

## December 2006

### **Junior Infants.**

Mrs. Donnelly's Junior Infants put on a fabulous Christmas Concert last Tuesday. The boys performed a selection of their many poems, songs, rhymes and jingles. They brought the house down with their fabulous singing and natural, uninhibited acting. The make up and costumes really enhanced the production.

Santa will have many surprises for these wonderfully, talented boys who have achieved so much with Mrs. Donnelly since September. It is beyond belief that these 5 year olds have progressed so much in 3 short months.

Congratulations to Sylvester Racki who won a prize in the library colouring competition.

### **Senior Infants.**

**Mr. Rings Senior Infant class** are eagerly awaiting Christmas time and the arrival of Santa Claus. They have been working very hard this year, learning how to write sentences. There have been many great achievements during the year including Conor Deely, Darragh O Keeffe, Michael Geoghegan and Dillon Lonergan winning medals for St. Mary's hurling club. Izaak Tyson Hannon also won medals for Tae quando and Patrik Laureano won a medal for Gaelic football with Clonmel Óg Club. The newest member of our class Sebastian Racki is settling in very well and is learning lots of English.

**Ms. Lawlor's Senior Infant class** had a great time when we went to the Library at Halloween. We heard lots of spooky stories.

We are busy preparing for Christmas. We are really looking forward to Christmas and to Santa coming. We have learned lots of Christmas songs and poems. We also made our own reindeers.

There are lots of talented boys in this class. Derry Phelan is currently the U-8 All-Ireland Hip-hop champion.

### **First Class.**

Ms. Cooney's first class were really excited on Wednesday as they put the finishing touches to their excellent Christmas Show. This fabulous production had the packed hall captivated on Wednesday afternoon such was the brilliance of the singing, the quality of the acting, the effectiveness of the lights and scenery props not to mention the beautiful make up and the colourful costumes.

Their production was titled "The Late Wise Man" – a little reminder for all of us to make it a Christmas of caring and love for others.

The mums, dads, grandparents, friends, relations and neighbours thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were awe struck at what these six and seven year olds have achieved in a couple of years. I bet the video recordings of this excellent production will be played by mums and dads and equally proud grandparents and friends over the Christmas holidays.  
Well done Ms. Cooney.

These boys also paid a visit the Library for Art and Story Telling sessions. Many thanks to Anne-Marie and Marie.

### **Second Class.**

Mrs. Kearney's Second class – like their teacher are amongst the fittest in the country. They have learned the skills of Hurling, swam in the local pool and done gymnastics this term.

Wow!! I'm exhausted already.

They have also been busy making their logs – and really appreciate the Christmas Scenes in the bottom corridor.

Wesolych Swiat  
S.S Peter& Pauls  
Monika i zespol.

Wszystkim uczniom z okazji Swiat Zyczymy Wesolego i Rodzinnego Bozego Narodzenia oraz Szczesliwego Nowego Roku. Tym ktorzy wybieraja sie do Polski zyczymy szczesliwej podrozy i powrotu.

## **School Band.**

Once again this Christmas Season our very talented school band continues to bring joy and happiness to the people of the town with their festive music. All monies raised from their performances are donated to local charities.

Well done Ms. Moran and boys.

## **Under 11 County Football Champions.**

Congratulations to the all conquering U11 champions who beat St. Mary's, Carrick and St. Olivers to reach the final.

They beat Grange in a memorable, titanic battle by a one point margin.

What an achievement for Mr Ring!! to land a County title in his first year of management. A just reward for all those lunches and lunch hours he missed.

**THE HEROES** who wrote themselves into Ss. Peter & Paul's history were:

Aidan O Malley, Kieran Barrett, Alex Ryan, Luke Hyland, Graham Kelly, Gerard O Regan, Shane Whelan, Thomas Morrissey, Cian Whelan, Andy Coughlan, Danny Hogan, Akim Farag, David Roberts, David Leo, Kyle Peters, Stephen Kelly, Mark O Reilly, Charlie Millea, Michael O Reilly, Patrick Morrissey, Ryan McKenna, Stephen Ryan, Cian McDonald.

## **Thanks to Mr. Fenlon.**

Mr. Fenlon took some lovely photos of both the Junior Infant and 1<sup>st</sup> class Christmas Shows, the School Band and various activities around the school during the past few weeks. These photos can be accessed on our School Web Site [www.sspeterandpaulschool.net](http://www.sspeterandpaulschool.net)

## **Parents Council**

Once again the staff and students are very appreciative and grateful for the trojan work this hardworking body does.

They have transformed the school and made it into a virtual Christmas wonderland for staff & pupils alike.

The Christmas log project was a lovely idea and the boys asked me to express their thanks for the books, toys, games and especially all those new P.C.'s and Laptops.

## **New English Language Teacher.**

Congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Yvonne Moran who has been appointed English Language Teacher to all our new international students.

Nazywam się Monika Rejtner i pochodzę z Polski. Jestem nowym pracownikiem w szkole S.S. Peter & Pauls. Pracuję jako asystent klasy. Szkoła jest bardzo miła i panuje w niej przyjazna atmosfera. Szkoła ma w pełnym wymiarze czasu nauczycieli angielskiego. Ms Yvonne Moran jest specjalnym nauczycielem prowadzącym języka angielskiego dla międzynarodowych studentów w naszej szkole. Mamy wielu uczniów różnych narodowości między innymi z Polski i Europy wschodniej. Jeśli macie jakieś problemy z językiem albo potrzebujecie pomocy czy tłumaczenia w szkole możecie zwrócić się do mnie.

They are looking forward to their First Holy Communion in May and had their Enrolment Ceremony with Fr. Colm in November.

### **Third Class.**

**Mrs. Power's third class** have been busy this term. Many of the boys were involved with Mr. Ring's team in the fantastic County Final success over local rivals Grange in the Under 11 Final. They were also part of the successful Athletics Teams who won in Thurles and Clonmel.

They enjoyed their day out in Doneraile Park with Mr. Hunter and Mrs. Power. Well done to Con Bartels for his outstanding creative poem which received a beautiful prize in the recent Library competition.

Congratulations to Vinny Harte who was the proudest man in the school yard last week – telling me about the birth of his new twin brothers. What a Christmas present!!!!

**Mrs. Darmody's third class** did a lot of very exciting things this term. They have mastered the skills of joined writing, built bridges as part of their science experiments and examined the properties of light.

Their Autumn Frieze is a very artistic piece of work incorporating paper weaving, splatter painting and printing. Congratulations to Michael O Reilly on winning first place in the Clonmel Library Competition. Several boys won medals with the Athletics teams while David Leo played a huge part in the Under 11 success. Well done to Johan Oosthuyson on his Munster Badminton achievements with Hillview.

### **Fourth Class.**

Jack Binchy told me that he really enjoyed his trip to Milk Hill out in the Nire Valley in October. Jack said that seeing the ring Forts and Fullacht Fia in reality were the highlights of the trip.

Aidan O Malley was very proud of his match winning goal in the Under 11 County Final.

The boys also visited Wexford Heritage Park at Ferrycarrig.

Paul Laureano from the Philippines tells me he finds it hard to adjust to Irish weather and will never forget the saturation he got on the trip to the NIRE.

Another highlight of the trip was Mr. Fenlon removing the cows from the road so that the bus could return to the school.

### **Fifth Class.**

X-country – Ss. Peter and Paul's retained their titles in both the County and South Tipp Primary Schools' x-country championships held in Thurles and Marlfield respectively. In Thurles, James Murphy leading from start to finish won the individual title in brilliant style with Rian Boland taking the

bronze. In Marfield, Rian reverse the result, taking the South Title with James taking the silver and Sean Gunne the Bronze.

Mr. Darmody and Stella would like to thank Chris Morrissey, John Sheehan, Judy McKenna, Fergus Hanley, Gerry Leo, Jason Gregory, Amanda Oosthuizen, Malcolm Phelan, Michelle Doyle, Karl Brown and last but not least Finbar Horgan for their great assistance on both days.

Fifth class went on a very enjoyable field trip to Doneraile State Park. Mr. Hickey was, as usual, a very entertaining guide while Stella indulged her photographic flair.

Fifth class also participated in the K'nex competition organized by the Irish Institute of Engineers. Ryan McKenna and Bryan O'Leary will go forward to the Regional Final to be held in May/June 2007.

## **Sixth Class.**

Sixth class have been very busy this term and are in the U13 County Football Final.

They enjoyed their visit to the Library and met well known children's author Tom McCaughren.

They were really impressed by the Tibetan Monks doing their artistic work demonstration in the museum.

They attended open-days at the local secondary schools and have enrolled for Confirmation.

They are currently involved in the Jesse Tree Project at Saturday evening Mass and will shortly begin the Faith Friends Programme. Confirmation day is Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **GENERAL.**

### **Welcome.**

Ss. Peter & Paul's school community extend a Céad Míle Failte to new staff members Mr. Michael Ring and Ms. Deirdre Lawlor. Michael & Deirdre have begun their teaching careers with senior infants and we wish both good wishes as they embark on their teaching careers.

### **Best Wishes.**

We said goodbye also to two distinguished colleagues, Ms. Eileen Kiely and Mrs. Freda McGrath who retired over the summer holidays. Ss. Peter and Paul's are very grateful for the immense contribution those two ladies made to the educational lives of so many children.

Sincere thanks to Val and Breda in the office for all their help with this newsletter.

Finally I would like to wish everybody a happy holy and peaceful Christmas and a lovely new year.