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November Newsletter 2022

- Well done to all the boys and girls in the school for participating in **Science Week**, which took place from 13 – 20 November. Ms. Moran's classroom invited all the school to their **Science Fair** where the class performed their many experiments in small groups.



- We also welcomed **Gallen CS**. Science teacher Ms. Killian and some past pupils of Rashina NS and they did a science workshop with 3rd – 6th classes. The girls and boys learned all about DNA and built different DNA models, which was very impressive!



- We are in the middle of a 5 week **Literacy Lift-Off Programme** four days per week with all children from 1st – 3rd classes. There are six stations that include reading, literacy games on iPads,

spelling games, word work and phonics, writing and new reading. Well done to all involved.

- Anti-Bullying Week** was on from 14 – 18 November. Pupils created fabulous positive slogans that are now displayed throughout the school. We focused on promoting kindness throughout the school. We hope to organise internet **safety/ cyberbullying education for children and parents** early in 2023.



- Parent/ Teacher meetings** took place during November. Thanks to all parents for making themselves available to discuss the progress of their children with the teachers.

- Thanks to all families for donating generously to the **Clothes Collection** last week. A huge 1,300kg of clothes were collected! We hope to have a total raised for the December Newsletter. These funds will go towards the running of the school.

- Well done to the boys and girls in **First Holy Communion** class for participating in the preparation mass in Ballinahown on Sunday 27 November.

- The pupils in the senior room will start the **VEX Robotics** programme this week. They will construct the competition arena and make the robot in the coming weeks. We hope that all classes will experience working with the robot in the new year.

- The school will have a **Christmas Carol Service** this year, which will take place in St. Colmcille's Church, Ballinahown on **Wednesday 14**

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December at 7pm. This promises to be a great evening's entertainment and we look forward to seeing families and friends, young and old in the church! Parents are asked to **drop children to church in Ballinahown for 9am on Friday 9 December for practice.** A bus will bring children back to school when practice is finished.



- **Music Generation's Zoe** teaches music to all our classrooms each Tuesday and this is going very well! She is currently working on some Christmas Carols in preparation for the carol service.
- The **Rashina NS Soccer Tournament 2022/23** is in full swing for children from 3rd – 6th classes. The group stages are complete and the knockout rounds are around the corner. Finals will take place before Christmas. There is a very high standard on show and lots from the younger classes are supporting on the side lines.
- **Gaelic football training** with 1st and 2nd classes takes place every Friday. Well done to the girls and boys who finish each week by wearing their gum shields and playing a short game.
- **Rugby** coach Paudge continues to work with 1st – 6th classes and it is great to see children developing all their skills and confidence.
- **Children's author Olive Mooney** visited our school today Wednesday 30 November and spoke to 3rd – 6th classes. She read chapters from her novels, gave great creative writing tips and answered questions. The school purchased 12 novels and these

will be available in our classroom libraries for children to read.

- We will run a **Christmas Raffle** again this year with the usual great prizes. This fundraiser will help to provide resources and help with the running of the school. We will send home sponsorship cards next week and all support would be greatly appreciated. We also plan on giving a percentage of money raised to a local charity.
- **School uniforms** are looking very well this school year. Pupils are reminded to wear full uniform except for school tracksuit on PE/ football days.
- The road outside the school is busy, especially at home times. Thanks again to all parents for being **extra vigilant** at these times and ensuring the safety of all.
- Reminder to all that **supervision starts at 8.50am and all children should be in classrooms by 9am** to start school.
- There will be an **open evening for incoming Junior Infants 2023** in January. Once this date is finalised, we will share with parents and wider community.
- School will close for Christmas break at **12pm on Wednesday 21 December** and reopen on Thursday 5 January.
- **Lough Boora Running Ferbane Athletic Club** are having a '5k Santa Dash' in Lough Boora Discovery Park on Sunday 4 December at 10.30am. Adults €10 and Family Entry €20. This is not linked with the school but John and others were helpful and supportive in the organisation of our own 5k last May. We are sharing this as it might be of interest to people. Santa will be there on his sleigh!