



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We look forward to all the activities coming up in the next few weeks before the end of term.

Thank you to all our pupils and staff for their amazing work to date. We hope to see as many parents, guardians and friends at our Christmas Market on 15th December. Invitations have already been sent to all families through Aladdin. We would really appreciate it if as many family members and friends of every pupil in our school attends this event. So please ensure you have this date highlighted on your calendar.

## SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The school has elected a new Board of Management for the 2023-2027 term of office.

The new board members look forward to working together and with the whole school community.

We thank the outgoing board members for all their support to the school.

See the new board members at

<https://www.straphaelsschool.ie/about/board-of-management>

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

The school Christmas Market will take place on Friday 15th December from 11:30am to 1:30pm. We hope that everyone can attend and get into the festive spirit.

The school choir will be performing on the day. The pupils have been busy making crafts that will be available for sale. The Parents Association will also be helping on the day and will be providing the teas, coffees and hot chocolate. You will also get to see how amazing the front of the school looks decorated for Christmas. Thank you to everyone involved.

We are so excited to launch our new school cookery book at the Christmas Market. The book will be a wonderful keepsake for all families and friends. Thank you to everyone involved to make this project a reality.

## FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

Thank you again to members of the K Club, Lady Captain Phyllis and Men's Captain Brian, for organising and hosting a fundraiser for our school which was held at the K Club in August. They presented a cheque to the school for €48,489.

We have already put some of the generous donation to good use and placed an order for some school equipment. We will share more details with you when our order arrives.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Thank you to our Parents Association for organising an Arts and Craft event on Tuesday 5th for our pupils.

We look forward to welcoming 6th class pupils and staff from Gaelscoile Uí Fhiach on this day too.

## IEP MEETINGS

IEP meetings have taken place over the last two weeks.  
Thank you to everyone involved.

## ACTIVE FLAG

Our walkway is now decorated for winter and Christmas.  
Thank you to Paul and class B3 for all their great work.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to everyone who purchased the class Christmas cards. The pupils created some lovely artwork, with the support of staff, in their class groups. We hope your family and friends enjoy receiving them. The school raised €390 through the sale of the cards.

## CHOIR

The school choir will be performing outside Tesco Celbridge on Friday 8th December where our Parent's Association will be assisting with a charity collection. Thank you to Celbridge Community School for supporting our school on the day too.

The choir will also be recording a Christmas song this week for the Audiology Medical Services Annual Christmas Choir Competition.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Anti-Bullying Week ran from 13th - 17th November. Our school received a Cineáltas Kindness Flag in recognition of all the great work that has been done in our school to date and will continue to do. On Friday, members of our Student council displayed this flag at the front of the school.

We also marked International Day of Persons with Disabilities with a purple day for staff and pupils on Friday. We were delighted to see all the local Celbridge and Kildare business supporting Kildare Disability week. Members of our Student Council continue to share with their friends pages that they would like decorated to mark this date.

