

St. Caireall's Primary School Aghyaran



News sheet January 2021

January and Remote Learning

I hope that you had a peaceful Christmas and that the New Year brings you health and happiness.

With the ever changing Executive decisions, St. Caireall's will continue to rise to the challenge and aim to provide your children with remote learning that provides children, parents and carers with much needed feedback.

There will be someone available at the school for you to contact by phone, through Seesaw or via the school email info@stcaireallsps.castleberg.ni.sch.uk. Should you require extra reading books, exercise books, work or need to talk, then we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

We are delighted that we have Seesaw up and going and will be learning how to use it with each activity we put up. I am reminding you to read the Remote Learning Policy which you will find on the St. Caireall's School Website. There are also helpful websites and other ideas to be found on the school website.

This is not an easy time for everyone and as a school community, we are aware of this. We have taken on board feedback from the recent school survey and we hope that this experience will be as short as necessary and that your children continue to keep learning.

God Bless

Mrs Michelle Ellis



January Fun fact

January is named for Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. Janus had two faces with one looking ahead to the future and the other looking back at the past



Christmas Hamper Draw

A massive thank you to all who worked so hard to make the Christmas Hamper Draw such a success this year. Many people got involved in donating towards the hampers, making the hampers look beautiful and discovering new skills in creative display work.

All of the money raised will be going towards school funds and help to shape the future direction that St. Caireall's is taking. We hope to purchase a bank of ipads for classes to use as a learning tool and upgrade our school's Big Book collection for Literacy.

To all the winners, we hope that you enjoyed the basket of treats and to all the ticket buyers, know that your participation is appreciated. There was much excitement in the school on the morning of the draw. Mrs McHugh, who was in school for a presentation from the Board of Governors, helped to pull out the winning names as the children watched on from their classrooms. There was a real buzz of excitement from the classes when their names or someone they knew had been pulled out.

Christmas Draw Winners – Friday, 11th December 2020

Food hamper: **Stephanie Connolly**

Teddy bear: **Sally McHugh**

Sweet hamper: **Rose Morris**

Paddys Repairs voucher & touch light: **Cahir Moss**

Beauty hamper with candle holder: **Ava Doherty**

Inis Beauty hamper: **Seamus Hilley**

Beauty hamper with bottle of wine, sweets **Bridie McGlinchey**

Prosecco hamper: **Cara McVitty**

£25 Spar voucher: **Caoimhin Connolly**

£25 Vivo voucher: **Claire Harvey**

Sweet hamper: **Aimee Anderson**

Sweet hamper: **Eoghan Hanna**

Galway Crystal vase: **Darren Howard**

Food hamper: **Shane Dolan**



Christmas Activities

This year, the classes decided that they wanted to do something for Christmas. Each class took on a different theme for example Year 1, 2 and 3 had their own Christmas Nativity play. Years 4 / 5 recited poetry and performed a dance. Years 6 / 7 performed their own age appropriate play and enjoyed every second of it.

The children were eager to participate in all activities and they should be proud of all their achievements. A big thank you to all the staff who found suitable play scripts, costumes, props and then created the professional videos for all to enjoy. From the wonderful comments we received through Seesaw, we can tell that you enjoyed watching them as much as we enjoyed making them and uploading them for your entertainment.

Board of Governors Presentation

The Board of Governors were finally able to present Mrs McHugh with their gifts of appreciation. Danny McSorley, Chair of the Board of Governors, thanked Mrs McHugh for her many years of service and for her dedication to the St. Caireall's school community. Other members of the BoG were in attendance and were part of the presentation team.



A presentation was made to Mrs McHugh on behalf of the children



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Be Safe

Keep your personal information safe and secret. Think carefully before you share a photo of yourself or your friends.

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M

Don't Meet Up

Never arrange to meet an online friend because it can be dangerous. No matter how well you think you know people, they might be pretending.



A

Accepting Emails can be Dangerous

If you receive junk mail (called Spam) or messages which make you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult that you trust and delete them. Don't reply to them!



R

Reliable?

The Internet is full of friendly people and amazing information. However, sometimes people might say or write things which are untrue, so you should always think carefully before trusting what you see or hear.



T

Tell Someone!

Most of the time that you are online, you will have lots of fun. However, if you see something that makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, make sure that you tell an adult who you trust.

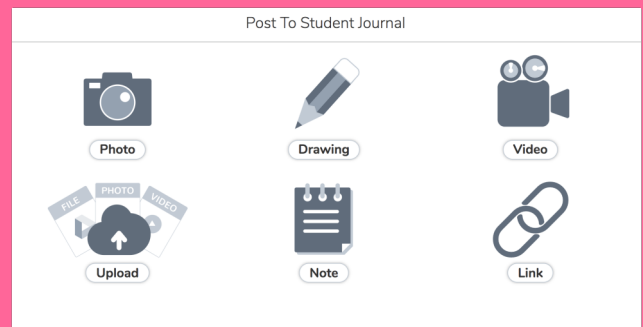


Teaching Ideas
www.teachingideas.co.uk

Remember with all of the online learning that you can follow these simple rules to keep yourselves safe.

Seesaw

Remember to log into Seesaw to find your daily activities.



Then send us your work to be marked and returned to you.



Would anyone be available to join our parents support group called Friends Of St. Caireall's (FOSC)? Your school community needs your ideas and skills to help support the school. There are members already part of the team but they would like new members willing to share their skills. Please contact school by phone or email if you would be willing to join this team. Thank you.

Gemma McHale Foundation

A massive thank you to the Gemma Mc Hale Foundation for their continued support. Since September, they have funded a therapist to help the well being of children in school and have donated towards much needed PPE equipment. Their ongoing support has made a huge difference to the children in St. Caireall's and we really appreciate all they do. Thank you



Applying for a place in St. Caireall's for September 2021

If your child was born between 2nd July 2016 and 1st July 2017 they will be due to start St. Caireall's primary school in September 2021. As they are of compulsory school age you must apply for a place in our primary school.

The Citizen Portal for online applications opens at 12.00 noon on 7 January 2021 and closes at 12.00 noon on 29 January 2021 for September 2021 admissions.

- Birth certificates can be uploaded or can be left into the school office before 5th February 2021.
- The Admissions Helpdesk 028 9598 5595 will be available for digital assistance.
- If you do not apply before the closing date/time of **12.00 noon on Friday 29 January 2021**, your application will be treated as a late application.
- If you are unable to apply online, paper applications will only be available on request from the Education Authority.

Christmas dinner / jumper day!



A few spiritual thoughts for the months ahead...

“Hope opens new horizons,
making us capable of dreaming
what is not even imaginable.”

POPE FRANCIS

5 FINGER PRAYER

by Pope Francis

1 **FOR THE ONES WE LOVE**
The thumb is the closest finger to you. Start praying for those who are closest to you.

2 **FOR THE ONES THAT TEACH US**
The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you.

3 **FOR OUR LEADERS**
The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority.

4 **FOR THE SICK AND WEAKEST**
The 4th finger is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest and the sick.

5 **FOR YOURSELF**
Finally we have our pinkie finger, the smallest of all. It should remind you to pray for yourself.

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