

ENROLMENT FOR 2018/2019:- is ongoing and as places are filling up fast, please attend to it as soon as possible. We had a number of disappointed applicants last year who we could not accommodate.

Application Forms available in both Offices.

Important Dates for 2019:-

- (1) In-Service Day for teachers **Monday 21st January school will be closed**
- (2) *Ceremony of Light* takes place on **Sunday 27th January 2019**
- (3) *Confirmation*- **Friday 8th March 2019 @11.00am**
- (4) *First Holy Communion* - **Saturday, 19th May 2019**

The *Do This In Memory of Me Programme* is ongoing for pupils preparing for **First Holy Communion**.

→ Our Website: www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org

→ **Text-a-parent-service - now in operation**
for **EMERGENCY** closures

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ON:

Friday 21st December 2018

at

12.00 noon

NOTE:- THE CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON:-

9.00am on Monday, 7th January 2019

Once again I would like to thank everyone associated with the school and especially you the parents/guardians for your continued support and encouragement, as without it the school would not run as smoothly as it does.

We greatly appreciate your constant good will.

We wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Clare Finnerty
(Principal Teacher)

St. Laurence's National School

Christmas Newsletter 2018



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach Christmas and the end of our First Term, I would like to thank everyone in the School Community for your ongoing support and I would like to wish you all a very *Happy Christmas*. Throughout the term the children have been busy. They have been involved in various sporting, academic and fun activities which we intend to continue in the New Year.

SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **PARENTS COMMITTEE:** Once again we thank all the Committee members who have done tremendous work in organising *Class Calendars*, the *Marathon Sponsorship Cards*, *Cake Sale*, *Halloween dress-up day*, and various fundraising events.
- **THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Have worked tirelessly during October/November on the *envelope collection* and this contribution is absolutely vital to the financial well being of the school. This year's total to date is **€5,955**. The second part of the collection will start at the end of January 2019.
We thank all the families who contribute every week and, especially, the members of the Committee who organise it.
- **MARINO COLLEGE:** Students from Marino College performed “**The Big Book of Christmas Crimes**” to the entire school on Wednesday, 5th December. This play was written by one of our parents, Niamh Gleeson. It was a super play which the children thoroughly enjoyed.
- **DUBLIN CITY MARATHON:** congratulations to Mr. Behan who ran on behalf of the school for the 39th year and Mary White from the **White House** in Baldoyle. We raised a total of **€1,564**.
 - Halloween Cake Sale: A total of **€634.15** was raised.
 - Christmas Calendars: A total of **€1,574** was raised.
- **MATHS WEEK:** In October the whole school took part in Math's Week. The children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class participated in a workshop in DIT Kevin Street and The Helix called ‘Murderous Maths’. It was a huge success and great fun was had by all.
- **SCIENCE:** Some of our 6th class children were lucky enough to visit the Microsoft offices where they participated in a coding and mixed reality workshop. The rest of the children in 6th class will get the opportunity to participate in the workshop in January.

- **LIBRARY:** The 2nd class children visited Baldoyle Library as part of *The Children's Book Festival*.
- **READING BUDDIES:** The children in the Senior School continue to pair up with the children in the Junior School on a regular basis.
- **THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** took place on Thursday, 13th December 2018 and raised **€1,700** to be shared between the local *St. Vincent de Paul* and *Peter McVerry Trust*. A fantastic response, thank you.
- **CAROL SINGING:** The boys and girls from 3rd to 6th Class sang Christmas Carols outside **SuperValu** on Friday 14th December 2018 and raised **€735** for **St. Francis Hospice**.

- All the children from the Junior and Senior school took part in a Carol Service in St Laurence O'Toole Church on Thursday, 20th December 2018.
- 5th Classes visited La Verna Day Care Centre carol singing, 6th Classes went carol singing in St Michael's House and 4th Classes went singing in St. Patrick's Nursing Home.

Well done to all.

At this point could I pay tribute and say thanks to the local organisations who work closely with us and support us.

- **GREEN SCHOOL:** The Committee have been very busy keeping our school ‘Green and Clean’.
- **NEW FURNITURE:** All the furniture in the Junior School classrooms have been replaced during the term.



SPORTING EVENTS:

- We have provided a wide range of sporting activities and other activities for the children, including Gaelic, Tennis, Basketball, Soccer this term.
- Congratulations to both the boys & girls Basketball teams who both won their respective finals in the **National Basketball Arena** on 22nd November. Both teams played great and we are very proud of you all.
- The Boys and Girls Gaelic teams, while not winning the league, did our school proud yet again.
- Fifth & Sixth Class children took part in “**Marathon Kids**” where they ran their final mile in Santry on Wednesday 14th November.
- The FAI visited our Sixth classes and gave a workshop on FAI against racism.