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# December Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the *First Edition* of our new school newsletter. A special welcome to all our new Junior Infants and Ms. Timoney who started with us this year.

It has been a busy first term of school. Each class has written a short piece for our Newsletter to fill you in on some of the wonderful things that have been happening in Moynalvey National School over the past few months! ☺

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## Junior Infants - Mrs Dineen

Junior Infants have settled well and are a very busy class! They are enjoying all areas of the curriculum, especially, Aistear/Play time where they partake in a variety of activities: construction, fine motor skills, home area etc. They put on a beautiful Christmas show for their parents on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December!

## Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> Class - Ms. Hogan and Ms. McCormack

During the first term, Senior Infants and First Class enjoyed participating in many things at school. They loved the Book Fair and First Class particularly enjoyed going to Aura for swimming lessons. Although they work hard every day, in every subject at school, their favourite part of the day is after big break when they participate in Aistear. Senior Infants and First Class are mixed into groups where they partake in a variety of activities including: Construction, Small World, Fine Motor Skills, Arts & Crafts, Games with Rules, Jigsaws, the Literacy Station and the Role Play area. They have a theme for a fortnight and all of their Oral Language and work is based around this theme. One of their favourite themes so far was 'Houses and Homes', where they constructed houses from polydrons and wooden blocks; created streets of houses in Small World, made houses out of Playdoh, drew pictures of the type of homes they live in in S.E.S.E. and created fabulous collages of houses out of paper during Art. On Fridays they have Golden Time where they can choose their own activities and games to play. They have all been very good boys and girls this year and are looking forward to Santa coming next week ☺

## School News

**Communion:** Well done to the children in 2nd Class who had their Enrolment Ceremony on 11th November. They will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 19th Mrgoay at 12pm in The Church of the Nativity, Moynalvey.

**Confirmation:** Well done to the boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> who had their Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Confirmation will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm in The Church of the Nativity, Moynalvey.

**Cumann na mBunscol:** Boys and girls from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class have represented Moynalvey NS in September and October and did extremely well. Special well done to the girls who made it to the County Semi-Final! Huge thanks to John Deegan for all his help over the last year!



**Carol Service:** Well done to all of the children from Senior Infants - 6<sup>th</sup> Class who participated in our Annual Carol Service on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Whole School Plans:** The management and staff of Moynalvey NS are currently developing and improving our Maths, History and Gaeilge Plans.

**Sports:** 5th and 6th Class Boys and Girls will be participating in the FAI Soccer competition in the MDL in March. Training will commence for this after the Christmas Holidays.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Ms. Timoney

2<sup>nd</sup> Class have been very busy this term. "We went on a mini beast hunt around the school and found lots of mini beasts such as ants, bugs and beetles." Scott Williams. We explored hibernation and migrations and "we even learned why birds fly in a 'v' formation" Conor Browne. We learned about buildings and bridges and "about different countries". Rachel Treacy. During science week, the children designed their own bridges and made them using a range of materials. We carried out an experiment to test the strongest bridge. Some of our predictions were correct! We also worked in groups to learn about shops long ago. Finally the children have loads of new Irish phrases. "I can have a conversation in Irish now!" Aoife O'Shea.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class - Ms Ní Thailtigh

"This year, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class planted seeds on the 18<sup>th</sup> November for Science Week. We planted cress seed and sweet pea. We were investigating if you need good soil, heat, water and light in order to grow to their full potential. Our teacher divided us into groups of 10. Each group exposed its seed to different conditions. Group 4 were trying to prove that you don't need water or light in order for the seed to grow. Group 2 were trying to prove that you need everything (light, good soil, water + heat) in order for the seed to grow. Group 10 were trying to prove that you don't need water for a seed to grow. Each group are monitoring their seeds daily. Each group will report their findings back to the class before the Christmas holidays. We can't wait to find out if the seeds really do need heat, water, good soil and light to grow well. We loved Science Week and can't wait for next year."

By Emma O'Connor and Shane Dabek

"This year 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will be taking part in the school carol service. We are so excited and can't wait for our families to see us on the altar. Our teacher, Miss Ní Thailtigh, helped us choose three pieces for our performances. We chose two songs and one poem. A girl in our class will be singing a solo, her name is Emma. Teacher held auditions. They were so much fun and lots of people took part. We can't wait to do our Christmas performance on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Nollaig Shona Daoibh go léir."

By David Clarke and Máire Logue

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class - Ms. Flynn

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class have worked on lots of project this year, including projects on each of the counties and on a famous person from history. We have also been improving our debating skills and having fun and lively debates in class. We are entering the **Science Blast** competition this year in the RDS on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. Our investigation is "How do we stop onions making us cry?" "This year we have been doing English, Irish and Maths. Some of the fun stuff that we have been doing are P.E, Art and Fun Friday." By Cian Williams

**FAI Futsal Competition:** Congratulations to the boys and girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class who did exceptionally well representing the school in Gormanston on 17<sup>th</sup> October.



**Internet Safety** Useful information, guidance and advice is available for parents and guardians about social media and apps that children use at <https://www.webwise.ie/parents//>

### Active Flag:

The Daily Mile, Lunch Time Yard Activities and 10@10 weekly challenges will resume in the New Year.

**Beginning and end of the school day:** Reminder to all parents that school begins at 9am each morning and that there is no supervision on yard before that. On wet mornings, the children can enter the hall at 8.50am. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class parents are asked to collect their children from the vard at the back of the school at 2.40pm each day.

**Book Fair:** A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped us with our Annual Book Fair. It was a huge success and has afforded the school the opportunity to buy more books for our classrooms and for the school library!

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class - Ms. Flynn

"In September, the Cumann na mBunscol league started. The girls from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class were representing Moynalvey. They were being coached by Ms. Flynn and John Deegan. We played matches against Coole, Ardcath and Curragha and won all 3! From there we went straight to the semi-final against Oristown, who beat us in the final last year. It was such a tight game and we missed goal after goal but slowly it started to slip away. We were devastated but looking back we really enjoyed it and the lost just makes us determined to win the next tournaments. It was a great experience and we're so grateful that Ms. Flynn and John Deegan could coach us."

By Shíofra Deegan.

*The Staff of Moynalvey NS wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.*

*Nollaig Shona Daoibh Go léir!*

