

What's Up @ St Michael's



Winter Term – December 2017

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Our Nativity was a lovely occasion for the whole school. We are so proud of all the students for working hard on all aspects of the show from making sets to learning lines. We are thankful to the parents association for providing a lovely reception in the old school after the event- GBBO has nothing on us!!!

The PA also organised carol singing in Blackrock village which raised €254. They also produced a calendar featuring the children of St Michael's.

We are delighted to report that the new prefab is furnished and ready to occupy. We are appreciative to the parish for allowing us to use the old school in the meantime. We expect the main building project to begin shortly and be completed within 10 months.

We hosted 5th and 6th class visitors from St Luke's Montenotte for mini-debates and a Christmas general knowledge quiz. We baked cookies and served them afternoon tea.

Rudolf saves Christmas, the middle room attended Cork Pops in city hall. We also had a visit from the puppet company – Palánta Children and Youth Mission who treated us to a show called 'Papa Panov'.

During Science Week the Senior room visited UCC food science lab, had a visit from a marine scientist and took part in hour of code. The middle classes dressed up in lab coats and were taught about equipment by a real scientist. The junior room had visitors from CUH who showed them how to code mini-robots.

We have students from all over at St Michael's and we loved learning about their different Christmas traditions. Please check out the blogs on our website from Kevin, Zoe and Lucas. We were sad to say goodbye to Anastassia (senior infants) and wish her well in Dublin

Senior room pupils have their own logins for Storybird, Manga High and TimeTables Rockstars should boredom kick in during the break ho ho ho :)

Is Aoibhinn Linn Gaeilge

All pupils are making good progress with Irish. Santa was very impressed to hear the pupils singing 'bualadh bos'(Jingle Bells in Irish). In January we will be taking part in the Scríobh Leabhar programme which involves pupils reading books created by children in other local schools and writing their own. We expect this to be a really motivating project for everyone.

We wish to sincerely thank all of you for your support throughout 2017 and wish everyone a happy Christmas and every blessing for 2018.
We will see you all when school returns on January 8th.

Active School Programme

'The senior room really enjoyed their experience with the Get Going/Get Rowing programme this term especially the blitz held in Neptune Stadium. Thanks to Ellen at Blackrock Rowing Club for the coaching. We will try junior Tri-athlon training next. All classes benefited from their athletics training with Sheldon and we will forward to more in the summer term.

Projects

eTwinning Project

We have had great fun with our eTwinning projects this term -pupils in the junior room sent and received cards from Spain, Greece and Bulgaria. Middle room pupils exchanged handmade cards and crafts with a similar sized school in Slovakia. The senior room have been communicating with a school in Carcajou, France. We created a video to show them how to play hurling and they taught us a game called Petanque which is now a firm favourite in the school yard.

Bluestar Europe Project

The senior room have been learning all about the European Union and what it means for Ireland. We visited Cork city Museum as part of our study of World war 1.

Extra Curricular

Krafti Kidz Art classes with Nikki continue on Mondays after school from 08 Jan 2018. See attached flyer.

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new year!

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