

Green School News

Walk on Wednesdays continues at pace and it is great to see the numbers increasing in what is traditionally the term with the most adverse conditions so we look forward to increasing these numbers as the year gets kinder. Recently we had Damien from the Green Schools Committee call to us to do a survey on our transport to school and he was very impressed with our progress so all going well we will make our Flag application in the Springtime. Watch this space!!!!

5th & 6th class: The children really enjoyed their visits to Nenagh College, Nenagh CBS and St Marys secondary schools in Nenagh recently. They have been working very hard recently on their shows for our Christmas Templederry's Got Talent. They will not disappoint!!! We also took part in The Hour of Code. This is an international initiative to help promote programming for children and it proved extremely popular in Templederry. We will revisit this at a later stage again in the year. Preparations for our confirmation are ongoing. Our favourite art lesson this term was making our snowmen characters for the Winter wonderland. We also enjoyed learning about the UN Human Rights Charter for children. We got to teach the class what we thought it meant for us as children.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal This ever-popular initiative was again wholeheartedly embraced in Templederry this year. We thank everyone for their generosity and the children truly love giving something to children who are less fortunate than us. It marks the start of our Christmas every year and this year proved no different with over 100 shoeboxes being donated by Templederry NS to the appeal.

Parent Teacher Meetings We would like to thank you all for your co-operation and time during the recent parent teacher meetings. These could not run smoothly without your support and please note your teachers are only too happy to meet with you by appointment should you so wish at any stage during the school year.

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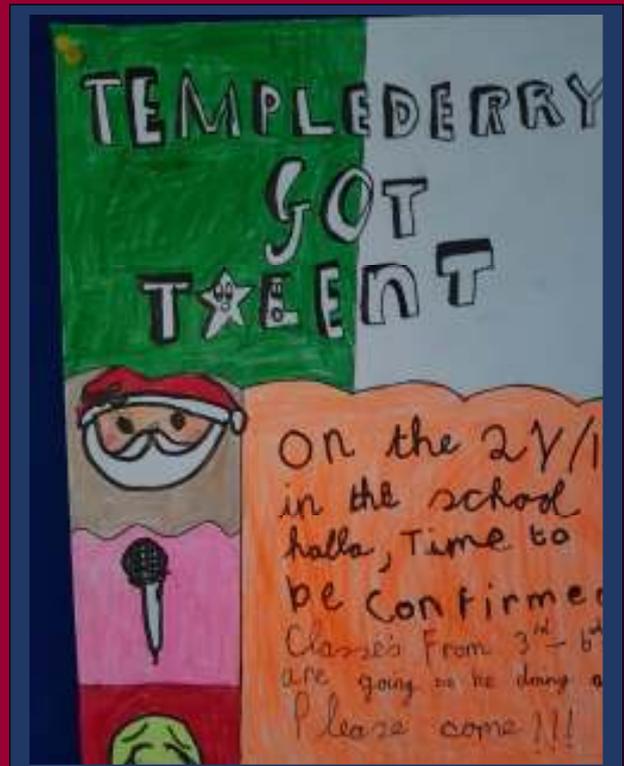
*"Welcome to the Templederry NS
Christmas Newsletter 2017!"
What a busy November and
December we have had since we
have returned since Mid-Term. We
hope you enjoy
reading about it.*

Junior & Senior Infants: These have been a busy few months for our new junior infants and senior infants. We began September with a nature walk where they identified some features of autumn around the school. They looked at oak trees and collected leaves, acorns and conkers for the nature table. One week was spent weather watching, in which they recorded the weather of everyday that week. Junior infants began the Jolly Phonics programme and are progressing each week learning new sounds every day. Seniors have finished The Big Horse book and are currently reading a selection of library books. In art, the children have been given the opportunity to experiment with a range of materials, creating their own magic carpets, squirrels, Halloween costumes and farm animals.

1st and 2nd have been very busy since we came back to school in September. We learned all about transport through the ages. We learned about old and modern games and toys. We chatted to our granny's and grandads about the games they played. We went to the swimming pool in Nenagh and really improved our swimming. On Thursdays we have music with our music teacher Ned Kelly. We have got so good at our tin whistles and we will be playing them in "Templederry's Got Talent" show. We had our enrolment mass for our communion and a lovely leaf ceremony with Fr Teehan in November to remember those who have passed on. We did lots of art throughout the term especially our lovely Christmas lanterns and snowmen. We love Winter Wonderland and go there regularly for story time.

3rd & 4th have had a very busy term. We learned all about The Stone Age and even made our own cave paintings!! We had a visit from the Nenagh firefighters where we learned all about fire safety. We began meditation in school and we are continuing to explore guided meditation. We created our own paradise in school where the children designed a paradise full of the things that made them happy. One of the most exciting things that happened this term was achieving pen licenses! Congratulations to these pupils who have received theirs and good luck to those who are still working towards it! The children wrote their own shows for Templederry's Got Talent and they can't wait for you to see them on the 21st!!







Farewell Miss Floyd, Welcome back Mrs McLoughlin: we would like to thank Miss Floyd for all she has done in her short time with us. We were delighted to welcome her and are sorry to see her go. We wish her the best for the future. In the same breath we welcome back Mrs McLoughlin to the school from her maternity leave. Its great to have you back once again just in time gfor the Xmas

Templederrys Got Talent!!! At the time of writing plans are moving full steam ahead for our novelty talent show on December 21st. The show will begin at 12:30. We think you will thoroughly enjoy it as the children have put ina huge effort and we think the results are truly remarkable. Templeberry definitely has talent and we are delighted to be in a position to showcase this on this day in school. Everybody is welcome but get there early as we are expecting a large crowd. The show kicks off at 12:30 and we will have up to 8 acts on the day. Thursday is also our Christmas jumper day so feel free to join in on the festivities.

Winter Wonderland: When you come in on Thursday why not take a bit of time to explore our Christmas Winter wonderland. This is a combination of childrens artwork and Christmas themed decorations put together to form a Christmas Winter Wonderland for all our storytelling activities in the lead up to Christmas. We love to hear nice things about it so we would only be too happy to show it to you.

Christmas Panto: The children will attend the Christmas Panto in the UL Concert Hall on Wednesday December 20th. This year's panto is Cinderella and we are really looking forward to experiencing this years show. Please note the children will return to school after normal closing times!!

PIRLS:

Almost 2 years ago the school took part in the PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) findings have just been published and while there are no results specific to Templeberry the overall results for Ireland were very encouraging. Irelands average score increased from 552 in 2011 to 567 in 2016. Ireland placed 4th out of 50 countries in PIRLS and 3rd out of 50 in ePIRLS (an assessment of online reading skills and digital literacy) Girls outscored boys in both tests. 21% of Irish students tested reached the advanced international benchmark and 62 % reached the High International Benchmarks. Scores were similar in the ePIRLS. 98% of pupils in Ireland reached a minimum of the Low International Benchmark.

Upcoming Dates

- Monday December 18th mass at 10 am
- Tuesday December 19th Dress Rehearsal for Templederrys got Talent
- Wednesday December 20th Christmas Pant in UL
- Thursday December 21st Templederrys Got Talent at 12:30 and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday December 22nd School Holidays. School closes at 12 noon.
- School re-opens Monday January 8th



Bags 2 School: We thank you all sincerely for helping us in our Bags 2 School collection in October which raise **€500.11** for the school. We will be running another clothes appeal again in April with the collection date around the middle of the month so please hold onto the unwanted clothing until then if possible. The school is in the running to win an iPad should we be able to top our previous weight collected of 1100kg!!

Nutrition Tips and Tricks: It is our intention in the New Year to compile some tips and tricks around the area of Healthy eating and Healthy lunches. We are working on a few different ideas at the moment as to what format these will take, and we hope to make them available at some stage in the New Year. This will also involve us reviewing current Healthy Eating practices in the school and to this end we will be asking the children to compile some ideas as to what they like in a healthy lunch.

NEW LIGHT FOR CAR PARK!! We are delighted to have finally secured a light through the help of the County Council and Clár funding for the school car park. Work has already begun and we hope to have it lighting before the Christmas break.

