



Monthly Memoirs: December, 2021

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December Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Taysir, Martin McC, Lukas, Thomas, Wared, Atlanta, Adam, Eoin and Martin M.



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

New pupils:

We'd like to particularly welcome all our new children who have joined us including Lukas, Marie, Erik and David. We hope your parents have gotten used to you coming to our school each day and we look forward to building strong connections with all our families throughout your time here in our school.

Covid Awareness:

This is just a quick reminder that if your child has any of the symptoms of Covid 19, contact your GP for advice and arrange a PCR test if needed.

If your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, please follow public health advice. We hope all our children and their families stay safe and health during the holiday season.

Winter Raffle:

We held our annual Winter Raffle on Friday 17th December. On behalf of everyone in Ennis Educate Together we want to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their support. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all local businesses for raffle prizes. We were blown away by the support from all the families, staff and wider community. We raised a whopping amount of €1107. All monies raised will go towards sensory regulation equipment for the Assisted Learning Classes.

Christmas Dinner:

We are still on a high after a wonderful day on Tuesday when we had our annual school Christmas Dinner. Many thanks to the wonderful ladies working in the kitchen Sarah, Joanne and Marie who again out did themselves today. We enjoyed very generous portions of turkey,

ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, peas and gravy. There were halal and vegetarian options too meaning there was something there for everyone. Thanks so much to Julie, Catherine and all the team in Ennis Schools Completion Programme for all you did. You really made our day.

Pyjama Day:

We had a fun filled Monday when the children and staff all came to school in their pyjamas. Everyone took part in a pyjama dash as part of our active schools. After the run all children received a lovely hot cup of chocolate. We raised €107, monies raised will go towards art supplies for the classes.



End of Term message from David Quinn Principal:

There has been a hive of activity in our school since we returned in late August, too many things to mention!! The children and staff have been working very hard over the last four months and everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break. We are delighted with how the hot lunches are going in the school. This would be a good opportunity to talk with your child about their lunch choices and make any changes that you think they may like for January when we return. We were delighted to purchase new interactive whiteboards for the school which all of our children will reap the benefit of throughout their years in our school. We were delighted with how successful our raffle went last week and your help, as always, is vital and much appreciated when it comes to fundraising. It is great to be able to buy much needed resources for our children. Thanks to all families for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you and all your families have a relaxing, enjoyable and safe holiday. Season's greetings to you all and we're all hoping for a wonderful 2022 for our school community. All the best, David Quinn



A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Holly Class:

Holly Class have had a wonderful December. We had lots of birthdays to celebrate. We set up a Post Office for Aistear and learned all about the different services it provides. We made cards, walked to the local Sorting Office and posted them to the special people in our lives. We have been busy learning songs and enjoyed performing Winter Wonderland. We designed our own stamps and winter jumpers. We created lots of wonderful art.

We are looking forward to our holidays and very excited about Pyjama Day and Christmas Dinner at school. Our cheeky ELF was very bold and made an awful mess each night at school this week!



Hazel Class:

We have had a fantastic December in the Hazel class! We have been busy bees getting ready for the holidays making 3D constructions, salt dough Christmas tree ornaments, gingerbread cookies as well as lots of cooking and baking for our breakfast! We have really enjoyed having visits from our friends in the Elm Class, who have been keeping us company at lunch time! We would like to wish all staff, parents and children a lovely holiday and we look forward to lots of adventures in the New Year!!



Beech Class:

December has flown by so swiftly in our very active and busy classroom. Winter is a time when people traditionally focus on indoor activities in Ireland and Beech Class learned and practised some of these activities which included making their own pompoms to decorating our special class winter tree. Each child will take home their own pompom at Christmas.

This was followed by learning the basic skill of sewing and each child sewed their own chosen shape for the Winter Tree which will also be brought home to their parents as a present or to decorate their own Winter Tree. Dancing featured strongly this month with the children being introduced to the traditional dance "Shoe the Donkey". By the time this class leaves the school they'll be champions of this dance!!

Beech class have had great fun too learning and exploring life in the North Pole and the children interviewed teacher about her travels there. They learned about our illustrious world famous Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton and followed it up with amazing snow pictures illustrating scenes from the South Pole. Traditions in other countries were explored and traditional and new toys looked at when the Late Late Toy Show had been watched.

Stay safe and well for the holidays everyone!!





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Oak Class:

5th and 6th have been getting in the festive spirit over the last few weeks by doing lots of Christmas related work. Aside from learning the song "Winter Wonderland" by Bing Crosby, we have also spent some time listening to some musical excerpts from "The Nutcracker" ballet by Tchaikovsky. This linked in nicely with our English reading and comprehension work as we also read the story of "The Nutcracker". Finally, having designed our very own Christmas jumpers earlier in the month, last week we continued our work on this theme in Art by creating some colourful Nutcracker soldiers.



Cherry Blossom Room:

This month has been a very crafty time in the Nurture room, and we have been enjoying how calming it can be to just sit and make something. Annalise and Atlanta have been working on making a positivity mirror, both girls have designed their mirror and included words to describe their positive strengths and qualities. We can't wait to show you them once they are completed. Well done girls!



Elm Class:

Elm Class have had a very busy December. We were very busy learning all about the post office and then about Christmas. The children in the Elm Class made some very special cards and had a special trip to the post office and posted them to their families. We had great fun on pyjama day when we went outside and got to play with fake snow. We also had a fantastic day for our Christmas dinner. We loved trying some new foods.



Rowan Class:

The kids in Rowan class are having a fun filled December. Erik won the class colouring competition. Thanks to 5th and 6th class for judging. We have also been working collaboratively to design posters for pyjama party on Monday.



Student of the Month:



Dates for the Diary:

School Re-opens on Thursday 6th January 2022.

