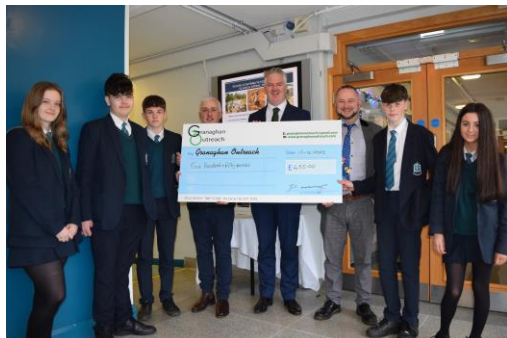




15th December 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,



Zambia School Appeal

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Granaghan Outreach charity and the Zambia School Appeal. We managed to raise £450.00 which was excellent!

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to the catering team and all the staff who helped ensure that every pupil received a complementary Christmas lunch yesterday. It was a very special occasion.



Pawsitive Pets Team

Congratulation to the Pawsitive Pets Team, Casey and Sophia on a very successful day at the Prince's Trust Christmas Market in Belfast yesterday; they were wonderful ambassadors for the college greatly impressing everyone they met. The project will now conclude, with money raised yesterday being donated to a local animal charity. The pupils sold 27 of the 30 hampers they took to Belfast!

Many thanks to all for supporting the Pawsitive Pets Team in this endeavour.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Hamper initiative. The final preparations took place today ahead of next week's distribution.



Festive Doors Winners

Congratulations to the winning Form groups in our festive door competition. A huge amount of effort went in by all of the pupils and staff involved in and the standard was extremely high.

Yr. 8: 8P - Miss A Hutchison (Science 1)

Yr. 9: 9S - Miss A Kelly (HE 2)

Yr. 10: 10B - Mrs C O'Kane (Room 15)

Yr. 11: 11C - Mrs M McCusker (Science 3)

Yr. 12: 12P - Mrs S Maguire (Mobile 1)



Christmas Raffle: Tuesday 19th December

Yr. 11 and Yr.12 Prince's Trust classes are running a raffle for a 'Christmas Treat Hamper'. The majestic Christmas Gift hamper includes lots of goodies! All prizes have been kindly donated by O'Kane's Butchers, Spar and Centra in Claudy! Tickets are **50p for two tickets** or **£1.00 for a strip of five tickets**! The Draw will be made on Tuesday.

All money raised will be going to the 'Kindness for Strangers' charity.

Advent Reflection morning: Wednesday 20th December

Thank you to the pupils who attended our Advent reflection this morning. The final Advent reflection will be on Wednesday 20th December in Room 9. All pupils and staff are welcome!

End of Term Arrangements – Thursday 21st December

This term finishes on Thursday 21st December with pupils being dismissed at the earlier time of 12.00 midday. Please note that the college will be closed from Friday 22nd December until Tuesday 2nd January inclusive. The college re-opens again for all staff and pupils on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Reconstitution of School Boards of Governors

The Department of Education (DE) and Education Authority (EA) jointly launched a recruitment campaign on Monday 6th November inviting applications for school governor positions in all controlled and maintained schools. School Boards of Governors are normally reconstituted every four years. As the term of office for existing governors is coming to an end this academic year, there is now a need people with a range of skills and experience to support the management of schools across Northern Ireland. Applications are being encouraged from a diverse range of people from various backgrounds with different skills and experiences. Applicants interested in applying to become a school governor can apply at the following:

- for DE governor positions at <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/school-governorappointments>
- for EA positions at <https://www.eani.org.uk/schoolgovernance/becoming-a-school-governor>

Key Dates

Wednesday 20th Dec

Carol Service (2.40pm for all pupils)

Last Day of Term is on Thursday 21st December - 12.00 finish.

Final Prayer

This Sunday marks the third Sunday of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting of the birth of Jesus and prepare ourselves for his second coming.

*Heavenly Father,
Fill our hearts with the joy that comes from knowing your love.
May we rejoice in the good news of salvation
and share that joy with others during this season of Advent.*

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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