



Dear Parents,

December proved to be an extraordinarily busy time! We had an English Curriculum Inspection with Catherine King. She visited our classrooms, looked at samples of written work and spoke with pupils and teachers. Over the last four years, we have put a concerted effort into our School Self-Evaluation (SSE) process with the main aim of supporting and promoting both the children's Oral Language and Reading skills. These two areas were noted as particularly good over the two days of Inspection- so well done everyone. We now look forward to turning our focus to the 'Written Word' and will work on any recommendations forwarded by the Inspector to enhance the children's written competencies in the New Year. So, you can all look forward to the creation of stories for you to enjoy in a variety of genres!

We also went on a host of trips to welcome in December! The Senior end enjoy a trip to see the musical Matilda and also proving their literacy skills with their Fighting Words trip. Whilst the Junior end of the school hosted a fun Festive PJ day. However, the one event that stood out above all others was the incredible Winter Festive Performance hosted at the Community Centre on December the 20th. The children alongside all their teachers worked incredibly hard to offer a glittering array of Festive Songs, drama's, poems which I am sure all parents agree proved to be a fantastic night. I would also like to thank our PAC who helped organize the Raffle and a selection of baked goods and gifts. It proved to be a highly successful and fun occasion and a wonderful way to close off our 2023 School year!

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Festive Holiday. We look forward to see you all again on Monday the 8th of January 2024.



*Nollaig Shona agus Bliaín úr faoi
Mhasic Doaibh*

*Ó gach duine i Woodstock ag
Foghlaim le Cheile!*

Dr Nicola Martin
Principal (Woodstock Educate Together National School)



Junior Infant December Woodstock ETNS Review

Dear Parents,

December was an extremely busy month for Junior Infants. Below are some of the wonderful things we got up to:

Winter Performance:

The children put a huge amount of time and effort into their Winter Concert. Learning the lyrics and the dance moves took dedication and concentration, they should be so proud of themselves! Below are the songs/poems they performed:

- "Tá Daidí na Nollaig.."
- "Oíche Nollag"
- "I Made Myself a Snowman" by Shel Silverstein
- "Feliz Navidad"
- 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer'



Junior Infants/Senior Infants Team Building

We had a lovely team-building morning with Senior Infants. They played co-operative games together which reinforced the importance of communication and collaboration. The girls and boys greatly enjoyed it!



Aistear

Our theme for November was 'Winter Wonderland'. The children learned about the Christian festival Christmas and the Jewish festival Hanukkah and did activities to reflect this, along with more typical Winter crafts.

Activities included:

- Menorah making
- Snowman making
- Winter role-play
- Polygon construction
- Winter themed creative writing







Ukrainian Visit

We were so lucky to have wonderful visitors from the Wicklow Ukrainian Hub. The girls and boys learned all about Winter in the Ukraine, including winter games, animals and songs they sing. We were also delighted to receive a generous donation of bi-lingual books for our school library.



January's Aistear theme will be '**Fairytales**'. If you have any books/jigsaws that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful Christmas break.

Kind regards,
Gráinne