Annagh Hill Christmas Newsletter, 2018

**We were delighted to see all the children back safely after the Halloween break. Following are a few events that took place in our school over the course of the last two months.**

**November Events**

**First Aid Training Course – 8/11/2018:** On Thursday November 8th, all staff members took part in a First Aid training refresher course. Thank you to Mr. Eugene Nolan who facilitated the course very clearly and concisely. We have all been awarded with a certificate from Stac Sinnott Training and Certification Ltd.

**National Children’s Choir – 9/11/2018:** On Friday November 9th, the children from 4th, 5th and 6th classes travelled to the Mercy Secondary school to take part in a choir practice along with many other schools for the National Children’s Choir. They have a beautiful repertoire of songs and they sound heavenly. The next practice will take place in the New Year. Thank you to Ms. Flynn and Mrs. Martin for co-ordinating the choir.

**Mad Scientist - 16/11/2018:** We were delighted to welcome Jay, the Mad Scientist back to our school on November 16th last as part of Science Week. Many thanks to Jay for putting on a most entertaining show for the Junior Infants - 2nd Class as well as one for the 3rd - 6th Class children.

**Maths Quiz - 16/11/2018:** Congratulations to Aoife, Blaine, Conor and Jessica who took part in The Tuam Education Centre maths quiz on Friday, November 16th in the Ard Rí hotel. They represented our school very well.

**Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal - 12/11/2018:** There was a fantastic response this year to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Very well done to all those who took the time to donate a gift filled shoebox. We are proud to have supported such a worthy cause.

**December Events**

**Sale of Work – 2/12/2018:** Our annual Sale of Work fundraiser took place on Sunday, December 2nd at 12.30 p.m. in our school hall. It was a most enjoyable day and turnout on the day was excellent. We have been overwhelmed by the support we received this year from sponsors, parents, neighbours and friends of the school. Huge thanks to all who sponsored fantastic raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets and donated spot prizes for the Wheel of Fortune. The day was a resounding success and the amount of money raised for the school and the children exceeded all previous years. This money will be used solely for the children in our school and will go towards providing the best education and school experience possible for every child in our care.

**Handball – 4/12/2018:** The girls played in the under 11 mini Olympic handball competition in Tuam on December 4th last. They played against Corandulla, Annaghdown, Garenfield A and Gardenfield B. Although they did not make it to the next round of the competition, we are delighted with how the girls played and they thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

**Internet Safety Talk – 10/12/2018:** Helen Butler from the National Parents' Council presented a workshop on internet/cyber safety on the evening of Monday, December 10th in our school. Thank you to the parents who attended this very interesting event. Another workshop was subsequently held for the children from 3rd to 6th class on Thursday 13th. We truly hope they have all learned about the importance of online safety and privacy.

Christmas Concert – 12/12/2018: Our Junior and Senior Christmas Concerts took place on Wednesday December 12th. The evening was a fantastic success and the children all worked so hard to get it right on the night! Junior Infants to Second Class performed ‘Babushka’ while the 3rd to 6th classes performed ‘Aladdin Trouble’. Sincere thanks to the teachers of each class for the tremendous amount of work achieved.

**Confessions – 17/12/2018:** Thanks to Fr. Paddy Mullins and Fr. Val Hynes for hearing confessions in our school on this day. It was for the children from 3rd to 6th class and they all enjoyed some reflective time during the service.

Summer Works Scheme – 17/12/2018: We were delighted to receive the wonderful news that we have been successful in our application for funding through the Summer Works Scheme. Our school really needs a corridor which will link the two buildings so we are hoping this money will help hugely towards achieving our goal for this project.

**Brooklodge Nursing Home – 20/12/2018:** The children from 5th and 6th classes entertained the residents of Brooklodge Nursing Home on Thursday, December 20th with a selection of Christmas carols. It was a lovely occasion and thanks to the staff of Brookldge Nursing Home for their welcome and hospitality.

**NB: School Closure:** The school will be closed on Wednesday February 20th, 2019 to facilitate a New Primary Language Curriculum planning day for the staff.

**Enrolment Forms:** Enrolment forms will be available in the school from January 7th.2019.

**Cash for Clobber:** The next Cash for Clobber collection will take place on Thursday, January 24th.

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Monday January 7th, 2019:** School reopens.

**Monday Feb 11th, 2019:** Parent-Teacher Meetings.

**Tuesday February 12th, 2019:** Parent –Teacher Meeting contd.

**Monday February 18th, 2019:** Confirmation at 2.30pm. in Corofin church.

**Wednesday February 20th, 2019:** School closed to facilitate Primary Language Curriculum Planning Day for staff.

**Thursday and Friday February 21st and 22nd:** Mid–term break.

**Thursday March 7th:** Open Day for new Junior Infants and prospective students.

**Monday March 18th:** School closure for St. Patrick’s Bank Holiday.

**Monday April 15th:** Easter Holidays.

Thank you all so much for your continued generosity and support for our school. It is very much appreciated. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas filled with peace and joy and look forward to welcoming all the children back safely on Monday January 7th, 2019.