School Newsletter

December 2025

🎉 Fundraising Update

We are thrilled to announce the success of our recent fundraising initiatives

Thanks to the outstanding support from our families during the Readathon, we have already received the first batch of new sports equipment. This has enabled us to enrich our PE programme with a variety of sports including tag rugby, hockey, basketball, tennis, and more—giving our pupils even more opportunities to stay active and explore new activities. We are still expanding our collection and are deeply grateful for your continued generosity

Additionally, the Bake Sale held at the Leenane Hotel, organised by Agnes and her fantastic team of bakers, raised an incredible €600! These funds will go directly toward our upcoming polytunnel project, planned for January, which will bring a wonderful new dimension to our school yard.

🎄 Christmas Gathering

On Tuesday, 16th December, we enjoyed a heartwarming afternoon full of festive fun and community spirit at the Leenane Hotel. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and it was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, and family members come together to support the children.

Our students delighted the audience with carol singing, tin whistle performances, and a lively talent show to close the day. Special thanks to Sarah McEvoy and Grace Wade for their invaluable support in preparing the event.

A highlight for all was a visit from Santa, made possible through generous sponsorship. Every child received a present and a festive hat, adding even more joy to the celebration. It was a truly memorable afternoon for all involved.

✍️ Writing Workshop

As part of the Kylemore Abbey Schools Reading Programme, students from 2nd to 6th class took part in a Narrative Writing Workshop with author Anthony Garvey. The session focused on descriptive language, and the children produced some truly excellent stories. We are proud to be part of this meaningful literacy initiative.

🎬 Cinema Trip

As a well-deserved reward for their hard work and preparation, the children enjoyed a special outing to Westport for a private cinema screening. They loved visiting the kiosk and

settling in for a double feature of Zootropolis and Home Alone 2. It was a relaxed and joyful day, giving everyone a chance to unwind together.

🎨 Art Competitions

We are delighted to share that several of our students were winners in the recent Credit Union Art Competition**:**

U13 Category: Gwen, Indie, Leon

U10 Category: Isabelle, Mia, Kitty

U8 Category: Cara, Oscar, Evan

Congratulations to all our talented artists!

Additionally, a Climate Awareness Art Competition is currently underway, organised by Jerome Bletterie. This initiative aligns with our recent focus on renewable energy. Due to recent absences, the submission deadline has been extended to January.

🗓️ Dates to Remember

School Returns: Monday, 5th January

🎁 Season's Greetings

We wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and a joyful, restful break. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.