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### NUACHTLITIR (NEWSLETTER) FOR ALL PARENTS, No. 8, 18ú Nollaig, 2018

A warm word of congratulations to pupils in junior infants and senior infants on their uplifting **Christmas plays** last week. Each class treated parents to a delightful performance. A special word of thanks to the teachers and support staff who made these productions possible, and to parents for their valued support. Performances, rehearsals and associated preparations call for much indirect support also, including freeing up valuable slots in the hall timetable. Many thanks to all for your flexibility and good will. *Maith sibh go léir!*

Parents are encouraged to visit our **website** on a regular basis where you will find useful updates on a range of relevant topics. The '**Supporting Your Child's Learning**' section under the tab, 'Parents', has tips that are likely to be of interest. It is important to visit the '**Policies**' section intermittently, where you will find various updates and items of interest, including information around our approaches to Science (Science SSE & SIP Dec2018), our Draft Homework Policy, Healthy Eating Policy and Healthy Eating note re nuts, for example. Also, please encourage your child to take part in this week's Solve-A-Problem (under 'Parents' tab on the website)...a great way of prompting your child to engage with Maths beyond the textbook.

Our pupils in third class have recently enjoyed participating in a series of three **science** workshops, facilitated by the ReDiscovery Centre via DLRCoCo. Their hands-on approach to projects based on the theme 'Energy' are most impressive, with the work still underway. We enjoyed hearing about the pupils' work on solar-powered ovens and their thoughts about renewable and non-renewable sources of energy at our assembly today. Our pupils in sixth class are working hard on a science project for the Primary Science Exhibition in the RDS early in January. This is a significant undertaking for pupils and teachers alike and we wish them well. Again, pupils enjoyed hearing about their work and questioning them about it at today's assembly.

Our senior boys and senior girls took part in the Dublin Primary School Mini-**Basketball** Finals in the National Basketball Arena (NBA) recently. Both teams played very well indeed, with the senior boys winning the final. Many thanks, as always, to all who support this and other sports initiatives, especially the teachers who give freely of their personal time to coach and organise the players. Worthy of particular note is the very positive feedback that we received on the conduct of our supporters...thank you for representing the school so well!

Our **orchestra** continue to work hard as they expand and develop their musical repertoire. Well done to all involved, especially the parent volunteers who make all this possible. They are to be highly commended for their commitment and willingness to share their expertise.

As the Christmas holidays approach, it is a good time to do a stock-take of **uniforms**, making sure that each pupil has sufficient items to last through the school year, including back-up for emergencies or for when clothes are 'in the wash'. Please check that items are clearly labelled – replacing worn-out labels as appropriate. This will help lost property to make its way back to its owner. Please encourage your child to do a 'tidy-out' of the **school bag** on a regular basis, especially at the end of term. Often, unnecessary (and heavy!) items can accumulate in the bottom of the bag, meaning that for days on end the child can be carrying around materials that are not needed. A spring clean can help!

*Renewed good wishes to all for a happy and peaceful Christmas, with thanks for your ongoing support and good will.*

**Le buíochas agus le gach dea-ghuí, Anne English (Príomhoide)**