# JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2024



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we begin 2024, we would just like to firstly wish you all a happy, peaceful and healthy new year and wish all our pupils good health, fun learning and lots of success in 2024.

# CHRISTMAS NATIVITY / CAROL SERVICE

A big thank you to everyone who came along to help us celebrate "The true meaning of Christmas," with a Carol Service and Nativity in the school hall.

































# VIRTUAL SANTA DAILY MILE

All classes took part in the Christmas Daily Mile as part of the daily mile initiative this year.

















# FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS NEWTOWNSTEWART - DESIGN A CHRISTMAS DECORATION WINNERS



Congratulations to Enda Ward & Kerri McCullagh who won the Christmas bauble decorating competition organised by Newtownstewart Festival of Lights. Well done to both!

#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A massive thanks to all those who donated and bought tickets. A fantastic sum of **£2370** was raised. We will also present a cheque to Care for Cancer for £250 from these proceeds. More details below;

- 1ST PRIZE £150 Sports Direct voucher Maresa Morris
- 2ND PRIZE Large hamper Naomhan Ellis
- **3RD PRIZE** Large hamper Paul Quinn
- 4TH PRIZE Overnight stay in An Doras Bui & Prosecco set Padraig Morris
- 5TH PRIZE Weekly Lotto (Gortin GAC) for one year Cole McCullagh
- 6TH PRIZE Split the bucket (Gortin GAC) for one year Dáithí O'Neill
- 7TH PRIZE Eden Sports Massage & small hamper Emma Brogan

8TH PRIZE - £50 M&S voucher - Bradley family

9TH PRIZE - £50 Dunnes voucher - Ellis family

We had many other donations from local businesses, parents & staff, which we grouped together into gift hampers and were delighted to receive and raffle. We also had prizes for the top ticket sellers in the school;

Lisa & Niamh McCullagh, Rónán, Aimée & Conall McCullagh, Dáithí, Anna Cáit & Evie O'Neill, Naomhan Ellis & Mirabella McCullagh.

















#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

A big thanks to Anne, Paul and our canteen supervisors, Miss McBride, Mrs Marlow, Mrs Kelly & Lorraine for a fantastic Christmas dinner and for making the occasion so enjoyable for all the children.









































# OWENKILLEW CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION WINNERS



Congratulations to all the winners of the Owenkillew Christmas art competition. Thanks also to Angela & Dave from the Community Centre for the lovely festive treats for all the children!

#### WEBSITE

Please keep up to date with all the events over the last few weeks on our website;

www.stpatricksgortin.com

## P6/7 SWIMMING

P6/7 swimming will begin on **Thursday 1st February at 10.00am**. All monies (£40 per child) must be forwarded to the school by Friday 26th January.

#### P1 APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

There is a new **ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS** for children due to start school in September 2024. Information on the procedures for P1 school admissions in September 2024 is now available on the EA website;

#### www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

Online applications will open on **Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 12 noon** and will close at **12 noon on Friday 26th January 2024**.

#### MONIES DUE FOR TERM 2

SPORTS COACH ROBBIE (per term) £6.00 per pupil.

MUSIC - NUALA SWEENEY (per term) £8.00 per pupil.

DINNERS (per day) £2.60 per pupil.

PLEASE FORWARD TO THE SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY.

#### CBS OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2024

The CBS Open Day provides an opportunity for parents and pupils to visit the school, see the work of the subject departments and receive information about Teaching & Learning, Pastoral Care and extracurricular provision.



#### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

