

# **SHANBALLYMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2019**



**Sciath Na Scol:** The boys and girls took part in Sciath na Scol Football again this year. We competed in Section B3, nine aside. We trained very hard leading up to the competition. We trained almost every Friday in the pitch. We played our blitz in Mallow GAA complex. We played against Churchtown and Kildorrery. Everyone played brilliantly on the day. Unfortunately, we didn't progress to the finals but everyone had a great day out. Special thanks to Colman O'Reilly and Winston Barry for all their help.

**Debating:** Our school debating team for 2019 comprised of Adam D'allessandro, Adam O'Brien and Leah Relihan. All three put in a lot of preparation before the big debate in Scoil Aonghusa in Mallow. Our team was against the motion "Homework is a waste of time". After a great debate our team lost our narrowly.

**Gymnastics:** We were delighted to have the services of Daniel Galvin again this year for gymnastics. The children really enjoyed all the exercises and activities that Daniel did with them. They especially enjoyed the Bouncy Castle Tunnel.

**Author visit:** The children had the privilege of a visit from the Author Olive Mooney. She gave a writing workshop to the children and read some passages from her books. The children were very impressed with her enthusiasm for writing.

**Cinema Trip:** The children visited the Gate Cinema in Mallow on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. There was great excitement in the school as we prepared to board the big bus. All the children really enjoyed the trip to Mallow. Frozen was very entertaining and the children ate their sweets as they watched the film. This trip was subsidised by funding from the Parents Association.

**Irish Dancing:** We are delighted to have Rosemary back doing 1 2 3s with all the children!

**Christmas Concert 2019:** This year the concert was held in the church. The concert began with a fantastic performance from Juniors, Seniors and First Class as they re-enacted the Nativity from the perspective of the "Sleepy shephard". This was followed by a hilariously funny "Christmas Shanballymore Style" which was performed by 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class. The third part of the concert involved singing, drama, dance poetry and even a 'rap'. Well done to all the children they were all stars on the night. Also special thanks to all the staff in the school, and to Fr Crowley, Moss and Tim. A special collection was held on the night for The Childrens Ward at CUH. We raised €360, thanks everyone.

**Fashion Show:** The Parents Association Committee organised a very successful fashion show in November. The Committee worked tirelessly to organise the event. Great credit is due to all members of the committee for putting together such a great event. A really enjoyable night was had by all. Special thanks to all who sold tickets, got sponsorship and

modelled the clothes. We are also very grateful to the hotel, the shops and everyone who made this a great occasion. The Fashion show raised funds of €8200 for the school. Well done.

**Lifetime Lab:** The pupils of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class visited the Lifetime Lab in Cork on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is a special facility for teaching Primary school children about science. The children did experiments about light and torches sound and how sound travels they even made their very own "harmonica"

**FAI Soccer:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class played in the FAI soccer blitz in Blarney. The weather was atrocious, the rain was relentless all day. We played against Rahan, Blarney, Crosshaven and Ringaskiddy. All of our players gave great displays of skill and bravery and all represented the school with pride on the day. Well done to all and maybe one day they could be playing for Ireland in the Aviva Stadium.

**Girls Sciath na Scol:** The girls Sciath na Scol blitz was held in Kildorrey pitch on a very wet day. Kildorrery, Glenahulla, Bweeng were our opponents on the day. The girls gave a great display of skill on the day. Well done girls.

**Parents Association:** Huge thanks to the Parents Association for their continued support. They have so far this year run a Table Quiz, Clothes Collection and of course a Fashion show. They also organised a visit from Santa to the school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December which caused great excitement in the school.

**Board of Management 2019:** A new Board of Management has been installed in the school. This board will preside for the next four years. The officers are as follows. Mrs Patsy Walsh – Chairperson. Fr Aidan Crowley, Mr John Walsh, Mrs Siobhan Shinnick, Mrs Theresa O'Donovan, Mr Michael O'Donovan, Mr Tim O'Neill and Mrs Maria Sheedy.

**Parents:** The school would like to say a big thank you for all the help and support we receive from parents throughout the year, especially for drivers to events such as football matches etc. your help is very much appreciated.

**Christmas Holidays:** School will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a short prayer service in the school hall beginning at 11:30am. All parents very welcome. The school will close at 12:00pm. We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 2020. The school will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

