

The Twelve Ways of Christmas, Waste Reduction

This festive season we're all more aware than ever of the need to reduce the amount of waste we create. Whether you have chosen to limit the number of presents you buy or you're choosing to buy gifts with a sustainable ethos, it's becoming more and more popular to choose carefully this Christmas. This past year Green-Schools has partnered with [MyWaste.ie](https://www.mywaste.ie/the-twelve-ways-of-christmas-waste-reduction/). <https://www.mywaste.ie/the-twelve-ways-of-christmas-waste-reduction/> is a great source of information related to reusing items, reducing waste and recycling.

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir agus Áthbhliain faoi mhaise ó gach duine i Scoil Fiachra Soisir.
We wish all our pupils, staff and parents a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Annual Santa Dash

In aid of Focus Ireland

Why not grab your Santa hat & runners and join us on our annual Santa Dash in the school grounds on Friday

December 20th (weather permitting)?

This year we are running in aid of the charity Focus Ireland.

We ask that pupils dress in festive colours and suitable running shoes and if they wish, to bring €2 towards this very worthy cause.

Jun & Senior Infants - 9.30am

1st & 2nd Classes - 10 am

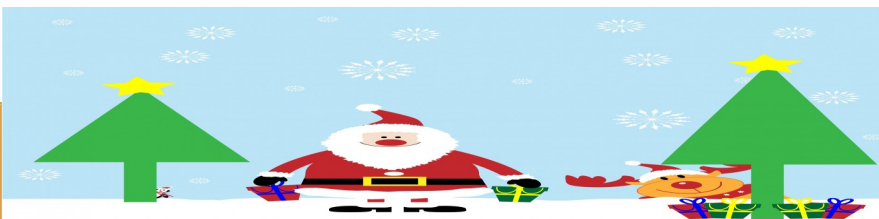


Random Acts of Kindness

Many of our pupils have been trying out some random acts of kindness in the lead up to Christmas. Here are some samples your child may like to try over the holidays

- Thank somebody
- Pick up litter
- Give some toys to charity
- Tidy the bedroom
- Feed the birds
- Help a grown-up with a job
- Read a story to somebody younger
- Share their treats

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Please note the following School Closures

School closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday Dec. 20th @ 11.40am (Jun. & Sen. Infants) and 12.00pm (1st & 2nd Class)

School re-opens on Monday Jan.6th 2020 @ 8.50am

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Primary Language Curriculum Staff In-service Day -
January 24th 2020

ENROLMENT NOTICE FOR PARENTS

Enrolment for Junior Infants Class for September 2020 will take place in the school from Monday 27th January to Friday 31st January (10am - 12pm) . Children seeking to enrol in St.Fiachra's JS in September 2020 must be aged 4 years by 30th April 2020 as outlined in the updated Enrolment /Admission Policy which is now available on www.stfiachrasjns.ie

When enrolling your child, please bring the following documents to the school

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's PPS Number
- Recent utility bills and household document with legitimate current address (as proof of residence) - please consult enrolment policy for acceptable documents

If you have a child currently enrolled in the Junior or Senior School you may collect an application form from the school office from Monday 20th January. Please return the completed application form on or before Friday 24th accompanied by all the documentation listed above.



St. Fiachra's JNS



Christmas Card Fundraiser Thank you to all who supported this 2019 Fundraiser. All packs of pre-ordered cards were sent home last week to parents in good time for the Christmas season. Thank you to Ms O'Connor and secretaries Bernie & Laura for organising and running this event.



As part of our schools **Digital Plan** we are upgrading some of our I.T equipment. We are delighted with our recent purchase of a new Promethean Interactive Panel/Board for one of our classrooms.

Board of Management

The next meeting of the **B.O.M** will take place on **Monday , January 20th @ 7pm in the school**

Pupils in Ms Kearin's 2nd Class Room 19 had an enjoyable morning with writer Roddy Doyle at the Writing Workshop in **Fighting Words** Centre, Behan Square Dublin on Monday 16th December.

Parent -Teacher Meetings

Parent -teacher meetings for pupils in Senior Infants, First & Second Classes will take place the week of January 20th - 23rd 2020. Your child's teacher will be in touch with your appointment time in the new year.

Parents Council News

Christmas Coffee Morning



Join us for a coffee on Friday 20th December between 9am and 11.30am in the Pastoral Centre.

Educate Christmas Annuals : Thanks to Bernie & Laura who organised the sale of the popular Educate Christmas Annuals for pupils at all class levels. All annuals have now been distributed to pupils at the excellent price of €2 each.

Christmas in St. Fiachra's Junior School



We have had a very exciting few weeks here in school with many classes performing the Nativity play and Christmas carol services in the classrooms for their parents, while some classes acted out other Christmas stories for their parents in the school hall.

Annual Christmas Carol Service

We look forward to our second classes coming together to perform a beautiful Christmas carol service for everyone in the church on Thursday December 19th. This is always a very special event - a fitting end to a wonderful first term in our school.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS & RECORDING by parents attending Christmas performances. Please be reminded that any photos you may have taken at the Christmas performances are for **PERSONAL USE ONLY** and must not be shared online or on social media sites. You are further reminded that images which may identify other pupils should not be made accessible to others online or published in any other way, otherwise the Data Protection Act may be contravened. Please respect the privacy and data rights of all our pupils and staff.

Stay Safe

Parental involvement is an essential component of the Stay Safe programme.

We hosted a very successful *Stay Safe Parent*

Information evening on December 9th @ 8pm in the school .

All classes will commence the Stay Safe Programme in Term 2 of the school year.



S.P.H.E – Social, Personal & Health Education

Your child is currently learning about & working on the theme 'Myself & Others'