

Attendance



Year to date: 91.2% (Academic year target: 93%)
December: 86.6%



Nollaig Shona ó Scoil Mhuire na mBuachaillí

As we draw towards the end of what has been a memorable and momentous year at St. Mary's BNS, I want to wish the pupils, staff, parents and everyone associated with the school a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. - *Mr. Kirwan*



Collection Times on 21st December 2022

11:50am - Senior Infants
12.00noon - 1st - 6th Classes

Parents should inform the bus company/creches of the earlier finishing time on this day.

Please take extra care when collecting tomorrow as it will be busy in and around the school.



The boys would like to say thank you to Santa for making a special visit to our school on Monday 19th December 2022. Many thanks to the PTA for making contact with the man himself!

No Dogs on School Grounds

There has been a marked increase in the number of people bringing dogs onto school grounds at drop-off and collection times.

Reminder – No dogs allowed on school grounds – except guide dogs. Please do not take offence when you are asked not to bring a dog onto the school grounds.



Carol Service



The school's traditional Christmas Carol Service made a welcome return this year. All classes prepared and sang carols and Christmas songs at the service last Friday, 16/12. The service opened with a beautiful rendition of Coldplay's Viva La Vida by the pupil choir under the guidance of Ms Lamb. Readers told the story of Christmas and introduced songs from each of the class levels. Mr Davis accompanied Evan, Arthur and Ciaran from 5th Class who performed a stunning version in O Holy Night and the ceremony was closed out by the staff choir. It was a very memorable day enjoyed by all. A big word of thanks to Ms Ring for organising this year's service.

Old School Furniture

With the demolition of the old school underway, you might be wondering what has happened to the furniture and equipment. The good news is that it has gone to a good home. Ms Mahon contacted a charity group who collected the furniture and transported it to Ukraine. Our old school furniture is being used in areas where schools have been destroyed or damaged by the fighting. Thanks to Ms Mahon for organising this.

Junior Infant Nativity

Where: St. Mary's Church
When: Wednesday 21st December
Time: 11 a.m.



Note:

Parents/guardians will be able to bring pupils home directly after the play, *from the church*.

Christmas Run

Our cross country running team had an outing at the John Scanlon Fun Run organised by Maynooth University on 9th December 2022. Unfortunately, conditions were too icy to allow for the boys to fully show off their running prowess but they represented the school well nonetheless.

Open House

Our Open House was held on 10th December. It was a great occasion and many pupils, parents, past pupils and members of the community dropped in to see our new school building. Thanks to all those who came along and made our day!

Enrolment Reminder

Enrolment for the junior infant and Croí na Coille intake for 2023/2024 **closes on 24th January 2023**. We are currently accepting enrolment applications. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website or requested from the office.

Non-marking shoes/runners

Parents are requested, when next buying replacement shoes/runners for your son, to purchase non-marking soles which will prevent scuffing the floor surface of our new PE Hall. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Morning arrival at school

Please be aware that school officially starts at 9:20am. Large numbers of pupils are gathering in advance of 9:10am and this is causing unnecessary congestion. **Pupils should not arrive before 9:10am and can arrive up to 9:20am.**

Dates for your Diary

Junior Infant Nativity Play	Wednesday 21 st December
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday 21 st December 12noon
School re-opening	Thursday 5 th January 2023
Parent Teacher Meetings	8 th & 9 th February 2023