



# OUR LADY'S ABBEY

Christmas Newsletter

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## Scheherazade- Tales of the Arabian Nights.

Our production this year was 'Scheherazade- Tales of the Arabian Nights'. We had three performances, which received huge praise. Every child played their part in making it a special performance and a spectacle to behold.

Great work girls!

### School Reopens

A reminder to all that the school will close at 12.30p.m. on Thursday, December 23rd for Christmas holidays. It will re-open on Monday, January 10th for a normal school day.

Merry Christmas everyone!



### Tidy Towns Award

In October the school received an award from Adare Tidy Towns Committee for being the tidiest school in the area.

Well done to everyone! A special word of thanks to Joe whose tireless efforts keep the school in such amazing condition.

### Halloween Fun

On October 21<sup>st</sup> the whole school dressed up for a day of Halloween High jinks. 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in a Halloween themed quiz. Junior and Senior infants had some fun Halloween games. This was followed by a Monster Ball in the school hall. This great day raised €417 for the Concern Appeal for Pakistan.



### Credit Union Winners

Congratulations to Cara Quinn and Jennifer McGann who won prizes in the Credit Union Poster Competition.

### Shoe Box Appeal

We collected the grand total of 85 shoeboxes filled with toys for St Vincent de Paul this Christmas. These boxes go to children who otherwise may not have any gifts!

### Skip Hop

This year skipping took over the school during September. Aidan, from Skip Hop, gave every class special skipping lessons. We learned how to skip individually, skip in groups and even got to skip "Double Dutch" with two ropes. Aidan showed us some of his fancy footwork and at the end of the day everyone displayed what they had learnt in front of the whole school.



## Race Course

On the 5th of October Third to Sixth Class travelled to the race course in Limerick for a fun and informative day learning about horses and riding. Congratulations to Katie Donovan whose drawing was selected to feature in the race course programme .



## Christmas Decorations

We had a special tree decoration day on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This beautiful Christmas tree is indeed unique as all the decorations were hand-made and hung by the children.



## Christmas Cards

A Christmas card containing pictures from every child in the school went on sale this year. The cards were sold to raise money for the West Limerick for school equipment. We recently purchased new school jerseys which will be worn with pride by our various teams.

## PAWS

Congratulations to all the girls who achieved their PAWS (Primary Aquatic Water Safety) Certificates.

## Wizard William

The West Midlands Childrens Theatre Company performed "Arabian Nights" for the whole school in November. It was very popular and some of the girls were lucky enough to take part in the production.



## Green Schools

"Water won't last forever so treat it as a treasure" is our new Green Schools Code. First and Second class have created some water saving tips, Third and Fourth class have done a water survey at home and Fifth and Sixth class have been learning about green cleaning. The whole school is realising just how important water is. Don't forget to check out our water butt, which collects rain water to use in the garden and the classrooms.

## GAA Stars

Congratulations to Amy Murphy, from sixth class, who was selected for the West Limerick Football team. Well done Amy! Congratulations too to Kerry Fitzgerald and Julianne Grehan who were awarded prizes for their posters on "The GAA and what it means to me." Well done to the school football team too who reached the semi-final of the West Limerick football blitz. They narrowly missed out on a place in the final. They were pipped at the post by a point in extra time.

## School Choir

This Christmas, the school choir visited the Heritage Centre and the Alzheimer's Society. The choir entertained everyone with their Christmas Carols.

## Food Dudes

This term saw the launch of the Food Dudes in the school. This programme, sponsored by Bord Bia, promotes eating fruit and vegetables to keep healthy and strong. The children won lots of prizes because they ate so many fruit and vegetables. There are many more prizes to be won so keep up the good work!