



## Senior Infants December Woodstock ETNS Review

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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.



*Nollaig Shona agus Bláin úr faoi  
Mhasic Doaibh*

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

Dr Nicola Martin  
Principal (Woodstock Educate Together National School)



## Emma's Senior Infants December Woodstock ETNS Review

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This first term has flown by! It is crazy to think it is the end of December already. The boys and girls in Senior Infants have worked so hard and have made fantastic progress this term! Senior Infants really enjoyed performing during their Winter performance and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

### **Literacy**

In literacy this month, we looked at 'th', 'wh' and 'ph'. We listed some words with these sounds in them and did some sorting activities. The boys and girls even completed a wordsearch looking for some words containing these sounds.

The children have been learning some tricky words also from the Jolly Phonics programme. Some of the words we have been focusing on are come, some, there, you, so, my and said. The children have been making fantastic progress in their written English in their news each morning.

### **Numeracy**

In numeracy this month, we explored 3D shapes. The children identified the following 3D shapes in their classroom:

- cube
- cuboid
- sphere
- cylinder

We discussed which shapes can roll and which shapes can be stacked. The children also counted how many faces are on each.

### **Gaeilge**

In Gaeilge this month, the children continued with the theme 'Caitheamh Aimsire' and then moved onto 'An Nollaig' in the Ócáidí Speisialta theme. Some of the vocabulary the children learned was:

Réalta – star



Daidí na Nollag – Santa

Fear sneachta – snowman

Stoca Nollag – stocking

Crann Nollag – Christmas tree

## **Aistear**

Our theme for Aistear this month was Winter. Some of the activities the children completed during Aistear were:

- Making Santa's sleigh out of polydrons
- Making Rudolph's face out of paper plates etc
- Making a winter Penguin
- Exploring the Arctic using a small world setup on our tuff tray
- Making winter clothes out of playdough
- The children read Winter books and made pictures and stories using illustrations and words from these books
- Winter role play
- Making igloos out of polydrons

Below are some pictures of this month's activities:













I hope you all have a wonderful Winter break and I look forward to welcoming back the boys and girls in the New Year!

Kind regards,

Emma