

## Woodstock ETNS December Newsletter

### *Message from the Principal*

The school was full of excitement during the month of December with the Winter holidays approaching and the children practicing for their performances in the community centre. There were also many other things happening around the school. We held our first coffee morning which was a great success and raised funds for the Wicklow Hospice. The school got a visit from FAI coach Stephen who taught the children how to play Futsal. Our first class students went to the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime in the Mill theatre in Dundrum and all of the classes did lots of fun art lessons during the month as well.

I want to thank all those who helped out in particular the Parents Association who always support the school so well in everything we do. We have some very exciting news to share with you about the opening up of a school library, a sensory room and the donation of new maths boxes. I will be in contact with you all with more information about all of that soon. In the meantime I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to a wonderful year in Woodstock ETNS with many new learning opportunities and fun filled adventures ahead.

Beir bua,

Philip

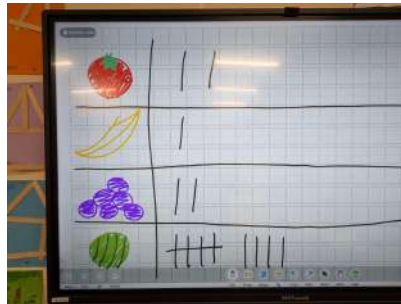
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## Junior Infants

Junior Infants spent December learning all about the Winter Festivals Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. They listened to stories, learned songs and completed art to reflect what they learned.



For literacy, they continued on their sounds (below is a photo of them playing Phonics Pass the Parcel). In numeracy they worked on data which they greatly enjoyed.



They also participated in their very first Woodstock Winter Concert and did themselves so proud!



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## Senior Infants

In December we learnt about winter festivals around the world and incorporated our learning into the Woodstock Winter Concert, the Senior Infants put so much hard work into learning their words, dance moves and poem.

We also drew and painted reindeers which everyone enjoyed and they all came out so well. We did some fun winter related arts, crafts and language games.





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## 1st class

A highlight in December for first class was seeing Jack and the Beanstalk in the pantomime in the Mill Theatre in Dundrum. The boys and girls enjoyed the excitement of the bus, watching the performance and enjoying a festive hot chocolate afterwards.



First class also spent much of this month practicing for their Winter Performance. We hope you all enjoyed their show, they were thrilled to perform for you all on the day.

## 2nd class



December was an exciting month in 2nd class. We performed a play in the community centre as part of the school's winter celebrations for our families and other members of the school community. Coach Stephen from the FAI came to our school to teach us how to play Futsal. We did art with Sarah Jane and Stefan and Seb taught us how to make snowflakes. Unfortunately we did have to say goodbye to Orla who had worked with our class for the first term. We will miss her but can't wait for her to visit us again with her baby!

In December we continued to engage with the new Maths curriculum in different ways and are excited to start our Maths stations with Jacqui in January. In Gaeilge we learnt all about the weather and in English we worked on our persuasive writing by having informal debates. We also learnt about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa which along with Christmas are celebrated in December.



### 3rd/4th class

3rd and 4th Class spent a lot of time in December rehearsing for the winter performance. The children put in a huge amount of work both at home and in school to ensure that they knew all of their lines and could say them with expression. They also showed off their amazing voices as they sang about one of their favourite treats - 'Hot Chocolate'. Thank you to everyone who attended the performance. You were a fantastic audience for the kids.



The 3rd and 4th class children also had great fun creating egg carton aliens. It was a nice opportunity for the children to be creative as they cut the egg cartons to their desired alien shape, painted them, and added accessories to create their weird and wonderful aliens. Thanks to everyone who sent in egg cartons.

