

# Principal's Update 16.12.22



Dear Parents,

Well what a fantastic week, where our pupils were able to celebrate their many talents through various performances, from our Christmas plays, 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' and 'Tinsel and Tea Towels', or while singing with our choir for the Pensioners in the Community Centre or participating as part of our Christmas Mass. We were so thrilled so many people supported our school at these events and want to sincerely thank you all.

Such events cannot take place without the hard work and dedication of the St. Joseph and St. James's staff team. They have worked tirelessly to ensure everything was in place for events this term and in particular, this last week. Sincere thanks to each member of our team, who make my job as Principal an absolute pleasure. I feel truly grateful to be part of such a kind and hardworking team of people.



## 2023 Christmas Productions



We hope you enjoyed viewing the range of photos and clips we have posted on our school website and facebook page. Our boys and girls certainly provided some of the best entertainment. A special shout out to Mrs Conway, Mrs Greer and Mrs Gren who provided delicious shortbread, mince pies and a warm drink for everyone who joined us at both our morning and evening performances.



## Christmas Mass in St. Joseph's Church Poyntzpass



All pupils attended our end of term mass in St. James's Church on Thursday with Fr Woods. We were thrilled to be back into our local church, following renovations. Our school choir provided the music and sang so beautifully throughout the mass. We would like to thank Mrs Crawley for providing the accompaniment for our school choir and Fr. Woods for officiating such a lovely mass focusing on the meaning behind each week of advent.



Well done to our boys and girls who performed at the Pensioners group on Wednesday of this week. We hope you like the photos and short video clips posted on our school facebook page. It was such a lovely experience to meet with this lovely group of people who joined in with us and added that extra Christmas cheer.



We have a surprise Monday in store for all our boys and girls. We have been informed we will have a special visitor and as part of our continued celebrations for Christmas we are then holding our Christmas Disco Party in the afternoon. On Tuesday all boys and girls will have the opportunity to have their class party with each class teacher before school finished for everyone on Wednesday 21.12.22 at 11.00a.m. No bus service available on this day.



As we enter our third week of Advent we are reminded of the theme of Love.



Wishing all our families and community a weekend ahead full of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we prepare for Christmas Day.

Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.