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Creevy N.S.

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Blúiríní/Snippets

- **Christmas Holidays** - School closes Thursday 22nd December 12.00 p.m.
Re-opens Monday Jan 9th.
- **School Mass** - Mass will be held in the school hall on Dec 8th to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Parents/Grandparents are welcome to join us.
- **Parish Carol Service** - Wed 14th Dec 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- **Christmas Plays** - Tuesday 20th December in the hall. Timetable as follows:
 - 10.00 - Ms. O'Reilly Junior Infants
 - 10.45 - Ms. Breslin - 1st class
 - 11.30 - Ms. Cahillane - Senior Infants
 - 12.15 - Ms. Summerville - 2nd Class
 - 1.15 - Ms. Gibson - 3rd Class
 - 2.00 - 4th/5th/6th Carol ServiceAll welcome to join us for our Christmas Celebrations.
- **Athletics** - Forty-eight pupils from 3rd - 6th class will compete in the Donegal Sportshall Athletics Regional Event on Friday Dec 9th in Donegal Town. Thank you to Mr. Boyle for preparing the participants.
- **GAA** Coaching for all class levels has commenced with Brian Roper and Stephen McGurn and will continue every Tuesday until Christmas. Children can wear their tracksuits.
- **Wainfest Library Festival** - Ms. O'Reilly's Junior Infants enjoyed their first school bus journey to story telling in Ballyshannon library. While they enjoyed the story telling we think the bus journey itself was the highlight of the day. Ms. Summerville's 2nd class attended a *How to train your Dragon* workshop and Mr. Boyle's 6th class enjoyed a craft workshop in Bundoran library as part of the festival.



A Chairde,

The first and longest term of the school year is well underway and what a busy term it has been. The children in Creevy have been working hard and getting involved in many curricular and extra-curricular activities. Well done to the Allingham Festival Winners Eoin Summerville, Catherine Browne, Micheal Clancy and James Monaghan. Their poems and short stories impressed the judges. Congratulations also to our Junior Boys Swimming Relay team who won gold at the Ulster school swimming final, well done Alan, Caolán, Darragh and James. A big thank you to all the swimmers who travelled to Bangor to represent the school. More information and photos are available on the school website.

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh

At this point Christmas is in the air and preparations are under way for the festive season. A school mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, will serve to remind the children of the reason we celebrate Christmas. Many classes are also preparing Christmas songs, art and plays. Through the medium of art, music and drama the teachers and pupils explore the Christmas message. In an effort to accommodate as many parents as possible we have scheduled the Christmas performances on the same day, Tuesday 20th December and we look forward to welcoming as many families as possible on the day. Wishing every household a peaceful and restful Christmas break.

Le meas, Aoibheann Kelly

+ - Maths Week x %

Last month we celebrated National Maths Week in the school. Many classes were busy designing and following Maths trails, using their maths eyes. Other classes completed the daily countdown challenge on the Maths Week website and we ran a problem of the day challenge in the school. Maths Week Ireland aim to promote an awareness, appreciation and understanding of Maths. In the school we aim to promote positive attitudes

towards Maths and encourage children to recognise Maths in our local environment. Such positive attitudes to maths are important for children's engagement with the Maths curriculum. At every possible opportunity we would ask parents to highlight the everyday and practical uses of mathematical skills, such as using fractions to divide food portions, measurement, time awareness and estimation.

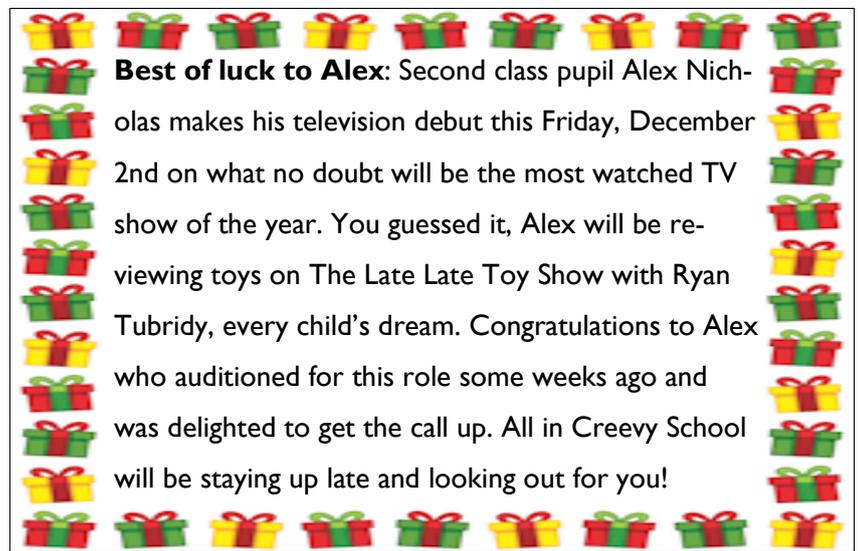
Parent Teacher Meetings : The annual parent teacher meetings took place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd of November. The teachers and I were delighted to get the opportunity to meet parents face to face and share information about their children. If any parent has any issue that they wish to discuss at greater length than the annual Parent Teacher meeting allows, please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment with your child's teacher or the school principal, where necessary . It is important that there is good two-way communication between home and school so that we can work together to overcome any challenges that may arise.

Team Hope: The charitable nature of the children in Creevy N.S was very evident a number of weeks ago when many of our pupils and families prepared approx. 120 shoeboxes for Team Hope. Team Hope is an Irish charity which delivers Christmas gift boxes to children in developing countries who may not otherwise receive any gifts.

GOAL Jersey Day: This term the children also raised €430 for GOAL to support their important work in war torn Syria.

Snámh - Children from 4th-6th will complete eight weeks of swimming lessons shortly. Second and third classes will commence lessons after Christmas.

Heritage in Schools - Ciara Barrett (Heritage in Schools Officer) ably assisted by our pupils and teachers, cleared and prepared the school garden for next year. The vegetables harvested were used to make smoothies for the children. Some classes even enjoyed roasted potato wedges harvested from our school garden.



Best of luck to Alex: Second class pupil Alex Nicholas makes his television debut this Friday, December 2nd on what no doubt will be the most watched TV show of the year. You guessed it, Alex will be reviewing toys on The Late Late Toy Show with Ryan Tubridy, every child's dream. Congratulations to Alex who auditioned for this role some weeks ago and was delighted to get the call up. All in Creevy School will be staying up late and looking out for you!

Junior Entrepreneur Programme: Sixth class are undertaking the Junior Entrepreneur Programme this year. As part of this project they must come up with entrepreneurial ideas and pitch them to their classmates, a 'dragon' and some business people. As you can imagine they are coming up with some novel, get rich quick plans but I wonder which idea might work in reality? To help the pupils decide on the best product or service, our very own dragon from RTE's Dragon's Den, Ramona Nicholas is going to visit the class and listen to the children's vision and business plans; giving her expert opinion on what might be the most appropriate project to take forward. More information on this project will follow in the New Year.

Student Council: As America went to the polls last month, so too did the senior class pupils. Unlike the American election, the pupils' campaigns were generally respectful and well-thought out. The following pupils were elected from 3rd-6th class -

Emer McDevit, Donagh Kelly, James Monaghan, Saoirse Daly, Eabha Wade, Jack Gallagher, Jodie Meade, Ciara Gillespie, Cian McKenna and Caoimhe Hughes O'Brien. The student council provides a forum to enhance student participation in the life of the school.

Parents' Association News: The minutes of the PA AGM Nov 9th were circulated last week. Míle buíochas to the outgoing committee for all their hard work. Thank you to Elaine McLoone and Sharon Lilly who have stepped down from committee and thank you to Andrea Gallagher for agreeing to stay on as Chairperson. Andrea will be joined by Lisa O'Donnell as Secretary and Aisling McGuinness as Treasurer. We look forward to working with the new PA committee in the year ahead. Due to the continued success of the annual Bingo fundraiser the PA plan to hold a Monster Bingo in the Great Northern Hotel on March 12th.