

Festive Greetings from First Year

Christmas Newsletter

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

Welcome to our Christmas Edition of the First Year Newsletter.

Our first years have been very busy this last term both academically and with extra-curricular activities.

The First year boys and girls are back training for football, camogie, hurling and soccer after school. Their hard work and dedication has been rewarded by many victories along the way. The spirit of teamwork and commitment is evident throughout year. We hope to set up a chess room and a board game for lunchtime activities in the New Year.

They also completed their CAT4 assessments.

Some first years are also involved in St. Vincent de Paul on Wednesday mornings and they were part of a group of students who helped to organise a very successful Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December, raising funds for an amazing charity this Christmas.

The First Years are looking forward to a well earned break from Wednesday, the 22nd of Dec at 12 noon until Thursday, 6th of Jan and spending time recharging the batteries over Christmas.

It's the most wonderful time of the year.....

On that note, I would like to thank you, the parents, for your continued support. Look after yourselves, be kind to each other and I wish you Health and Happiness over the Christmas break.

Michelle Ryan Quinn
Year Head

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

St. Caimin's Annual Christmas Jumper Day

Our First Years were all decked out in their Christmas jumpers on Friday, the 10th of December to support the fundraiser for St. Vincent De Paul.

Pictured below are First Years spreading the Christmas cheer with their Year Head Ms. Ryan Quinn.



Class Caimin



Class Seannan



Class Moibhi



Class Padraig



Class Colman



Merry Christmas

First Year Boys Football Team

So far this year the first year footballers have had a number of productive outings. The lads have been taking part in the Clare 1st Year Gaelic Football blitz series. This is the first year of this initiative which saw the lads play a series of games in Inagh on the astro-turf against opposition from Kilrush, Ennis Community College, Rice College, Lisdoonvarna and Ennistymon CBS.

The lads have improved with every outing and are a talented group of players. They are a pleasure to train and bring on trips away. There will be more games to look forward to after Christmas.



First Year Girls Football Team

The First Year Girls have made a great contribution to the St. Caimin's School Ladies Football team. They have been working tirelessly at training and have settled into playing with girls from older year groups seamlessly. The Junior Football team have had three outings so far this year with a very exciting fourth outing quickly approaching. They are playing in the upcoming final against our neighbours St. Patrick's Comprehensive School on Monday 20th December at 1.30pm in the Wolfetones GAA pitch.

The girls battled hard in each match against various schools from around Clare. They played St. Flannan's and Ennistymon Vocational School with an impressive score line achieved at each excursion. They have proudly represented their clubs and we look forward to seeing what the future of St. Caimin's Ladies Football team will bring.

Best of Luck in the final girls !!!



First Year Boys Soccer Team

The first year boys soccer team are performing really well so far this year. The coaches, Mr Corry and Mr Duff are really happy with all the students who are putting in a lot of effort in training and matches. The first years beat Borriskane 5-2 in the North Munster first round with goals coming from Aleks Gladysz (3), Zak Phelan, and Jan Zmija. The lads have their next game in this competition coming up against Croom and we hope that we can have a similar outcome.



Soccer Team



Showing off their skills



On the attack

First Year Girls Soccer Team

The first year girls soccer team has been flying through training sessions, patiently awaiting the new year and their championship pending. The girls have shown great commitment at their training sessions and with their teammates and have played a blinder so far this year. Fingers crossed the girls' hard work and commitment will do them justice in the New Year!



Camogie News by Sarah & Laura

We have played camogie for as long as we can remember. We are proud to play for our Club, School and County.

When Camogie training began in school, we both tried out for the team and made the starting 15 of the Ladies Junior Camogie team. After weeks of training, our first match was a seven-a-side tournament in Mallow. The matches were tough, but we both tried our best and enjoyed taking part in this competitive event.

Every week we have training after school on a Thursday, and with encouragement from our trainers, we've improved our skills and fitness.

We love playing camogie and the school has given us another chance to get involved in our favourite sport.

Sarah McEvoy, Class Colman

Laura Meaney, Class Seannan



Team Tactics



Junior Ladies Camogie Team



Ready for Action

Hurling News

The boys first year hurling team have been very busy this term. They train after school one day a week to improve their fitness and skills and are really gelling together as a team. They have played many matches including two blitz's which were held in St. Flannan's College. In one of these matches they got to the A-finals. This enthusiastic group of boys have plenty more matches to look forward to in the New Year



Winter Wonderland at the Hub

Our students in The Hub have been very busy getting ready for the festive season.

They had a great time putting up their Christmas tree and decorating it. Luke Bermingham had the honour of putting the star on top this year!

In other exciting news, the students had a wonderful day out at Liskennett Farm in Co. Limerick recently (and just in the nick of time, before storm Barra hit the county!). They enjoyed a one-hour equestrian trail around the grounds of the farm and made lots of four-legged friends along the way!

On behalf of everyone in The Hub, we would like to thank first year student and SVP representative Alex O' Shaughnessy for his kindness and generosity in putting forward the idea that some of the funds raised in this year's school Christmas Jumper Day be donated to Liskennett Farm. Thank you, Alex and thank you to every student and staff member who donated to this school fundraiser.

The students in The Hub have also enjoyed lots of other activities since the October mid-term, including soccer training and matches, trad music sessions, lots of exciting Science Week experiments, gardening, cooking and woodwork (to name just a few).

They are currently in the process of putting their very own play together, which is a modern take on the classic "Return of the Prodigal Son". Although there won't be a live performance of the play, the

The students in The Hub would also like to thank everyone in the school who has kindly donated their milk cartons over the past few weeks for an exciting project they are working on. Watch this space to find out what they have been up to...!



Hiking at Liskennett Farm



Christmas Greetings at the entrance to the Hub



The Igloo !!!

I wish it could be Christmas everyday.....

Christmas morning, woken up by that nasty Christmas bell that I'd completely forgotten about, but then suddenly remembering it's Christmas morning.....

Excitement coursing through my veins, I jumped out of bed. I burst into my sister's bedroom, launching onto her bed as she jumped under the covers hiding. We hurried down the stairs, the cold floor on our feet. Taking turns, we ripped the paper off our presents. Just thinking of it makes me happy. The smell of the roast turkey cooking in the oven, I can't get enough of it.

Christmas may be once a year, but the feeling stays all year, every year.

By Maria Gordeeva, Class Colman

Santa Claus is coming to town.....

My favourite Christmas memory began on Christmas Eve a few years ago. My sister and I were asleep and my Mom started making noise so we would think Santa was up on the roof. We woke up and got our walkie-talkies so we could speak to each other. My sister almost started crying because she was so excited. My sister wanted to check if Santa was there but I told her no, in case Santa saw us and disappeared. It was hard to fall asleep because of all the excitement but eventually we dozed off.

When I woke up in the morning, it was the best Christmas ever because all our presents were under the tree and we knew Santa had delivered them during the night

By Bailey Mullins, Class Colman

Wesołych Świąt

In Poland we have a Christmas tradition where you have 12 dishes of food on Christmas Day. You try some of every dish on offer. The best dish in my opinion is the white baked sausage and my least favourite dish is the tuna in vinegar. I never really liked it but my Mother always asked me to try it. Another dish that we cook are Dumplings and I really like them too. It's nice to have so many dishes to choose from on Christmas Day and everyone has their own favourite dish

Merry Christmas everyone
By Nikodem Wojciechowicz, Class Coleman



*Bailey, Maria & Nikodem who wrote about their memories of
Christmas*

*Merry Christmas from all the First Years at St. Caimins. We hope you like our
Christmas edition of our newsletter and we wish you and your families a
Happy New Year*

