

# Scoil Maelruain News

December 2024.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



## Principal's Corner

As we come to the close of this school term, it's been another busy and exciting time for the children.

They had a fantastic time participating in Science Week, which was a great success. A special thanks to Ms. J McGrath and her team for organising the event, and to the children in her class who took the lead in sharing their knowledge and conducting experiments.

As we approach the end of 2024, we would like to congratulate all the children for their hard work - not only academically, but also in preparing for their Christmas performances. As always, these performances are a highlight in our school calendar, and this year, the boys and girls truly outdid themselves.

We wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

Mrs. Claire Durr

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

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## Bake Sale Success!

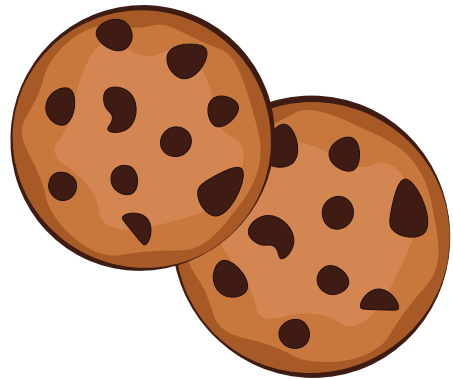
A Bake Sale and Raffle was held on 6 th December where €2,250.55 was raised.

We would like to thank all the parents and children who baked or dropped in cakes for the bake sale or donated a prize for this year's raffle! The kids had a fantastic time picking out their cakes and the 1st and 2nd class got the opportunity to practice their Maths skills!

There were some leftovers on the day and these have been donated to Linda's Hopes & Dreams to help feed the homeless!

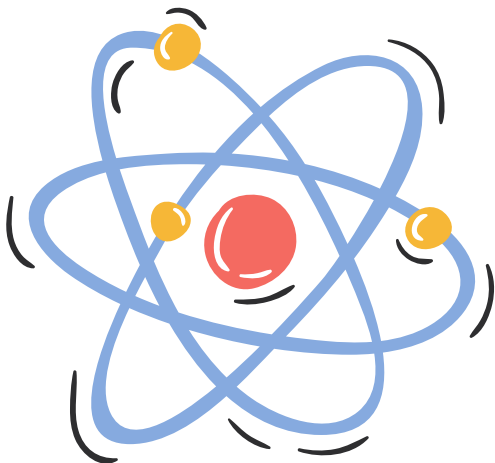
Thank you to all the kids who designed a Christmas card this year, they were absolutely brilliant!

A massive thank you to everyone that bought Christmas cards, we raised €934.70 for the school.



## Science Week

The school was a hive of activity recently as Science Week took place. All year groups participated in fun experiments all week long, which were both educational and enjoyable! A great time was had by all. Many thanks to Ms. J. McGrath for organising this week.



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School Lotto.

Thank you to all our parents and local community that are supporting our Lotto Fundraiser. We have had a number of weekly winners of spot prizes and our Weekly One for All Voucher.

If you would like to sign up for the Lotto you have the option of 1 line for €2.50 will allow everyone to support the school.

If you can contribute 3 lines for €5 it would be hugely appreciated.

Signing up is easy, scan the QR code in the attached flyer or go to <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/scoilmaelruainjunior> and follow the instructions on your screen.

## Scoil Maelruain Junior Fundraiser Lotto

*Your support makes a real difference*

Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

### Play

#### Pick 4 numbers

The same numbers will be played for you each week

### Pay

1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4

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Maximum 3 lines per person

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Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

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School Lotto-What can you win?



**Christmas**  
**GIVEAWAY**  
**COMPETITION**  
THURSDAY **19<sup>TH</sup>** DECEMBER  
Weekly Lotto Draw  
**PLUS!**  
Bonus National Competition  
Terms and Conditions Apply

Prizes shown in red Christmas baubles:

- €2,500 CASH PRIZE
- 2 X OASIS PLATINUM TICKETS
- META QUEST 3 VR BUNDLE
- THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS HAMPER
- €500 DUNNES STORES GIFT CARD

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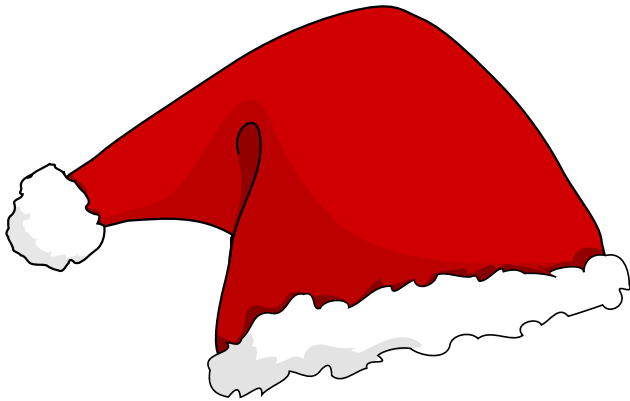
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## Christmas Performances.

We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who attended our Christmas Performances.

It's a highlight in our school calendar, and it was clear how much effort the children and teachers put into their preparations.

The boys and girls were fantastic—well done to everyone!



## School Closures.

### **Christmas 2024**

School closes on Friday 20th December @ 12.00. School reopens on Monday 6th January 2025.

### **January:**

Middletown Centre for Autism Talk 11am 27th January 2025

### **February**

School is closed on Monday 3rd February for St. Brigid's day bank holiday

### **Mid-term break**

School closes on Friday 14th February @ 2.30pm. School reopens on Monday 24th February.

### **March**

School is closed on Monday 17th March

Middletown Centre for Autism Talk 11am 24th March 2025

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## Parent/Guardian Support Group.

The Scoil Maelruain Junior Parents Association have set up a support group for parents/guardians who have children with special educational needs so that they can meet and share information and resources that they have found helpful.

They had their first meeting in November and it was a huge success. The next meeting is planned for Monday 13th January 2025 at 7pm in the school and parents/guardians are very welcome to attend.



## Book Club

The Scoil Maelruain Junior Parents Association has started a Book Club for Parents and Guardians who love reading and want to spend some time with others who enjoy it to!

They just finished their first book *The Locked Door* by Freida McFadden and had a debrief over a glass or two of wine! If you are interested in joining, please contact Nicole on 0851792617.



## Quiz Night.

The Parents Association are looking to host a Family Table Quiz night in January 2025 to help sweep away the post-Christmas blues. Further details will be confirmed in the New Year.



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Rainbows Ireland.



Supporting Children and Young People with  
Bereavement and Parental Separation

Rainbows Ireland provides peer group support to children and young people who have been impacted following a bereavement or parental separation or a divorce.

When significant change and loss happens in a family, the entire family can be affected, including children and young people. Children and young people can generally find it difficult to understand their feelings and often do not have the words to express how they feel.

Rainbows provides group support for children of a similar age and loss experience. Meeting others in a similar situation can be very supportive for children and young people.

We hope to provide the Rainbows programme to children aged 7 or over in Scoil Maelruain Junior in early 2025. Please note we cannot provide the service for children younger than age 7 at this time.

It is a free service. Rainbows is not a counselling group or professional therapy. If you would like your son/daughter to attend Rainbows or you would like to know more, please contact [rainbows@scoilmaelruainjunior.org](mailto:rainbows@scoilmaelruainjunior.org)

**Colleen Farrell & Annette Bradley**

**Rainbows Coordinators**





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Middletown Centre for Autism.*

The National Council for Special Education (NCSE) has teamed up with the Middletown Centre for Autism to offer five information talks in 2025, aimed at supporting children with autism.

These talks are also relevant for children with other diagnoses such as Sensory Processing, ADHD, and Specific Learning Disabilities like Dyspraxia.

The talks will take place at 11am in the Junior or Senior School halls, and are open to parents, grandparents, and carers of children with autism or similar needs.

An attendance link will be sent in the new year for parents to sign up.

Everyone involved in the care of these children is welcome to attend.

Monday 27th Jan 2025 (Junior School)  
Monday 24th March 2025 (Senior School)  
Monday 19th May 2025 (Junior School)  
Monday 22nd Sept 2025 (Senior School)  
Monday 8th Dec 2025 (Junior School)

## *Santa visits Scoil Maelruain Junior.*

There was great excitement this week as Santa Claus visited Scoil Maelruain Junior. Thank you Santa for fitting us into your busy schedule as you prepare to deliver lovely gifts to all the children around the world!





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Christmas Art by Mrs. Byrne's Class.



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Visit to Lapland.

Lapland is in The North Pole, in Finland.

People can visit. It is very cold. There are reindeer and huskies. Santa lives there. Children can visit Santa in Lapland. The elves work very hard to make toys.

by Sadie and Hanna.

First Class.

