

Science Week 2021



All of our boys and girls enjoyed some fun and engaging activities as part of Science Week 2021. There was tower building at fourth class, boat designing at third class and an exploration of 'Magic Milk' among the infants. Well done.

Hospice Collection

Our school is delighted to participate in the coffee morning for our local hospice. Each year our staff members enjoy a coffee morning at first break and collect funds for St Francis Hospice in Blanchardstown. Once again there was generosity of spirit and the hospice conveyed its gratitude to the school via letter.

Late Late Toyshow

Congratulations to Kayleigh in Ms Dwyer's 4th class. She was fortunate to have the opportunity to perform with lots of other boys and girls on the Late Late Toy show recently. Kayleigh is a keen dancer and performer and loves to take



part in stage performances. She was thrilled to be selected to perform on the Late Late stage in front of a national audience of over 1 million people. Each year thousands of young boys and girls

dream of being on the Toyshow. Kayleigh has made us all so proud and we are delighted that her classmates were able to sit back with their families and enjoy her performance from home.

Team Hope

On Friday November 26th, our boys and girls were invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or Christmas colours to school. The school embraced the festive spirit with gusto and we were delighted to see so many of our students and staff enjoying the Christmas jumper day. Ordinarily we participate in the Team Hope shoebox appeal. Children fill shoeboxes with gifts for boys and girls across the world who may not get the chance to share in the blessings of Christmas. This year, instead of filling the shoeboxes ourselves, we were invited to make a donation to the charity. Thank you for participating.



Getting Creative



Students in the senior classes have been very busy this term. In November, students in fifth and sixth class produced some incredibly detailed projects that explored the World Wars. As well as classroom displays and detailed investigations, the students designed and built scaled models of trenches and battlefields. Well done everyone.

Rapid Readers

We are so fortunate to have such enthusiastic readers in our school. We place a huge emphasis on enjoying all kinds of reading materials. The boys and girls in First, Second and Third have been making great progress with the PM reading programme. Well done everyone.



A Message from Mr. Lyons

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we leave for the Christmas break, let us reflect on a very busy first term here in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa.

We were delighted to celebrate the sacrament of First Confession in September and the sacrament of First Holy Communion in November with pupils from our Coiscéim and third classes. Congratulations again to the children and their families.

Our senior soccer blitz was a huge success in September and October and was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. Thank you to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Kestell and Mr. Harraghy for organising the blitz.

Science Week was a very busy week with children taking part in experiments and investigations in their classes. Some members of our SET team visited classes and enjoyed working with the children. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mr. O'Callaghan for organising and overseeing the event.

The community of Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa gave generously to the annual Shoebox Appeal, raising over €1,000. Many thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause.

We were very fortunate to be one of only a handful of schools to be visited by the PLAYground Orchestra. On Friday, December 10th a 29-piece orchestra entertained us with festive favourites and really raised our Christmas Spirits!

Last week, pupils and staff enjoyed some treats while they watched this year's Helix Panto, 'Red Riding Hood'. Our thanks to the Parents' Association for funding and organising this event.

Our school raffle was a great success, raising over €5,000 for our school. Again, our thanks to the Parents' Association for organising and congratulations to the lucky winners. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and to parents/guardians who supported the fundraiser so generously, your support is very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, we were unable to open our doors to parents/guardians for school plays and Nativities this Christmas. Our pupils and staff have been busy creating beautiful art displays around the school, creating a wonderful festive atmosphere in classrooms and on corridors. We hope you enjoy our walk-around video, showing all the wonderful displays. The video is available to view on our website at <http://sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/news-blog> and our thanks to Ms. Lee for organising this project.

On a closing note, I would like to sincerely thank all members of our school community for the incredible support you have given your children and our school this term. It has not been an easy time and we have faced ever-changing and increasing challenges, but with your support, we have kept the good ship Sacred Heart afloat. I would ask you to continue to give us your support for the rest of the year because, as our school motto states, '*Ní neart go cur le chéile*,' there is no strength without unity.

I would like to wish everyone in our school community a happy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in the New Year. Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh.

Stay safe and take care.

Kieran Lyons



FÍS Success

Congratulations to the boys and girls in fifth class who accepted the award for 'Outstanding Sound Track' at the recent FÍS film awards. Last year they produced an inspiring film called 'The Wishing Switch' with their teacher Mr Doyle. It looked at the very serious issue of bullying in a sensitive and thought provoking manner. We are all so proud of the students and their teacher for producing such a high quality film. It demonstrates the ingenuity and creativity of our students and it offers an insight into the wonderful opportunities that are afforded our students here in school. This award follows a long tradition of success at FÍS.

Admissions 2022

Given current restrictions it will not be possible to host open enrolment meetings in the school this year. Therefore, **Admission / Enrolment Applications for Junior Infants and Coiscéim Classes 2022 will be accepted in hard copy and electronically.**

The Admission Application Form, our school's Admission Policy and Admission Notice are available to download on the school website at <http://sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/admissions-2022.html>.

Alternatively a hard copy of the Admission Application Form is available on request from the school office by:

- Telephoning (01) 8216400
- Writing to Sacred Heart of Jesus NS, Huntstown, Dublin 15, D15 KF65
- Emailing enrol.sacredheartns@gmail.com

Completed Admission / Enrolment Applications for Junior Infants and Coiscéim classes 2022 may be submitted:

- In hard copy in person to the school office
- By post to Sacred Heart of Jesus NS, Huntstown, Dublin 15, D15 KF65
- By email to our dedicated enrolment email address enrol.sacredheartns@gmail.com

Admission applications must include:

- A copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of address in the form of two original utility bills dated within two months of the enrolment application date
- Your child's PPS number
- A copy of any relevant reports (e.g. Medical, Speech and Language, Assessment of Need etc.)

Please contact the school office by phone on (01) 8216400 or by email at enrol.sacredheartns@gmail.com if you have any queries about admissions to our school.

Acceptable Use Policy

Our school's ICT Acceptable Use Policy has been reviewed and revised. It is now available to view on the school website.

Please click on the link below:

<http://sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/ict-acceptable-use-policy.html>

School Calendar 2022 – Terms 2 and 3



February Mid-term Break: Monday 21 to Friday 25 February 2022

St. Patrick's Day Holiday: Thursday 17 and Friday 18 March 2022

Easter Break: Monday 11 to Friday 22 April 2022 (School closes at 12 noon on Friday 8 April)

May Public Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022

June Mid-term Break: Friday 3, Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 June 2022

School will close for the summer holidays at 12 noon on **Thursday 30 June**

*There will be additional closures owing to Primary Language Curriculum training (dates will follow in due course)



Face Masks

In line with HSE and Department of Education direction, students from 3rd to 6th classes must wear face coverings at school unless an exemption applies.

The PLAYground Orchestra



Orchestra Visit

On December 10th, we were treated to a stunning performance by the PLAYground orchestra. Organised in conjunction with Draíocht theatre in Blanchardstown, the boys and girls were treated to a live performance.



The orchestra is

conducted by Mr Paul Frost. He leads an accomplished team of talented musicians. The boys and girls were thrilled to be able to sing along to some well known Christmas hymns and carols. During the performance, Paul explained to the students about the different parts of the orchestra and each of the instruments was introduced. Last year we had enjoyed the PLAYground orchestra in our school yard at lunch time; when one musician played to the delight of the students. This time we were able to experience a full ensemble. It was a rare but most wonderful treat and left everyone feeling full of festive cheer. Thank you to Ms Donohoe for organising this event.

Christmas Displays

We were delighted that our boys and girls went to so much effort this year to decorate their classrooms and corridors for Christmas. It gave us all a real reason to be cheerful. Thankfully we have been able



to capture the many displays around the school and they have been made into a short video that is available to view on our website at <http://sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/news-blog>. Thanks to Ms Lee for putting so much work into producing the video for us all. It demonstrates the rich talent of our boys and girls and will hopefully uplift you all.



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