

## Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas raffle and to all who provided prizes. The lucky winners were::

Prize	Sponsored By	Winner
2 x 3 Arena Tickets to any show (subject to availability)	Aryza	Joanne & Albert Carrigan
€100 euro All for One Voucher	Spar Foodhall (Abbey Street Lwr)	Deborah & Colin Brown
€100 euro All for One Voucher	Spar Foodhall (Abbey Street Lwr)	Hannah & Paul McMahon
€100 euro All for One Voucher	Spar Foodhall (Abbey Street Lwr)	Debbie & Michael Cox
€100 euro All for One Voucher	REA Grimes	Iris & Nicky Somers
€100 euro La Bucca Voucher	Parent Donation	Michelle Collins/Dermot Hennessy
€100 euro Wax Room Ratoath	Parent Donation	Maria Bourke/David Heffernan
€50 euro All for One Voucher	Parent Donation	Sandra & Kieron Murray
€50 euro All for One Voucher	Parent Donation	Sarah & Darren Pullen
Hamper	Parent Donation	Yvette & Cormac Fitzpatrick
Hamper	Parent Donation	Veerle Dehaene/Kenneth Edge
Yankee Candle Box	Parent Donation	Gillian & Wayne Gildea
€50 Uniform Voucher	School Warehouse	Margaret & Simon Donnelly
€50 Uniform Voucher	School Warehouse	Amrika Geczyova/Peter Kohut
Denver Tablet	Devtech	Breda & Ciaran Tobin
Denver Tablet	Devtech	Natasha Paramanathan/Pathmaruban Sivananthan
€25 Voucher	High Street Ashbourne	Sarah & Philip Burke
€25 Voucher	High Street Ashbourne	Mary & Cathal Daughton
Tipperary Crystal	Parent Donation	Anne & Kevin Daly
Perfume/Jewellery	Parent Donation	Katherine & Ruairi Byrne
Cocktail Set/Sweets	Parent Donation	Elaine McCormack/Brian Dunne
Cocktail Set/Sweets	Parent Donation	Celine Brunton

## Children's Raffle

Thank you to our Parents' Association who arranged for a free Christmas raffle for the children. Each Class had 4 winners and prizes were 1st: €15 voucher for Forever Amber, 2nd: €5 Melt Voucher 3rd and 4th prizes were selection boxes. The children who won were delighted with their prizes.

## Message from Santa! Ho Ho Ho!!

Everyone up here at the North Pole has been very busy getting ready for Christmas. Mrs Claus has been baking Christmas cookies for all the elves because they've been working so hard to get all the presents finished. I have my list and have checked it twice! I am delighted to see that all of the boys and girls in St. Paul's are on my nice list. I am so proud of you all! I love bringing gifts to children who are kind to others. I was particularly impressed with the 50 SVDeP Hampers you donated to families in your locality. It is lovely to remember those who are less fortunate at Christmas! Rudolph and the reindeer are looking forward to visiting your home on Christmas Eve. *Santa!*



## St. Paul's National School Christmas 2021 Newsletter

As I type this I am singing along with the children as I watch the children's Christmas performances being recorded! It reminds me how privileged I am in my career. The children's happiness and excitement is contagious! Despite everything that they have gone through over the past two years they bounce back and take on each day, and each new challenge, with a smile. I love greeting the children in the morning. The staff are at the doors greeting the children to make sure every child is happy coming into the school but, meeting the children always puts a smile on my face too!

It has been a difficult first term for us all but I want to thank the staff, they have been amazing, as always, in providing as much normality for the children as possible. Thanks to them, there has been a wonderful atmosphere in the school. Thank you to John, Mr Harte and Mr Duffy for braving the cold to set up and record the shows that are all available to you on our website. Thank you to Mrs Ward for everything throughout the year and, especially for the timetabling and planning and the beautiful Christmas reflections which she led for the senior classes. I hope you, and all your families, have a lovely Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

*Morag McGowan*

## Christmas Panto



As a special treat for the children, we arranged to stream the Helix Panto— Little Red Riding Hood here in school and the children watched the show with popcorn and treats. The children wore their pyjamas and the feedback was fantastic.

## Santa Dash

We had our Christmas Santa dash on the 17th and collected money for SVdP. The children wore their Christmas jumpers and hats. Thank you to Ms Dennehy for all her work in organising the event. More photos to follow on the inside.



## Christmas Shows

Unfortunately we could not invite parents into school to see the Christmas shows again this year. But we have recorded them and they are up on the school website to see. Enjoy!



Ms. Donnelly's Class



Mr Taylor's Class



Ms. Cosgrove's Class



## SVDP Hampers

It's tradition now, in the school, to support our local SVDP at Christmas time by providing large hampers filled with food and Christmas goodies. Thank you very much for the support in providing these items which resulted in 50 hampers. The SVDP volunteers, who distribute the hampers, say that the families who receive the hampers are always extremely grateful for your support!

## Santa Visit

Thank you to our very special visitor who took time out of his very hectic schedule to visit the school and say hi to the children. He had a little chocolate surprise for everyone. He promised to visit each child again on Christmas eve once they were asleep!!



Mr. Joyce - Communion Class - 2020 - 2021



Mr. Duffy - Communion Class - 2020 - 2021



Ms. Donnelly - Communion Class - 2020 - 2021

## First Holy Communion — September 2021

Congratulations to our 2020 second classes who made their First Holy Communion in September this year.

## Christmas Art

There is lots of lovely Christmas art displayed throughout the school. We wanted to share some of this with you and have uploaded a presentation on our website for you to view. Please check it out.

← Art from Ms. Preston's Class



## Santa Dash



## Christmas Reflection

Mrs Ward organised a special Christmas reflection for our older classes where the children could take some time out to reflect over the year. Thank you Mrs Ward.



## Fire Safety talk

Thank you to Fire and rescue service officer Declan Cassidy who spoke with our 3rd and 4th class regarding fire safety

## Baby Joy

Congratulations to Ms Kieran, Ms McMahon and Ms O'Toole on the birth of their babies recently.

## Hallowe'en Dress up in aid of Temple Street

There was lots of spooky fun for Hallowe'en dress up day. We raised €557.50 for Temple Street. Thank you for all your donations.

