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NUACHTLITIR – MÍ NA NOLLAG 2017

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Happy Christmas



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Choir and Band The school choir and Céilí Band have been extremely busy over the past couple of months. The choir have performed at a number of events recently – the highlight being the St. Mary’s Parish Carol Service where they starred alongside the Parish Senior Choir and Banna Chluain Meala. Huge thanks go to Mrs Adamson and Ms. Collins for all their hard work and well done to the boys!!! The boys also visited the Day Care Centre and The Cottage Hospital to sing for them.

On Wednesday the 13th of December, our school band performed for St. Mary’s Daycare Centre. We played an array of tunes including favourites like Galtee Mountain Boy and Slievenamon along with some festive numbers like Walking in a Winter Wonderland and Jingle Bells. On Monday 18th December, we performed in The Cottage Nursing Home and on Tuesday we performed in The Main Guard. The boys in the band deserve great credit for all their hard work and for giving up many of their lunch breaks to prepare for their performances. They will certainly enjoy the rest over Christmas! Finally, the school band, along with Ms. Lonergan and Mrs. Morisson would like to say a huge thank you to Liam O’ Shea who is always readily available to carry instruments, accompany the band to their recitals and pass on the secrets of his own musical talents to all band members. We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to more recitals in the New Year! Happy Christmas.

CD – Do you hear what I hear? – Our school has recently produced a fabulous collection of pieces from the school choir and the school band as well as some pieces from last year’s school musical – Godspell. It is a lovely record of the wonderful work that goes on in school. We have a limited supply of CDs available from the school at €10. Don’t miss out. Thanks to all who helped in the production of the CD.

Our **Christmas Mass and Nativity** took place on Wednesday in the church. Many thanks to the boys from 1st class who performed the Nativity story during the sermon of the mass. The boys were fantastic. A huge amount of credit must go to their teachers – Ms. Moroney, Ms. Morrison, and Ms. Harte who prepared the boys so well. We are all very proud of them. Thanks also to Ms. Adamson, Ms. Collins and the choir, to all who did readings, offered gifts and read prayers of the faithful and to Fr. Meehan for celebrating our mass.

Cumann na mBunscol – Well done to all our footballers who represented the school so well during the recent Cumann na mBunscol competitions. Our U13 boys excelled themselves by bringing home the U13A title to the school. It is a huge achievement for the players and their coaches as the school are now reigning U13A Football and Hurling Champions. We are very proud of them all. Thanks to Mr. Leahy and Mr. Williams for looking after the teams.





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Special word of thanks to Jack Kennedy, Gaelic Football star with both Commercials and Tipperary and past pupil of St. Mary's CBS, who visited today, Friday, to present the successful team with their medals.

St. Mary's Hurling Club Special word of thanks to the members of St. Mary's Hurling Club, Brendan Cagney, Seán Kennedy and Joe Gunne who visited the school today with the Cups won by the victorious Intermediate Hurling teams this year. With County champions in both hurling and football in the town, the boys have many great role models to look up to. Hopefully they can follow their good example.

The School Hurling League will commence after the Christmas Holidays. The teams have been selected and the boys are looking forward to it all. Full details will be given to the boys after the holidays.

Well done to Josh Kelly from 3rd class who recently won the Munster Irish Dancing Championships for the third year in a row. He is a hugely talented boy who continues to excel at every level of competition. Next year will see him go forward to All Ireland level and possibly further. Well done Josh!!

Lion King - Next May will see the boys of St. Mary's CBS put on a production The Lion King in St. Mary's church. The exact dates of the show have yet to be confirmed. Preparations will commence in the New Year for what promises to be another fantastic show – Something for you all to look forward to.

Santa visited the school on Wednesday last. It was a memorable experience for all the children of the school. Proceeds collected on the day were donated to Temple Street Children's Hospital.

Tadhg O'Donnell Jones is a pupil who joined our sixth class this year. As well as adding greatly to the classroom his talents in both piano playing and recitation were recognised this past week. We are extremely lucky to have such a talent in our school.

Photographer A photographer from County Photos will visit the school during the month of January. All boys will have their photograph taken. There is no obligation on parents to buy the photographs. It is completely optional. Please contact the office with any queries or specific requests re the photos.

Credit Union Quiz The credit union quiz will take place at the end of January. The team will be selected in the New Year. Best of luck to all involved.

Sincere Sympathy to SNA Jackie O'Mahoney on the recent loss of her father.





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Mr. Williams' class recently participated in a schools' *photography competition*. They produced some excellent shots of activities of everyday school life and learned a lot in the process. Well done!

Ms. Moroney's First Class have been very busy in class over the past few weeks preparing for Christmas. They have been doing lots of artwork, writing letters to Santa as well as learning their lines for their Nativity play.

Ms. Morrison's class have been extremely busy over the month of December writing Christmas stories – books in some cases!!! They took part in a project recently where they interviewed many members of the school and local community. They even interviewed a local dentist and learned lots of new computer skills in the process.

Mr. Curran's class were very busy recently – making scrambled eggs, visiting Suir Island and attending a River Suir workshop given by Shay Hurley in the Library.

Congratulations to Elaine Killeen, learning support teacher, who got married recently.

Congratulations also to Rachel Lillis, SNA in the ASD preschool, on the recent birth of her son, Harvey.

Roots of Empathy Mr McCarthy's 3rd class have participated in the world renowned *Roots of Empathy* programme. At the heart of the programme is a neighbourhood infant and parent who visit the classroom every three weeks over the school year. It's an evidenced based classroom programme which aims at developing the pupils' emotional literacy, making them more competent in understanding their feelings and the feelings of others.

Absence notes – Should your child need to be absent from school please ensure that you send in a note of explanation to the class teacher. Any pupils whose absence goes over 20 days will automatically be reported to TUSLA.

Contacting the school The school secretary, Pat, is in the office from 9.00 to 2.00 each day. Please ring the office during these times only. Alternatively email the school on stmarysclsns@yahoo.ie

Change of details etc. If you change telephone number, address or any other details please contact the school as soon as possible. It is becoming increasingly difficult to contact certain parents!!!

School Uniform Policy It is compulsory for boys to wear the school uniform each day. They are asked to wear the tracksuit on PE days only and the full school





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uniform on all other days!!! The school uniform consists of grey trousers, Navy v-neck jumper with grey V and the crest, sky blue shirt and navy tie. The school does not insist on a particular supplier or make of clothing. For PE a Navy sweatshirt with school crest, plain navy tracksuit pants and a sky blue polo shirt must be worn (NO football jerseys!!). Children who don't wear the correct uniform will face sanctions. Please label all items of the School Uniform.

Jewellery – Due to health and safety reasons children may not wear rings or earrings. Children who wear them will be asked to remove them and parents can collect them from their class teacher at the end of the day.

School Healthy Lunches policy – St. Mary's CBS has a Healthy Lunches Policy. We expect all parents to fill their child's lunchbox with this policy in mind. We make the following **suggestions**: Protein filled sandwich / pitta bread (e.g. cold meat, tuna, egg mayonnaise, cheese, salads, coleslaw etc.), Healthy drinks (e.g. water, milk and natural fruit juice), Yoghurts, cheese and other dairy products, Cereal Bars and Crackers, Scones and plain buns (no icing), Fruits and vegetables. On Fridays children may bring one treat of their choice. The following items are **not permitted** as part of our Healthy Lunches policy: Chewing Gum, Fizzy Drinks, Chocolate, Crisps, Sweets.

Calendar

Christmas holidays:	Closing Friday 22 nd Dec. at 12.25p.m. Re-opening on Monday 8 th Jan.
Mid-Term Break:	Closed Thursday 15 th & Friday 16 th February
St. Patrick's Day:	Closed Monday the 19 th March
Easter Holidays:	Closing on Friday 23 rd Re-opening on Monday 9 th April
May Mid-Term week:	Closed Monday 7 th to Friday 11 th May inclusive
June Bank holiday:	Closed Monday 4 th June
Summer Holidays:	Closing Thursday 28 th June @ 12.25p.m.

