# St. Gabriel's Christmas Newsletter



Children from St. Gabriel's will be performing in the annual Christmas concert on Wednesday the 21st of December. The show will begin @ 9am, we would ask parents/guardians to go straight to the hall when the bell sounds at 8:50 so that we can begin on time. A raffle will be held during the concert with a Christmas Hamper donated by Glanmore Foods up for grabs! It should be a very festive and enjoyable event. All are welcome.

Hello from Ms. Kelly's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

We have been very busy since Halloween. We were making electrical circuits, busy building using polydrons and doing beautiful artwork. Check out what we were doing on the school website! We would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and new year.

Thanks to all the parents who took part in Maths for Fun in Ms Smyth and Ms Crampton's classes. The children loved having their parents in school with them and they had great fun playing games! Thanks also to 6th Class parents for giving up their time to come and play board games on Friday afternoons. It was great fun and even a bit competitive at times! Events coming up in January: Parents Plus Chatter Matters for **Junior Infants** Literacy for Fun for 1st Class Board games in 5th Class I hope you all have a safe and peaceful Christmas, Anne-Marie 085-8120807

# **Greetings from the Student Council**

A big thank you from us for the many wonderful donations given in the recent Vincent de Paul collection. We made a lot of people happy.

#### Crumlin Christmas Jumper Day & Santa's Visit

Next Monday, the man himself. Santa, will be arriving at St. Gabriel's with lots of presents for our boys and girls. On that same day, we will host a Christmas jumper Appeal for the children's hospital in Crumlin. Each child is being asked to wear a festive top and donate €1, but there is no obligation to do so. Thank you for your kindness and ongoing support. Happy Christmas from St. Gabriel's Student Council.

#### Science Week





4th, 5th and 6th class had great fun presenting their science projects at our 2016 science exhibition. All the classes came to visit and had lots of fun

experimenting with us. We would like to thank all the parents who came to have a look at our hard work. 6th class really enjoyed learning about gravity in Ballyfermot library from their very own juggler!

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Class News

6th class are really getting into the festive mood. We made Christmas dinner for our class and some of the staff, we attended the Christmas panto in Ballyfermot Civic Centre, and we went to the Craft Fair in St. Dominic's, all were great fun!!!!

## **Phoenix Park**



The School Choir with girls from 4th, 5th and 6th class had the privilege of representing the school at the opening of the Christmas event in Phoenix Park's Visitor Centre. It was lovely to perform for our parents in such a nice venue. We really enjoyed it.



### SAM MAGUIRE **VISITS** ST. GABRIEL'S

On Friday the 9th of December, Davy Byrne and another member of the Dublin team paid a visit to our school. It was very atmospheric, as the hall was covered in blue. The children asked Davy lots of interesting questions, including did he believe that the 'Mayo Curse' was real? His response was that he most definitely did after the two own goals scored by Mayo in September. Some of us were inclined to agree with Davy on this. After the round of questions and answers some of us got photos taken with Sam. A great time was had by all.

Just a few reminders ...

Monday 19th Dec Santa Visit Non-uniform Day Wednesday 21st Dec

Christmas Concert Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>Dec School closed at 12 noon for all pupils. No home-work clubs, please arrange to have your child collected at 12. Monday 9th Jan The school will reopen at 8:50 for all



pupils.

On behalf of all the staff and pupils here in St Gabriel's, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best wishes for the New Year

Ms. Dunphy