeavour to look after the wellbeing of our pupils, we hope to organically weave these yoga movements into our weekly routine next term. The session proved very popular with the pupils and so we have invited Natalie to come back immediately after Christmas and do a further two sessions with the pupils, to help familiarise them with the thinking behind the movements.



Show Time proved to be another enjoyable occasion in Largy College on Wednesday, 19th December as our pupils enjoyed entertaining songs, dances and sketches, very competently performed by the secondary students. Thanks to Principal, Sharon Magennis for making us feel so welcome and for commenting on how well the pupils behaved throughout the performances.

Santa Time filled the school with exciting Christmas spirit on Wednesday, 19th December with a surprise visit from an extremely important visitor – Santa Claus!! As always, Santa proved to be a fantastic singer; he gave a gift to each child and then happily headed off to prepare for his busy workload on Christmas Eve.



Recycling: Thank you again for this week's last collection of 2018. This initiative continues to generate much needed school funds for extra-curricular activities.

Christmas Break ~ St. Comgall's N.S. will close today at 12pm, Friday 21st December, 2018 and will re-open at 9.20am, Monday 7th January **2019**.

* Finally, we would like to wish you all a... **holiday season filled with sparkle and shine and may all of your wishes and dreams come true...** *



Catriona Donnelly (Principal)