



ST. MARNOCK'S N.S.



MESSAGE FROM MS TRIMBLE

Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter with all the latest news about what's happening in St. Marnock's in the run up to Christmas! We are really looking forward to welcoming parents back into our school again for our Christmas Concerts following a three year absence due to Covid. Classes have been busily rehearsing over the past few weeks and there is great excitement mounting as the concerts are fast approaching next week.

Have a read of our newsletter to find out more about our Christmas activities and please give as generously as you can to support our Parents' Association & 6th class Christmas Charity Appeal in aid of the Lions' Club by bringing in non-perishable products into school until Friday 16th December in support of a very worthy cause.

Nollaig Shona,
Sinéad Trimble



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

- The St. Marnock's Christmas Concerts make a welcome return to the school calendar this year. Performances will take place from Tuesday 13th December to Thursday 15th December in the hall.
- P.A. Christmas raffle: Please give as generously as you can to this fundraiser for our school. Tickets will be on sale at the concerts.

SIXTH CLASS CHARITY APPEAL



Our sixth class pupils and Student Council are running their annual Christmas Charity Appeal with the support of the P.A. Please send in non-perishable food items to make up hampers that will be distributed to needy families in the local area by the Portmarnock Lions' Club.



IRISH JUNIOR SQUASH OPEN



Danny O'Brien from sixth class and Ethan Ryan from fifth class competed in the under 13 age-group of the Irish Junior Squash Open on 18th November. This is a competition organized by the European Squash Federation and is open to players from all over the world who wish to compete. The competition was held in Sutton Lawn Tennis Club and ALSAA.



In Danny and Ethan's group there were competitors from Portugal, Italy, Croatia and Australia as well as from the various clubs around Ireland. The overall winner of the boys under 13 age group was a boy from Portugal. Danny came 10th in the tournament after narrowly losing out to Giulio from Italy. Ethan came 12th in the tournament and again had a very tough last match against a fellow Sutton Lawn member.

There were a lot of dramatic moments on court over the weekend including Ethan breaking the strings of his racquet after a very powerful return - luckily Danny was on hand to lend him his racquet so the game continued!

Each of the boys played 5 matches over the course of the weekend. Each match consisted of at least 3 games and sometimes more. The winner of a match is the first player to win three games. Well done to Danny and Ethan who did so well in the tournament!



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



It has been great to welcome members of our Parents' Association back to carry out their traditional role of decorating our school corridors. Yet again they have shown great creativity and eye for detail in their endeavours. Every attempt was made to use recycled materials in the displays. A BIG thank you to our P.A. for all their wonderful work and support to the school throughout the year.





A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

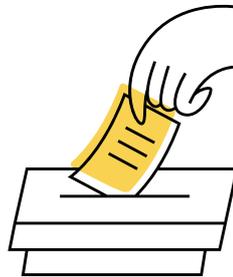


Nathan Dunne in Mr Doherty's 4th class recently visited Liverpool F.C with his under 11 St. Joey's team. Nathan, who plays left-back, played games against Southampton, Hearts, Sheffield United and also the mighty Liverpool! In the tournament, St. Joey's topped their group by winning 2 games and drawing 1. They then played Liverpool in the semi-final and unfortunately lost 5-3. Jordan Henderson and Mo Salah watched this game! Nathan also got a private tour of Anfield and the Liverpool training ground. His personal highlight was captaining the team in a 1-0 win over Southampton. Well done Nathan, what a great experience!!



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

St. Marnock's held their student council elections in November. Every child in the school from Junior Infants to Sixth cast their votes on Friday 11th November at a polling station in the hall. The results were announced on Monday 14th November. The eight student council members elected were India Sex, Jamie Timoney, Colm Durkan and Donnacha Grogan from Fifth class and Eibhlin Barrett, Jack Stephenson, Shera Zhu and Adam Maguire from Sixth class. Thank you to Ms. Whelan who coordinated the whole process from candidate speeches to polling booths. We are looking forward to working with our new student council members in the New Year.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER P.A. FUNDRAISER



A reminder that our Christmas jumper/festive clothes day will take place on Friday 16th December. Children may get into the festive spirit by wearing Christmas clothes. If they wish, they may bring in a donation of €2 which will go directly to our P.A. fundraiser for sensory equipment for St. Marnock's N.S. and Portmarnock Arch Club (Social Club for people with special needs).



H.S.E. ADVICE

Following the latest H.S.E. advice to schools regarding the increased number of viral infections, parents are advised to keep children at home if they are in any way unwell. A letter from the H.S.E. regarding this was emailed to all parents on 8/12. Thank you for your co-operation and support in keeping our school community infection free.

